Guidebook for Data and Information Systems for Transportation Asset Management Appendix C: Store, Integrate, and Access Data Element-Level Response Templates

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This Appendix offers element-level response templates for Area C: Store, Integrate, and Access Data

Note: Use of the TAM Data Assistant is recommended however these templates are provided for informal use or pen and paper assessment.

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C-Store, Integrate, and Access Data 1-Databases C.1.a – Efficient Storage					
Element Data storage metho	Element Data storage methods that enable and facilitate efficient data access, analysis and transformation.				
Benchmark Level 0	Benchmark Level 1	Benchmark Level 2	Benchmark Level 3	Benchmark Level 4	
Asset inventory, condition and work information are primarily in paper form - not digitized.	Asset inventory, condition and work information is digital but stored in disparate database types and locations.	Most databases with asset inventory, condition and work information are stored on a server and can be accessed and managed centrally.	Materialized views and automated transformations are used to provide efficient access to data of interest.	Information is stored for efficient access by leveraging cloud-based options (as appropriate).	
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☐ Work with information technology staff to examine current practices and identify database solutions aligned with business need and agency recommended practices.	☐ Identify and implement source systems of record for storage of asset inventory, condition, and work data.	Eliminate duplicate data by providing curated authoritative data for analysis and reporting.	Work with information technology staff to identify needs and solutions for cloud-based data storage.		
Migrate asset data from paper to simple database formats. Store locally or on central servers if no formal system of record is available.	Develop and execute a migration plan for paper, decentralized, and/or locally stored data desired for ongoing retention and use.	☐ Work with information technology staff to incorporate anticipated future asset data, systems, and analysis tools in the enterprise architecture.	Implement cloud data storage solutions as appropriate to provide optimized and efficient access for internal and external users.		
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C-Store, Integrate, and Access Data 1-Databases C.1.b – Database Linkages				es e
Element Description Data integration to facilitate analysis and reporting requiring use of multiple data sources.				
Benchmark Level 0	Benchmark Level 1	Benchmark Level 2	Benchmark Level 3	Benchmark Level 4
There are no established linkages across different databases that store asset information.	Data across different databases can be linked based on standard location references.	Data across different databases can be linked based on shared asset, project, and/or work order identifiers.	Processes are in place to update location references and IDs as changes occur to the agency's authoritative sources for these data elements.	Roles and responsibilities have been established to ensure that databases are designed to enable efficient integration to support analysis and reporting.
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☐ Standardize location referencing within asset databases.	Review existing location, asset, project, and work order identifiers with asset SMEs. Flag inconsistences across programs and processes.	☐ Integrate authoritative sources for location, asset, project, and work order information with asset databases.	Assign roles and responsibilities for identifying and updating integration requirements for asset databases, systems, and tools.	
Review existing location, asset, project, and work order identifiers with asset subject matter experts (SMEs). Flag inconsistencies within individual programs or processes.	☐ Standardize use of asset, project, and work order unique identifiers within asset databases.	Develop processes to ensure location referencing and unique identifiers are maintained against authoritative data sources.	Proactively identify asset management business needs for data integration and translate these needs into data, application and technology architecture requirements.	
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C-Store, Integrate, and Access Data 1-Databases C.1.c – Document Linkages				
Element Processes and techno Description	ologies for linking documents to	o assets, projects, and locations.		
Benchmark Level 0	Benchmark Level 1	Benchmark Level 2	Benchmark Level 3	Benchmark Level 4
Documents related to specific assets or projects may be filed in folders for the asset or project but are not directly linked through metadata or other methods.	Selected document types can be linked to associated assets, projects, and locations. Approaches may vary across document types or systems.	Standardized approaches are used to connect documents to assets, projects, locations but there are no established business processes or roles to ensure execution.	An electronic document management system is integrated with asset management, project management, location referencing systems and tools. Business processes and roles for document management are documented, but may not be monitored.	An electronic document management system is integrated with asset management, project management, location referencing systems and tools. Business processes are documented and monitored to ensure application.
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☐ Review existing document standards and metadata with asset Subject Matter Experts (SMEs). Flag opportunities to incorporate linkages to assets, projects and locations within individual processes.	 Review existing document standards and metadata with asset SMEs. Flag opportunities to incorporate linkages across processes and programs. 	Develop an electronic document management system with defined metadata providing linkages for priority documentation.	Document and apply detailed document metadata business rules useful in flagging documentation that has been improperly tagged.	
☐ Take advantage of available document management systems to establish metadata elements for asset ID, project ID and location.	☐ Standardize use of asset, project, work order unique identifiers and location referencing within key asset related documentation.	Document business processes, roles and responsibilities for applying standard metadata during document creation and/or update.	Routinely evaluate document metadata practices to ensure they are meeting business needs.	
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C-Store, Integrate, and Access Data C.1.d – Data Storage Capacity 1-Databases Processes to provide sufficient storage capacity to meet current and likely future needs, considering collection of imagery, LiDAR, backups, archiving, Element Description and other data storage requirements. **Benchmark Level 0 Benchmark Level 1 Benchmark Level 2 Benchmark Level 3 Benchmark Level 4** The organization has a forward-looking data storage management strategy that includes Data storage requirements are The organization has a data storage considerations of retention, backup evaluated as part of new A process exists for business Data storage needs are not management strategy that includes requirements, structured and unstructured information system areas to request additional systematically assessed, and considerations of retention, backup data, disaster recovery, etc. based on current storage to meet needs development processes, but requests for additional requirements, structured and and future needs. Strategy includes tactics to space requirements are not related to growth in data or storage are not reliably met. unstructured data, disaster recovery, manage costs in alignment with needs (e.g. new data collection efforts. routinely reassessed after etc. based on current needs. tiered storage, appropriate use of cloud vs. on initial system deployment. premise). Strategy is aligned with and actively managed in coordination with the business. Current: Desired: Current: Desired: Current: Desired: Current: Desired: Current: Desired: Establish requirements Establish process for Create a five year, Develop a data storage for data storage system owners and/or forward looking data management strategy that examines requirement evaluation business leads to request storage plan in and quantifies risks and identifies as part of new IT system additional storage capacity. collaboration with IT and data storage solutions aligned with planning & development. business leads. risk tolerance and budget. Examine and Communicate lead time □ Investigate and Document a comprehensive cloud document IT process for required for IT to reliable incorporate targeted cloud storage policy and associated securing additional meet legitimate requests storage applications. storage solutions. Integrate cloud for additional data storage. storage tactics in broader strategy. storage capacity. □ Other: □ Other: □ Other: Other: Assessment Notes: Improvement Notes:

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C-Store, Integrate, and Access Data 2-Asset Life-Cycle Data Integration Workflows C.2.a – Asset Management Data to Project or Work Order				
Element Description Established data flows from asset management systems to maintenance work order systems or project development systems.				
Benchmark Level 0	Benchmark Level 1	Benchmark Level 2	Benchmark Level 3	Benchmark Level 4
No defined data flow between asset management systems and/or scoping and project development.	Data views are defined to facilitate access to, and review of, asset inventory, condition, and analysis information. This data is presented in a manner intended for use in downstream project scoping activities.	Simple data flows are implemented, allowing pre-population of key administrative and project-level information (e.g. asset identifiers, recommended project/activity, project limits) into base project scoping documents.	More detailed data flows are implemented, allowing individual assets and/or activity details to be pre-populated into the project scoping documents.	Asset management system information automatically flows into maintenance management/ project planning systems.
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Develop standard views or reports to expose asset inventory, condition, and analysis information for use in project scoping processes.	☐ Transform key data stored in asset systems to support direct integration of information into project scoping products.	☐ Transform detailed data stored in asset systems to support direct integration of asset and activity details into project scoping products.	Transform detail data stored in asset systems to support direct and complete integration into project scoping products.	
☐ Engage Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from asset management and project planning and scoping to identify opportunities for improved coordination.	 Pilot test and implement simple, manual or semi- automated data integrations. Provide quality assessment tools to support informed data use. 	 Pilot test and implement batch processes to transfer data. Integrate quality assessment tools to ensure appropriate data use. 	Pilot test and implement fully automated processes to transfer data. Integrate quality assessment tools to ensure appropriate data use.	
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C-Store, Integrate, and Access Data 2-Asset Life-Cycle Data Integration Workflows

C.2.b – Project Planning to Project Development

Element Established data flows from project planning (scoping) to project development. Consider both maintenance/operations activities and construction **Description** projects.

Benchmark Level 0	Benchmark Level 1	Benchmark Level 2	Benchmark Level 3	Benchmark Level 4
No defined data flow between project planning and/or scoping and project development.	Data views are defined to facilitate access to, and review of, planning and scoping information. This data is presented in a manner intended for use in downstream design and/or project development activities.	Simple data flows are implemented, allowing pre- population of key administrative and project-level information (e.g. project identifiers, project/activity type, project limits) into base project, work order, or design documents.	More detailed data flows are implemented, allowing individual assets and/or activity details (such as work location, scope, estimated cost, and schedule milestones) to be pre- populated into the project, work order, and/or design documents.	Planning/scoping information automatically populates contract and design documents. Project development activities, participants, and/or documentation are automatically populated as appropriate to the scope.
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Develop standard views or reports to expose planning and scoping information for use in project development activities.	☐ Transform key data stored in scoping and planning systems to support integration of data into project development products.	☐ Transform detailed data stored in scoping and planning systems to support integration of information into project development products.	☐ Assess and refine existing data flows to include additional detail (or reduce detail). Develop specifications for direct and complete integration of planning / scoping details into project development products.	
Engage Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from planning and development to identify opportunities for improved coordination.	 Pilot test and implement simple, manual or semi- automated data integrations. Provide quality assessment tools to support informed data use. 	Pilot test and implement batch processes to transfer data. Integrate quality assessment tools to ensure appropriate data use.	Pilot test and implement fully automated processes to transfer data. Integrate quality assessment tools to ensure appropriate data use.	
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C-Store, Integrate, and Access Data 2-Asset Life-Cycle Data Integration Workflows C.2.c – Project Development to Project Delivery				
Element Description Established data flows from project development to project delivery. Consider both maintenance/operations activities and construction projects.				
Benchmark Level 0	Benchmark Level 1	Benchmark Level 2	Benchmark Level 3	Benchmark Level 4
No defined data flow between project development and project delivery/construction.	Data views are defined to facilitate access to, and review of, project development information. This data is presented in a manner intended for use in downstream project delivery / construction activities.	Simple data flows are implemented, allowing pre- population of key administrative and project-level information (e.g. project identifiers and limits, bid items and charge codes, general work activities) into base project delivery tools and systems.	More detailed data flows are implemented, allowing individual assets and/or activity details to be pre-populated into the project delivery tools and systems, including asset acceptance inspection systems and work accomplishment tracking tools.	Design information automatically populates delivery/construction information. Work accomplishment information is largely pre-populated based on design documents to facilitate direct acceptance or modification with limited data entry.
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Develop standard views or reports to expose design information for use in project delivery (e.g. acceptance inspection or payment).	☐ Transform key data stored in design systems/documents to support integration into project delivery processes.	☐ Transform detailed data stored in design systems/documents to support integration into project delivery processes.	Assess and refine existing data flows to include additional detail (or reduce detail). Develop specifications for direct and complete integration into project delivery processes.	
Engage Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from project development and delivery to identify opportunities for improved coordination.	 Pilot test and implement simple, manual or semi- automated data integrations. Provide quality assessment tools to support informed data use. 	Pilot test and implement batch processes to transfer data. Integrate quality assessment tools to ensure appropriate data use.	Pilot test and implement fully automated processes to transfer data. Integrate quality assessment tools to ensure appropriate data use.	
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Description information. Cons	sider both maintenance/operation	s activities and construction project	ts.	on, and work history
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No defined data flow between project delivery/construction and asset inventory, condition, performance and work history databases.	Data views are defined to facilitate access to, and review of, as-built or inspection information. This data is presented in a manner intended for easier review and update into asset management systems and/or databases.	Simple data flows are implemented, allowing pre- population of key administrative and project-level information (e.g. project identifiers and limits, asset identifiers, general work activities) into asset databases for more detailed attribution or update.	More detailed data flows are implemented, allowing individual assets and/or activity details to be pre- populated into the asset databases, allowing most data to be pre-populated prior to finalization.	Delivery/construction information automatically flows to asset management systems.
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Develop standard views or reports to expose project delivery (e.g. acceptance inspection) information for review in asset data update.	☐ Transform key data stored in as-built or inspection systems / documents to support integration into asset databases.	Transform detailed data stored in as-built or inspection systems / documents to support integration into asset databases.	Assess and refine existing data flows to include additional detail (or reduce detail). Develop specifications for direct and complete integration into asset databases.	
Engage Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from project delivery and asset management to identify opportunities for improved coordination.	 Pilot test and implement simple, manual or semi- automated data integrations. Provide quality assessment tools to support informed data use. 	 Pilot test and implement batch processes to transfer data. Integrate quality assessment tools to ensure appropriate data use. 	Pilot test and implement fully automated processes to transfer data. Integrate quality assessment tools to ensure appropriate data use.	
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C-Store, Integrate, and Access Data 3-Other Data Integration Workflows

C.3.a – Financial (Revenue, Budget, Expenditure) Data

Element Description Established data flows from financial systems to systems used for asset management, work planning and tracking.

Benchmark Level 0	Benchmark Level 1	Benchmark Level 2	Benchmark Level 3	Benchmark Level 4
No defined data flow between asset management systems and financial systems.	Data views are defined to facilitate access to, and review of, financial data supporting asset management decision-making. This data is presented in a manner intended for use in asset improvement optimization and selection, work planning and tracking.	Simple data flows are implemented, allowing pre- population of current budget limits into asset management optimization analysis and/or work planning tools.	More detailed data flows are implemented, allowing current budget limits, total expenditures, remaining funds, and future funding forecasts to be pre-populated by discrete fund, project, or work categories into asset management optimization analysis and/or work planning tools.	Budget and expenditure information automatically flows to systems used for asset management, work planning and tracking. Updated information is available in real time or updated on a daily basis.
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Develop standard views or reports to expose financial data for use in asset management processes.	Summarize data stored in financial systems to support integration into optimization and work planning tools.	☐ Transform detailed financial system data to support integration into optimization and work planning tools.	Assess existing data flows and identify refinements to include additional detail (or reduce detail). Develop specifications for direct integration into optimization and work planning tools.	
Engage Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from asset management and financial business units to identify opportunities for improved coordination.	Pilot test and implement simple, manual or semi-automated financial data integrations. Provide quality assessment tools to support informed data use.	Pilot test and implement batch processes to transfer financial data. Integrate quality assessment tools to ensure appropriate data use.	Pilot test and implement fully automated processes to transfer financial data. Integrate quality assessment tools to ensure appropriate data use.	
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C.3.b – Demand and/or Utilization Data

Element Established data flows from travel demand, travel monitoring systems, or other systems quantifying demand or utilization to systems used for asset Description management decision support. **Benchmark Level 0 Benchmark Level 1 Benchmark Level 2 Benchmark Level 3 Benchmark Level 4** Data views are defined to facilitate access to, and review of, Travel demand and demand/utilization data supporting More detailed data flows are Simple data flows are implemented, utilization information No defined data flow between asset asset management decision-making. implemented, facilitating useful allowing processing of current automatically flows to management systems and travel This data is presented in a manner prioritization and/or risk evaluation demand or utilization against systems used for asset demand or utilization data systems. intended for use in asset within asset management decisionspecific assets or network segments. management decision improvement optimization, making systems, tools, and analysis. support. prioritization, and planning, and asset communication and reporting. Current:
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C-Store, Integrate, and Access Data 3-Other Data Integration Workflows

C.3.c – Environmental Data

Element Established data flows from environmental information systems to systems used for asset management decision support Description **Benchmark Level 0** Benchmark Level 1 Benchmark Level 2 **Benchmark Level 3 Benchmark Level 4** Data views are defined to facilitate Simple data flows are implemented, access to, and review of, environmental More detailed data flows are Detailed environmental allowing processing of available No defined data flow from data supporting asset management and implemented, facilitating data automatically environmental data against specific environmental data systems to project development. Data is presented prioritization and/or risk flows to systems used assets or network segments in a asset management and project for use in asset improvement evaluation within asset for asset management manner that is useful to asset optimization and selection, work management decision-making and/or project scoping development systems. improvement selection and/or project planning, and project scoping and systems, tools, and analysis. and development. scoping and development. development. Current: Desired: Current: Desired: Current: Desired: Current: Desired: Current: 🗌 Desired: Identify environmental data Summarize environmental data to Examine detailed project Examine real-time decisionuseful to asset management. support improvement selection and development and asset management making priorities and needs. process and risk evaluation needs. Transform detailed Develop standard views or project development. Directly reports. integrate into asset systems / tools. Transform key environmental and environmental data and directly directly integrate for this purposes. integrate for these purposes. Engage Subject Matter Experts Pilot test and implement manual Pilot test and implement batch □ Pilot test and implement fully (SMEs) from asset management, or semi-automated environmental processes to transfer environmental automated processes to transfer data. Integrate quality assessment project development, and data integrations. Provide quality environmental data. Integrate environmental units to identify assessment tools to support informed tools to ensure appropriate data use. quality assessment tools to opportunities for improved data use. ensure appropriate data use. coordination. □ Other: □ Other: □ Other: □ Other: Assessment Notes: Improvement Notes:

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C-Store, Integrate, and Access Data 4-Data Access		C.4.a – Field Access to Data					
Element Description Technologies, data structures and processes to enable access to agency asset and work management system data from the field.							
Benchmark Level 0	Benchmark Level 1	Benchmark Level 2	Benchmark Level 3	Benchmark Level 4			
Field staff are not equipped with mobile technology.	Field staff are equipped with laptops and can bring copies of needed files to the field - no data connectivity.	Field staff are equipped with mobile devices with data connections capable of retrieval only.	Field staff are equipped with mobile devices capable of two- way connectivity with the ability to retrieve and send information to office systems.	Next generation technology is used in field business processes. Examples include tools allowing hands free retrieval and sending of data, real- time remote assistance, 3D/4D/5D visualization of data, or visualization as part of an Augmented or Virtual Reality (AR/VR) experience.			
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Provide basic computer and internet access at base field offices or locations.	☐ Identify positions requiring mobile computing. Provide smart phones, tablets, and/or laptops (consider mobile data plans as appropriate).	☐ Identify positions requiring mobile computing with data connectivity. Provide smart phones, tablets, and/or laptops (include mobile data plans, if data connectivity is needed).	Provide seamless access across firewall and in the field for all asset (and related) data, systems, and tools.				
Develop budget for supplying mobile devices to field staff. Consider Bring-Your-Own-Device (BYOD) policies.	Develop mobile friendly views of key asset information (e.g. asset inventory, work recommendations or history).	Develop comprehensive mobile solutions for key systems, tools, analysis, and information. Support real- time field data update and creation.	Explore and pilot next generation mobile tools that can support asset business processes. Implement as appropriate.				
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C-Store, Integrate, and Access Data 4-Data Access		C.4.b – Public Access to Data					
Element Description Technologies, data structures and processes to enable public access to agency condition and asset performance information and planned projects.							
Benchmark Level 0	Benchmark Level 1	Benchmark Level 2	Benchmark Level 3	Benchmark Level 4			
A publicly accessible repository of asset/project information does not exist.	A website is available with contact information.	A website is available with summary data and some downloadable data, reports, or reference materials.	A website with a dashboard is available to reflect project level performance metrics and comparison to project goals, updated periodically.	A website with a dashboard is available to reflect performance metrics and comparison to organization goals, updated in near real time.			
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Develop public facing website providing general overview of asset related programs and contacts.	Provide access to public facing data, reports, and supporting materials through program website(s).	Develop and share asset performance metrics, targets, and other information through a public facing dashboard.	Implement data and system integrations to provide near real time updates of asset data shared in the public dashboard.				
Examine agency public facing website and identify appropriate locations to share or link asset specific website(s).	Develop a public data portal where curated data and reports can be uploaded for public access.	Develop messaging and materials to share context for asset performance with public. Upload to public website(s).	Develop messaging and materials to relate asset performance with overarching organization goals. Upload to public website(s).				
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C-Store, Integrate, and Access Data 4-Data Access		C.4.c – Access Security						
Element Description Management of access to asset and project data to ensure data security and the proper flow of information.								
Benchmark Level 0	Benchmark Level 1	Benchmark Level 2	Benchmark Level 3	Benchmark Level 4				
Available digital data is not access-restricted.	Access is managed on an ad-hoc, basis, with no designated responsibilities or accountability.	Roles and accountabilities for granting access have been established, but without clear policies or guidance.	Access is managed based on established roles and documented policies and protocols.	Access is managed using role-based authentication within business systems. Single sign on is used to minimize separate logins and centralize management of credentials.				
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Audit access controls in place for key asset data, systems, and tools. Identify system improvements.	Document general processes and procedures for authorizing access to key asset data, systems, and tools.	Document clear procedures and associated responsibilities for authorizing access to asset data, systems, and tools.	Develop an access request / management system to support efficient processing and tracking of access requests.					
Conduct a risk assessment to prioritize implementation of access controls.	Identify typical system roles and users. Document general roles and responsibilities for authorizing access.	Designate and train individuals who will be responsible for managing access.	Provide single sign on functionality for asset related data, systems, and tools.					
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