

## **AASHTO** Innovation Initiative

[Proposed] Nomination of Innovation Ready for Implementation

### Sponsor

Nominations must be submitted by an AASHTO member DOT willing to help promote the innovation. If selected, the sponsoring DOT will be asked to promote the innovation to other states by participating on a Lead States Team supported by the AASHTO Innovation Initiative.

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### **Innovation Description (10 points)**

The term "innovation" may include processes, products, techniques, procedures, and practices.

#### 3. Name of the innovation:

GIS Notebook for Project Selection

#### 4. Please describe the innovation.

Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) updates the 8 Year Construction Program and 4 Year Asset Preservation Plan every year using asset management data to select projects to be added to the

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program. The Field District Engineers work with the Project Managers to select projects based on the need and the available funding. The GIS Dashboard for project selection developed by ODOT's GIS Division allows the users to get all the information for a highway or bridge by clicking at any point on a highway or map. A pop up window appears with all the items when a user clicks on a highway and bridge. The interactive dashboard allows the user to filter the data by the district or program year or corridor. The user can simply use the mouse to navigate the state map or type in the geographic information such as county or city and zoom into the location. They can turn information layers on or off depending on what they are looking for. They can eve change the base map layer. They can also view multiple dashboards at the same time. Information provided includes crash data, existence of shoulders, annual average daily traffic, pavement rating, bridge condition such as structurally deficient or functionally obsolete or bridges at risk of becoming structurally deficient; highway capacity, unsafe intersections, etc.

#### 5. What is the existing baseline practice that the innovation intends to replace/improve?

The asset management data used to be provided in three ring binders with maps and reports for each Field District. Even when the binder was replaced with a pdf document, the document required time for assembly and was not the most user friendly.

#### 6. What problems associated with the baseline practice does the innovation propose to solve?

Efficiency in project selection using all available asset management data. When the data was provided in three ring binders with maps and reports, it took days of assembling data from various areas and making multiple copies to provide to District Engineers and their assistants as well as senior staff and project managers. Even when the binder was replaced with a pdf document, the document required considerable time for assembly..

### 7. Briefly describe the history of its development.

As ODOT's GIS group developed layers with asset management data, it was efficient to transition from a report and map based information to GIS based information for project selection.

8. What resources—such as technical specifications, training materials, and user guides—have you developed to assist with the deployment effort? If appropriate, please attach or provide weblinks to reports, videos, photographs, diagrams, or other images illustrating the appearance or functionality of the innovation (if electronic, please provide a separate file). Please list your attachments or weblinks here.

The recon scope includes data to be collected and is shared with the demand service consultants doing the work. The project initiation report has a project description and the constraints. Concept station was initially tried out by our Digital Delivery Team and the information was shared with the other design squads. The process is still evolving.



Attach photographs, diagrams, or other images here. If images are of larger resolution size, please provide as separate files.

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## State of Development (40 points)

Innovations must be successfully deployed in at least one State DOT. The AII selection process will favor innovations that have advanced beyond the research stage, at least to the pilot deployment stage, and preferably into routine use.

9. How ready is this innovation for implementation in an operational environment? Please select from the following options. Please describe.

- □ Prototype is fully functional and yet to be piloted
- □ Prototype has been piloted successfully in an operational environment
- I Technology has been deployed multiple times in an operational environment
- $\Box$  Technology is ready for full-scale implementation

This has been fully functions al for the last 3 years.

## 10. What additional development is necessary to enable implementation of the innovation for routine use?

No additional development is needed.

11. Are other organizations using, currently developing, or have they shown interest in this innovation or of similar technology?? Yes No Though no specific state has reached out to us, several states have interactive GIS mapping tools tied to various asset management and project data.

If so, please list organization names and contacts. Please identify the source of this information.

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## Potential Payoff (30 points)

Payoff is defined as the combination of broad applicability and significant benefit or advantage over baseline practice .

# 12. How does the innovation meet customer or stakeholder needs in your State DOT or other organizations that have used it?

This information helps DOTs select projects based on all available data and prioritize their spending.

13. Identify the top three benefit types your DOT has realized from using this innovation. Describe the type and scale of benefits of using this innovation over baseline practice. Provide additional information, if available, using quantitative metrics, to describe the benefits.

Benefit Types	Please describe:
Organizational Efficiency	The Field District Engineers work with the Project
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	available funding. The GIS Dashboard for project selection
	developed by ODOT's GIS Division allows the users to get
	all the information for a highway or bridge by clicking at any
	point on a highway or map.
Cost Savings	This helps DOTs identify projects which are most needed.
Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.

### Provide any additional description, if necessary:

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# 14 How broadly might this innovation be deployed for other applications. in the transportation industry (including other disciplines of a DOT, other transportation modes, and private industry)?

All states have the asset management data and most have GIS mapping tools available. Having all the data readily available will help the DOTs make efficient decisions.



## Market Readiness (20 points)

The AII selection process will favor innovations that can be adopted with a reasonable amount of effort and cost, commensurate with the payoff potential.

15. What specific actions would another organization need to take along each of the following dimensions to adopt this innovation?

Check boxes that apply	Dimensions	Please describe:
	Gaining executive leadership support	Leadership support in setting
		policies requiring data based
		decision is important.
	Communicating benefits	The information is already
		available with DOTs. Getting it
		all in the same place would
		make it most efficient.
	Overcoming funding constraints	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Acquiring in-house capabilities	As most data is inhouse, it is
		important to have the inhouse
		capabilities.
	Addressing legal issues (if applicable)	Click or tap here to enter text.
	(e.g., liability and intellectual property)	
	Resolving conflicts with existing	Click or tap here to enter text.
	national/state regulations and standards	
	Other challenges	Click or tap here to enter text.

# 16. Please provide details of cost, effort, and length of time expended to deploy the innovation in your organization.

**Cost:** In house staff do this.

**Level of Effort:** Once the first GIS data book is set up, updating it each year is minimal effort. The initial setup took several months toto get the correct interactivity and data elements shown with conversations going back and forth. Now It take a couple of days to set up a brand new Notebook. Because we want to keep the historic notebooks a copy is created and it takes a few days to update all the interactivity with the new data.

Time: Less than 2 weeks



17. To what extent might implementation of this innovation require the involvement of third parties, including vendors, contractors, and consultants? If so, please describe. List the type of expertise required for implementation.

All the data is available with DOTs and most states have GIS capabilities.