

Improving Work Zone Safety with the Work Zone Data Exchange

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Today's Webinar

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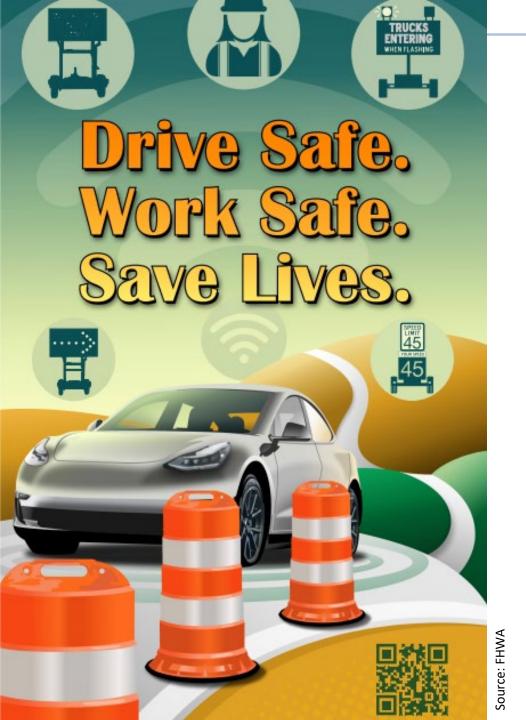
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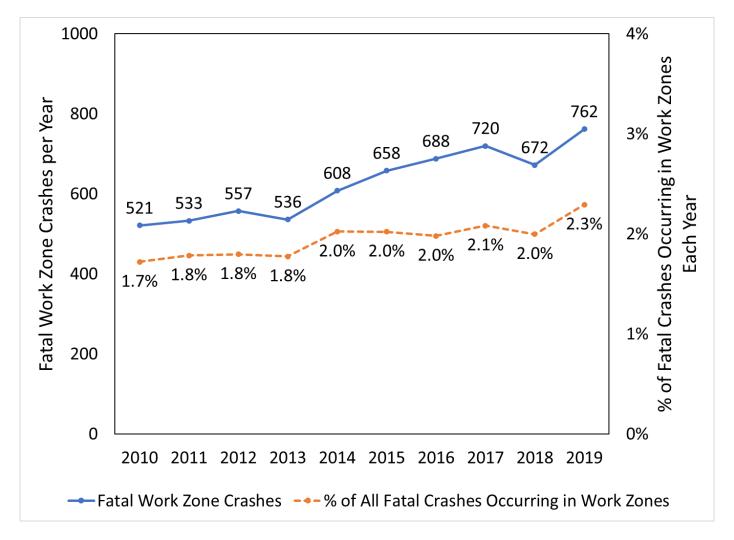


2021 National Work Zone Awareness Week (April 26-30)

Activities:

- April 26, National Stand-Down to Prevent Struck-by Incidents
 Webinars hosted by The Center for Construction and Training
- April 27, (11:00 a.m. ET) Kick-Off Event
- April 28, Orange for Safety
- April 29 (12:00 1:30 p.m. ET), Work Zone Data Exchange
 Project/Put Work Zones on the Map Campaign Webinar

Fatal Work Zone Crashes and Percent of Fatal Crashes Occurring in Work Zones (2010-2019)



Source: National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse



Total Work Zone Fatal Crashes by type of roadway



FARS 2018 Final File and 2019 Annual Report File, NHTSA. FARS data shown here are from the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.



Work Zone Fatal Crashes the following types of crashes increased from 2018-2019

	2018	2019
 Involving a	141	182
Rear-End Collision	21%	24%
 Involving a CMV 	215 35 %	250 33 %
 Where Speeding	172	239
Was a Factor	26 %	31%



Total Work Zone Fatalities by person type

poroc		2018	2019
		757	842
	Drivers and passengers	621	690
	Pedestrians and bicyclists	131	140
A	Others Occupants of a non-motor vehicle transport device and persons on personal conveyances	5	12

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Work Zone Fatal Crashes worker fatalities by year

2018

2019

Worker fatalities in road construction sites

124

135

2018 and 2019 Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, in cooperation with States, New York City, the District of Columbia, and Federal agencies.

Safety in Work Zones

- In 2019, fatal work zone crashes involved:
 - 24% involved rear-end collisions
 - 31% noted speed as a contributing factor
 - 33% involved commercial motor vehicles
- Additionally,
 - 135 workers were killed in highway work zones



Improving your agency's work zone event data using the WZDI Framework

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Background

- Transportation operations is increasingly data-driven
 - Need for better coordination across regions to improve safety and mobility
 - Data important to both public agencies and external stakeholders
- Work zones present a complex data-sharing challenge
 - Highly variable
 - Subject to rapid change
 - Involve many stakeholders
- No national standard for communicating dynamic work zone event data



What is the Work Zone Data Initiative?

Response to the need for a reference guide on how to digitally describe dynamic work zone events on roads and highways

- Consistent language for communicating data across organizational boundaries and throughout project life cycles
- Local, regional and national data sharing

Work Zone Event Data – the when, where, and how of work zone deployment



Benefits of standardizing data

Transportation Agencies:

- Enhance project prioritization and coordination
- Improve safety and mobility impact estimates
- Improve contractor compliance and asset mgmt.
- Enhance performance measurement

Public Entities:

- Law Enforcement improve dispatching and enforcement practices
- First Responders modify trip routes

Traveling Public:

- Minimize cumulative impacts to motorists
- Accurate and verified real-time information for decision-making
- Verified source of information for CAVs (emerging need)

Work zone event data

- Work zones are dynamic
- Data describing them changes throughout work zone life cycle

Planned future Actual daily Historical work zone event work zone event planned vs actual events **First** Last **Construction Operations Planning and Design Performance Analysis** cone cone down up Data focused on Data focused on actual Archives focused on daily configuration and approximate future historical performance location and schedule and future impacts operations



Stakeholders

stakeholders are agency and non-agency individuals and groups who produce, maintain, or use work zone data

Planning and Design

 Local and regional work zone planning and design staff First cone down

Construction Operations

- Construction, maintenance, and utility work zone operations staff
- Agency traffic mgmt., road condition reporting, and traveler message systems
- Smart work zones and CAV

Last cone up

Performance Analysis

 Work zone inspection, performance, and impact analysis staff

Consumers

- Law enforcement
- ATMS operator
- ITS, DMS, traveler info systems
- Agency congestion and performance manager
- Agency oversize/weight permitting

- 3rd party info providers
- Travelers
- CAVs
- Freight Haulers
- State and Fed transportation agencies

Collaborators

- Neighbor and regional partner agencies
- Utilities

Data uses (by category)

Based on stakeholder needs around data collection, storage, usage, and communication:

- 1. Work zone planning and project coordination
- 2. Work zone impact analyzes
- 3. Construction and maintenance contract monitoring
- 4. Real-time system management, traveler information provision
- 5. Safety and mobility performance measurement
- 6. Law enforcement and emergency service providers
- 7. Connected and automated vehicle hardware and system readiness

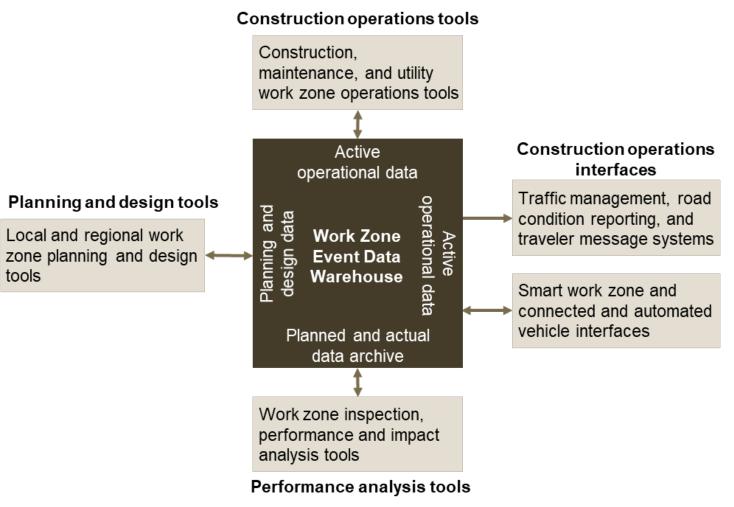
50 use cases developed under these seven categories



Work zone data system structure

for communicating data clearly and consistently between stakeholders and data systems

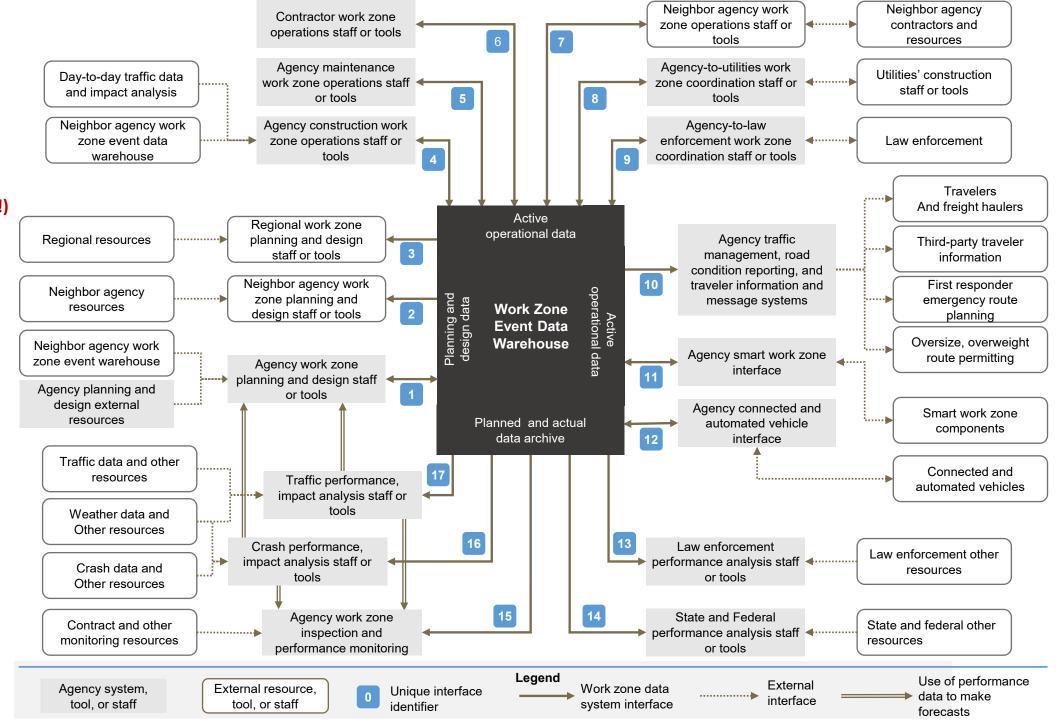
- Based on stakeholders and use cases
- Includes entire work zone life cycle
- Focused on centralized data storage and mgmt.
- Stakeholders and tools interface with data warehouse to give and receive data as needed





WZDI Conceptual Architecture

Agencies can pick and choose what they do (don't need to do it all!)





WZDI resources

- Needs and Assessment Report (FHWA-HOP-20-018)
 - Describes state of the practice and user needs for existing and potential uses of work zone data
 - Covers work zone project life cycle
 - Based on discussions with over 60 public and private stakeholders across the country
- WZDI Framework (FHWA-HOP-20-019)
 - Concepts for structuring data and data systems to support agency needs
 - Identifies use cases and maps them to agency processes
 - Provides a "menu of resources" to pick from when creating data systems
- WZDI Data Dictionary (FHWA-HOP-20-020)
 - Specifies consistent data with respect to meaning and enumerated values
 - Serves as backlog of data elements to add to WZDx spec over time



The Work Zone Event Data Ecosystem



FHWA is working to improve work zone safety through new approaches to work zone data.

Work Zone Event Data is digital data on when, where, and how work zones are deployed, and includes:



Identification attributes



Location attributes



Time attributes



Impact attributes





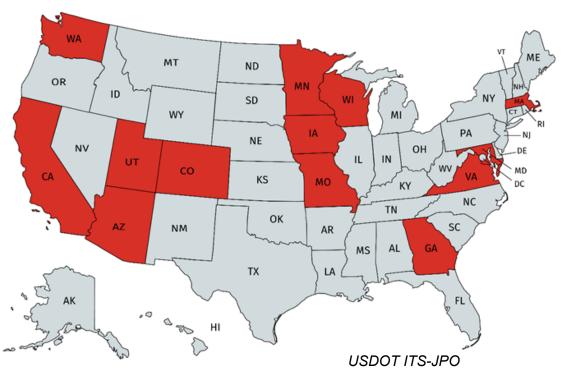
FHWA's Work Zone Data Initiative provides a framework for communicating information on work zone activity across jurisdictional and organizational boundaries. Key elements include a data dictionary and supporting implementation documents.

The Work Zone Data Exchange is a data specification that is:

- Putting data on work zones into vehicles to help ADS and human drivers navigate more safely.
- Openly developed and free to use.
- Created to enable agencies to share harmonized work zone data for 3rd party use.

Work Zone Data Exchange Demonstration Grants

USDOT offered a one-time grant opportunity in 2020 for public roadway operators such as state/local agencies to establish WZDx data feeds



Work Zone Data Exchange Grant Recipients:

- Maricopa County/Arizona DOT
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (California – Bay Area)
- Colorado DOT
- Georgia DOT
- Iowa DOT
- Maryland State Highway Administration
- Massachusetts DOT
- Minnesota DOT
- St. Charles County (Missouri)
- Utah DOT
- Virginia DOT
- Washington State DOT
- Wisconsin DOT

Find more information at:

https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/wzdx/demonstration_grants.htm



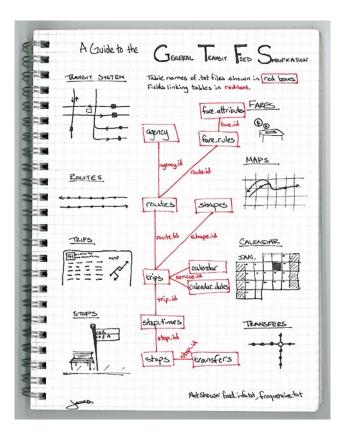
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What can we learn from the open transit data story?

A **simple** specification...



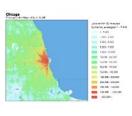
...with a wide range of uses











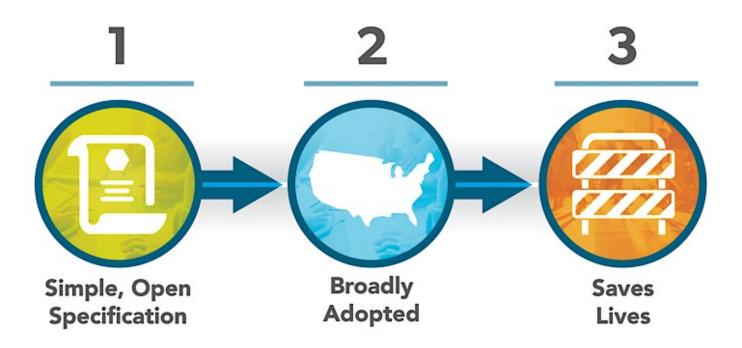


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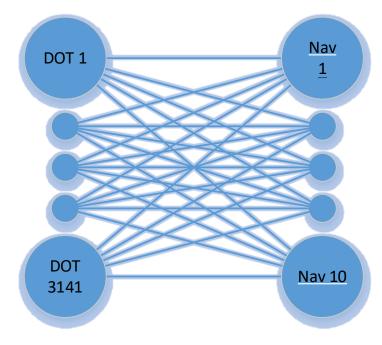
The Work Zone Data Exchange (WZDx)



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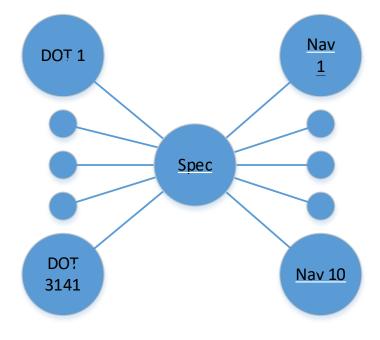
The Power of Data Standardization

Without a standard



31,410 translations

With a standard



3,151 translations

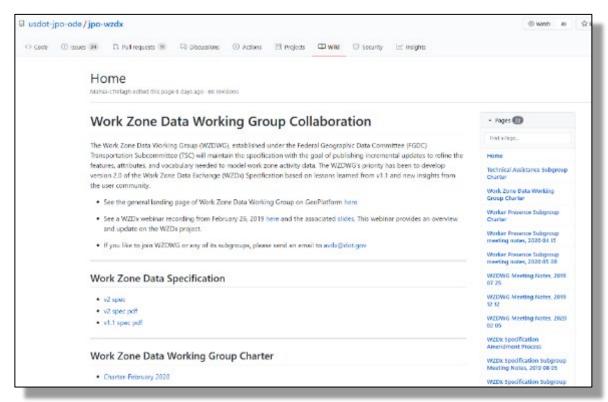
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Work Zone Data Working Group

WZDWG objectives:

- Maintain the WZDx Specification
- Groom the backlog of potential future changes and sources of technical input
- Use open development methods to foster community involvement and support
- Identify and promote best practices for creating, publishing, consuming, mapping, and analyzing work zone activity data and the WZDx Specification



https://github.com/usdot-jpo-ode/wzdx

 WZDWG documents and meeting notes shared via <u>GitHub</u> Wiki page



Work Zone Data Working Group (cont.)

In January 2020, the WZDWG chartered three subgroups:

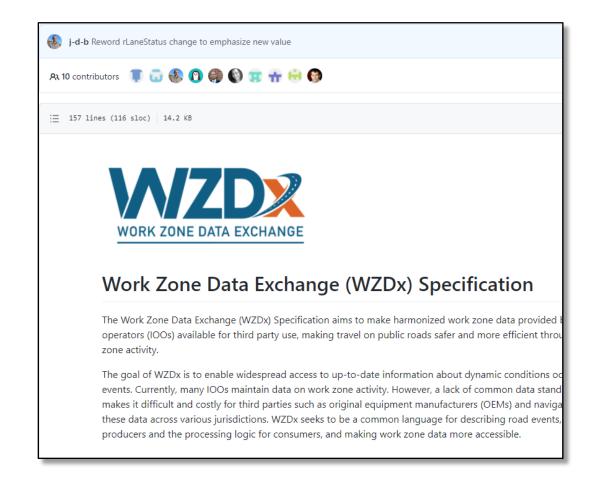
- Specification Update Subgroup to update the WZDx specification
- Worker Presence Subgroup to promote the inclusion of real-time information on the presence of workers in work zones
- Technical Assistance Subgroup to identify best practices in implementing feeds

In April 2021, the WZDWG chartered two new subgroups:

- Smart Work Zone Devices Subgroup to extend the specification to include real-time data from SWZ devices
- Specification Extension Subgroup to identify and draft extensions to the WZDx specification beyond work zones

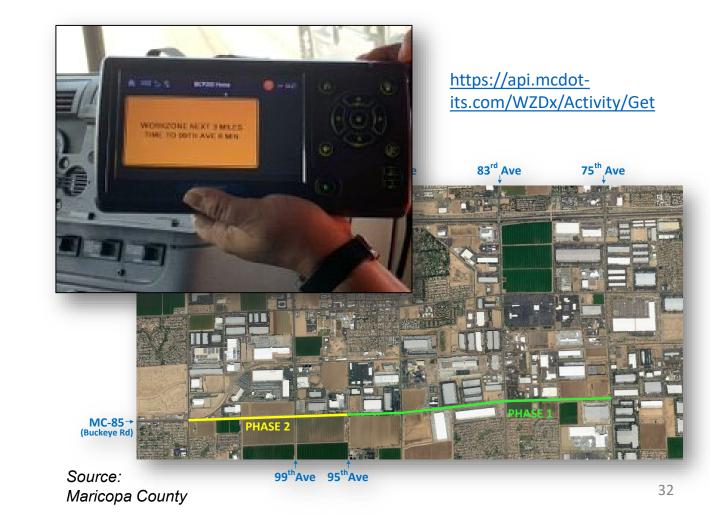
WZDx Specification v3.1

- Version 3.1 of the Work Zone Data Exchange (WZDx) Specification was released on <u>GitHub</u> in April 2021
- Changes in v3.1:
 - Streamlined how road names are communicated
 - · Created guidance for implementing a work zone data feed
 - Refined approach for providing lane level detail
 - Added implementation examples for common work zones
- WZDx v3.1 is a stable release, backwards compatible with v3.0



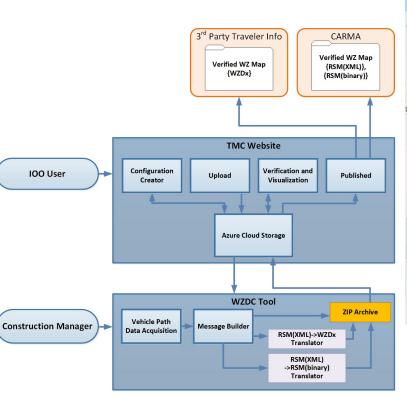
WZDx Example Use Case: Truck Operator Notification of Upcoming Work Zone

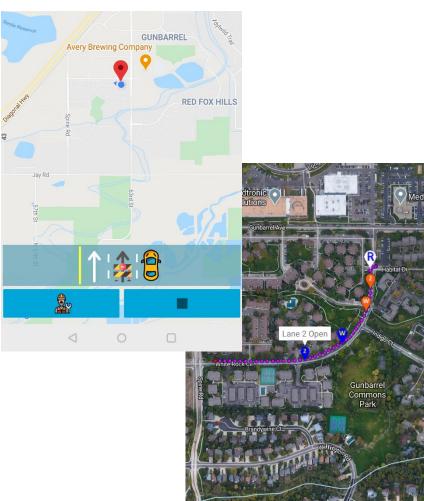
- Maricopa County (AZ) and Drivewyze demonstrated using WZDx to send work zone alerts to truck drivers via electronic logging devices
- WZDx feeds can include detour routes around a work zone
- Maricopa County and Arizona DOT will expand the scope of their WZDx feed with a WZDx Demonstration grant in 2021



WZDx Example Tool: Work Zone Data Collection Toolset

- Road owner enters basic information about work zone
- Construction site manager notes current state of road/work zone
- Received information is used to generate a WZDx feed with new geospatial details
- Repository available at <u>https://github.com/TonyE</u> <u>nglish/Work Zone Data</u> <u>Collection Toolset</u>

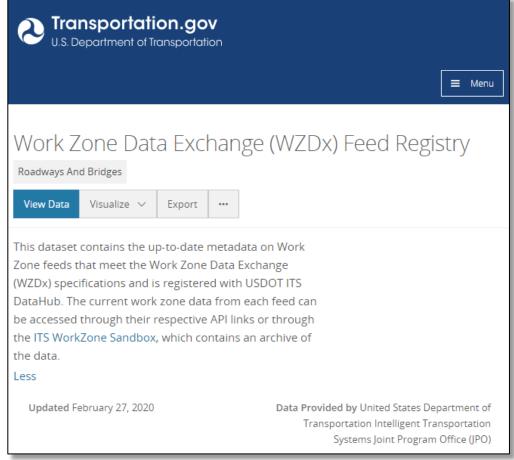






WZDx Feed Registry

- WZDx feeds are published and hosted by state/local roadway owners and operators
- USDOT is maintaining a directory of feeds so that data consumers can find an up-todate list of active WZDx feeds
- Registered feeds will automatically be archived to ITS DataHub's raw data sandbox



https://datahub.transportation.gov/Roadways-and-Bridges/Work-Zone-Data-Exchange-WZDx-Feed-Registry/69qe-yiui

Adopting the WZDx specification in Wisconsin

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Overview

- WisDOT Work Zone Program
- LCS 2.0
- WZDx Project
- Future

WisDOT Work Zone Program

- WisTransportal
 - Lane Closure System
 - Transportation Management Plans
 - Crashes
- Work Zone ITS
- Work Zone Safety Performance Measures
- Work Zone Policy, Standards and Specification Development



Wisconsin Traffic Operations and Safety Laboratory

The WisTransPortal System

The WisTransPortal system serves the computing and data management needs of the <u>Wiscon</u> archiving, real-time traffic information services, transportation operations applications, and to

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Web Applications

This page provides access to WisTransPortal systems and data organized by category.

Safety Data

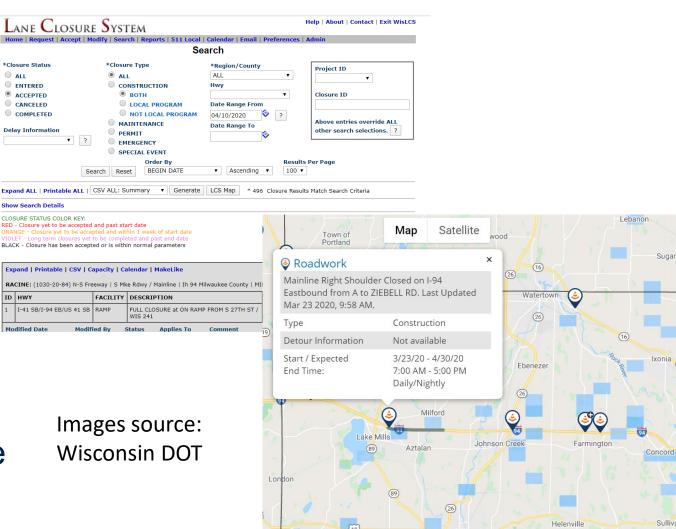
- Wisconsin Crash Data Analysis Tools
 Web-based query and analysis tools for Wisconsin police reported crash data and
- <u>Community Maps TSC Crash Mapping</u>
 Online crash map populated by county TSCs and local agencies. Based on Google

Work Zones

- WisLCS Wisconsin Lane Closure System
 WisDOT lane and ramp closure request and acceptance system.
- WisTMP Wisconsin TMP System
 WisDOT Transportation Management Plan (TMP) routing and approval system.

Current Wisconsin Lane Closure System

- Launched in 2008
- Supports scheduling, tracking, accepting and reporting of all estimated lane closures
- Provides data feeds to other systems
 - Wisconsin 511 Website
 - Wisconsin 511 Construction Projects Website
 - OSOW Superload Permitting System
- Data is currently archived at the TOPS Lab



Wisconsin Lane Closure System – 2.0

- Rollout March 2022
- Objectives
 - Incorporate lessons learned
 - Streamline existing work flows
 - Improve interoperability with external systems
 - Improve data quality and timeliness
 - Support for modern platforms
 - Update the 10-year old software platform
- Incorporate Work Zone Data Dictionary

WZDx Project

- Building on existing investments to publish a new WZDxcompliant data feed
- Create a program template that other agencies may follow in establishing their own WZDx data feeds
- Demonstrate a flow process to transform estimated to verified lane closure information from Smart Work Zone ITS Devices
- Work with both internal and external Stakeholders





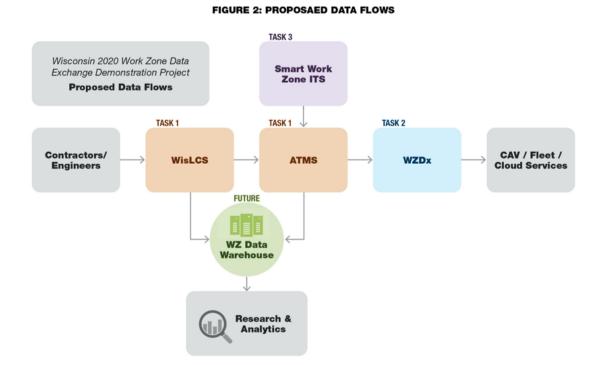


Stakeholders

- Collaborative effort between many:
 - UW TOPS Lab
 - IBI Group
 - County Highway Maintenance
 - Improvement Program construction LET projects
 - Contractors and Project Staff
 - WisDOT Staff

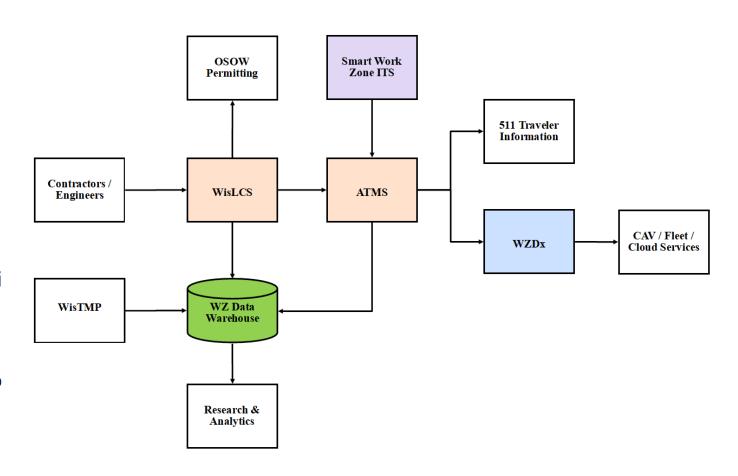
Project Work Plan

- Develop an internal WZED data service between the WisLCS and ATMS
- 2. Provide a public facing WZDx compliant data feed as a component of the ATMS, and
- 3. Incorporate field verified WZED from Smart Work Zone ITS deployments.



System Architecture – Design Principles

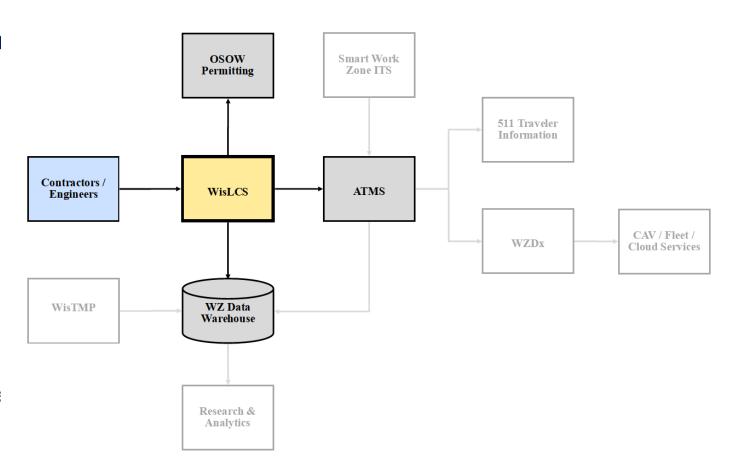
- Build on Existing Systems
 - Improve Interoperability
 - Enhance TMC Capabilities
- Service Oriented Architecture
 - Separation of Concerns
 - Extensible Design
- Data Harmonization
 - Modernize WZED Elements and Defi
 - Align to FHWA WZDI
- WZ Data Management
 - Separate Analytics from the Operatio
 - Broader Set of Use Cases



System Architecture – Key Components

Wisconsin Lane Closure Systen

- Scheduling and Acceptance
- Traveler Information
- OSOW Restrictions
- Estimated Data
- WisDOT TMC ATMS
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 - Real-Time Data Sharing
 - ITS Device Integration
 - Verified Data
- Work Zone Data Warehouse
 - Research, Planning, Performance Me
 - Estimated + Verified Data

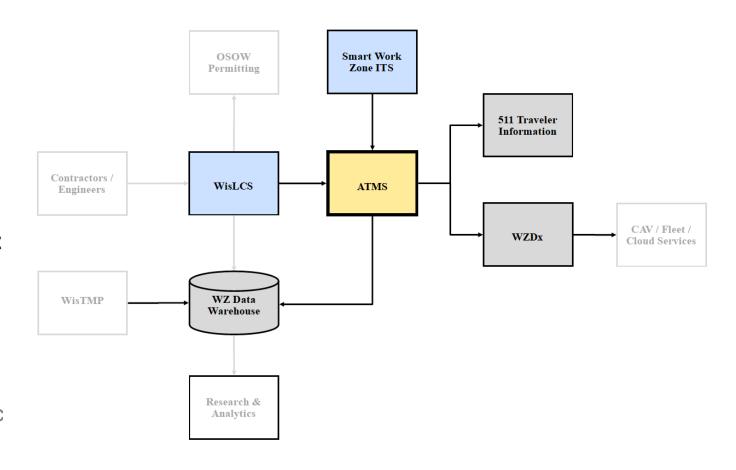


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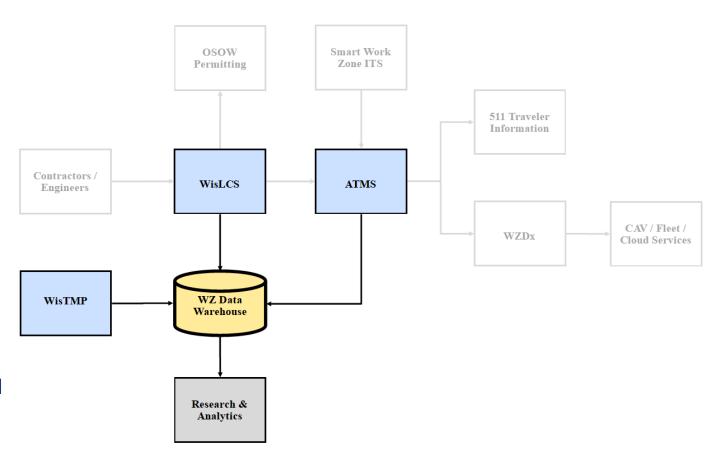
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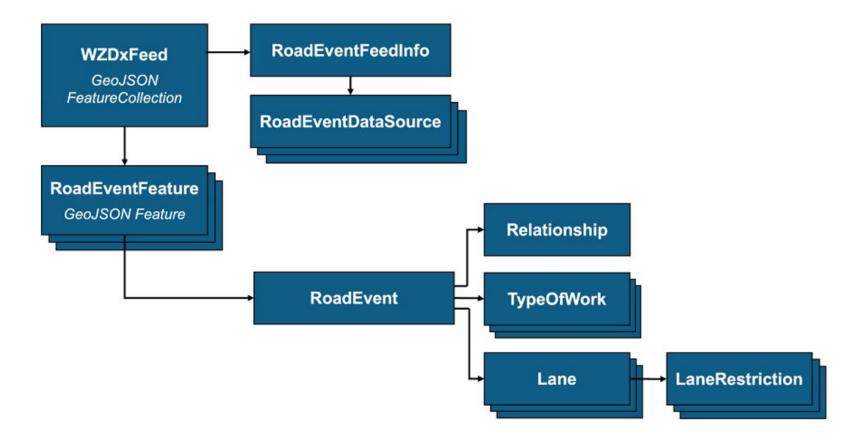


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WZDx 3.1 Specification Object Model



The WZDx Specification Object Model describes the high-level structure and content of a WZDx GeoJSON document.

Wisconsin Work Zone Data Model

Closure ClosureInfo

Facility

ProjectInfo

ContactInfo

Schedule

Location

Restrictions

Detour

LaneDetails

ExcludeDates

CountyHighways

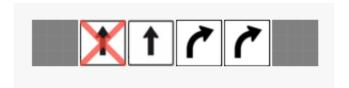
Design Constraints:

Compatibility with WZDx 3.1 Object Model

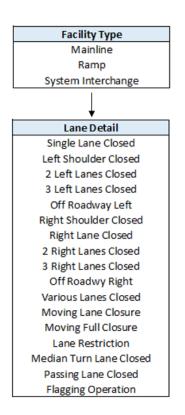
- Required elements, standard definitions
- Retain existing WisLCS data structures
 - Project, closure, facility, lane detail
- Broader Wisconsin work zone data requirements
 - ATMS, OSOW, 511, Analytics

Data Improvements – Lane Details

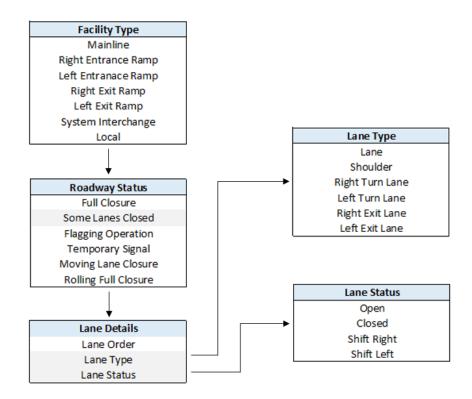
- WZDx 3.1 Lane-Level Precision with Flexible Adoption
- 1-1 Translations from WisLCS
 2.0 to WZDx 3.1
- Richer Set of Localized Elements for Wisconsin
- Easy to Use UI Tools



WisLCS 1.0 (2008)

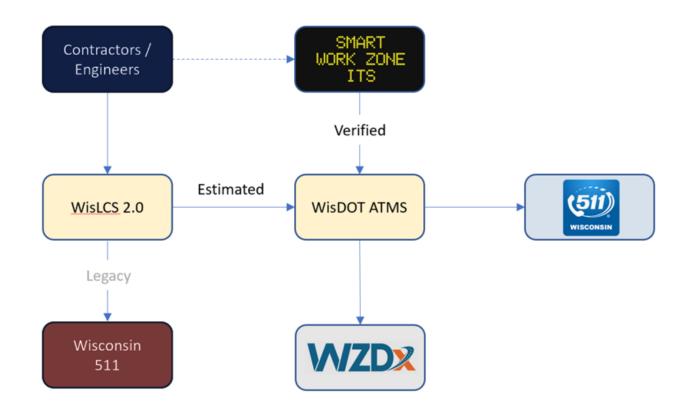


WisLCS 2.0 (2022)



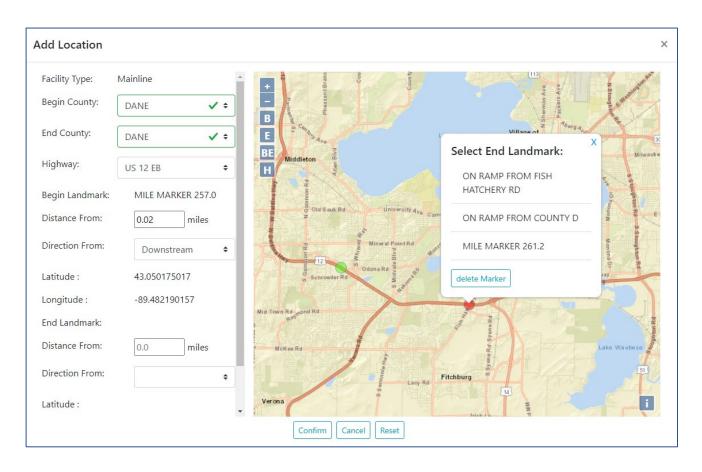
Data Improvements –Time & Spatial Verification

- Road Event Accuracy Values
 - Estimated
 - Verified
- Time Verification
 - Start Date Accuracy
 - End Date Accuracy
- Spatial Verification
 - Beginning Accuracy
 - Ending Accuracy
- Wisconsin Prototype
 - Scalable with Additional ITS
 - Device IDs Entered into LCS



Data Improvements – Work Zone Mapping

- Location Improvements
 - Geo-Coordinates
 - Cumulative Mileages
 - Linear Referencing
 - Roadway Geometry
- WZDx Road Events
 - Road Event Geometry
 - LineString / MultiPoint
- Traffic Management
 - ATMS Event Plans
- Performance Measures
 - WZ Safety Exposure
 - Work Zone Lane Miles



Source: Wisconsin DOT

Future



Help us Put Work Zones On the Map

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WORK ZONE DATA EXCHANGE

Put Work Zones on the Map is an awareness campaign to educate and engage current and potential partners on the capabilities, benefits, and progress of WZDx specification adoption.

- Goal: To increase voluntary adoption of the data specification.
- The focus of this campaign is on audiences who directly engage with work zones: infrastructure owner operators (IOOs), construction companies, mapping companies, and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs).



Put Work Zones on the Map will:

- Develop and distribute educational materials.
- Raise awareness for pilot projects.
- Increase involvement in the Work Zone Data Working Group.
- Generate excitement to ultimately encourage and facilitate adoption of the WZDx specification.



Toolkit Resources:

Shareable Content

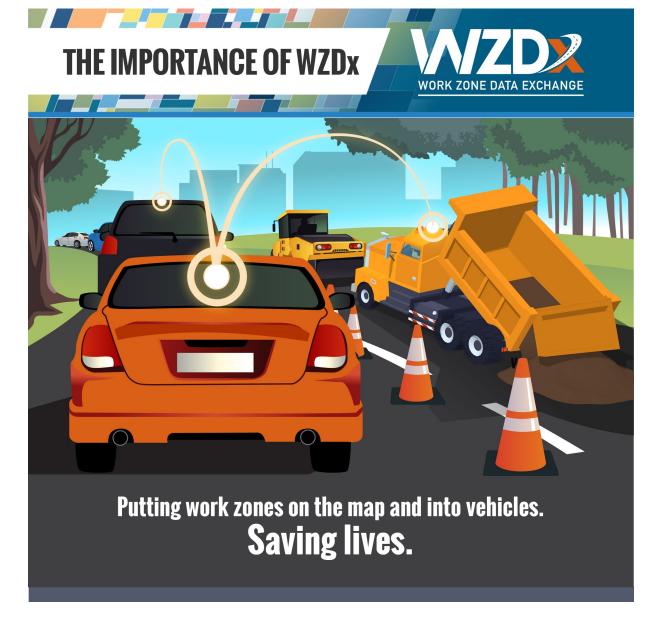
- Graphics
- Social media content
- Postcard
- Fact sheet-coming soon!

Educational Content

Webinars

Social Media Toolkit:

 https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/wzd x/toolkit/index.htm





Source: FHWA

Partners Are Vital to the Success of WZDx

- Connect us with your communications staff/department
- Share materials, social media posts and graphics from our online toolkit
- Help direct people and organizations to our website to learn more
- Help us promote webinars and campaign news
- Collaborate on publicity efforts to generate awareness



More than 100 organizations involved.



Small Actions + Many Organizations = BIG Impact



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Resources

To learn more and access available resources, please visit:

- WZDx Version 3.1 Specification
- WZDx GitHub Wiki (Day-to-Day Work Zone Data Working Group Activities)
- WZDx Discussion Forum
- WZDx Technical Assistance Help Desk
- WZDx Data Feed Registry
- FHWA WZDI Data Dictionary and Framework
- Work Zone Data Collection Tool
- FHWA Work Zone Management
- National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse

