



Cooperation, Coordination, Sharing Geographic Data

TO: Policy Board

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SUBJECT: Information Sharing

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(For the Jul 21st meeting)

Announcements and information provided by individuals other than the Staff Coordinator are so noted.

A) NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NGAC): JUNE 22-23 MEETING

The preliminary meeting summary for the June 22-23 meeting is attached. When available, it will be posted at <http://www.fgdc.gov/ngac/meetings/june-2010/index.html>. The meeting was devoted to refining the scope/meaning of a [national geospatial platform](#).

B) MN STATEWIDE GEOSPATIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL: JUNE 30 MEETING

The preliminary summary for the June 30 meeting was not available at the time of this writing. When available the meeting notes will be accessible at <http://www.mngeo.state.mn.us/councils/statewide/index.html>

C) METRO AND STATE GEOSPATIAL INITIATIVES UPDATE

1) County GIS Planning/Interactive Mapping (Parks Planning)

A meeting was held on June 2 at which agreement was reached on standards for a trails mapping application to serve the metro area. Vice Chairperson Henschel hosted the meeting. If a meeting summary is created, permission will be requested to pass it along to the Coordinating Committee for information.

2) Pro-West Newsletter Launched

Pro-West has launched a new quarterly newsletter to keep you up-to-date with Pro-West activities and technical news. They hope that readers will find their quarterly newsletters informative and timely. Please click on http://www.prowestgis.com/PWA_Pulse_Spring2010.pdf to view the first issue.

D) NATIONAL/FEDERAL GEOSPATIAL INITIATIVES UPDATE

1) **National Address Standard.** A national standard has been posted for comment at <http://www.urisa.org/about/initiatives/addressstandard>. The Address Workgroup reviewed MetroGIS's preliminary address specifications against these proposed national specifications and submitted comments. Mark Kotz (mark.kotz@metc.state.mn.us) is the contact for further information.

2) NSGIC (National States Geographic Information Council) National Conference.

The 2010 National NSGIC Conference will be held in Minneapolis from September 12-16. Will Craig is the current president. The conference program can be accessed at http://www.nsgic.org/events/2010_conference.cfm.

3) Transportation for the Nation Project Steering Committee – MetroGIS represented.

On June 11th, the MetroGIS Staff Coordinator accepted an invitation to represent regional geospatial interests on the steering committee for the Transportation for the Nation (TFTN) strategic planning initiative. This initiative is a joint effort of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC). The goal is to develop a strategic vision, goals, and best strategies

necessary to coordinate and develop nationally significant geospatial transportation data, with particular emphasis on road centerlines. The project is managed by DOT Geospatial Information Officer (GIO) Steve Lewis of DOT's Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA). For further information about the TFTN strategic planning process contact Dave Smallen at 202-366-5568. The initiative launched on June 30 with a conference call and invitation to comment on a project overview document that will be made public shortly.

4) URISA National Conference in October – Timely Themes

- **Value of GIS** – The value of GIS can theoretically be quantified in terms of Return on Investment (ROI), but the methodology for determining ROI for GIS has not been standardized. Sessions in this theme include information on measured return on investment (as opposed to estimated cost/benefit analysis performed prior to implementation); various methods for funding and justifying funding for GIS implementation; and ways to articulate the financial/liability, economic, social or environmental impact of GIS for a jurisdiction, region or organization.
- **One Government** – This concept is about multiple jurisdictions and overlapping levels of government (federal, state/provincial, regional, local) acting collaboratively. Sessions include data sharing challenges and approaches; standardization and integration of data, applications and services; collaboration and communication that leads to a "one government" approach, and activities that promote government transparency and accountability

5) Scholarly Peer-Reviewed [Article](#) entitled “NSDI Building Blocks: Regional GIS in the United States”.

6) NSGIC Speaks: Practical Measures to Make Data Sharing Happen. On February 9th, Linda Wayne released the [results of a survey](#) she conducted Data Sharing Issues: What Works and What Doesn't

E) PRESENTATIONS / OUTREACH / STUDIES (not mentioned elsewhere)

1) Articles / Presentations

- Article submitted for spring issue of Mn GISLIS newsletter by Mark Kotz, Chair of the Address Workgroup - MetroGIS Address Point Dataset Specifications Finalized.

2) Publications: - none

F) JUNE 2010 COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

The summary of the June 17th Coordinating Committee meeting can be viewed at http://www.metrogis.org/teams/cc/meetings/10_0617/10_0617mp.pdf .

National Geospatial Advisory Committee Meeting
National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV
June 22-23, 2010

DRAFT Summary
ACTIONS, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS

Review and Adoption of March NGAC Minutes

DECISION: The NGAC adopted the minutes of the March 2010 meeting.

Geospatial Platform

RECOMMENDATION: The NGAC adopted the following resolution:

"The NGAC endorses the Geospatial Platform concept as described in the Platform Roadmap and encourages the Administration, along with federal agency leadership, to adopt, support, and implement this initiative in partnership with State, local, regional and Tribal governments."

Broadband Subcommittee

ACTION: NGAC Broadband Subcommittee will provide ongoing feedback to FCC/NTIA on the development of the National Broadband Map.

Geospatial Workforce Subcommittee

ACTION: NGAC members are asked to provide geospatial workforce development-related research or studies to Dave DiSera or Sean Ahearn and the Geospatial Workforce Subcommittee.

ACTION: Allen Carroll will provide information to NGAC members on National Geographic's "Geo-Mentoring" program.

National Map Subcommittee

ACTION: NGAC members are asked to provide feedback and comment on draft base map definitions to Allan Carroll and the National Map Subcommittee.

Partnerships Subcommittee

ACTION: NGAC Partnerships Subcommittee will provide additional feedback to FGDC on the business model for the Geospatial Platform.

FGDC Report

ACTION: The Department of the Interior will issue a Call for Nominations for the next round of NGAC appointments in early July 2010.

Outreach and Communications Strategy

ACTION: FGDC will collaborate with the NGAC Communications Subcommittee to develop a short-term communications plan for the Geospatial Platform.

Next Meeting

The next NGAC meeting is scheduled for September 22-23 in Washington, DC. Potential agenda topics include the following:

- Geospatial Platform follow-up
- Place-based Policies initiative
- NSDI metrics
- NGAC Subcommittee reports
- Demonstration of National Broadband Map