

Smarter Cities Challenge

Dallas

February 2015



Dallas Smarter Cities Challenge

How can the city of Dallas and its citizens best exploit the multiple data stores they own and have access to? How can they use the latest available technologies to derive insights from this data, and to share and publish information, in order to make the city a safer, more pleasant environment for all its inhabitants?

Focus areas:

- Bridge the ‘trust gap’ between citizens and authorities
- Make policing, fire and rescue services more effective
- Target investments for benefit of neighborhoods
- Give the public information they need to improve their neighborhoods

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Dallas Smarter Cities Challenge -the Team and the Study



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- Study period: 2 -20 Feb 2015
- Over 80 city leaders interviewed:
 - City Managers, Chief of Police, CIO
 - City of Dallas officials (DPD, CIS, Fire & Rescue, Libraries, Planning, City Attorney, Community Prosecutor, City Courts, OEM)
 - Community Leaders (Safer Dallas, CrimeWatch, Habitat)
 - Dallas County CIO
 - Chamber of Commerce
- Study of city datasets, websites and apps
- Research and comparison with other cities
- Presentation followed by full written report



Summary of Findings

1. Data and insights trapped in silos



2. Poor user experience to get relevant data for a given task



3. "Protective" culture around data limits sharing; users do not know where data exists outside of their domain



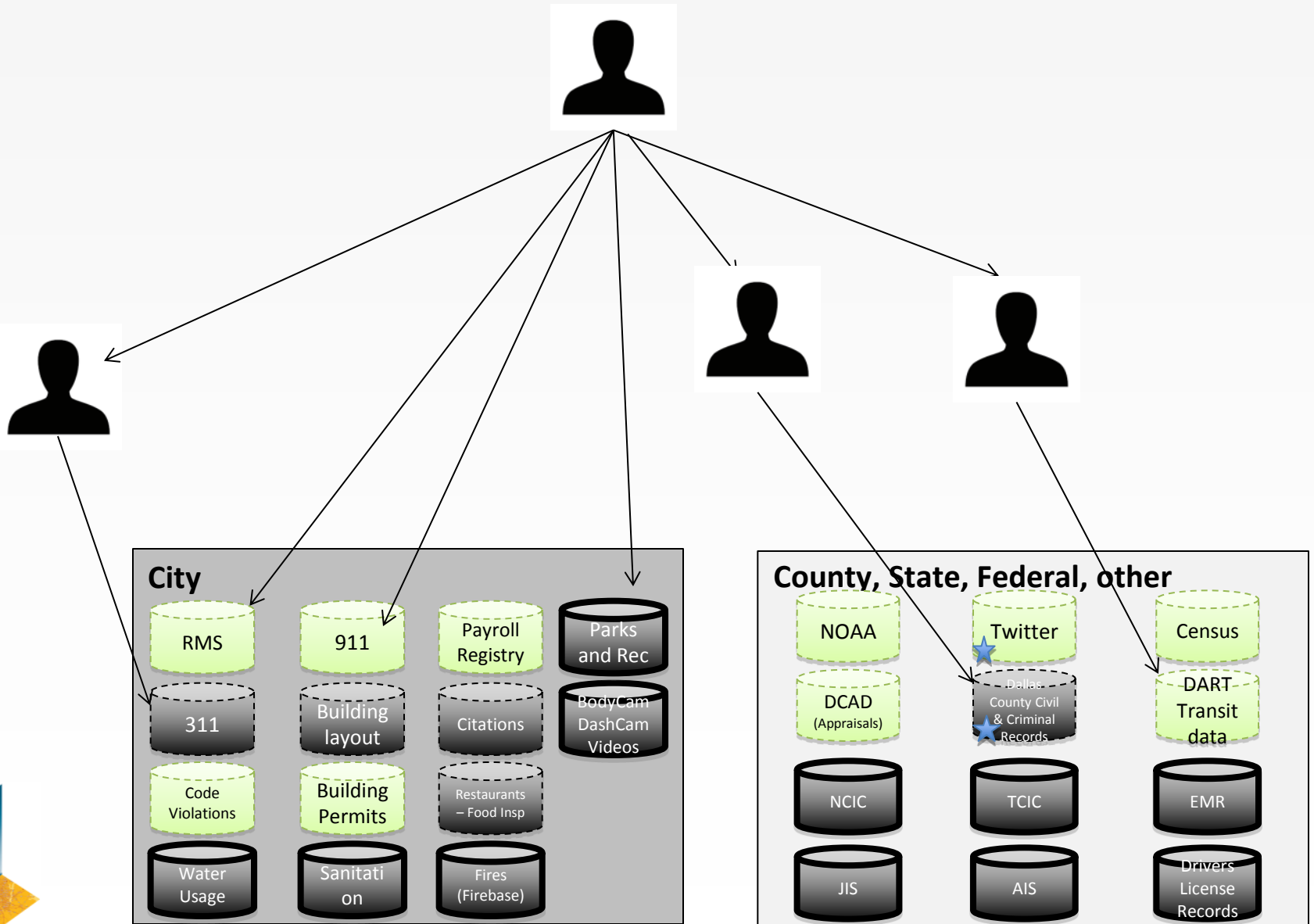
4. Trust and perceptions are critical issues to address between the City, Neighborhoods, and Citizens



5. CIS sponsored enterprise-wide IT projects are challenging to fund



Access to data is time-consuming and complicated in the current state



A vision for data.....

- Consolidate city data
- Integrate other data sources
- Provide question/search capability across all data
- Control access centrally
- Make data easier to access, analyze and share



...improving safety for all

- ‘Right data at the right time’ for all users
- Make Emergency Services and all City Officials more effective
- Strengthen ‘Open Government’ and improve trust with the community
- Enable communities to share ‘value add’ analysis
- Increases engagement between City, Police and Communities

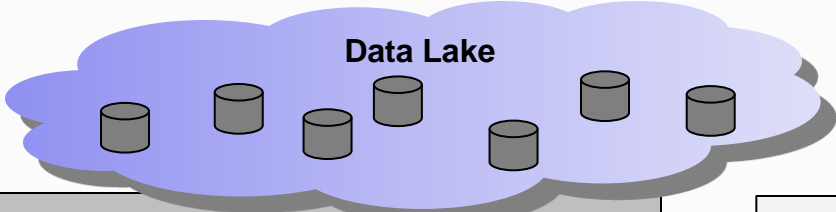
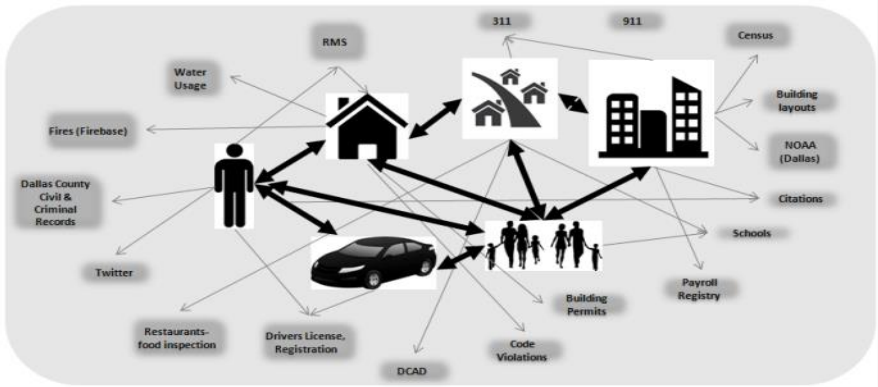


Realizing the Vision: 3 Key Recommendations

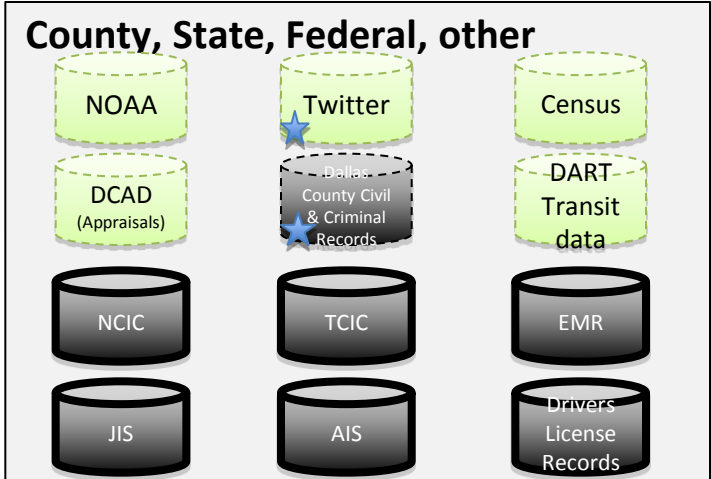
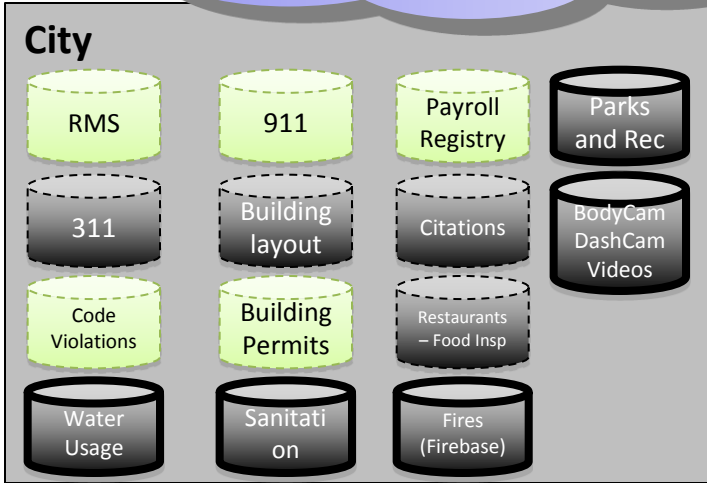


Improve USER EXPERIENCE

Provide SEARCH AND ANALYTICS



ORGANIZE and GOVERN data



Recommendation 1: Consolidate, Organize and Govern Data

Data in Dallas today...



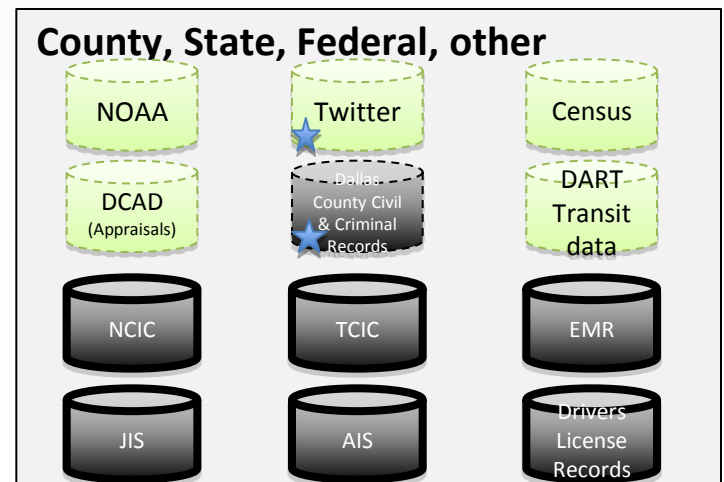
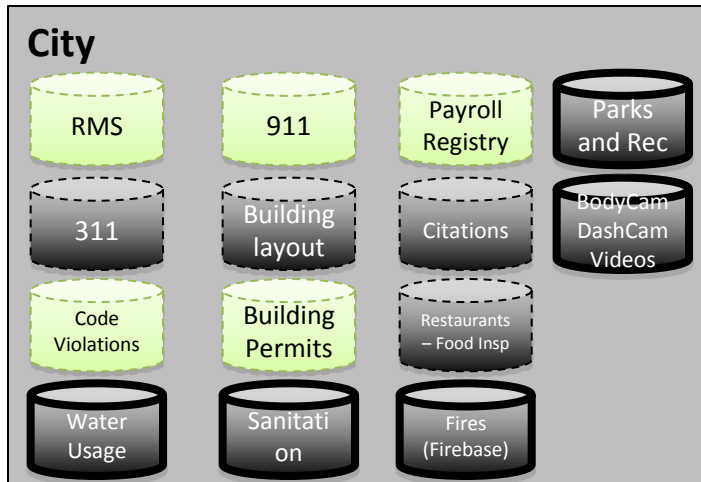
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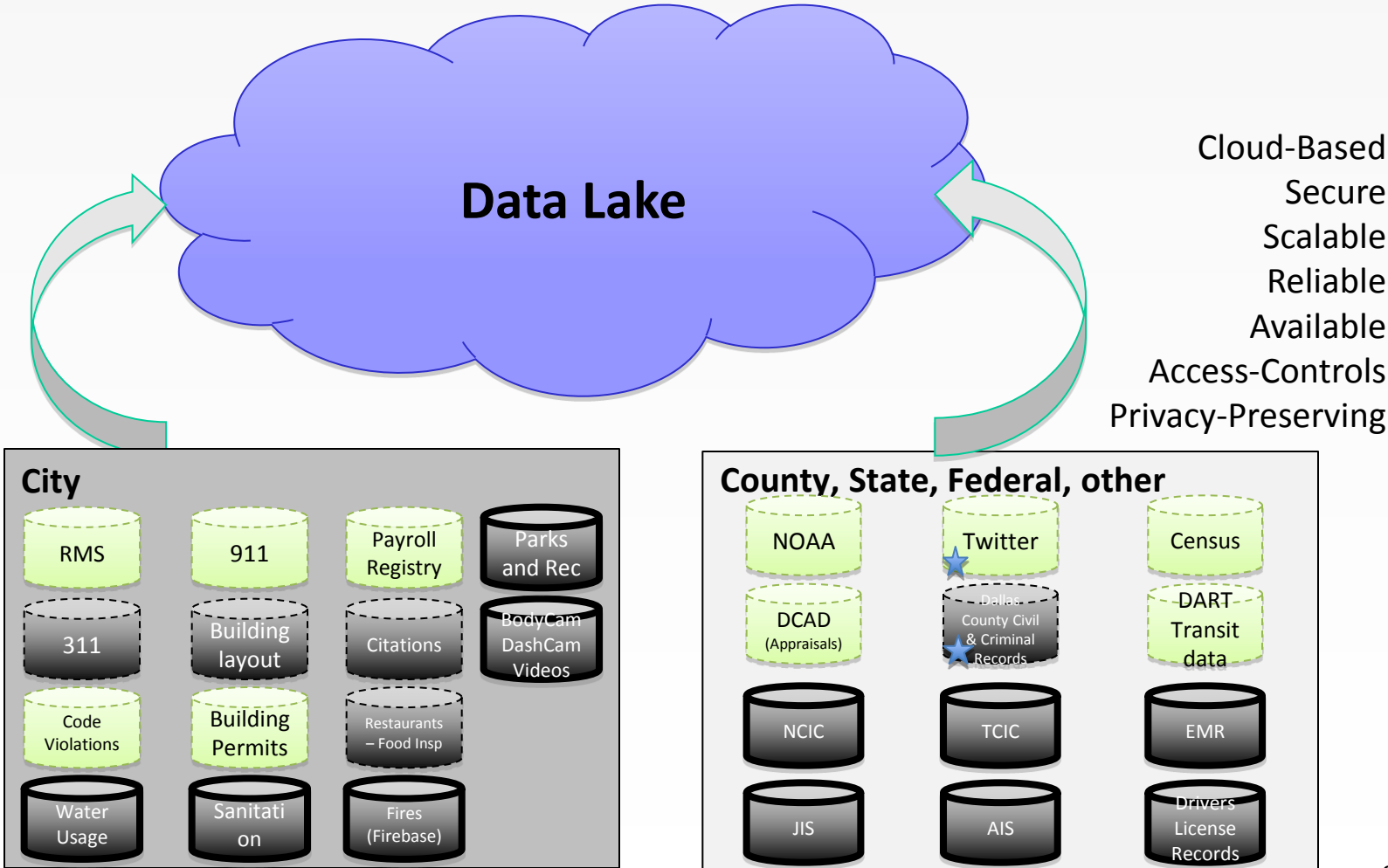
Entire data set can be downloaded for local analysis

Not downloadable, only available for search or queries

Multi-user, multi query access available for charge



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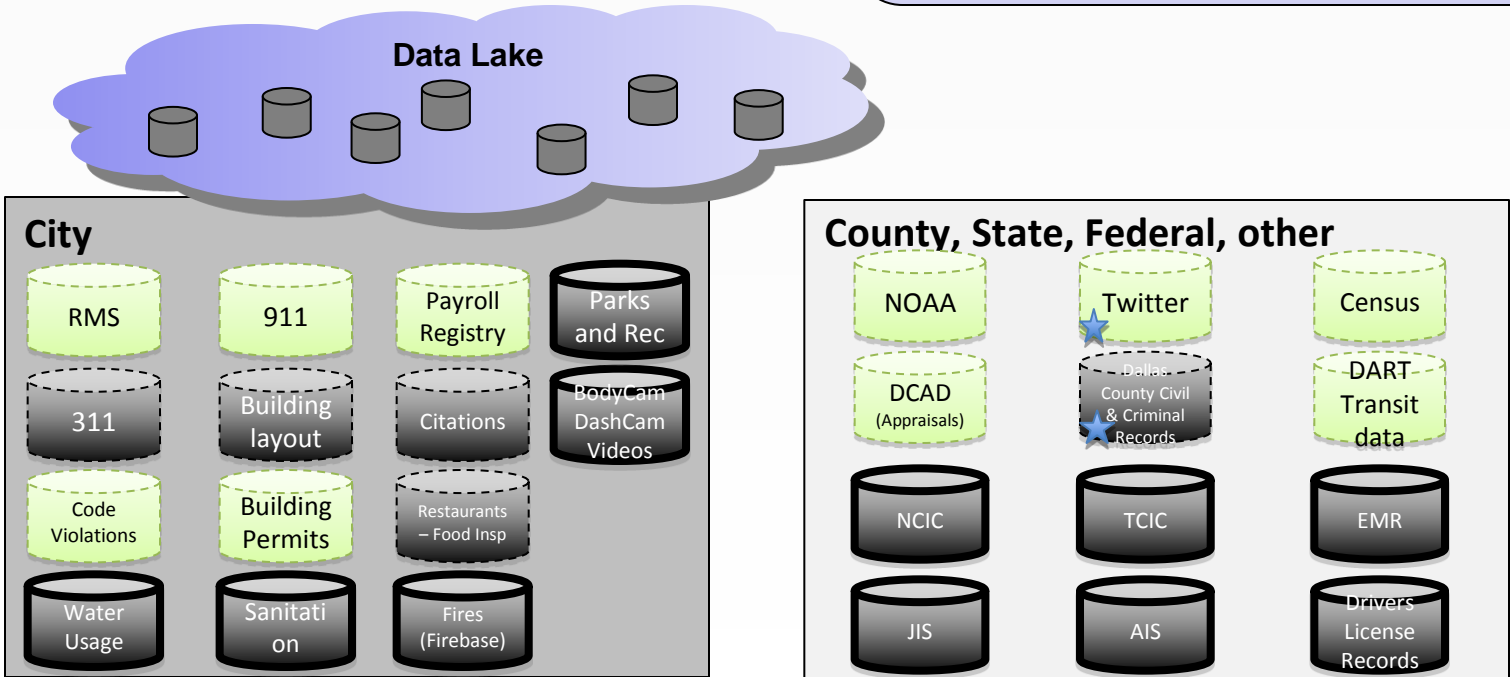


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How do we do this?

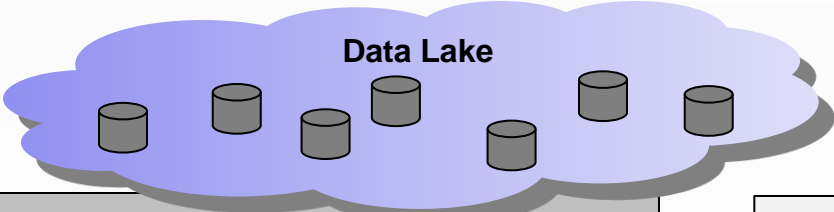
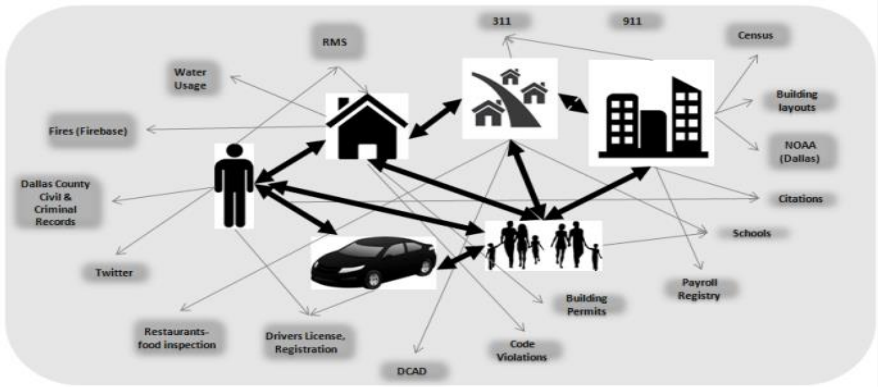
1. Culture : Change from “Need to Know” to “Duty to Share”
2. Data Sharing : Agree on common standards
3. Organization : Chief Data Officer in charge of initiating and managing data lake

The “Data Lake” makes city data available quickly, reliably and accurately. It helps all involved in public safety be more effective, and grows the trust and confidence of citizens.

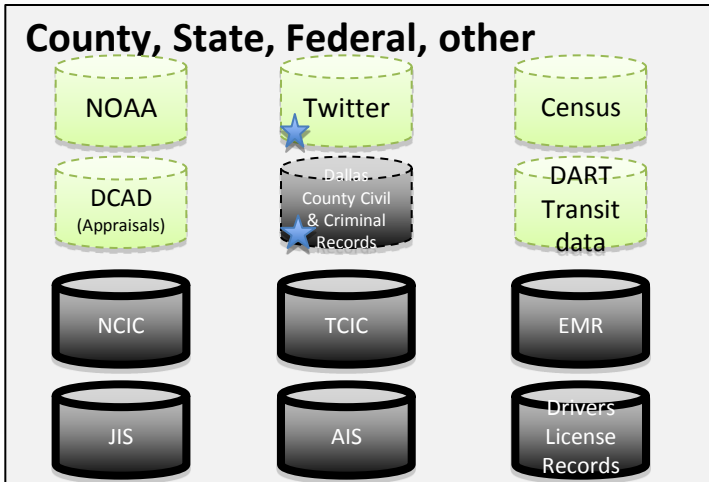
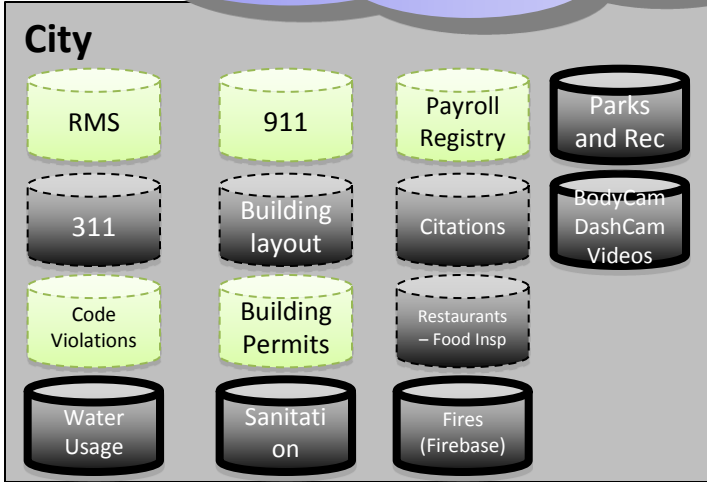


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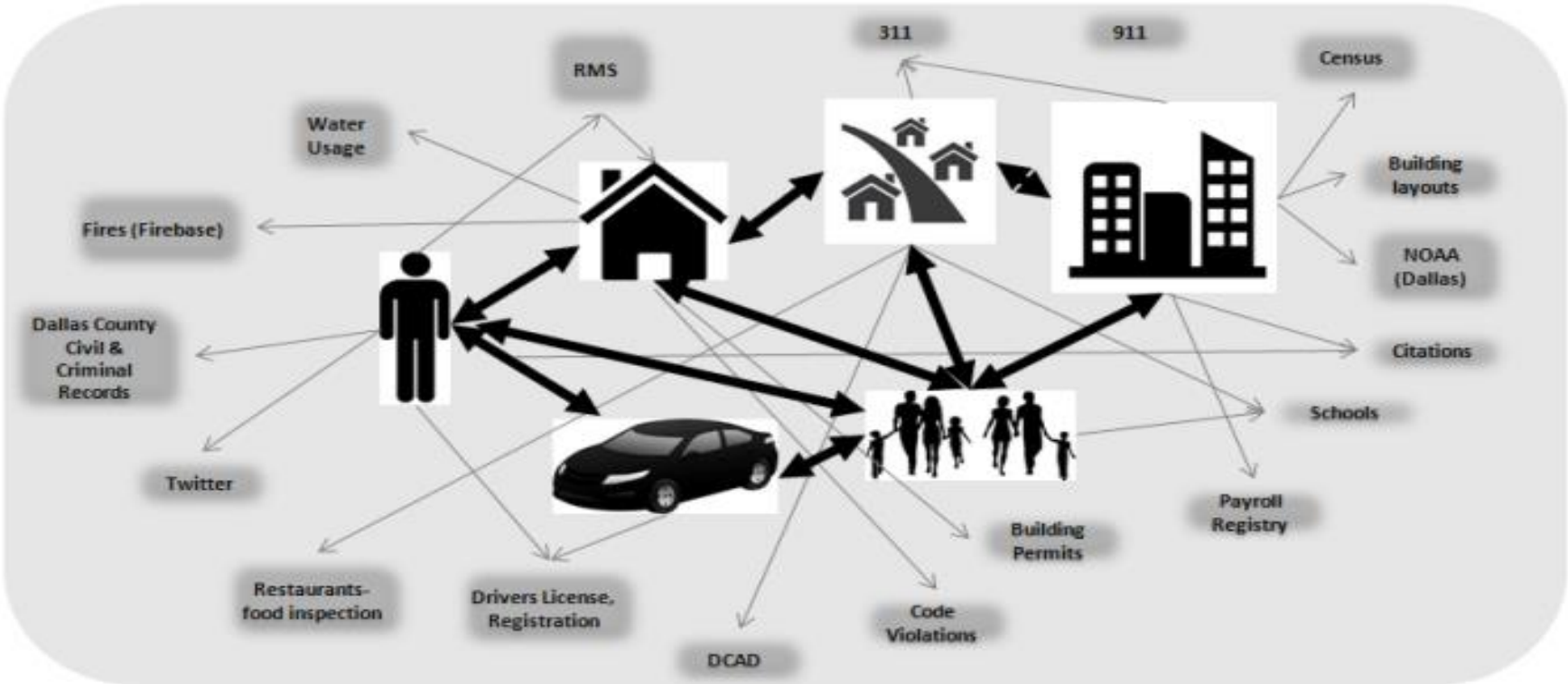
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Recommendation 2: Create Search And Analytics Capability

Organize around key data items:

- Person
- Address
- Vehicle
- Family
- Community
- Building...

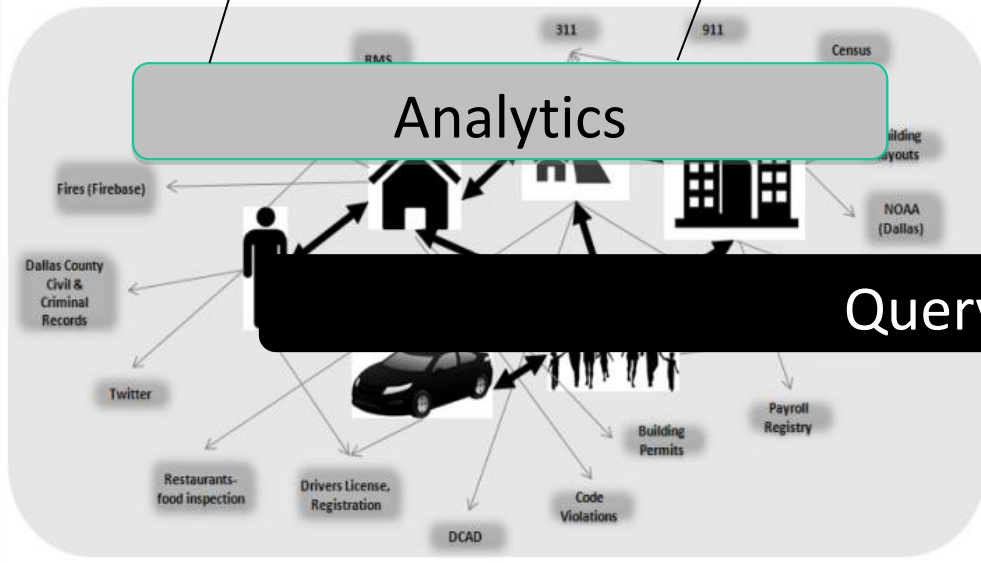


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- Descriptive
- Predictive
- Prescriptive

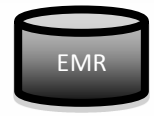
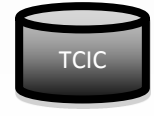
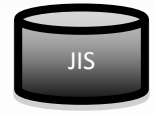
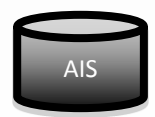
- Real-Time
- Batch

- Federated
- Structured, Unstructured
- Access Controlled



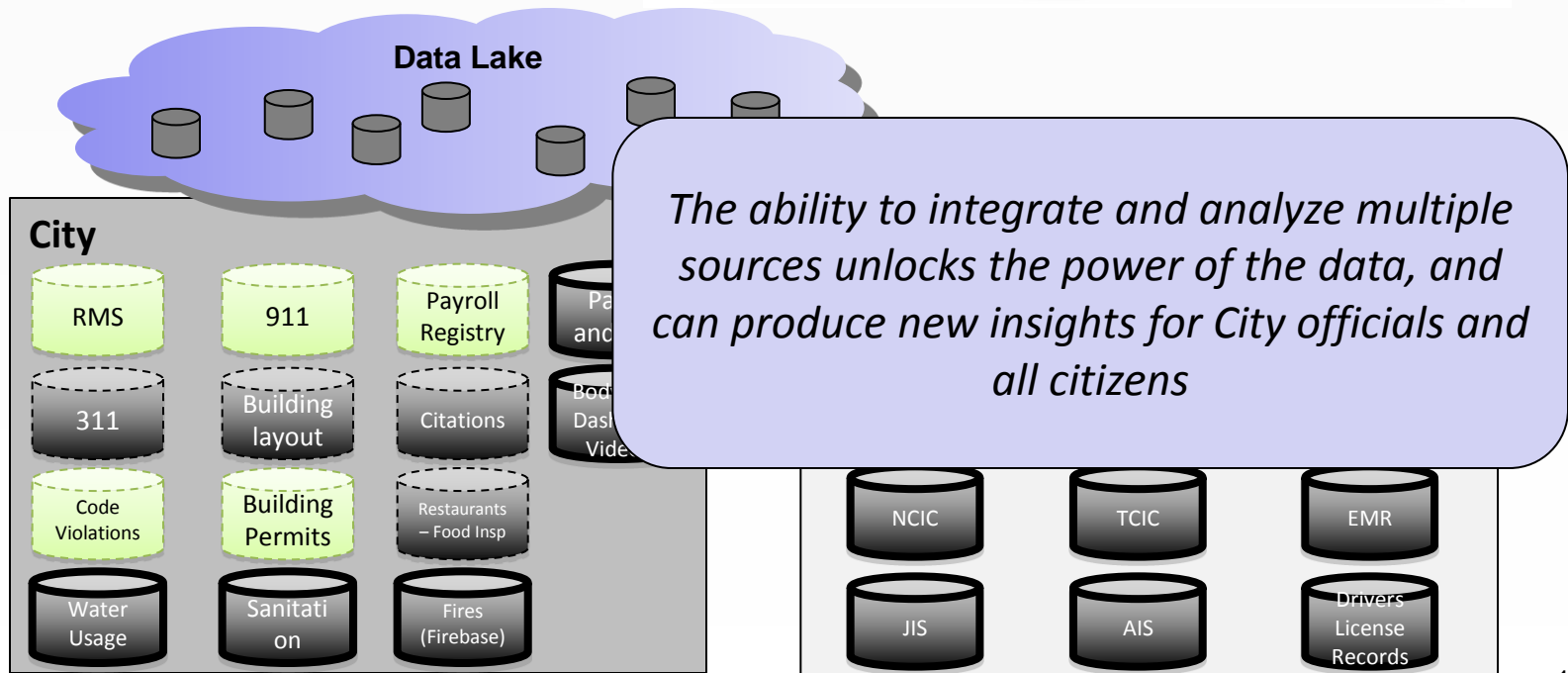
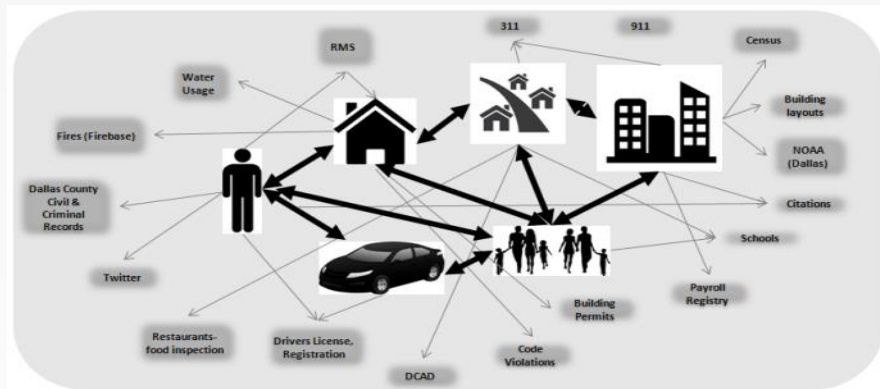
City Owned & Public data

Non-public data, owned by other parties



Recommendation 2: Create Search and Analytics Capability

- Establish team of cross-organization data scientists
- Use analytics and insights to optimize city operations
- Share data and insights with community - encourage community to perform their own analyses



Better data organization and search / analytics - *examples*



What's the latest trend in burglaries in my neighborhood?

Which houses have constant issues with code violations?



Give me all previous complaints and issues related to this address.

Does this person have a criminal history?

Link family and known associates to wanted criminal.



Do lower income areas suffer from lack of transit access to grocery stores?

What are the main causes and symptoms of high crime?



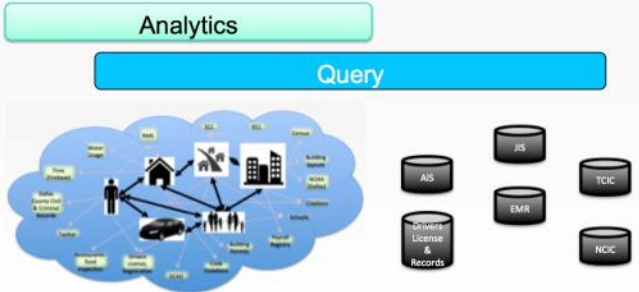
Recommendation 3: Improve USER EXPERIENCE

Very difficult for all users to access and work with data



Focus on **‘total user experience’**.....

- Appoint **‘user champions’** for key roles
- Introduce **‘user-centred design’**
- Identify ‘quick win’ scenarios
 - Patrol officer
 - Community



*Better user experience can make city officers more effective.
A new integrated public presence (web / app) can stem the ‘erosion of trust’ between the city and communities*



Recommendation 3: Improve USER EXPERIENCE - *examples*



from Dallas Police Department
to 5300 Royal Ln

14 min (6.7 miles)
via TX-12 Loop E and Midway Rd

Vehicle

Person

Address

5300 Royal Lane

Private residence,
owner: [Rajesh Sukhramani](#)

Previous 911 calls: none
Previous 311 calls: none
Code violations:
[garbage, 2014](#)
[construction, 2012](#)

Vehicles: [Blue Lincoln, TX3075](#)

911 Call Details

Call number #57698
03:45am February 17 2015

COMP: [Althea Sukhramani](#)

INCIDENT: Burglary

DETAILS: Comp reports burglary in progress. White van [licence plate TX4507](#) reported at scene.



Recommendation 3: Improve USER EXPERIENCE - *examples*



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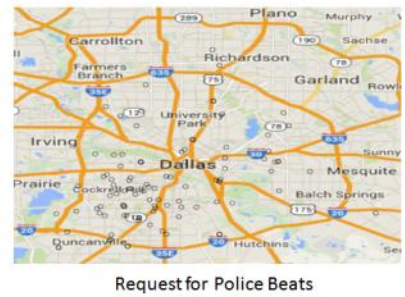
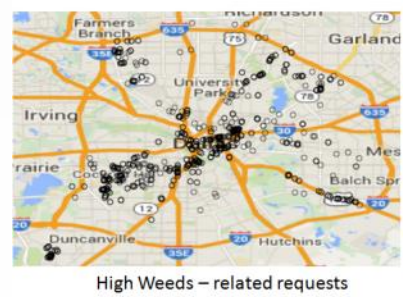
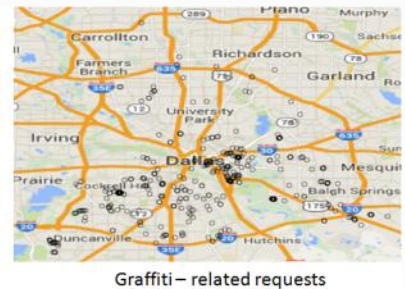
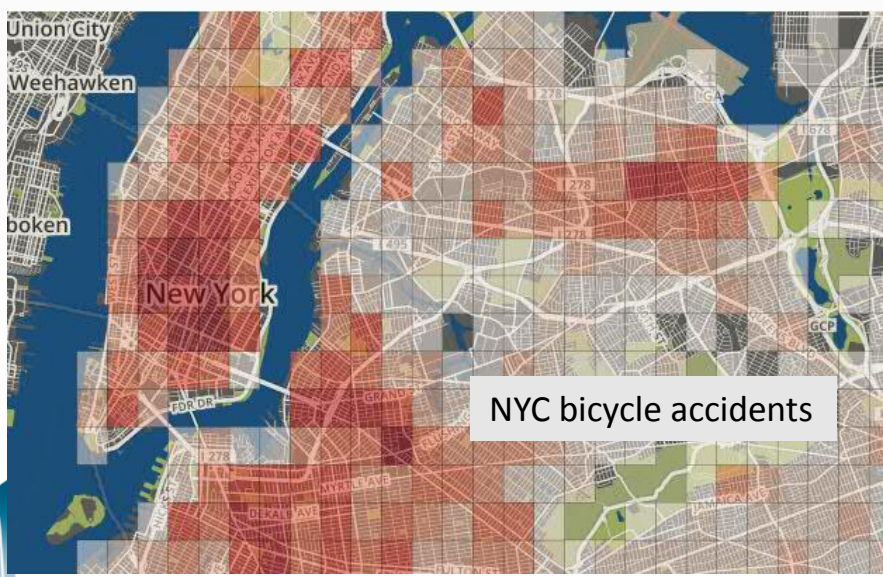
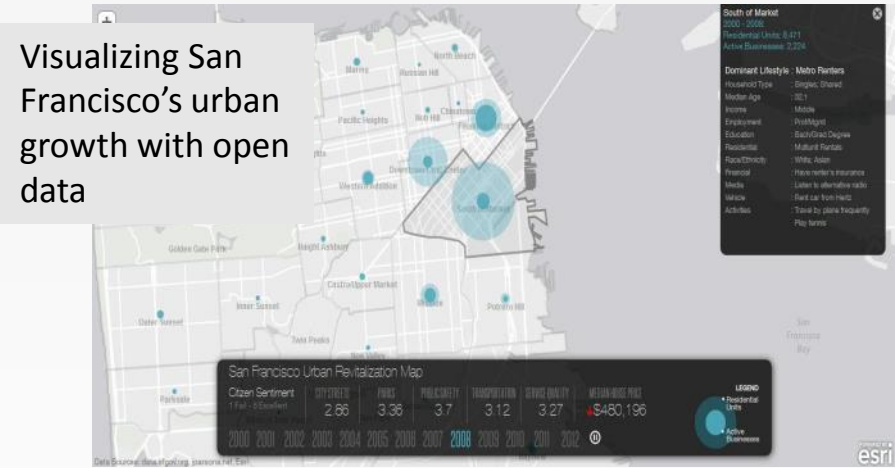
- Header:** Eric Garcetti Mayor, DATA, L.A., navigation links (View all datasets, Request a dataset, Sign Up, Sign In), and the City of Los Angeles seal.
- Dashboard:** A grid of performance metrics cards with values like 3.90B, 1.82M, 61.7, 42.21M, 1.24M, 32,522, 94.34, 0, 80.
- Featured Content:**
 - "Back to Basics: Performance Metrics" with a cityscape background.
 - "Mayor's Executive Directive on Open Data" featuring a photo of Mayor Eric Garcetti.
 - "Featured App: City of LA Event Finder" with a map of Los Angeles showing event locations.
- Search:** A search bar labeled "Search Data..."
- Navigation Categories:**
 - A Safe City: Public Safety Data (with a magnifying glass icon)
 - A Livable And Sustainable City: Livability Data (with a leaf icon)
 - A Prosperous City: Economic Data (with a hammer icon)
 - A Well Run City: Government Efficiency Data (with a person icon)
 - Developers: Developer Resources (with a wrench icon)
- Footer:** A welcome message: "Welcome to DataLA, the open data portal for the City of Los Angeles. Here you will find data to conduct research, develop web, online, and mobile applications, and generally learn more about Los Angeles. This site allows you to subscribe to changes in datasets, request new datasets, and participate in discussions with other users. We look forward to seeing what you do with DataLA."



Creating a positive user experience for citizens opens up many possibilities

Partnership with communities can lead to **powerful innovation**....

move 'followers' to 'supporters' using data - to enable safer, more prosperous neighborhoods



Dallas 311 data insights - Jan 2015

Summary of Recommendations

Focus area	● 0-12 months	● 1-3 years	● Year 4 and beyond
Organization & Culture		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Create the Office of Chief Data Officer under the CIO with support staff to execute City's data strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Create governance policies around data sharing and access control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Implement & enforce governance policies 	
Organize and Govern Data		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inventory different databases & analytic capabilities across the city <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Create and populate a 'data lake' - city owned, public databases and other data sources ● Establish required controls: encryption, access control, expungement ● Enable export of data, in a privacy-preserving manner, for community consumption ● Investigate possibility for 'whole city/shared' data lake with other agencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete migration of data to 'data lake' – close down local DBs 	
Provide Search & Analytics		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify key data items: e.g. PERSON / ADDRESS / CAR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Develop/install query tools for different user and data types <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establish cross-department team of data scientists to uncover insights and patterns from multiple data sets ● Use analytics and generated insights to optimize specific city operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Set up query capabilities to external (county, state, federal) data ● Develop real-time analyses on streaming data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Investigate natural language query tools 	
User Experience		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Appoint "User Champions" for major user groups focus on user centered design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify 3-5 key 'quick wins' and develop new user experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Embed user-centered design in all systems selection and delivery 	
Other		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Extend 'Buy-not-Build' thinking to infrastructure – exploit cloud ● Invest in network bandwidth as a key enabler 	
	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; border-radius: 50%; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 0 auto;">1</div> <p>Lay the foundations Reset the culture Execute 'quick wins'</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; border-radius: 50%; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 0 auto;">2</div> <p>Implement the vision Track the results</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; border-radius: 50%; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 0 auto;">3</div> <p>Augment the vision</p>



Conclusion

ORGANIZE and GOVERN data

Provide SEARCH AND ANALYTICS

Improve USER EXPERIENCE

One common goal...

...enabled by 3 key recommendations...

Safety in Dallas...



...enabled by data

Roadmap Recommendation: Transformation steps for the City of Dallas

Focus area	0-12 months	1-2 years	3+ years (beyond)
Organization & Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create the Office of Chief Data Officer with support staff to execute CIO's data strategy Create governance policies around data sharing and access control Repeal 12 former governance policies 		
Organize and Govern Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inventorize different databases & analytic capabilities across the city Create and populate a "data lake" - city owned, public database and other data sources Establish required controls: encryption, access control, segmentation Enable export of data. In a privacy-preserving manner, for community consumption Investigate possibility for "whole-of-government" data lake with other agencies Complete migration of data to "data lake" - close down local CDs 		
Provide Search & Analytics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify key data items, e.g. PERSONS, ADDRESSES, CASES Develop internal query tools for different user and data types Establish cross-department teams of data specialists to uncover insights and patterns from multiple data sets Use analytics and generated insights to optimize specific city operations Set up query capabilities to external county, state, federal data Develop machine analytics on streaming data Investigate natural language query tools 		
User Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appoint "User Champions" for major user groups focus on user centered design Identify 5-6 key "quick wins" and develop new user experience Extend "Repeat-Buyer" thinking to infrastructure - repeat cloud Invest in bandwidth as a key enabler 		
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build the Foundations: Retain the culture, rebuild, quick wins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the vision: Track the results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Align the vision: Assign the vision

...implemented through a phased roadmap...



...for the benefit of all users in Dallas

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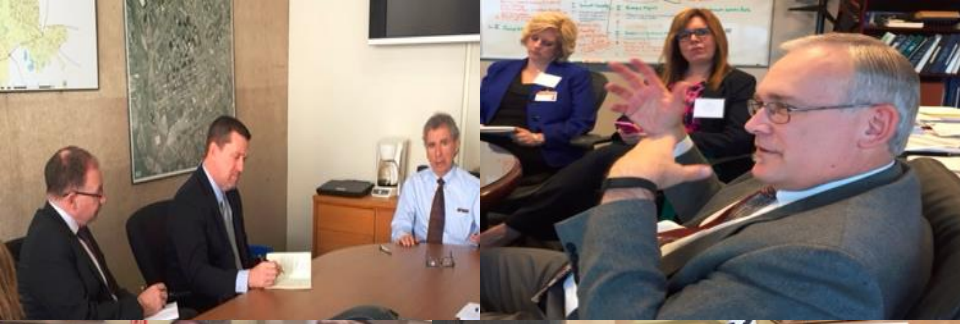
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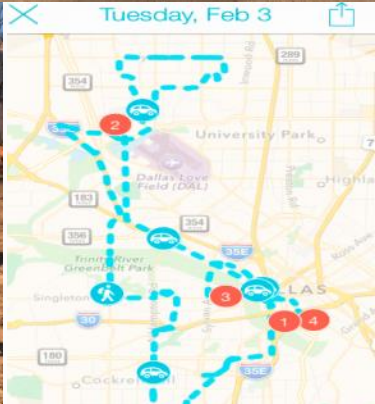
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There are data silos in Dallas
 Leaving them as is would be callous
 So data we will integrate
 And innovation we will stimulate
 And help make Dallas even more marvelous.



The background of the slide is a photograph of the Margaret Hunt Brown Bridge in Dallas, Texas. The bridge is a white, arch-shaped cable-stayed bridge. In the background, the Dallas skyline is visible under a clear blue sky. The text 'Smarter Cities Challenge' is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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