

# MTA LINEAR REFERENCING DATA MODEL

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MTA – Geospatial Technologies and Applications

# MTA

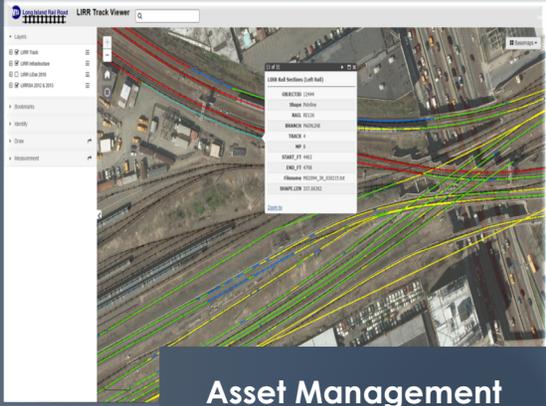
- New York City Transit
  - Department of Subway
  - BUS
  - Paratransit
  - Staten Island Railway
- Long Island Rail Road
- Metro-North Railroad
- Bridges and Tunnels
- Capital Construction

# MTA Totals at a Glance\*

2017 operating budget	\$13 billion
Annual ridership	2,658,000,000
Average weekday ridership	8,600,000
Rail and subway lines, and bus routes	357
Rail and subway cars	8,863
Buses	5,725
Track miles	2,080
Bus route miles	2,952
Rail and subway stations	736
Employees	73,575

\*Financial data estimated as of Feb. 2018;  
statistical data projected for year ending Dec. 31, 2017.

# GIS at MTA

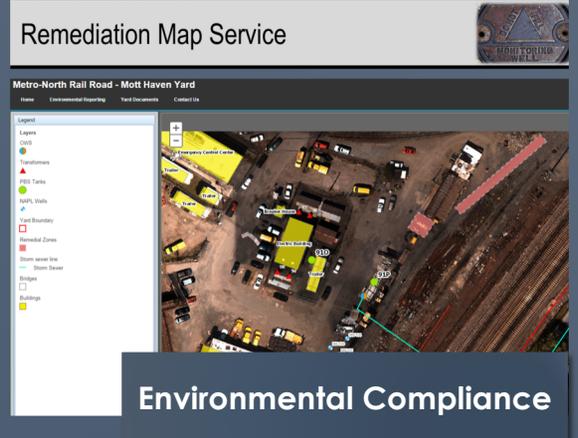


LIRR Track Viewer

Asset Management



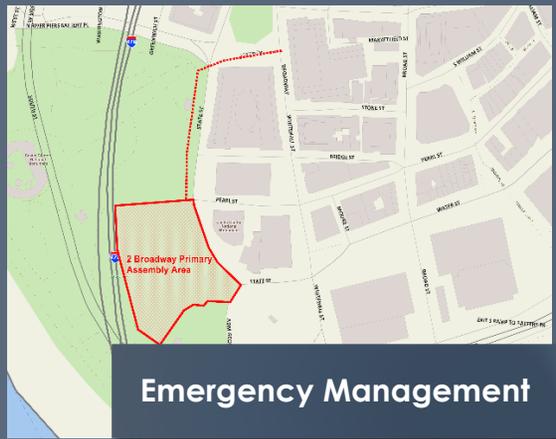
Vehicle Tracking



Remediation Map Service

Metro-North Rail Road - Mott Haven Yard

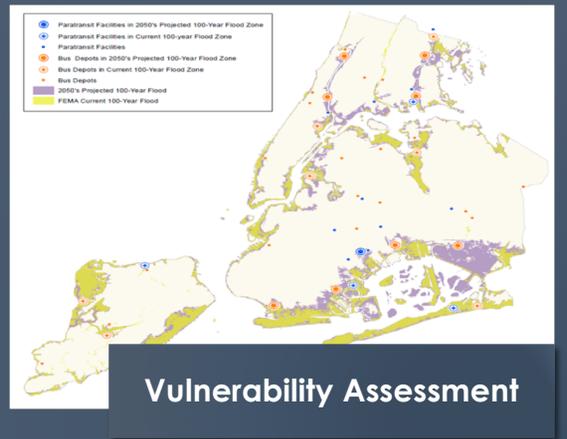
Environmental Compliance



Emergency Management

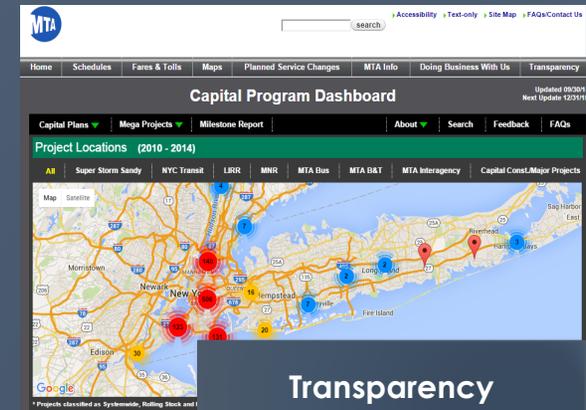
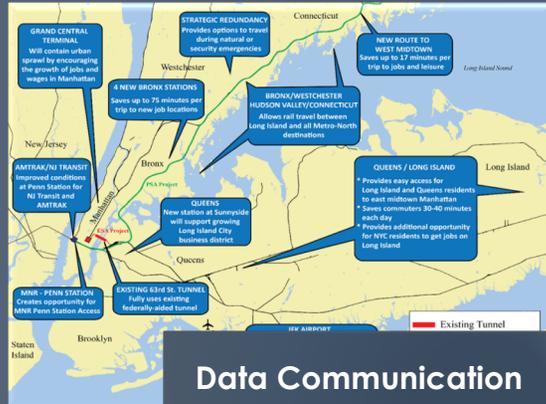
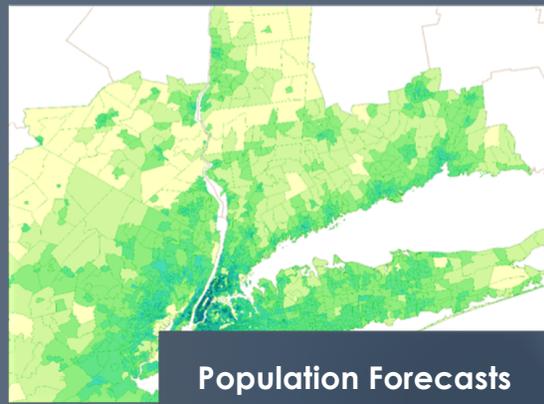
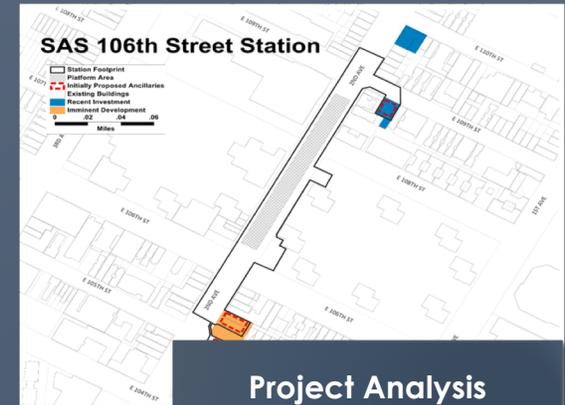
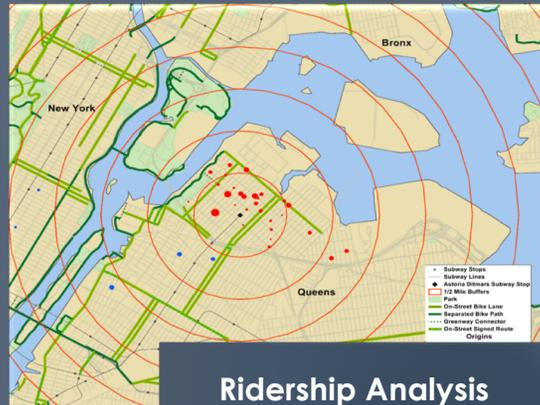
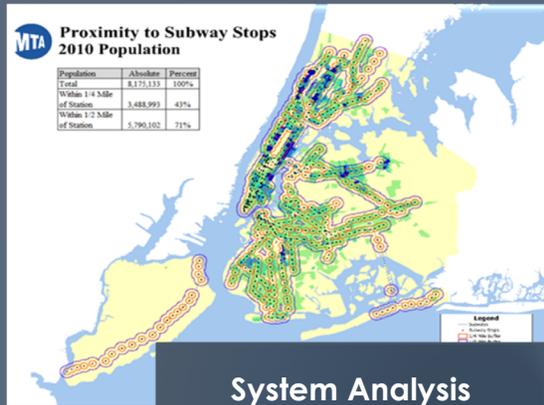


Real Estate Management



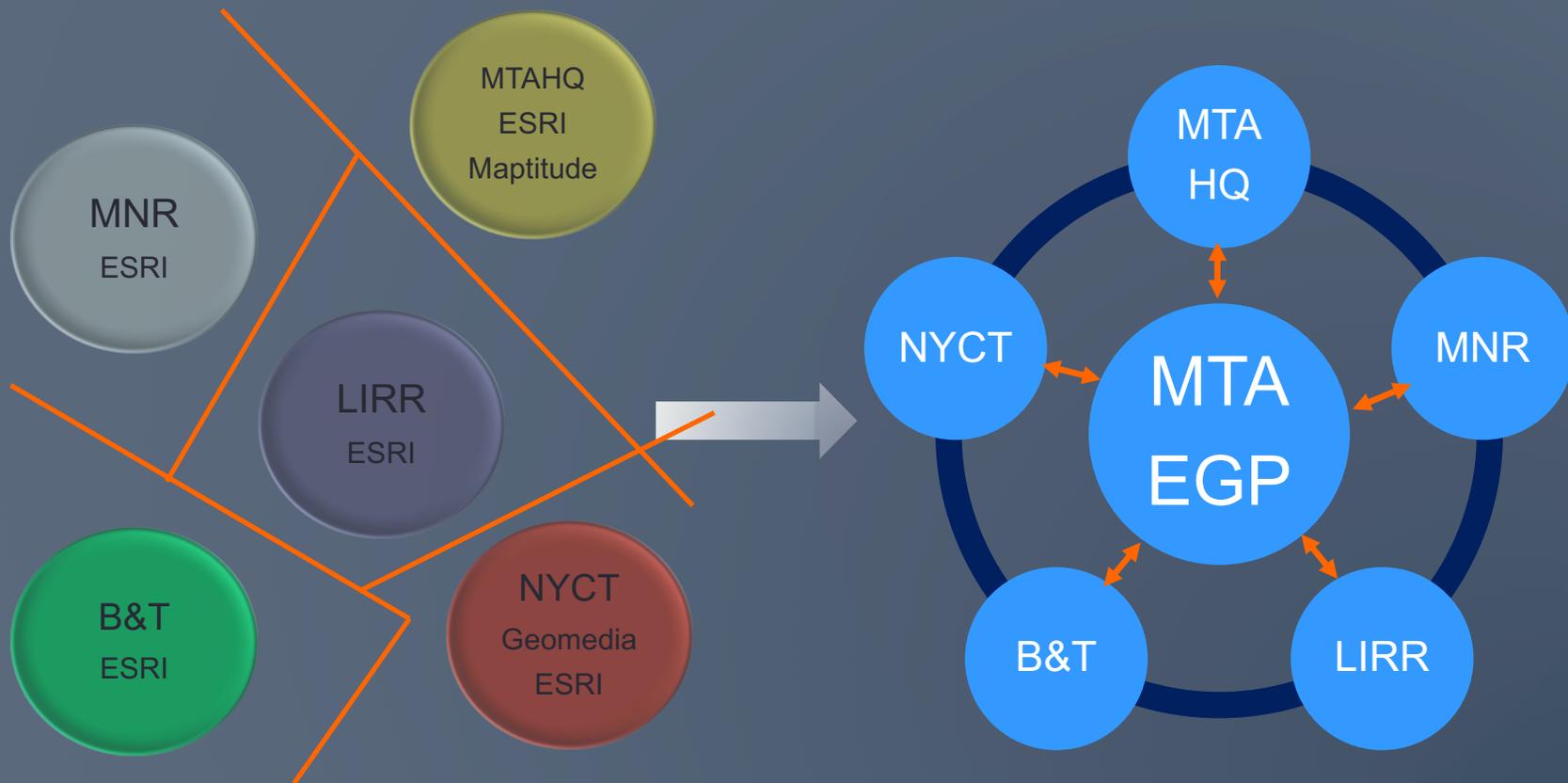
Vulnerability Assessment

# GIS at MTA



# Integrating Organizations and People

*Breaking Down the Barriers*



*...Sharing Resources*

# Consolidation

Software redundancies

Infrastructure redundancies

Mobility

Reliance on consultants

Large project implementation

Integration

Emergency & Disaster preparedness

Geospatial governance and policies

Legacy systems

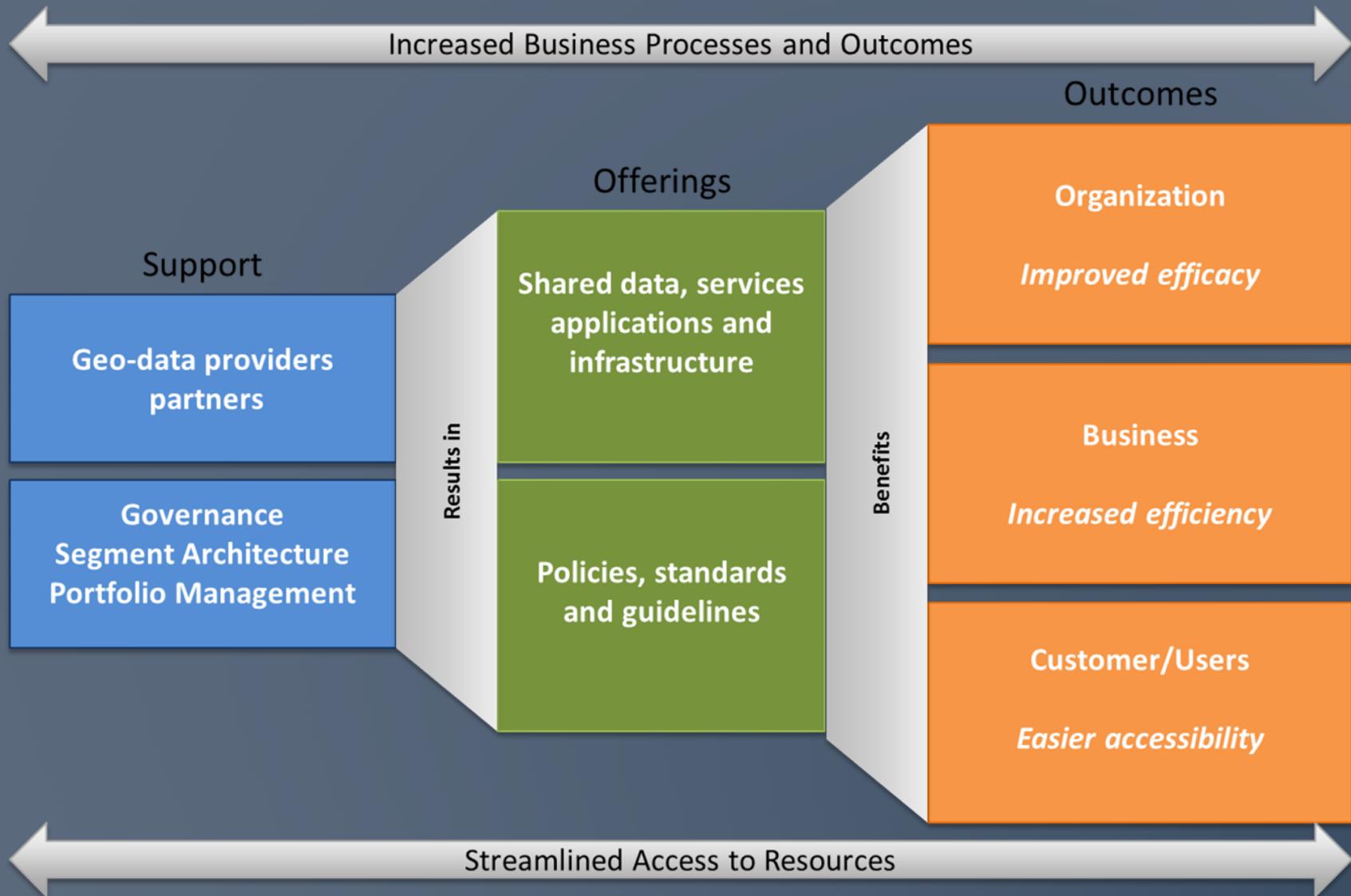
Real-time data tracking

Security enhancements

*...Drive business value*

*MTA Geospatial Platform enables **every**  
employee to easily discover, use, make and  
share maps from any device, anywhere, anytime.*

# Enterprise Geospatial Platform



# MTA EGP Program – Work Streams

## Strategic Guidance

Geospatial Platform Program

Business Information Flow

Governance

Implementation and Training

## Technical Framework

Architecture

Security, Access Control and DRBC

## Data Management

R&H Linear Data Model

Data Capture and Validation

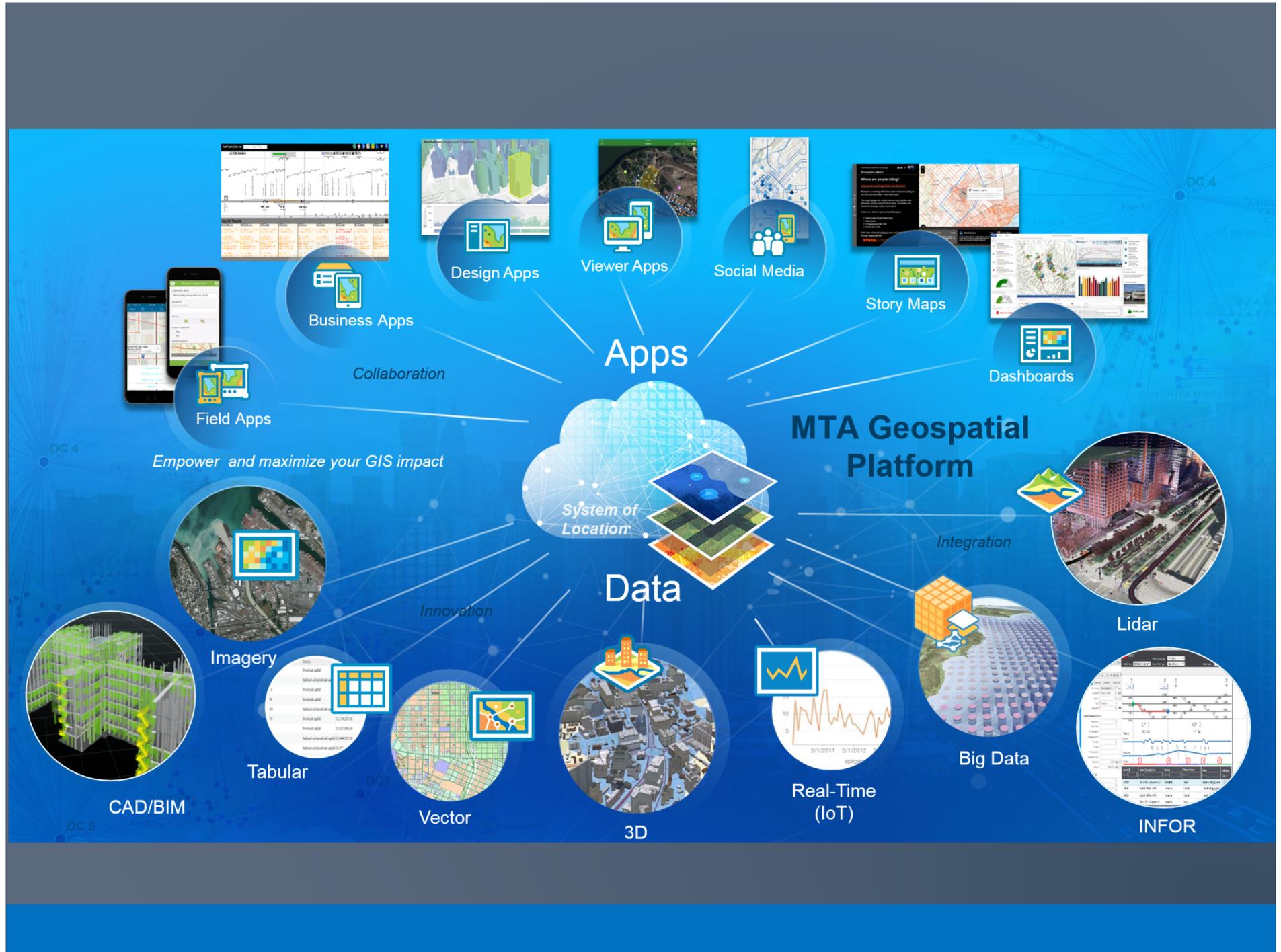
Tracking, Sensor, Big Data and Data Integration

## Products, Services and Applications

Geospatial platform products, tools and services

Visualization and Analysis

Reporting and Business Intelligence



# *GIS and EAM*

- System of record for geographic location referencing
- System of record for Linear Asset Management
- Evolve Location referencing to depend on GPS and GIS to greatly improve accuracy
- Whole life asset management
- Planning & design, procurement & inventory, installation, maintenance & work management, decommissioning & disposal
- EAM manages asset information including asset attributes & specifications, work management, cost, etc.

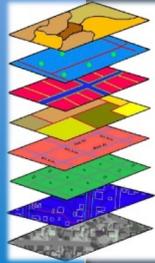
*EAM and GIS are linked by a common “GIS” ID that represents the geolocation  
NOT the asset*

# Relationship between GIS and EAM

## Geographic Information System

### Asset GeoLocation Management

- Geospatial location
- Geographic visualization
- Spatial hierarchy
- Spatial query
- Spatial analytics
- Spatial cost tracking
- Discrete and linear assets



### GIS Data

- **ASSET LOCATION REGISTRY**
- Location attributes
- Linear reference

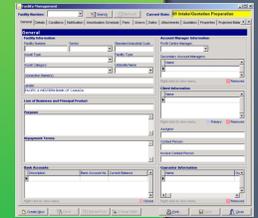
Stores the assets that reside at a geographic location

Stores the geographic locations at which assets reside

## Asset Management Information System

### Asset Life Cycle Management

- Material stock/inventory
- Installation
- PM
- Repair
- Decommission
- Replace
- Asset hierarchy
- Cost tracking
- Discrete and linear assets

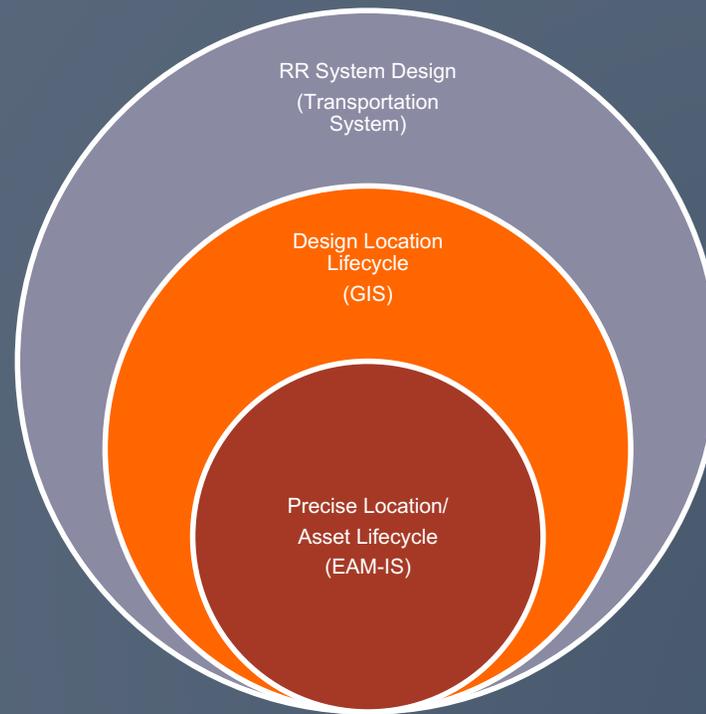


### Asset Management Data

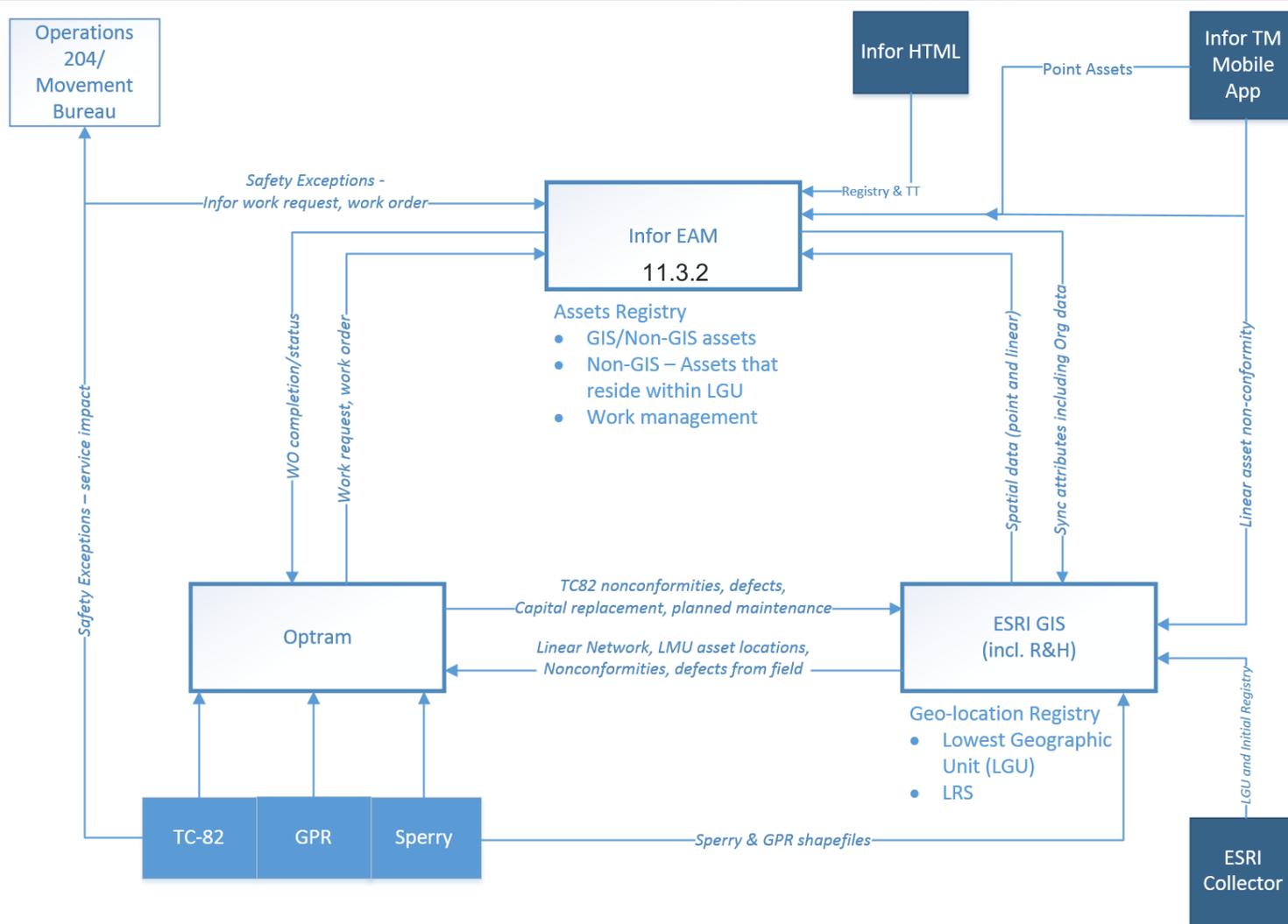
#### **ASSET REGISTRY**

- Attributes
- Specifications
- Condition

# Location Lifecycle and Asset Lifecycle



# GIS Integration – Other Systems



# Why Linear Referencing?

- Critical for MTA operations
- Varying asset infrastructure – above ground, underground, tunnels, bridges, etc
- EAM Linear requirements
- Emergency Preparedness: real time web services for FDNY, NYPD, etc.

# Benefits

- Coordinated, all agency approach to develop a linear data model that fits the MTA's needs
- Improved Business
- Support the MAP-21 requirements
- Support data driven decision making and better analytical capabilities
- Integration with other systems
- Standardization
- Data Governance
- Qualitative benefits

# Challenges

- No comprehensive rail data model
- Business information remains in silo and maintained in different referencing systems (Mile Post, Stationing, Chaining etc)
- Challenging or expensive integration between different systems
- Latency in propagation of updates to the system

# MTA Linear Use Cases (very incomplete list)

- 1. Non-zero starting point (Segments which start at either a positive number or a negative number)
- 2. Miles which are not a mile (Short and long miles)
- 3. Gaps (Gaps in the numbering sequence)
- 4. Jumps (Jumps in the numbering sequence)
- 5. Tracks which join or separate (Track 1 becomes track 2, which then becomes track 1 again)
- 6. Lines which become another line (Harlem becoming the New Haven)
- 7. Reversals (numbering sequence reverses on itself)
- 8. Positive sequence in both directions around a zero point – Brooklyn Bridge which is a zero location and both directions head out as positives.
- 9. Chaining
- 10. Stationing
- 11. Mile Marker Positions
- 12. Changes to the physical location of a mile marker/s
- 13. Transposing Track (High side to low side of a curve)
- 14. Re-using Track (Moving to a branch line, or less used line)
- 15. Multiple Mile markers of the same value (Mile markers increase to 71, then go back to 68 and increase again – on same line)
- 16. Must accommodate ladders
- 17. Must accommodate any asset as a starting point
- 18. Must be able to create a physical route, but that physical route cannot be identified in the asset list of Infor

# Criteria of Linear (very incomplete list)

1. Beginning (non-zero) measurement/stationing
2. Ending measurement/stationing
3. Stationing in feet is the fundamental measurement unit?
4. Allow base measurement relative to/from a non-"asset" reference line
5. Direction of increasing stationing (may/might be implied by ending being smaller than beginning)
6. Some way to have the segment related to other segments and reference points
7. Accommodate complex relationships like ladders, yards, interlockings, etc.
8. Allow for GAPS/Jumps in stationing
9. Short/Long milepost calculations
10. Allow for multiple mileposts with the same value.
11. Allow for measurements relative to other reference points and linear segments (signals, platforms, etc.)
12. Allow for conversion between measurement systems (stationing to/from mileposts, feet from signal to absolute stationing, etc.) – "Universal Translator"
13. Additional attribution like division, line, track, etc.

QUESTIONS ?