

Data-Exchange Platform (DEP)

As-Built Summary

FEB 1, 2023

Founding Partners:







In Partnership With:



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RM3P Overview

RM3P's Mission is to leverage the collaborative use of real-time data to improve travel safety, reliability, and mobility; as well as to give the public effective tools to make better informed travel choices.

Regional ICM/RM3P

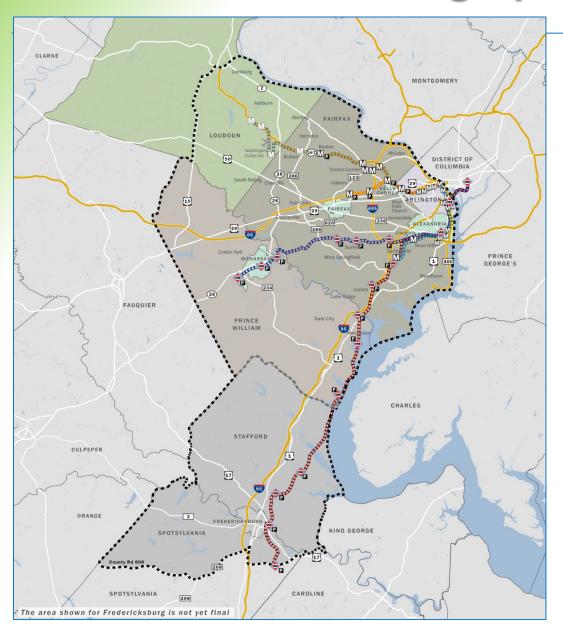
- Builds on prior VDOT studies on ICM.
- The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), responsible for project planning and funding in Northern Virginia, identified ICM as key to meeting the vision of *TransAction*, its long-range strategic plan.
- NVTA and VDOT jointly developed a plan/approach for RM3P and obtained Innovation Funding.*
- RM3P is led by VDOT, NVTA, and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT).
- Federal funding (ATCMTD grant) enabled the expansion of selected RM3P functions southward to Fredericksburg.

* The Innovation and Technology Transportation Fund is funded by the Virginia General Assembly.

Regional agency
partners and
stakeholders actively
guided and shaped
plans for RM3P service
delivery and the
framework for
cooperative
agreements.



RM3P Overview: Geographic Boundaries



This data-driven, multi-modal mobility program, serving Northern Virginia and Metropolitan Fredericksburg, is comprised of 4 active projects:

- Data-Exchange Platform (DEP)
- Artificial Intelligence-Based Decision Support System (AI-DSS)
- Commuter Parking Information System (CPIS)
- Dynamic Incentivization (DI)



Data-Exchange Platform



The Data-Exchange Platform (DEP) will be a reliable, continuously updated, cloud-based data storage and exchange system. It will be used by regional partners and third-party providers to capture, process, and exchange information on real-time and historic multi-modal travel conditions. This platform will feed necessary data to other RM3P program elements and disseminate value-added and mature data by these elements.

Al-Based Decision Support System



The AI-Based Decision Support System (AI-DSS) will help predict the impact of disruptions to the transportation network and provide coordinated multimodal response options to agencies. The automated tool for operators will use travel data to monitor emerging conditions and recommend plans for coordinated, multi-agency responses to congestion, incidents, and events.

Dynamic Incentivization

Dynamic Incentivization (DI) will be a datadriven system offering the public incentives to modify their travel choices and behaviors in response to real-time travel conditions. The incentives offered will aid in redistributing travel by dynamically managing demand.



Commuter Parking Information System



The Commuter Parking Information System (CPIS) will provide historical, real-time, and predicted parking availability information, including reliable information about parking space availability at lots serving bus, vanpool, and carpool commuters.











Game Changer

Data, Data, & More Data



Dynamic Incentivization

- Empowers commuters to contribute to the solution.
- Next-generation TDM real-time & dynamic incentives.
- Reinforces positive changes in behavior with challenges and loyalty incentive programs.
- Applies a data-driven incentivization system to dynamically manage demand on the network.



Al-Based Decision Support

- Monitors emerging conditions.
- Predicts the occurrence and impacts of disruptions to the transportation network.
- Provides coordinated multi-modal response options to transportation managers.
- Shifts from reactive to proactive operations for optimized response time and performance.



Cohesive Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO)

RM3P Executive Committee



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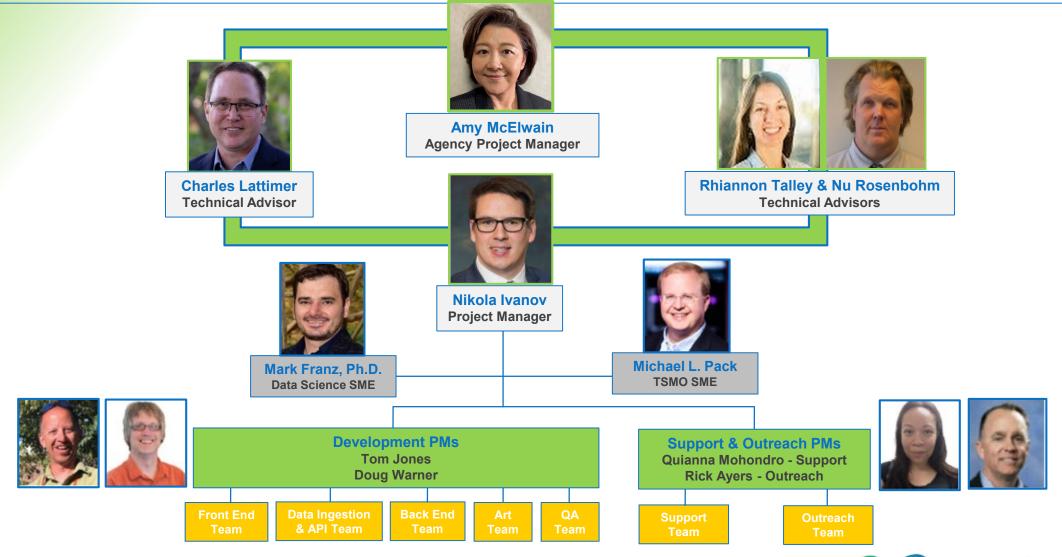
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DEP Introduction





DEP Project Team – Behind the Scene





The DEP Oversight

Beginning of the Project

Data-Exchange Platform (DEP) Change Management Board

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End of the Project

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* Changed employers during DEP development



The DEP Journey



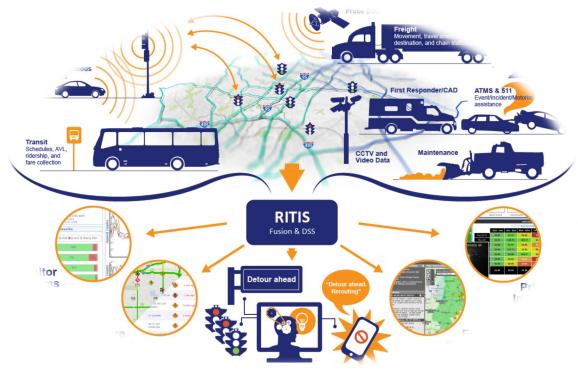
The DEP Approach – Leverage RITIS

What is RITIS?

RITIS is a situational awareness, data archiving, and analytics platform used by transportation officials, first responders, planners, researchers, and more. RITIS fuses data from many agencies, many systems, and even the private sector—enabling effective decision making for incident response and planning.

Leverage a State-to-State MOU with UMD/CATT Lab to tailor RITIS to DEP. Why?

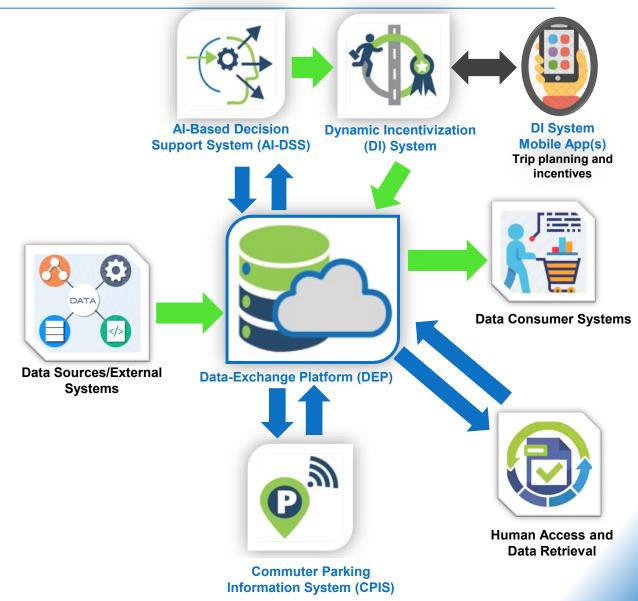
- RITIS already contains a significant volume of pertinent regional data.
- RITIS supports multi-modal/multi-agency data ingestion.
- The real-time data in RITIS is predominantly incident/event-centric.
- RITIS has extensive experience in the region ingesting and integrating a range of data format.
- RITIS has existing processes & relationship in place.
- Virginia has a large number of existing RITIS users.





The DEP Background

- Data-Exchange Platform (DEP) is RM3P's data ingestion, data consolidation, data storage and data distribution system.
- Interfaces with all other RM3P systems to provide and receive data.
- Interfaces with other Data Consumers to provide RM3P data



The DEP Project Approach

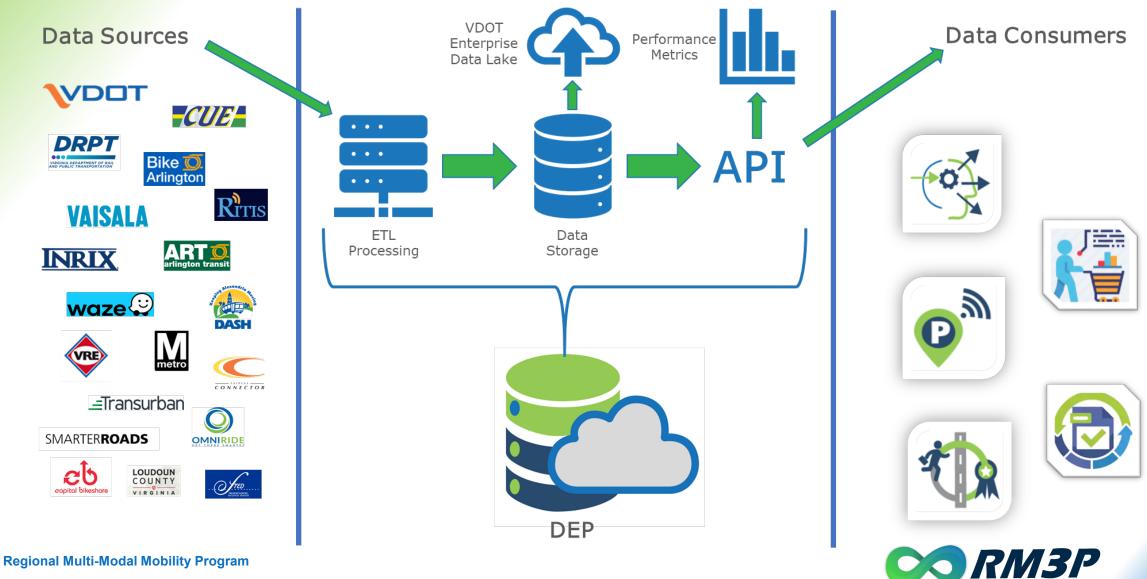
- Total development schedule: 21 months
- Hybrid agile development process
- Project Initiation during the first 3 months
 - PM Planning
 - Data Discovering
 - High-level requirements update
 - Solution Elaboration → product backlog
 → prioritize and assigned to Epics &
 Sprints
- Six Epics 3 months each
- 5 one-year **O&M** after development
- Contract allows for Optional DEP
 Enhancements after the 21-mo
 development phase need & priority
 driven and funding-constraints

Contract Execution: March 19, 2021 NTP: March 29, 2021 Development Completion: December 19, 2022

1	Project Initiation	64 days	Thu 4/1/21	Wed 6/30/21	M A M J J A S O N D J F M A M J J A S O N D J F M A M J J A S O N
2	Draft PMP w/Schedule	20 edays	Thu 4/1/21	Wed 4/21/21	Draft PMP wiSchedule
1	VDOT Review	14 edays	Wed 4/21/21	Wed 5/5/21	■ VDOT Review
	Final PMP w/Schedule	10 edays	Wed 5/5/21	Sat 5/15/21	Ⅲ Final PMP w/Schedule
	Final PMP Due	0 days	Sat 5/15/21	Sat 5/15/21	♦ Final PMP Due
	Draft Change Management Plan	30 edays	Thu 4/1/21	Sat 5/1/21	Draft Change Management Plan
	VDOT Review	14 edays	Sat 5/15/21	Sat 5/29/21	■ VDOT Review
	Final Change Management Plan	10 edays	Sat 5/29/21	Tue 6/8/21	■ Final Change Management Plan
	Final Change Management Plan	0 days	Tue 6/8/21	Tue 6/8/21	♦ Final Change Management Plan
)	Initial Data Discovery	3 emons	Thu 4/1/21	Wed 6/30/21	Initial Data Discovery
1	Development	386 days	Wed 6/30/21	Thu 12/22/22	Development
2	Epic 1	3 emons	Wed 6/30/21	Tue 9/28/21	Epic 1
	Data Disc.	4 ewks	Wed 9/8/21	Wed 10/6/21	Data Disc.
•	Epic 2	3 emons	Tue 9/28/21	Mon 12/27/21	Epic 2
,	Data Disc.	4 ewks	Tue 12/7/21	Tue 1/4/22	Data Disc.
	Epic 3	3 emons	Mon 12/27/21	Sun 3/27/22	Epic 3
•	Data Disc.	4 ewks	Tue 3/8/22	Tue 4/5/22	Data Disc.
3	Epic 4	3 emons	Sun 3/27/22	Sat 6/25/22	Epic 4
9	Data Disc.	4 ewks	Tue 6/7/22	Tue 7/5/22	Data Disc.
)	Epic 5	3 emons	Sat 6/25/22	Fri 9/23/22	Epic 5
1	Data Disc.	4 ewks	Mon 9/5/22	Mon 10/3/22	Data Disc.
2	Epic 6	3 emons	Fri 9/23/22	Thu 12/22/22	Epic 6
3	Year 1 O&M	12 emons	Thu 12/22/22	Sun 12/17/23	Year 1 O&M



DEP High Level Architecture



What is DEP?



Expandable data ingestion system.



Automated data consolidation and storage system.



Powerful API for real-time and near real-time data provision.



Core data exchange platform supporting all other RM3P systems.





What DEP Isn't?

X It is not an analytical tool.

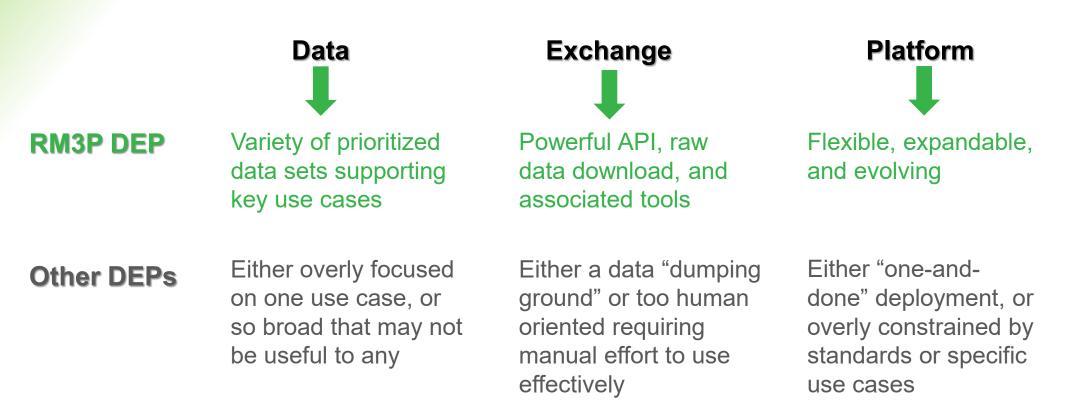
- Try RITIS Analytics Tools or upcoming AI-DSS analytical capabilities for operators
- X It is not designed for mega project download.
- Try RITIS Event Query Tool, Detector Tools & PDA Massive Data Downloader.
- It is not designed for users to open files using common MS Office suites such as Excel.
- Developers need to understand and integrate API with existing software. Coding knowledge is required.
- χ It is not a document storage system. 🤻
- But there are documents explaining about the data

Not all data is available to all.

Some data has license constraints or sharing limitation based on data source owners' instructions.

What Sets DEP Apart from other Data Exchange Platforms?

No data exchange platform is perfect, but what sets DEP apart from others is a strong commitment to its mission:





Access DEP

Now



RM3P Procurement Awards



After All RM3P Procurement Ends

- VDOT Users
- Affiliate Agency
 Users
 (federal, state,
 regional and local
 public
 transportation
 agencies)
- AI-DSS Vendors upon award
- DI Vendors upon award
- Smart Parking
 Vendors upon award

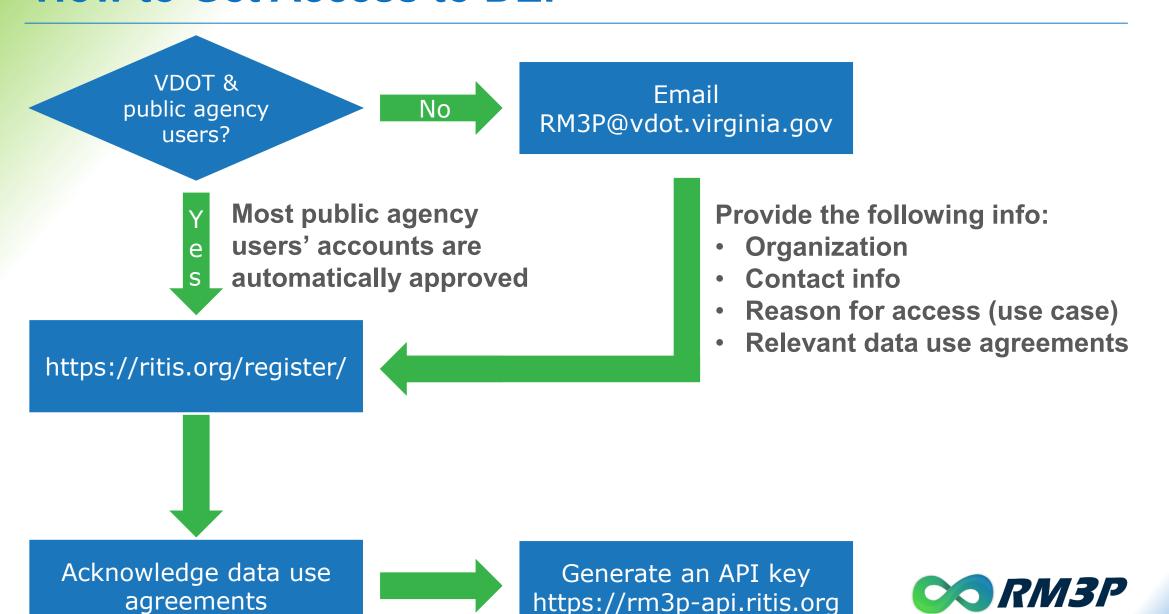
- RM3P Targeted 3rd Party Vendors
- Contractors that use data from DEP to benefit VDOT's projects with proven use case
- Contractors that use data from DEP to benefit affiliate agencies' projects with proven use case
- Other App developers with proven use case
- University research personnel with proven use case

Support Public Agencies

Support RM3P

Support repackaging of pertinent data for delivery to travelers.
Support researchers and planners

How to Get Access to DEP



Accomplishments



Project Success

On-Time & Within-Budget

- DEP built to ingest, process, store, and disseminate real-time and historical data from multiple sources within budget
- Project goals met, on schedule, in 21 months of development split into six 3-months long development Epics

Approach

- Thorough project documentation and update at the end of each development Epic
- The architecture is designed to allow future expansion for new data sources and data consumers to meet VDOT's requirement of a scalable data-exchange platform.



Project Success

Approach (Cont'd)

- Agile and collaborative approach to identify key data sources, definitions, develop custom output, API capabilities, permissions, and functional and performance testing - at the end of each development Epic, a set of data sources and functions was deployed and made available to authorized users
- Weekly project team meetings identify and remove/resolve barriers and issues, prioritize data ingestions per Epic, and identify path forward promptly

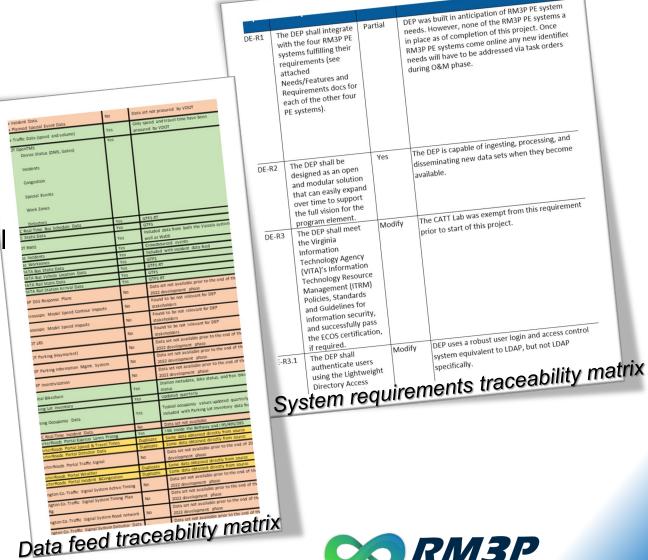
Added Value

- Enhanced RITIS data, user authentication and permissions controls
- Monthly data exports to VDOT's Enterprise Data Lake
- Usage and reliability statistics



Project Completion Assessment

- Data discovery challenges
 - Result in continuous data discovery throughout 21 months
 - Constant update and reprioritize data feeds
- Historical data API endpoint limitations
 - Offer other ways for accessing large set of historical data
- System monitoring and data outage protocol
 - Experienced data gap
 - Formalize work protocol in addressing gaps
- DEP training
- Data feed traceability matrix
 - Data sets successfully integrated into DEP
 - Data sets unavailable for integration
 - Data sets were determined duplicated, otherwise integrated



Project Accomplishments – Data Sources Integrated

Roadway Data: https://rm3p.ritis.org/data/sets

Data Source		Data Types			
VDOT OpenTMS	VDOT	Device Status (DMS, Gates)IncidentsCongestionSpecial Events	Work ZonesDetectorsTMS Wavetronix Detectors		
Waze thru VDOT	waze 😌	• Incidents			
INRIX thru VDOT	INRIX	Real-Time & Historical Speed	Real-Time & Historical Travel Time		
Transurban	<u></u> Transurban	Incidents and EventsGate Controllers	DMSDetectors		
VDOT Counts	VDOT	TMS QA/QC-ed Archived Count			
Arlington County Counts	ARLINGTON VIRGINIA	Traffic Counts			
SmarterRoads	VDOT SMARTER ROADS	Toll Rates: I-66 ITB (VDOT)	Toll Rates: I-95/495 (Transurban)		
RITIS thru VDOT	Ritis	CCTV Streams for human consumption			
VDOT RWIS	VAISALA	ESS Measurements			



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Multimodal Data:

Data Source	Data Types	
Capital Bikeshare	Station Metadata and Bike Status	Free Bikes Status
Bike Arlington Bike Arlington	Northern VA bike Eco-Counters	
VDOT Bike	Static Bike Facilities Inventory	
VDOT Parking VDDT	Parking Lot Inventory	Parking Lot Typical Occupancy
DRPT Ridership	Aggregated statewide archived transit ride	ership
VRE	Rail GTFSRail GTFS-RT	Parking Occupancy and Capacity
WMATA	Bus and Rail GTFSBus and Rail GTFS-RT	Bus, Rail, Station IncidentsParking Lots Capacity
PRTC Arlington Transit Arlington Transit Fairfax Connector	Bus GTFSBus GTFS-RT	
Loudoun County Transit Fredericksburg Transit City of Fairfax CUE	Bus GTFS	

In addition to data ingestion and API output ...

	Epic 1 (Jul – Sep 2021)	Epic 2 (Oct – Dec 2021)	Epic 3 (Jan – Mar 2022)
Data Export	 ✓ Established data export connection with VDOT Enterprise Data Lake (Azure container) 	 ✓ Began data export to VDOT Enterprise Data Lake (and continued throughout Epics) 	✓ Continued
Website	 ✓ Completed the first phase of DEP landing web page 	 ✓ Launched DEP landing webpage (https://RM3P.RITIS.org) 	✓ Updated list of available data sets
RM3P RFP Support	✓ Support for other RM3P RFPs	 ✓ Continued support for other RM3P RFPs 	✓ Support AI-DSS RFP: temporarily hosted sample historical data sets for Offerors
API Enhancements	✓ Designed and deployed the first phase of RM3P dedicated API	✓ API performance and documentation improvements	✓ Continued API enhancements: historical data requests, mode filtering, combine detectors output regardless of vendor
Training	 ✓ Provided existing documentation for existing APIs (RITIS Filter and PDA API) 		✓ Training to VDOT data scientists



In addition to data ingestion and API output ...

	Epic 4 (Apr – Jun 2022)	Epic 5 (Jul – Sep 2022)	Epic 6 (Oct – Dec 2022)
Data Support	 ✓ Backfilled historical RWIS data ✓ Addressed WMATA API rate limiting issues 	 ✓ Backfilled OpenTMS data gaps ✓ Modified Capital Bikeshare data ingestion due to feed changes 	 ✓ Data governance ✓ Data outage (and backfill) protocol ✓ Wejo data (no API) support research
Data Export	✓ Updated exports to be delivered to both Dev and UAT environments	✓ Updated exports to also be delivered to production environment	✓ Changed extracts format
API Enhancements	 ✓ Continued API enhancements: more filtering capabilities, ability to exclude geometry data from GTFS- RT, improve performance of historical DMS request, historical detector search capability, more specific handling when the API key is missing or invalid ✓ New dynamic API documentation 	✓ Continued API enhancements: XML output format, mgmt. of weather data from multiple sources, historical RWIS searching capability.	
Training			✓ Open House and Technical Demo
Performance		✓ Added DEP API statistics gathering capability	✓ Evaluation metrics and dashboard

Support VDOT beyond DEP ...

- Evaluation metrics and dashboards
- Wejo data to support VDOT research

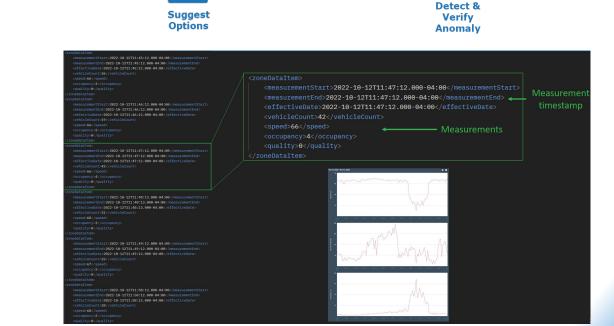




Audit Start	Audit End	System Uptime	Data Streams Integrated	Data Quality Issues Identified	Number of Requests	Average Response Time (seconds)	95th Percentile Response Time (seconds)	75th Percentile Response Time (seconds)	50th Percentile Response Time (seconds)
11/1/2022	12/1/2022	0.39377	39	119	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

- DEP Open House
 - Drew a crowd of 150+ attendees
 - Recognition of partners and stakeholders
 - Technical demonstration and training





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Historical

AI Model

Monitoring

Implement

Overcome Challenges



Project Challenges

Overcome the Challenges ...

Challenge Category	Challenge	Mitigation			
Data Discovery	 a) Identifying key personnel and determining true status of available data and feeds b) Some data changed or turned out to be unavailable while some data anticipated unavailable became available. 	 a) Cooperative approach with VDOT to engage and maintain conversations with stakeholders b) Agile and active management approach for continuous data discovery and prioritization for ingestion. 			
Data Quality	a) Consuming data from sources is exposing interface and data issues at source level	a) Provide feedback to the data owners for fixb) Address at the receiving (DEP) end			
Development Challenge	 a) Testing vs Production environments b) Data duplication c) RWIS and WxDE data sources caused ID collisions d) Toll rate data inconsistencies e) VDOT TMS archived data format and non-incremental update transmission method 	 a) Resolved in working with data owner engineers b) Identified logic for filtering out duplications c) Modified DEP data model and all archived data (billions of data records) d) Worked with Transurban for updating data elements e) VDOT ITD changed adopted traditional incremental update on TMS archived data transmission 			
Implementation	 a) Existing APIs contain many capabilities not necessary for RM3P b) Discovering feed and data issues and discrepancies during implementation 	 a) Leverage the existing codebase to spin off a dedicated RM3P API that reduces complexity for users b) Work with feed providers to correct issues or identify workarounds 			

Project Challenges

Overcome the Challenges ...

Challenge Category	Challenge	Mitigation
Unavailable Data Sets	 a) VDOT KITS – No actual interface to provide data to DEP b) WMATA Parking Occupancy – agency internal security approval not approved in time c) VDOT Haymarket Parking Occupancy – No actual interface to provide data to DEP d) RM3P procurement delays 	a) Continued engaging with data ownersb) Identified and prioritize other data sets with high value to RM3P
Unlinked Sources of Data	a) VDOT KITS and HMMS – no linkage	a) VDOT KITS – may have linkage to the new inventory
Systems Transition	 a) VDOT KITS and OpenTMS transition to Cloud b) VDOT Inventory system change c) City of Alexandria Signal to KITS d) Arlington Signal – new procurement 	a) Deferred and continued engaging with data owners
Interface Reliability	a) Data feed and data outage from OpenTMS	a) Worked with VDOT and OpenTMS on data backfillb) Developed data outage protocol

Lessons Learned

Collaboration, Agile, and Flexibility

Engage partners early, manage expectations, and be prepared to pivot to alternatives if feeds/data/elements turn out different from expectations.

Leverage Previous Investments and Successes

Take advantage of previous investments by adjusting approaches to leverage existing data, feeds, and systems.

Be Transparent About Goals and Expectations

Demonstrate benefit and obtain buy-in from stakeholders to help overcome technical barriers and set up a cooperative roadmap.

Be Sensitive and Aware of Others' Challenges

Be prepared to accommodate when possible, especially when it comes to cybersecurity and policy requirements.



Looking Ahead



What's Next?

More data in the future? Absolutely!

But ... it depends on funding and priority of business cases that data enables.

Top priority is to support other RM3P elements and ingest data from RM3P

User Support

Ensure users receive exceptional service to enable their use cases.

Goal: achieve efficient data democratization

We want to hear from YOU!

for
suggesting data that can be
shared via DEP, and
sharing use cases so that we may
build a library of use cases that
can be shared with other users.

Continuous Improvements

Performance metrices, user feedback, and technology evolution: improvements Combine data where appropriate to create value and save users' time.



Proposed 2023 Enhancements

The integration of these systems will be prioritized by VDOT depending on funding availability and readiness of data sources:

- VDOT KITS
- VDOT Haymarket Parking
- WMATA Parking Occupancy
- RM3P DSS Response Plans
- RM3P Incentivization Program
- RM3P Parking Information Management System
- Cintra I-66 Express Lanes
- VRE Incidents and Ridership
- RITIS CCTV for Real-Time Analytical Use
- City of Alexandria KITS
- Arlington County Signals
- Arlington County Bluetooth Travel Times
- VDOT TMS Real-Time In-Pavement Detectors



Upon VDOT PM's approval, CATT Lab will submit the Statement of Work, Budget, and Schedule in a Task Order format. Work will be authorized to proceed after approval by the Change Management Board.





Thank You!

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