

#### **2022 FTBA Construction Conference**

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# FHWA's e-Construction Initiative





#### Technology is nothing.

What's important is that you have a **faith in people**, that they're basically good and smart,
and if you give them tools,
they'll do wonderful things with them.
-Steve Jobs



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# A State-based model that identifies & rapidly deploys proven, yet underutilized innovations...

...to shorten the project delivery process, enhance roadway safety, reduce traffic congestion, and integrate automation (FAST Act §1444)

#### Market-Ready, Proven...Underutilized

✓ Every State advanced 19 or more of the 52 innovations promoted in the first five EDC rounds, and some states adopted 40 or more innovations

Round 1

(2011-2012)

14

**Innovations** 

**Round 2** 

(2013-2014)

13

**Innovations** 

**Round 3** 

(2015-2016)

12

**Innovations** 

**Round 4** 

(2017-2018)

11

Innovations

**Round 5** 

(2019-2020)

10

**Innovations** 

**Round 6** 

(2021-2022)

7

**Innovations** 



Round 3
(2015-2016)

12
Innovations



- e-Construction an EDC-3 & EDC-4 innovation
  - ✓ 46 "states" Advanced to the Institutionalized,
    Assessment or Demo Phase

Round 6 (2021-2022) 7 Innovations

- e-Ticketing an EDC-6 innovation
  - ✓ 48 of 54 "states" have a goal to advance
    e-Ticketing by December 2022, the <u>highest</u>
    acceptance rate in EDC history!
- Digital As-builts an EDC-6 innovation
  - ✓ 27 of 54 "states" have a goal to advance **DAbs** by December 2022





## Federal Technical Support

- Peer Exchanges & Workshops
- Webinars
- Articles in various publications
- Virtual Vender Showcase
- Update online e-C Matrices (by state & by Innovation)
  - https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/econstruction/peer.cfm
- Technical Customer Support Hotline
  - FAQ posted on e-C Website
- TFHRC research projects and reports
- Pilot projects







#### Federal Financial Assistance



- Fosters & supports the State Transportation Innovation Councils' national network, \$100K/STIC/year
  - https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/stic/



- Supports innovation thru the Accelerated Innovation Deployment grant program, up to \$1M per project
  - https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/grants/



 Accelerating Market Readiness supports emerging transformative innovations in safety, project delivery, and infrastructure performance



**SPR funds & Increased Federal Share** 





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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GRR6sNWLrt0

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/econstruction/overview.cfm



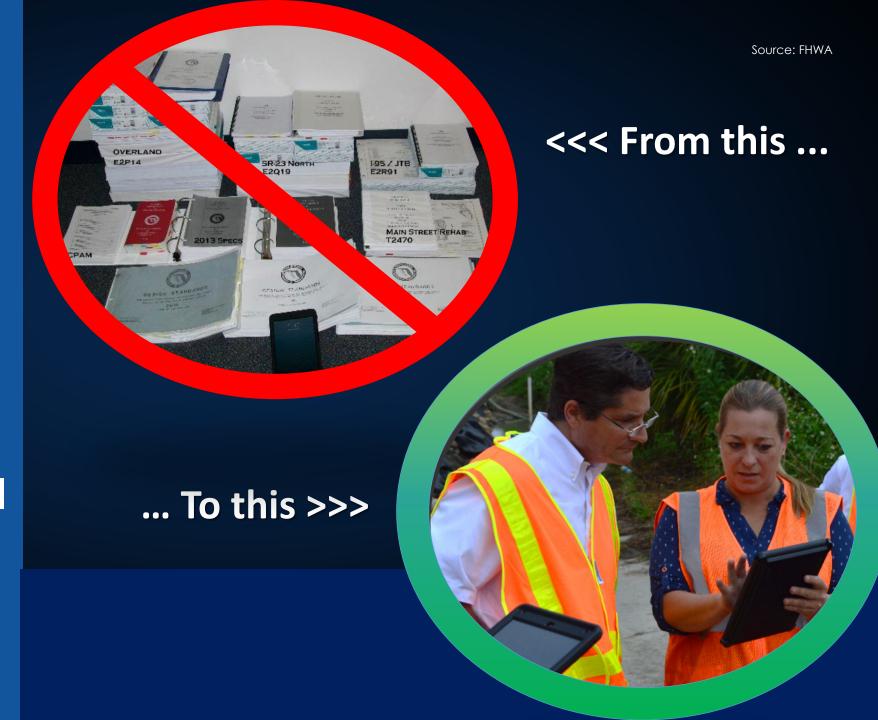


# Q: Why e-Construction?

A: To improve communication & workflows for efficient delivery of projects in the electronic & digital age.



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#### Top 6 State-of-the-Practice

#1 = Electronic Bidding & Contracts

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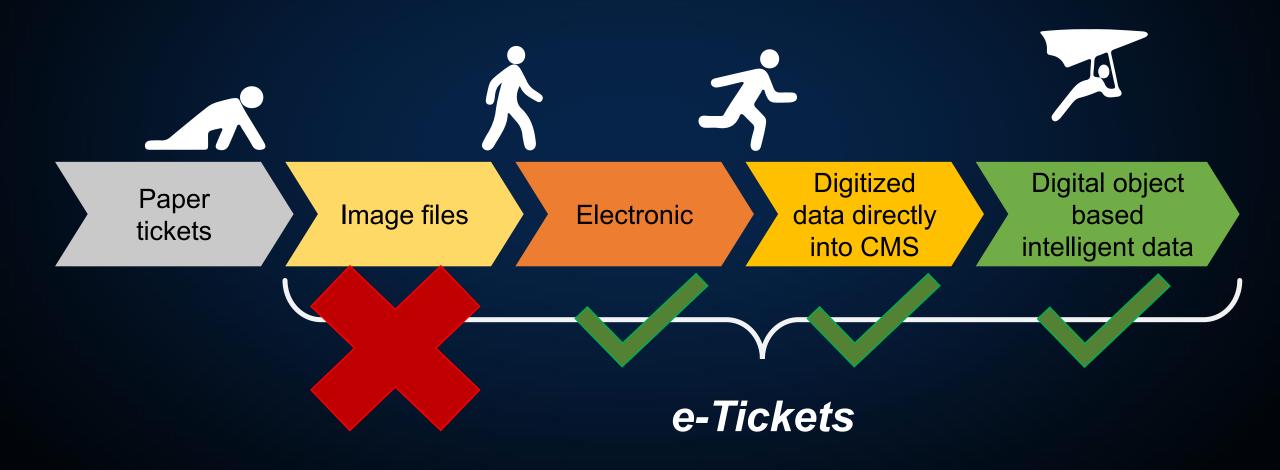
#3 = Data Sharing Between Steps & Silos







#### SoA #1: e-Tickets





# Q: e-Ticketing...WHY? Safety!

Removes the need to take tickets from the drivers



View from the driver's seat

View from the ground



#### Safety

- Not a good place for inspector to be
- Picture this at night
- One wrong backward step
- Less visibility
- One slight weave by a driver...







### Types of e-Tickets

- State-of-the-Practice: The Big 3
  - o HMA
  - o PCC
  - Aggregate
- State-of-the-Art: the Others
  - o Salt
  - o Soil
  - Structural Steel and Rebar
  - Precast PCC: pipe, inlets, box culverts
  - Guardrail
  - Signs
  - Millings
  - Liquid asphalt/emulsions





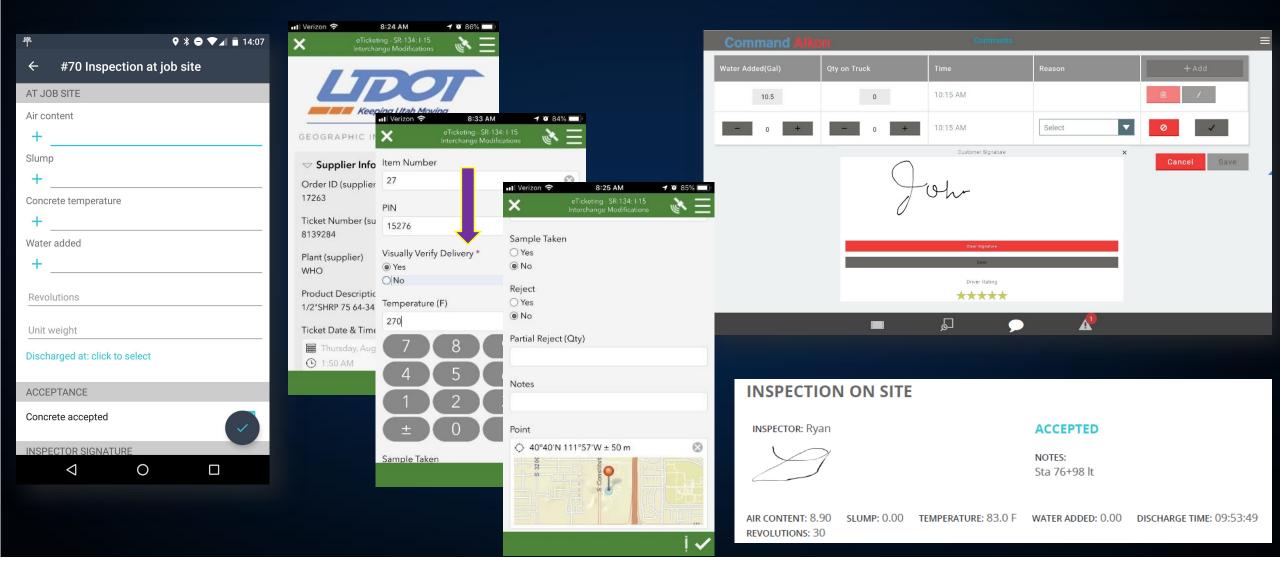








## e-Ticketing – Field data

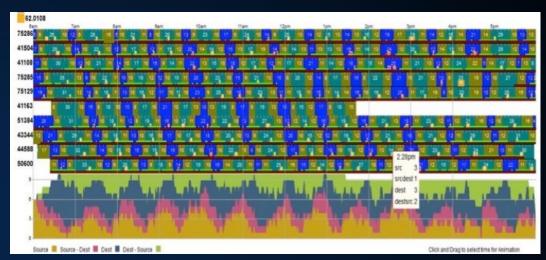


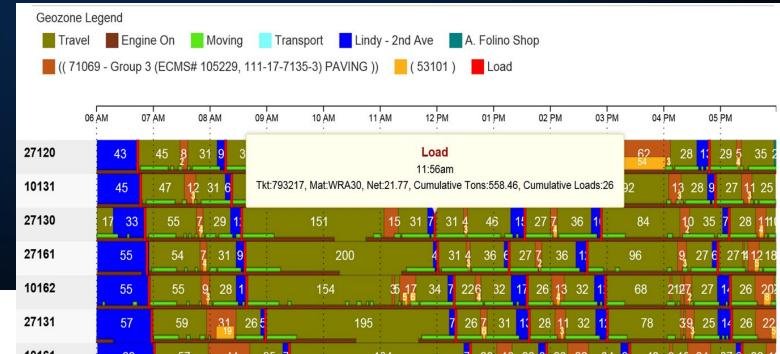


#### e-Ticketing - Contractor Benefits

#### **FLEET SAFETY & FLEET DATA**

- Real-time fleet management
- Eliminate bottlenecks at plant and/or paver
- Data for trucking payroll
- Fleet optimization

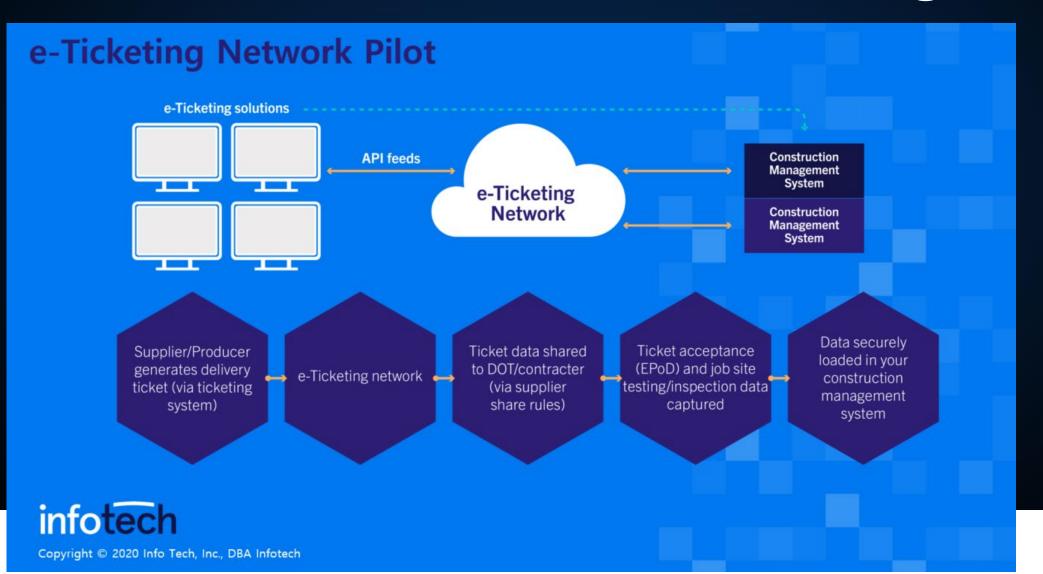






Source: KYTC, IOWA DOT

# e-Ticketing – Data Management, Transfer, and Usage





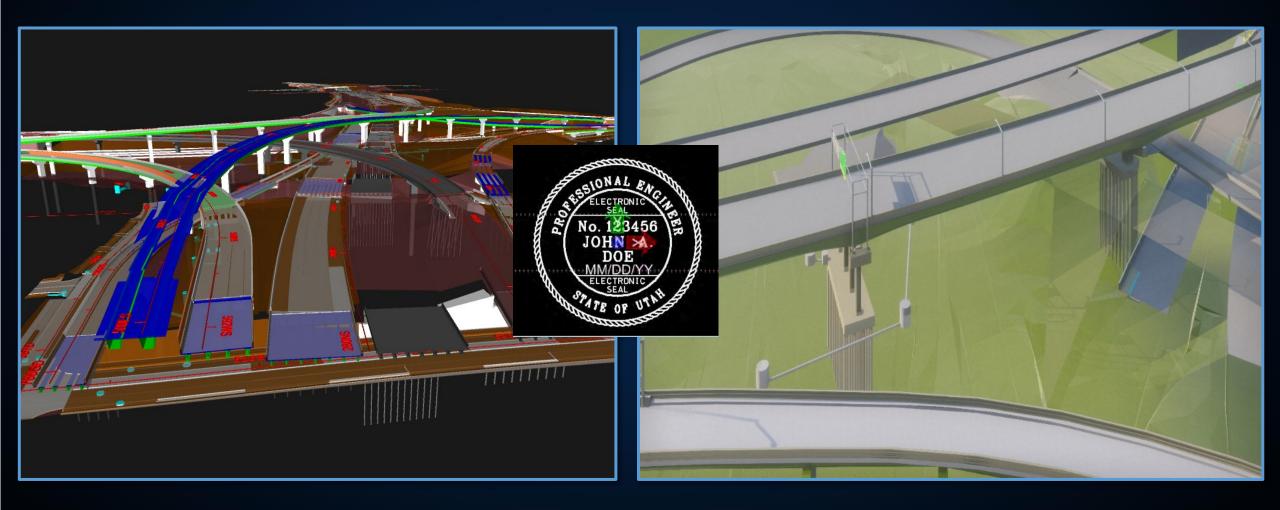
#### **AASHTO Standard Specification**

- AASHTO Provisional Practice for the Material Delivery Management System
- Publication in 2022 for Aggregate, Asphalt, and Concrete
- Pick and Choose which elements are most appropriate for your Agency
- Contact: Rebecca Embacher, MN DOT
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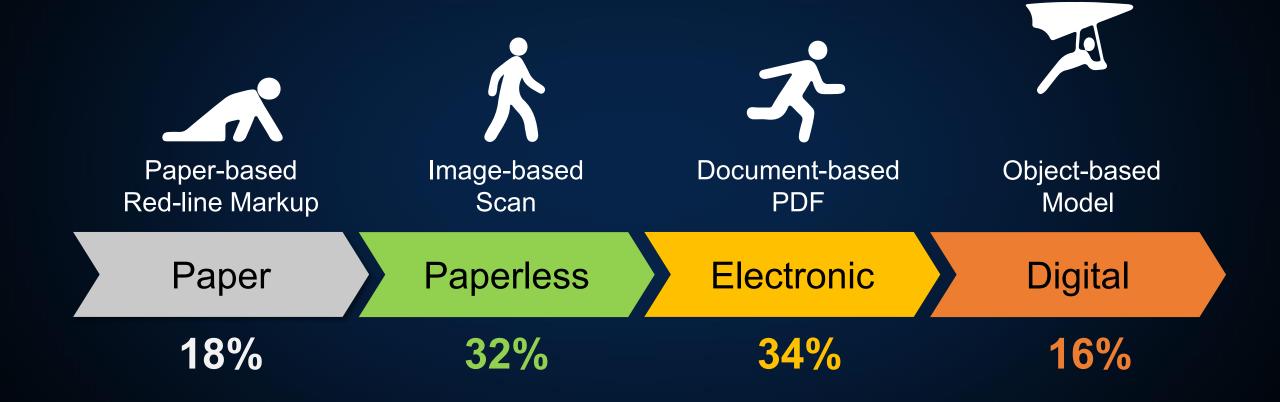


# SoA#2: MALD & DAbs





#### StateDOT – State of the Practice

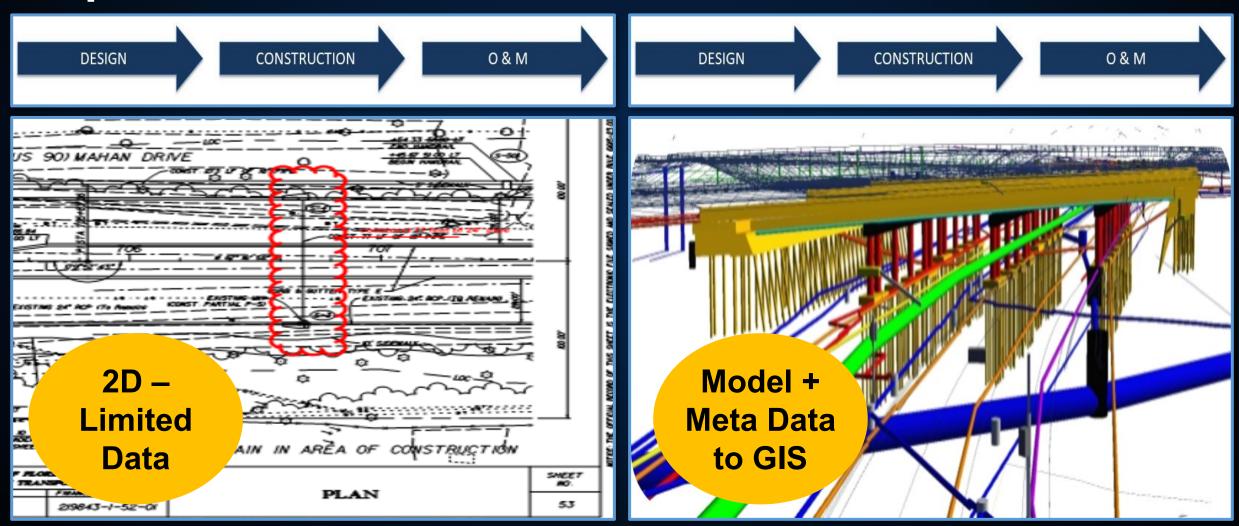


State DOTs DABs Capability Maturity Model Recompiled from NCHRP 548 As-Builts Plans by State DOTs 2020



#### Replace this:

#### With this:





#### Model for Construction Inspection

- Communicate Inspection check lists
- Identify Pay Items







#### Model for Construction Inspection

Contractor **Instructions** 

Model Component

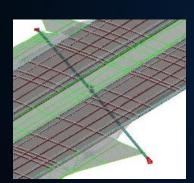


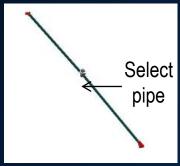


**Inspection Data** (Pay Items)

**Asset** Management

Installing pipe around stations 370+00 to 420+00

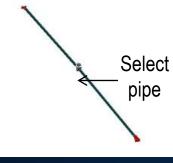




- Length
- Pipe Size

- End Station

- Start Structure
- Slope
- Material
- Manning's Flow



- Begin Station
- Begin Offset
- Fnd Offset
- Alignment
- Begin Elevation
- End Elevation
- End Structure







Bedding



Lay Pipe -

Backfill —



no greater than specified Ensure unsuitable

Ensure excavation width

material removed and replaced

 Check minimum bedding thickness

 Has the bedding material been compacted to standards?

- Has the contractor installed the culvert components to the horizontal & vertical tolerances specified?
- Has the backfill been placed and compacted uniformly in layers?
- Has the side and overlay zone been compacted to the specified requirements?

Field Collect

- Geotextile (718-99153)
- Aggregate Volume (718-52610)

#### Field Collect

- Date
- Length (715-05203)
- Begin Station
- · Begin Offset
- End Station
- End Offset
- Alignment

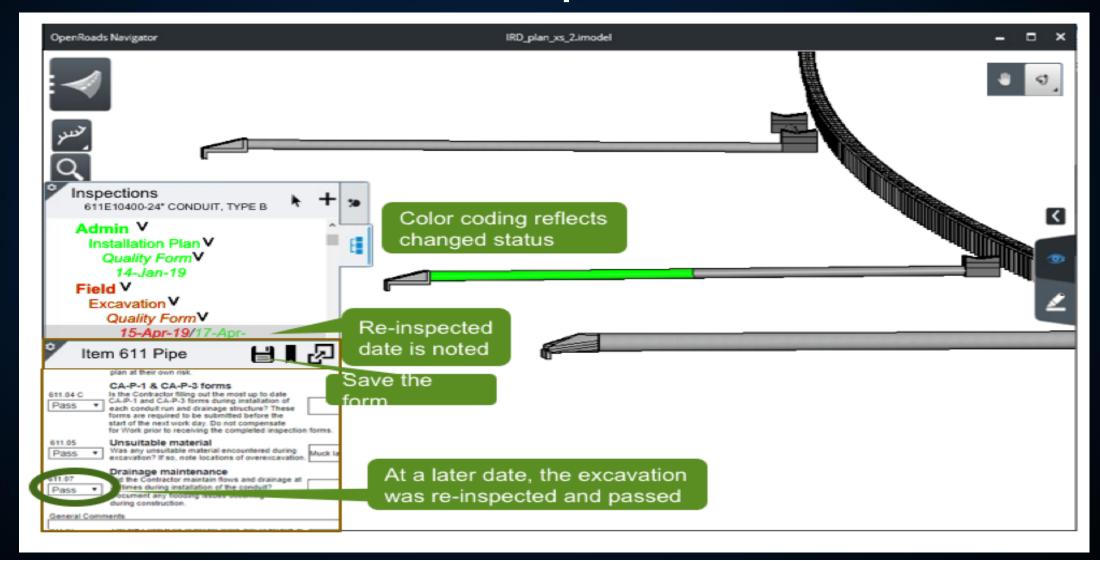
#### Field Verify

- Pipe Size Pass Through
- Begin Elevation
- End Elevation

- Date
- Begin Station
- Begin Offset
- End Station
- End Offset
- Alignment
- Pipe Size
- Begin Elevation
- End Elevation



#### Model for Construction Inspection







# SoA #3: Data Sharing (steps & silos)

**Planners** 

& Designers

Construction Inspectors

& Surveyors

e-C & MALD & DAbs

**O&M Staff** 

Asset Information Managers



Federal Highway Administration

#### SoA #4: SmartPile Inspector



- Over 100,000 piles driven annually
- Driving a pile correctly is critical to the health, integrity, and longevity of the entire structure

- Incomplete and Missing data!!!
- Delays in inspection and approval



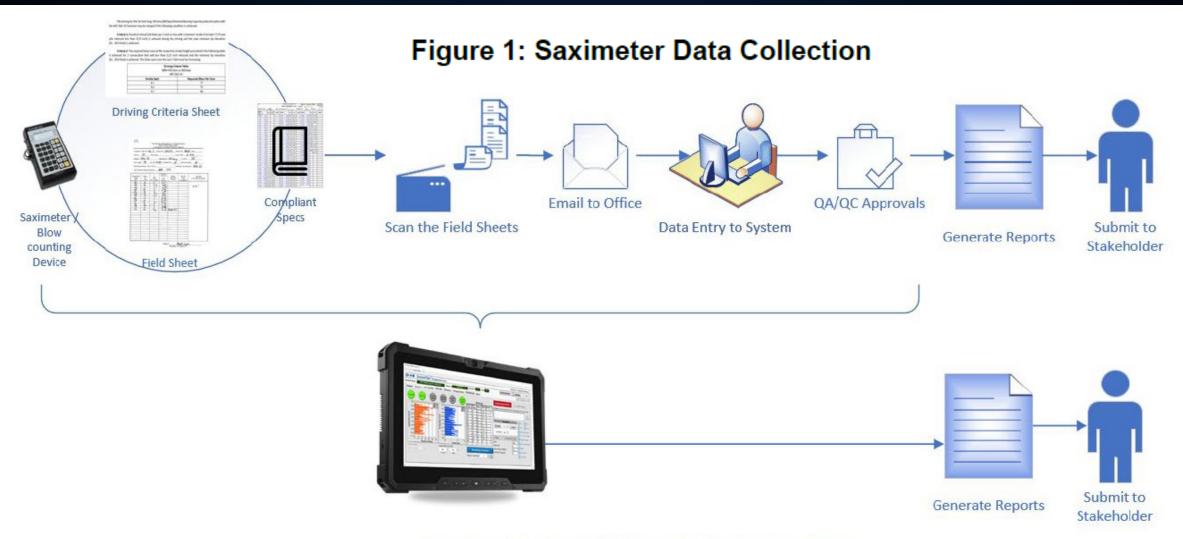


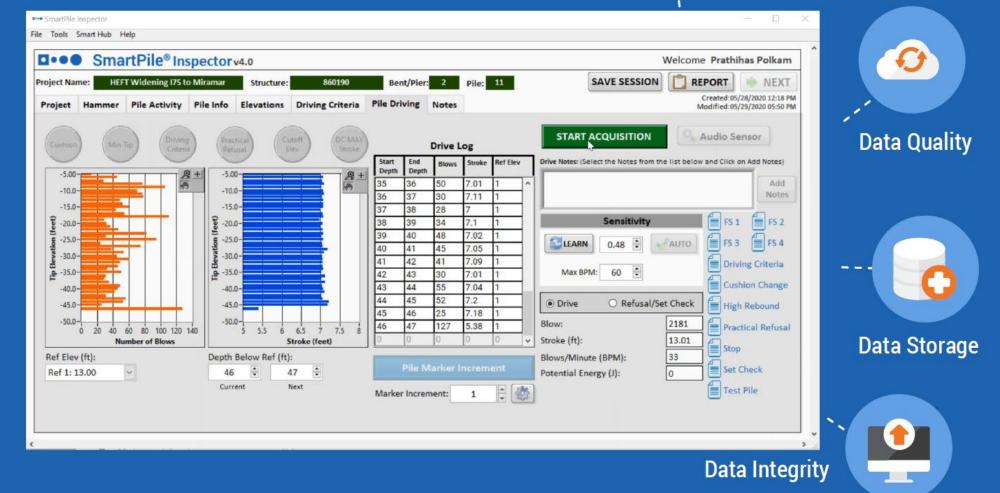
Figure 2: Smart Pile Data Collection



### SoA #4: SmartPile Inspector

#### **Digital Transformation**





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## Final thought ... our Future Employees

#### **TECHNOLOGY**

VARYING PREFERENCES

	BOOMERS	GENERATION X	MILLENNIALS	GENERATION Z
SUMMARY	Some Tech	High Tech	All Tech	What Tech?
VIEW	Enhancer	Balancer	Amplifier	Extension of Oneself
ATTITIUDE	Want to Master It	Want to Enjoy It	Need to Employ It	Have to Manage It



# Thank you for your attention!



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For FHWA support and opportunities for engagement involving e-C & e-T, please contact:

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# Quiz the Fed... Q&A @ the end

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