GDW Meeting Summary for June 3, 2020

2020 Infogroup Data Cost-Share Wrap-Up: H-GAC wrapped-up this cost-share project by making the 2020 Infogroup Business and Residential datasets available for download starting on May 22nd to those cost-share participants with a paid invoice. To date 6 of the 14 participants have received and encrypted email with download instructions for the new data. The 2020 data consists of one residential dataset totaling over 6 million records and four business datasets totaling over 1.4 million records. Both the business and residential data come in SAS, DBF, FGDB feature class, and Shapefile formats. If cost-share participants have yet to see a download email for this data, please send H-GAC Data Services your proof of payment and we can quickly send you the data. For additional information or questions, please contact Brooks Andrews with H-GAC or visit the project homepage on the H-GAC website.

2020 Aerial Imagery Cost-Share Update: H-GAC kicked off the user QC and inspection phase of the 2020 Aerial Imagery Cost-Share project on May 12th using the vendor provided QC tool known as SurCheck. To date, the 6 Inch inspection area is 45% complete and the 1 Foot inspection area is 59% complete. The original deadline set for completion of both inspection areas was Friday, June 12th but with just over a week left until then, that deadline will likely be pushed back by at least one additional week; details pending. After both inspection areas have been completed, H-GAC will send out invoices to all cost-share participants and look to receive the final, QC revised data from vendor Surdex in mid to late July for final disbursement shortly thereafter. For additional information or questions please, contact Brooks Andrews with H-GAC or visit the project homepage on the H-GAC website.

Guest Presentation – Syncing Traffic Incident Data Using FME: Trey Nunn and the team at Tessellations Inc., a local GIS firm based in The Woodlands, TX, gave a great presentation on how they use Feature Manipulation Engine (FME) workflows to take spatial and non-spatial traffic incident data and produce specialized GeoJSON traffic reports to send to traffic tracking outlets such as Waze. Trey's entire presentation is available on the GDW Meeting Materials website as Tessellations Inc. Presentation under the June 3, 2020 tab.

Announcements/Other Items:

- The Harris County Clerk's Office was not able to present as they had a last-minute conflict, but they did provide an updated presentation to the GDW called *July 2020 Primary Election Update and Safety Tips*. The entire presentation is available on the GDW Meeting Materials website as [Harris County Clerk's Office Presentation](#) under the June 3, 2020 tab.
- The City of Seabrook has an open, entry-level GIS Assistant position currently posted on their website. Please feel free to forward this position to any entry-level GIS professional looking for work.
  - https://seabrooktx.applicantpro.com/jobs/1410604.html
- The Esri Disaster Response program is assisting many of it's public, private, and educational customers with their localized responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. Whether you are an Esri customer or not, please visit the Esri Disaster Response overview page to see how they can help you with your local response. Similar to this, the GIS Corps are also assisting many with data and resources related to COVID-19 response. Please visit their website too learn more.
  - Esri Disaster Response: https://www.esri.com/en-us/disaster-response/overview
  - GIS Corps: https://www.giscorps.org/
- The 2020 Esri User Conference originally set to take place in-person from July 13-17 in San Diego, CA will now take place as a virtual event from July 13-15 instead. Esri is now allowing anyone with an Esri account (via My Esri, ArcGIS Online, etc.) to attend the opening plenary session for free and if that account has a current maintenance plan or is tired to a company/organization that is a current Esri subscriber, you will also be able to attend the smaller, side sessions typically more focused on a particular GIS topic with Esri technology. Either way to attend in any capacity, you will need an Esri account. To register for the conference, visit Esri's 2020 UC registration page where you will be prompted to sign-in with your Esri account for complimentary registration.
  - UC Registration: https://www.esri.com/en-us/about/events/uc/registration
  - UC Agenda: https://www.esri.com/en-us/about/events/uc/agenda/agenda?date=2020-07-13

- The Esri Petroleum Users Group (PUG) Conference scheduled to take place in Houston this week has been cancelled with no current make-up date. For more information visit the conference website below.
  - https://www.esri.com/en-us/about/events/petroleum-gis-conference/overview
- The US Census Bureau's PSAP Verification officially ended last Friday, May 29th as all participating entities PSAP verification data from the first PSAP round last summer was officially submitted to thee USCB for processing and inclusion into the 2020 Decennial Census data due out next year. The next PSAP efforts will commence in Summer 2027 for the 2030 Decennial Census.
- The 2020 Houston Regional GIS Expo was official cancelled with no make-up date planned. The 2021 Houston Regional GIS Expo will take place next March.
  - http://www.h-gac.com/geographic-data-workgroup/gis-expo/default.aspx
- The 2020 Houston Area GIS Day is still scheduled for Thursday, November 19th but will now likely take place as a virtual event rather than the traditional in-person. More on this event at the next GDW meeting in August.
  - http://www.houstonareagisday.org/
- The next GDW meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2020 with the location TBD. There will not be a meeting in July due to the Fourth of July holiday.