

# DATA GOVERNANCE THE FOUNDATION FOR AWESOME ANALYTICS

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#### **Big Data is Different**

- Big Data technology allows us to capture and process massive amounts of transportation data from numerous sources.
- New ways to manage unstructured and semi-structured information is now available that was previously unexplored such as Data Lakes, In-Memory Processing, etc.
- The highest value comes from **making connections across data sources**, types, functions, etc. versus standalone environments / applications.
- Traditional BI/Analytics informs of **past activities and performance**.
- Big Data and Advanced Analytics is typically a future-oriented view and leverages some type of statistics and algorithms to present a Simulation, Descriptive Analytics or Predictive Analysis.





**Varieties of Data** 

Big Data requires **governance** of large volumes of structured, unstructured and semi-structured data.



Structured Data

#### **Traditional BI/Analytics**

IT typically provides information via extracting data from a data warehouse and presents to the business in pre-defined reports.



Web and Social Media



Images & Video





Highway Traffic Flow

#### **Big Data Analytics**

Analytical platform is provided that lends itself to be more variable/flexible to analyze data from multiple sources.

Legacy Documents



# DATA GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW

What is Data Governance?

Data Governance (DG) refers to the overall management of the availability, usability, integrity, and security of the data employed in an enterprise. A sound data governance program includes a governing body or council, a defined set of procedures, and a plan to execute those procedures.

FDOT's vision for data governance is based on a foundation of reliable and consistent data that helps drive business, is well understood by internal and external stakeholders, and is collected, managed, and clearly / openly communicated.



### **ROADS MISSION**



The goal of the ROADS initiative is to improve data reliability and simplify data sharing across FDOT to have readily available and accurate data to make informed decisions.



### **THE ROADS JOURNEY**



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#### **Data Governance Considerations**

- A solid **Information Management Framework** is critical to help establish confidence in the "Big Data" that will be used in Advanced Analytics models that are put into production.
- To get a full 360-degree view of a citizen, development project, or highway network, consider consolidating disparate data into a data lake where raw data remains available for analysis.
- Be intentional about the amount of governance / cleansing that is done on the data. Be careful not to overdo it and remove some of the analytic value that would otherwise be found in the data.
- Consider staging data in 3 categories of governance / cleansing
  - Raw Data straight from source, immediately available
  - Basic Some initial governance / cleansing for select nonfinancial related decision making
  - Gold Standard Fully governed / cleansed data.



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## **BIG DATA ANALYTICS**

#### **People Structure is Essential**

Managing a formal data governance structure to make key decisions related to Big Data is critical.





#### **Other Considerations**

- Identify the analyst segments (audiences) you need to serve. Research analysts need raw data, financial analysts probably need more governed data.
- Define the level of governance needed for each audience and data source (Ex - Twitter: meta-data around hashtags so you can mine).
  Publish a 3-5 step standard based on Raw to Gold (gold being the top standard everyone can trust).
- Some data sources should not be managed (free, open) BUT you should not certify reports used with those data sets.
- PII tokenization schemes are important to allow exposure of data to analysts while still securing data.
- Look out for new trends in automatic data discovery and tagging to allow automated governance.





### **CONCLUSION – WRAP UP!**

#### **Utilize Data Governance to Implement Big Data Solutions**

- Know the meaning of the data regardless of the source, make it accessible to both business and IT, and track lineage from the source to analytics.
- Install common definitions in order to help establish consistent conclusions.
- Understand what portions of the Big Data being collected should be maintained as private or sensitive to meet company compliance.
- Conduct sufficient training throughout the organization to help executives, managers, etc. grasp the fundamentals of Big Data and "Advanced Analytics" so they can ask the right questions of their data analysis teams.





### **THANK YOU**

# **Questions?**

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