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Implementing Digital Project Delivery with openBIM® in the US Transportation Industry



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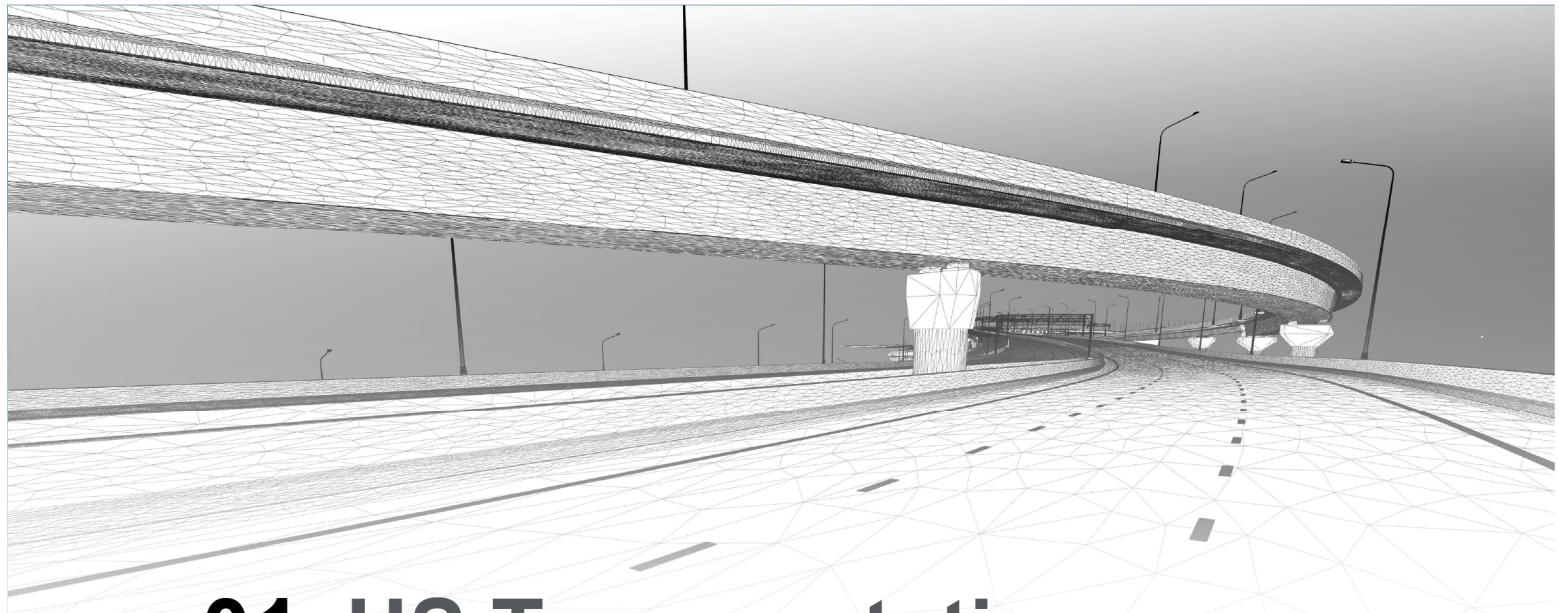
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Today's Agenda

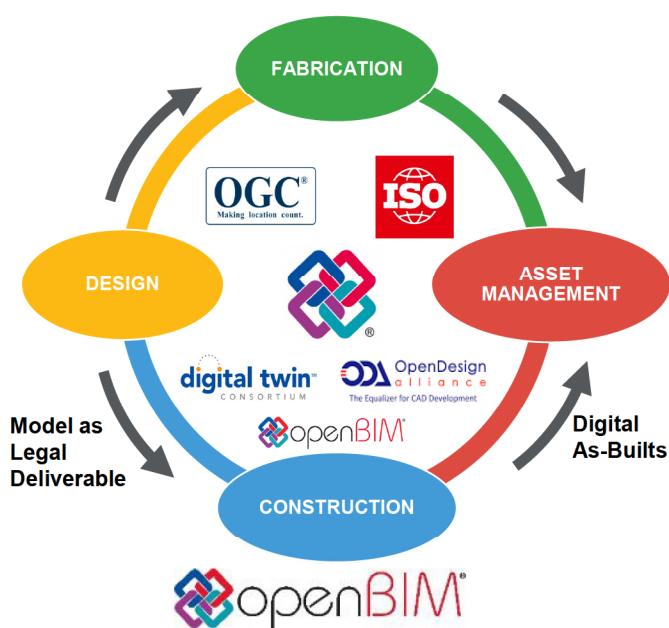
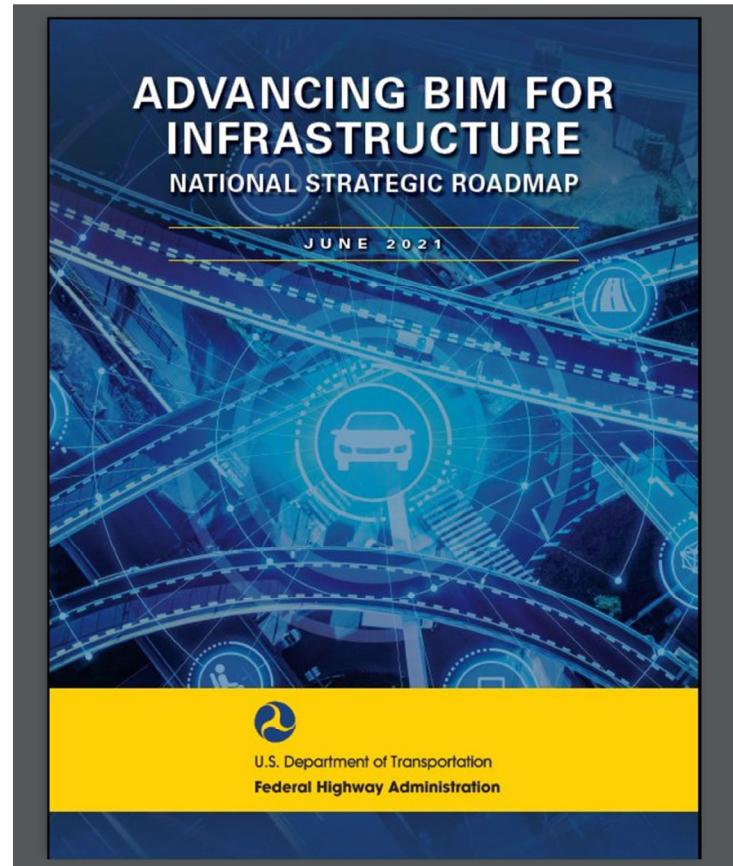
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- 02 US National Efforts**
- 03 openBIM in Action with the State DOT's**
- 04 Critical Next Steps to Implement openBIM**



01 US Transportation Industry Vision

FHWA's BIM Vision, Goal, and Objective

- **VISION:** To digitalize project delivery, operations, and maintenance for the Nation's highway infrastructure.
 - *To make information available to anyone who needs it and when they need it.*
- This requires a shift from a PROJECT-centric approach to an ASSET-centric mindset.
- **GOAL:** For State DOTs to adopt BIM for Infrastructure as a standard practice.
- **OBJECTIVE:** For FHWA and State DOTs to develop and implement a set of activities to *incentivize achieving progressively higher degrees of BIM maturity over time.*

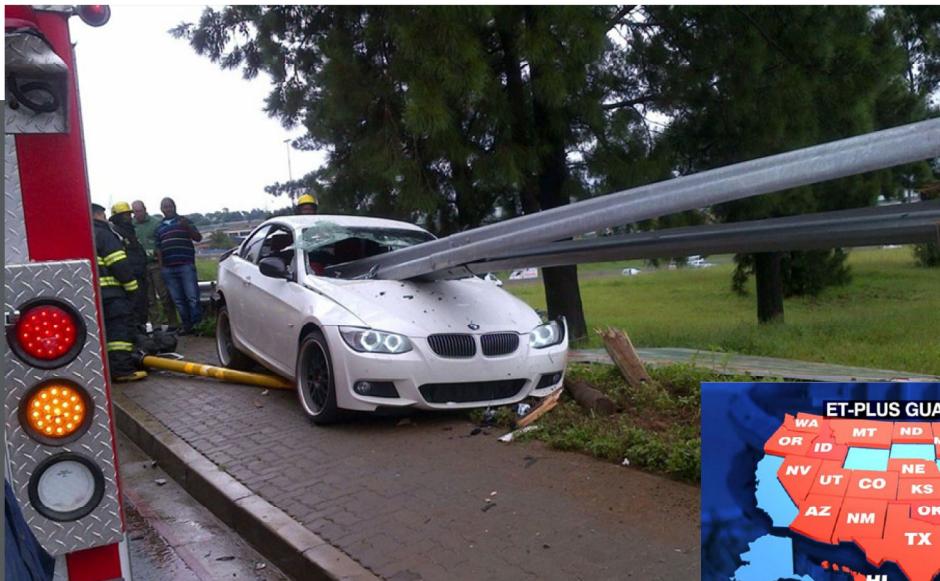


Transportation Industry Vision

Manage and sustain a safe, efficient system by embracing asset lifecycle management, digital project delivery, and open digital workflows.



Why do we need open standards?



- Solve safety issues faster—*it's about helping PEOPLE.*
- More cost & time efficient.

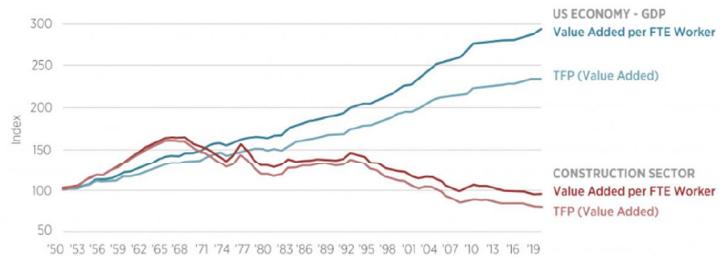


Open Data Standards Speed Up Digital Delivery

- Construction productivity has lagged...
- The workforce is aging...
- We MUST adapt!



Indexes of Value Added Per Full-Time-Equivalent (FTE) Worker and Total Factor Productivity (TFP), Overall US Economy and Construction Sector (BEA Data)

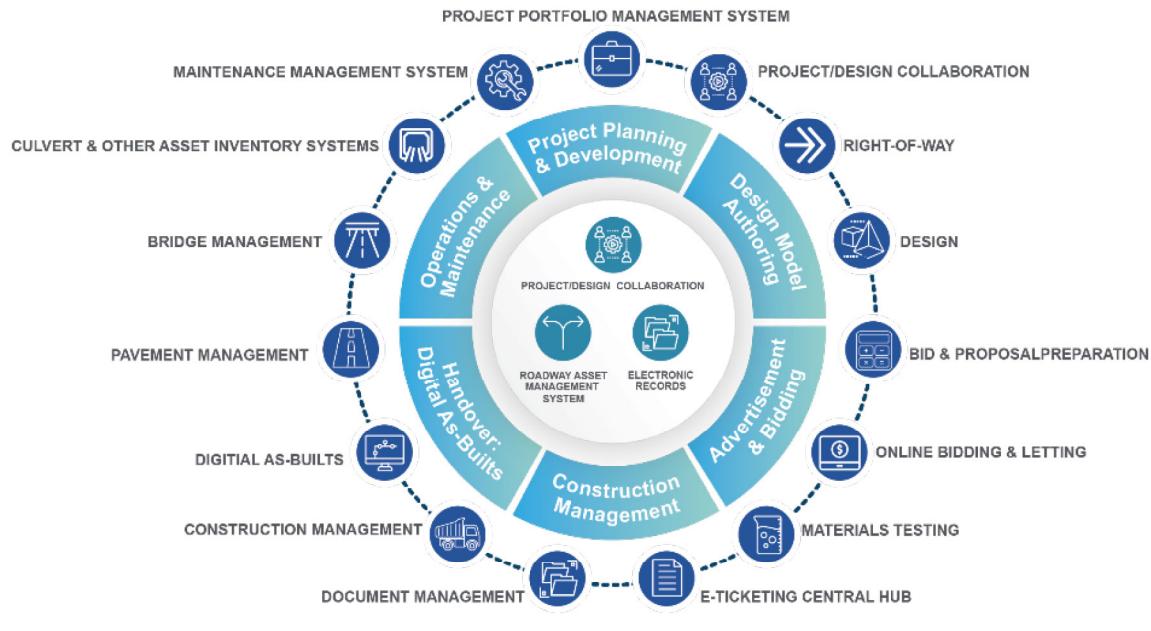


Note: This figure shows indexes of US construction sector labor productivity and total factor productivity (TFP) from 1950 to 2020. For comparison, it also plots the same indexes for the overall economy. Throughout the 1950s and well into the 1960s, both measures of construction sector productivity grew steadily. Indeed, they outpaced their whole-economy counterparts during that period. By 1970, however, the construction sector's labor productivity and TFP had both begun to fall. This downturn was not temporary; the decline has continued for the past half-century.

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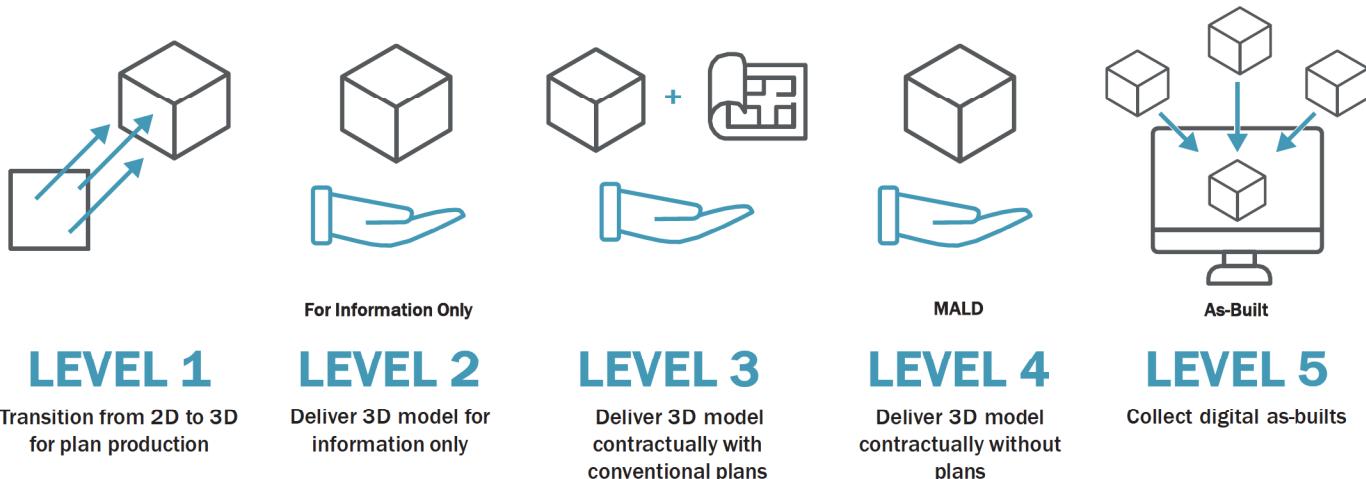


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Information Flow Through Project Lifecycle

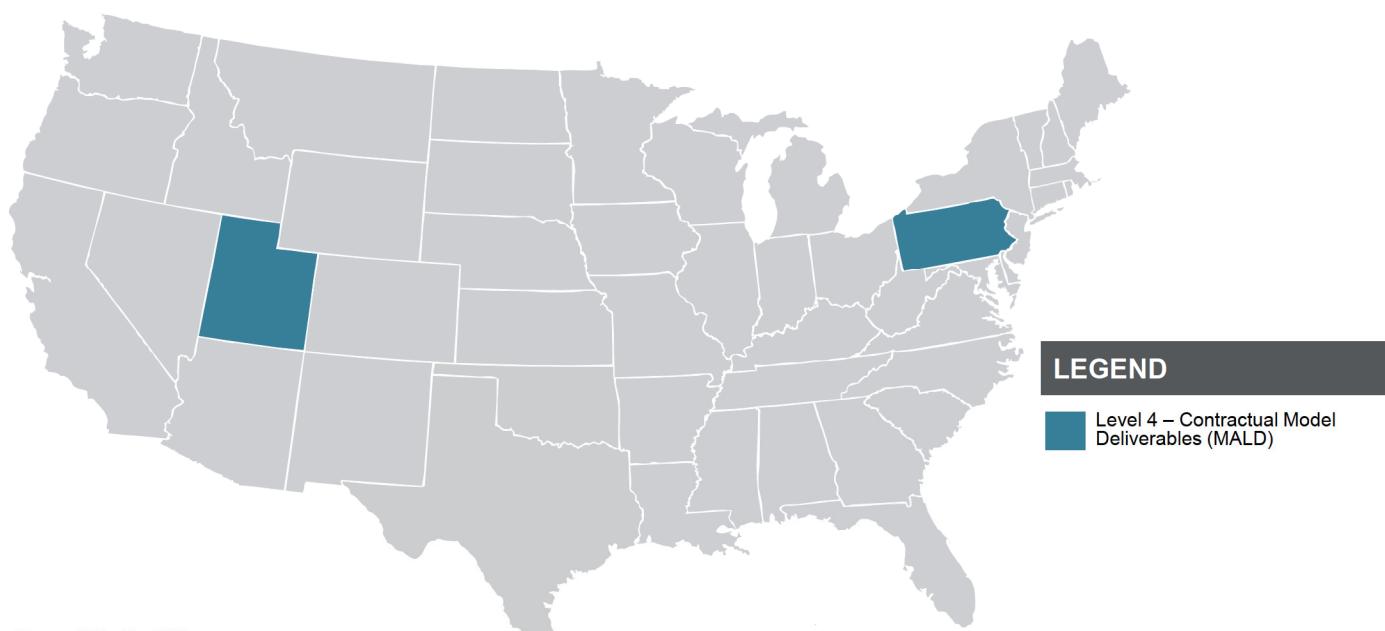


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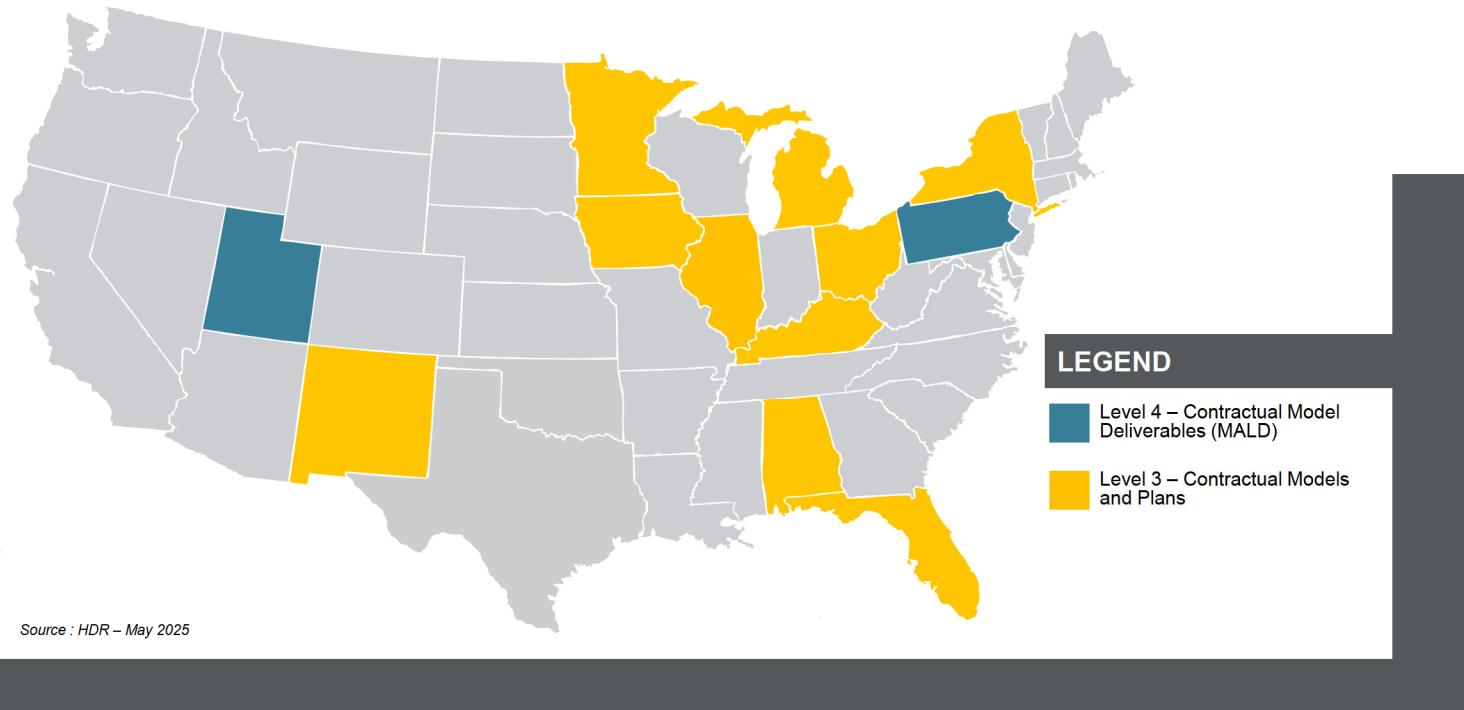


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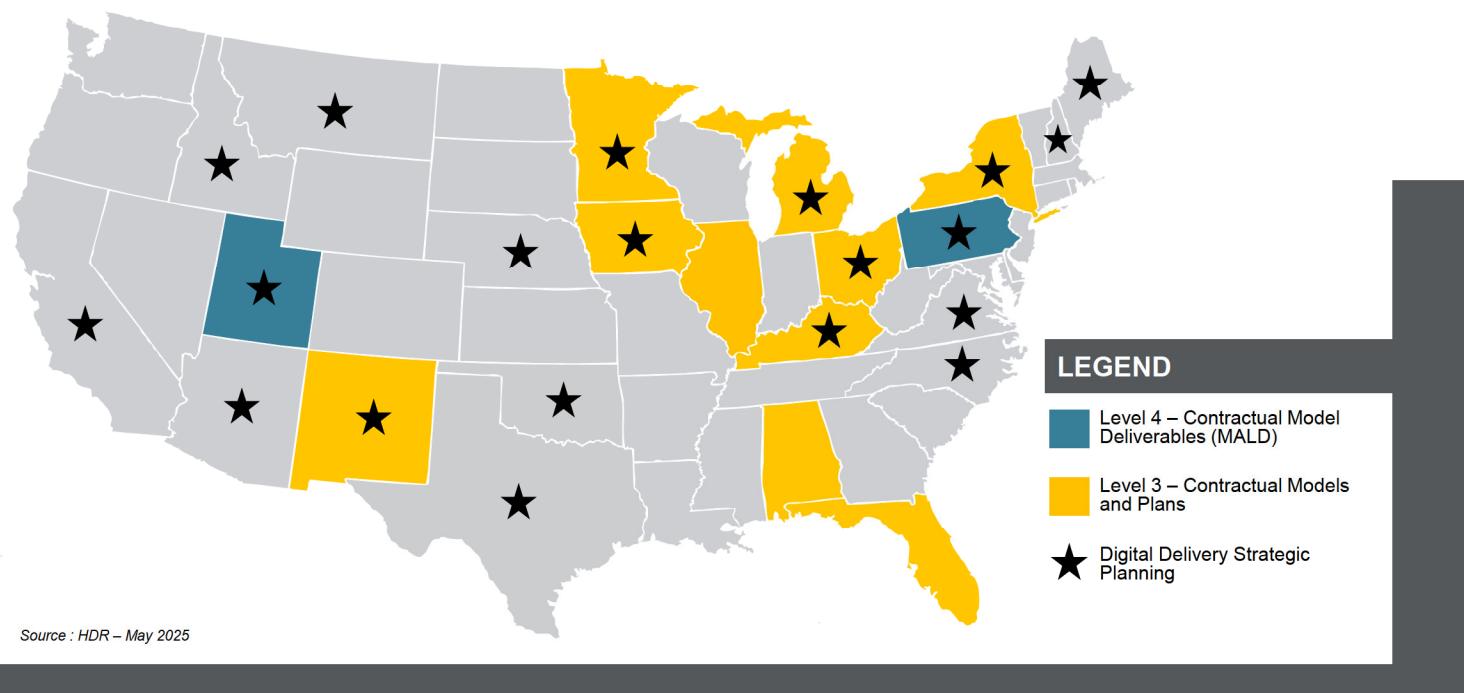
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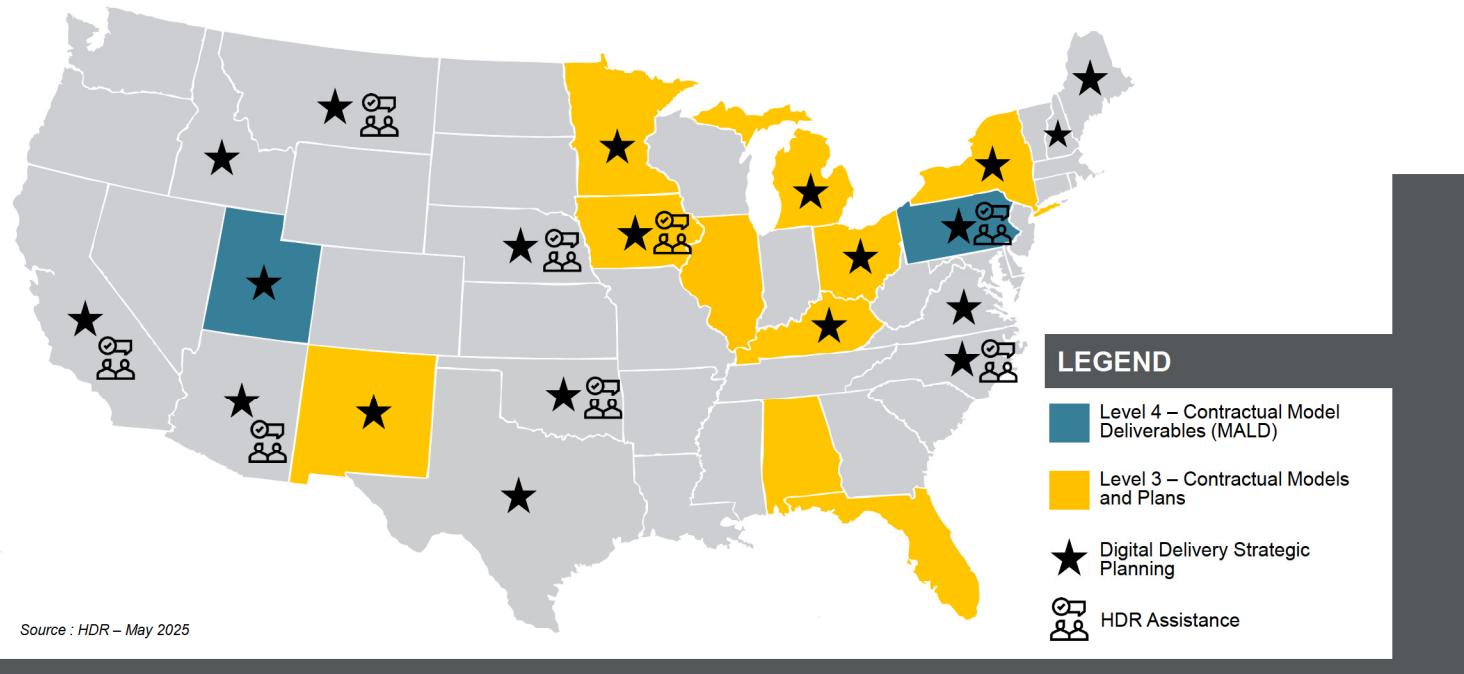
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02 US National Efforts

AASHTO Advancing BIM National OPEN Standards



Advancing Data Standards

2017

BIM for Bridges & Structures Pooled Fund created

2019

AASHTO AR-1-19 issued

- IFC national adopted standard for States
- J-Stan formed

2021

- BIM National Roadmap
- BIM for Infrastructure Pooled Fund created

2022

- AASHTO adopted national bridge open data standards
- **AASHTO joins bSI as a Principal Member**

2024

- BIM Bridges & Structures Pooled Fund - Starts Phase II

2025

- TRB Digital Delivery Leadership Meeting
- ADCMS Collaboration Meeting
- **BIMWeek / openBIM Summit**



Joint Sub-Committee on Data Standardization (J-STAN) Committees & Members

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Construction (COC)

Shawn Smith, MEDOT
(Vacancy)



Data & Analytics

Will Holmes, KYTC
Mark Snyder, IDDOT



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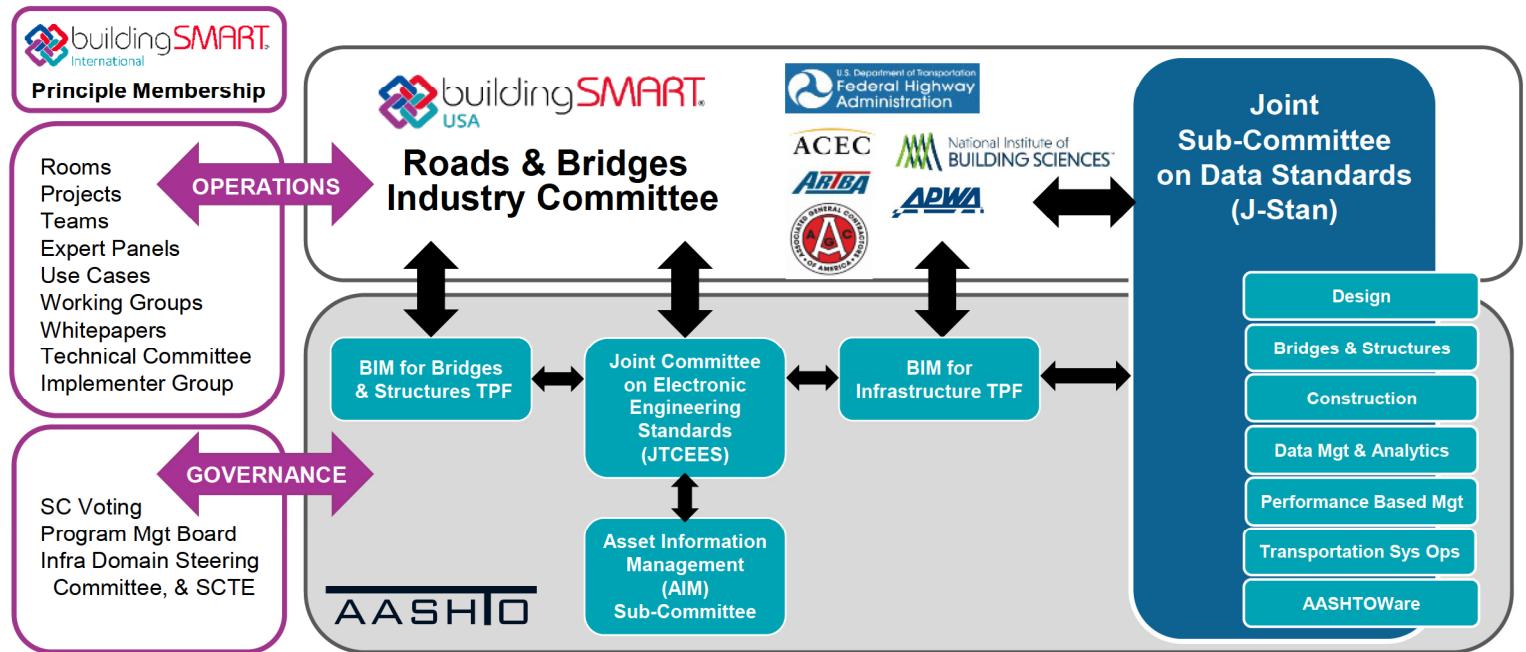


FHWA

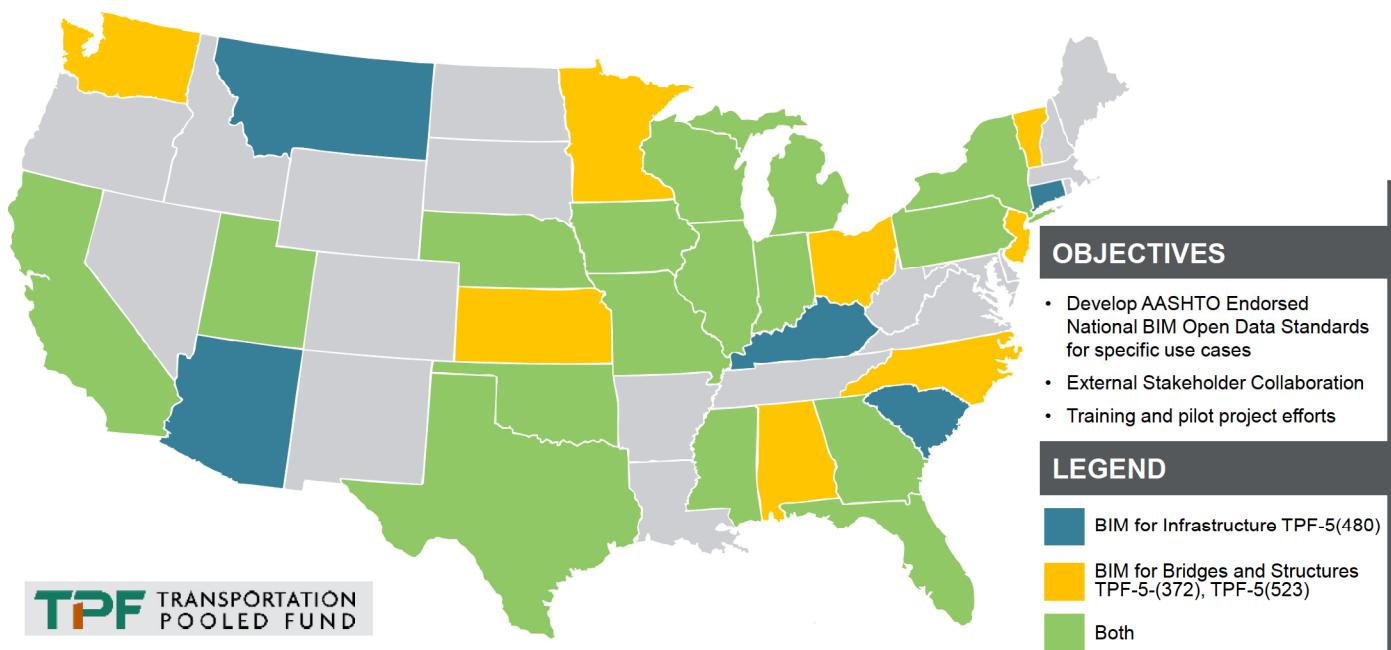
Katherine Petros



buildingSMART, AASHTO, and State DOT's



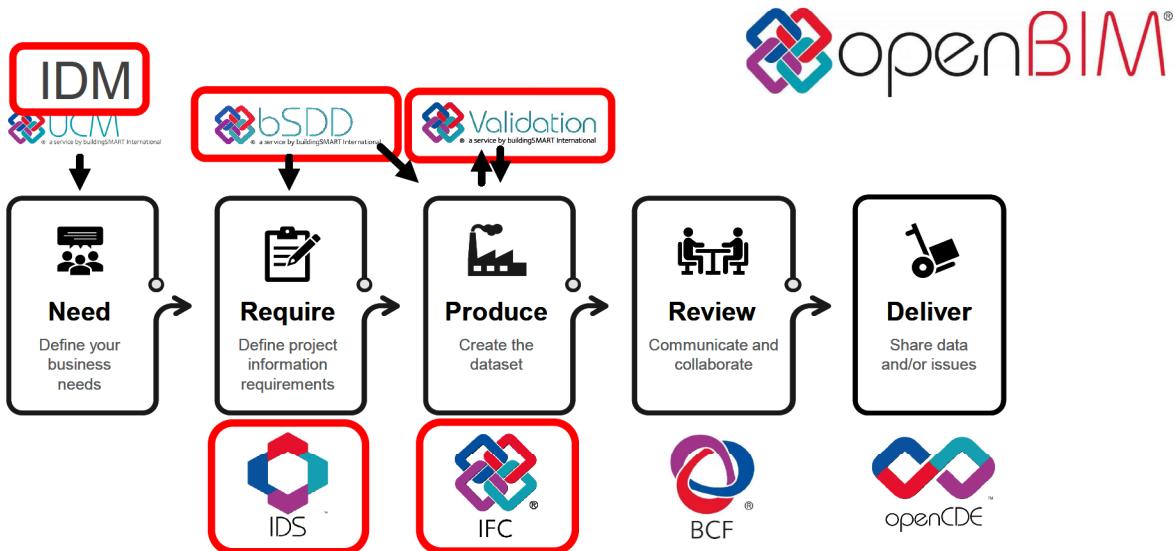
US Pooled Funds – BIM / Open Data Standards



BIM Pooled Fund Efforts

	TPF-5(372) – Phase 1 BIM for Bridges & Structures (2018-2024)	TPF-5(523) – Phase II BIM for Bridges & Structures (2024-2028)	TPF-5(480) BIM for Infrastructure (2023-2027)
Goal: Develop AASHTO-endorsed openBIM National Data Standards	“Design to Construction Exchange” for conventional bridge types	“Fabrication Detail Exchange” for conventional bridge types and up to 2 additional exchanges	Standards and workflows for 2 priority exchanges. Guidance and support for lifecycle information exchanges across the asset lifecycle.
Focus	Conventional, workhorse bridges, design-bid-build	Conventional, workhorse bridges, design-bid-build	Reconstruction, urban arterial highways, DBB; includes roadway, drainage, utilities, traffic, survey and geotechnical assets
Selected Data Exchanges	1 exchange Construction Contract Model	3 exchanges planned (related to Digital As-Built Model) (Advanced Detailing, Fabrication Detail, Construction Update)	2 exchanges planned Construction Contract Model (Design to Construction); Digital As-Built Model (Construction to O&M)
Create & Publish AASHTO-Endorsed IDM	✓	✓ (planned)	✓ In Progress D-C IDM scoped & documented
Develop IDS	✓	✓ (planned)	✓ (planned)
Develop Data Dictionary Content & Publish via bSDD Service	✓	✓ (planned)	✓ (planned)
Engagement with Industry Stakeholders	Limited	More Robust (Active)	More Robust (Active)

openBIM Focus – BIM for Bridges and Structures Pooled Fund



Digital Delivery and Open Data Standards Industry Support



Digital Delivery Position Paper

"ACEC endorses having client agencies require **open data standards** for **contractual digital deliverables** to provide reliable and repeatable data exchanges throughout the project lifecycle in a software agnostic format."



AGC
THE CONSTRUCTION
ASSOCIATION

Digital Means and Methods Policy Statement

"AGC fully supports initiatives that standardize how digital information is created, transmitted, and permitted for use, including **Model as Legal Document** and **open data standards**."



Digital Construction Policy Statement and White Paper

"ARTBA supports the adoption of **open data standards**, the model as the legal document (MALD), and digital construction technologies and processes for infrastructure projects..."

Bridge Pooled Fund Engaging with Technology Providers



24 Participating
software
developers/vendors



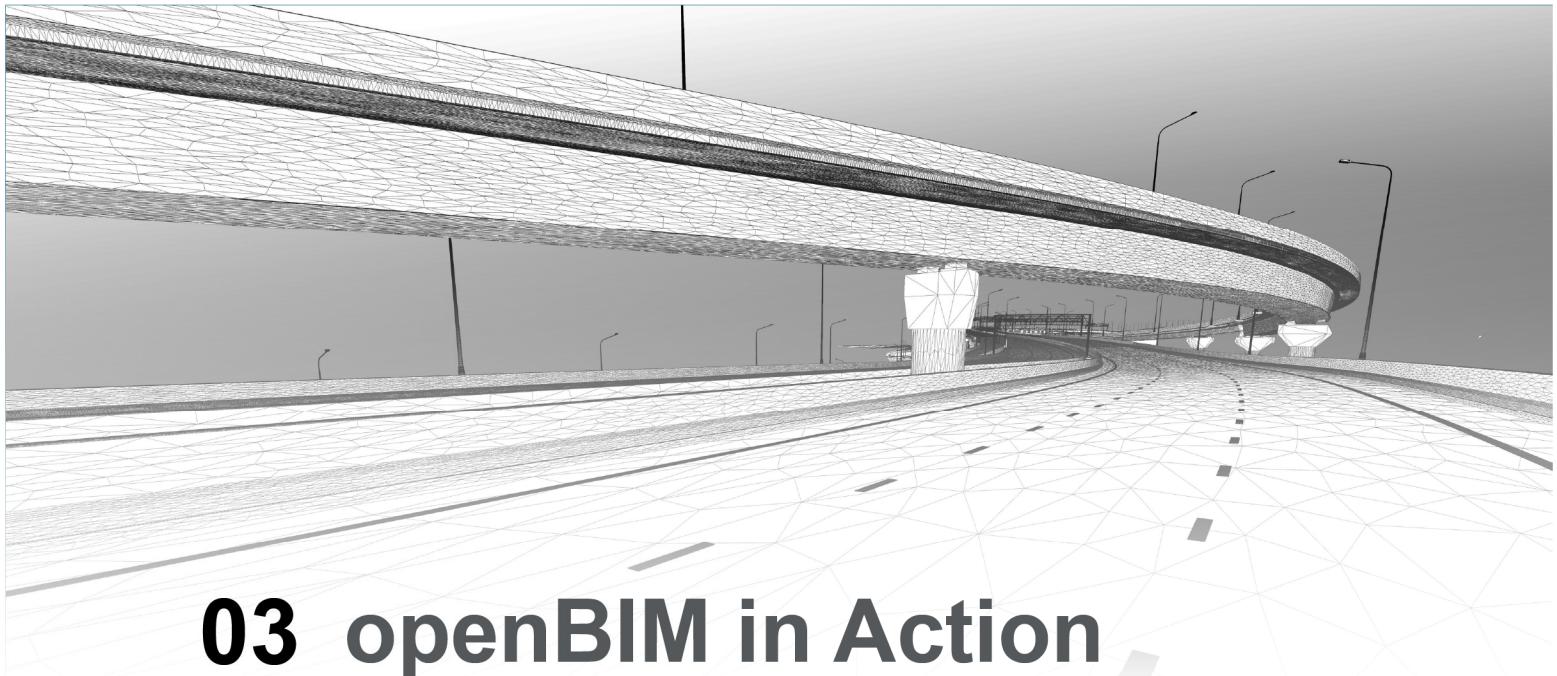
Quality Management for Model Based Delivery



CHAPTERS

- Introduction
- Quality Management
- Record Management
- Model Reviews
- Components of Review
- Implementing this Guide

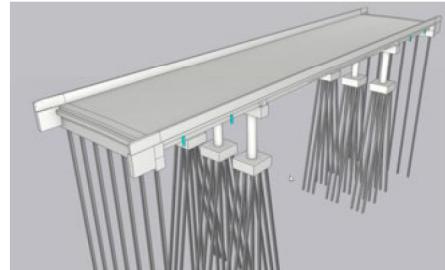
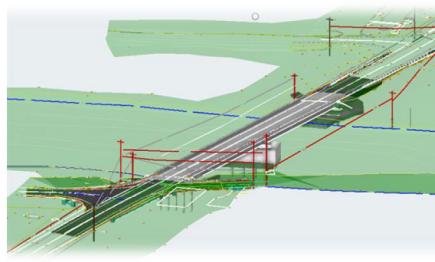
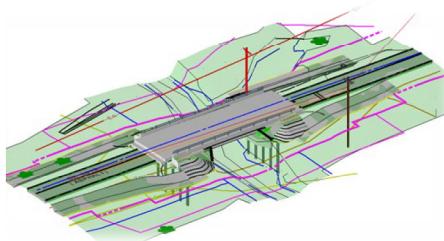
Research objective was to develop a guide that can serve as a national industry reference for quality assurance with 3D model-based project delivery



03 openBIM in Action with the State DOTs

PILOT PROJECTS

openBIM using TPF-5(372) National Data Standards



PennDOT SR 3010 Rearick Road

- 1-Span PS Bulb Tee Beams
- Integral Abutments
- Lead Designer: JMT

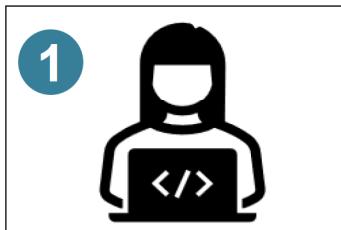
PennDOT SR 6 over French Creek

- 2-Span Steel Plate Girders
- Integral Abutments
- Lead Designer: Michael Baker

Iowa DOT US59 over Iowa 92

- 3-Span PS Beams
- Integral Abutments
- Lead Designer: HDR

Open Data Standard Exchanges



ENGINEER
Creates Model using
Software of Choice



AUTODESK
Revit

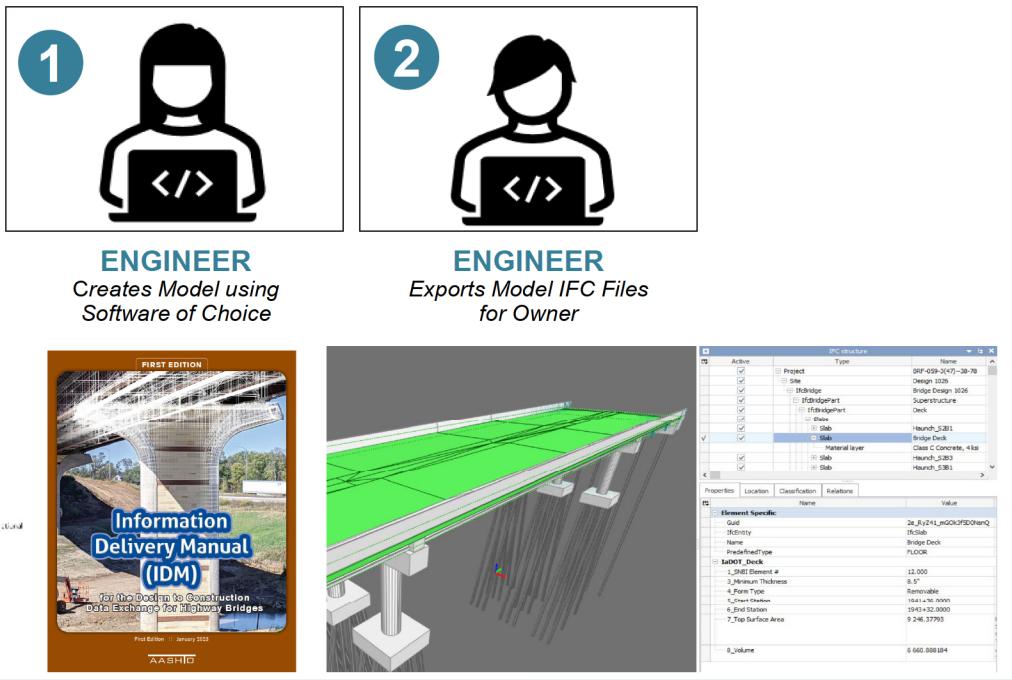


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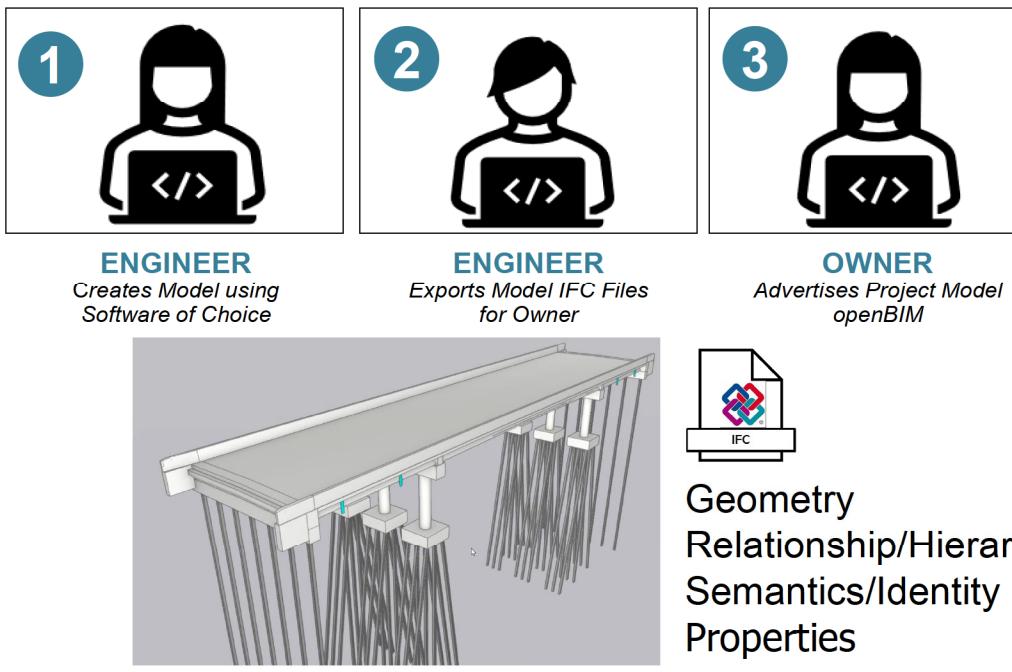
ALLPLAN

A Bentley Software Company

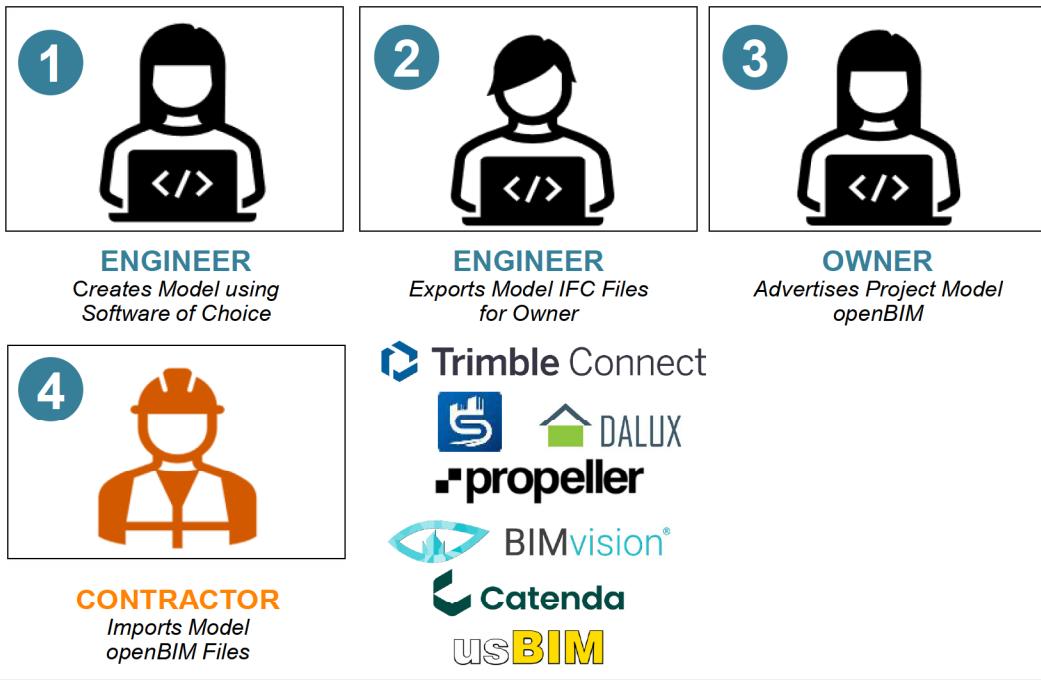
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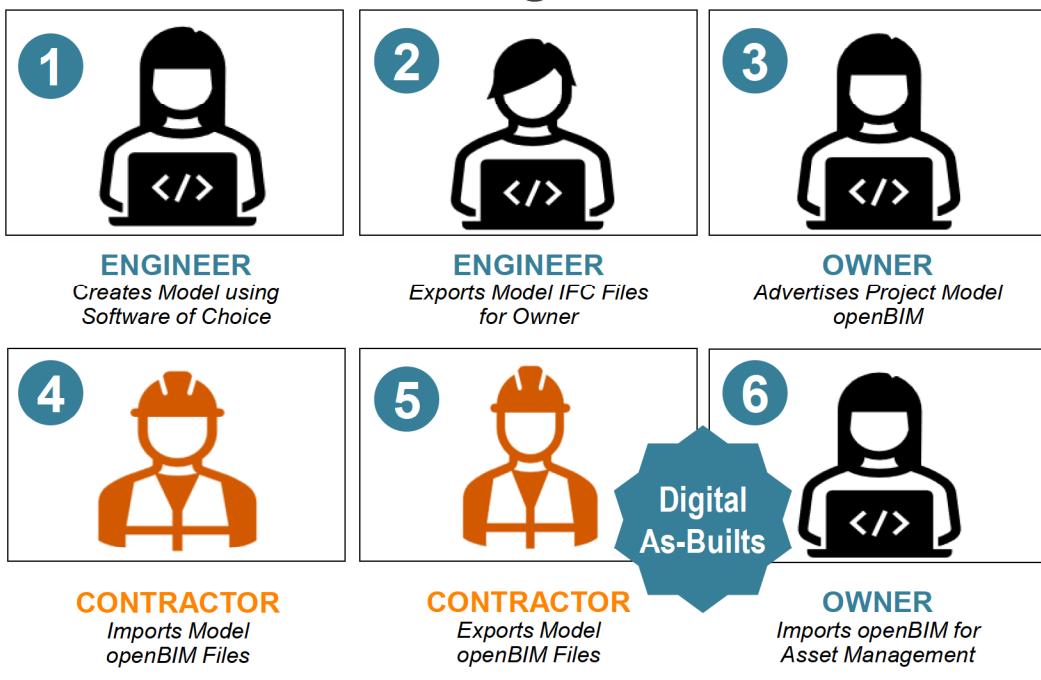
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openBIM Bridge Pilot Projects Details



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us**BIM**

The screenshot shows the usBIM.browser interface with a 3D model of a bridge structure on the left. The model consists of a long bridge deck supported by multiple piers, with various structural components like beams and walls. On the right, the IFC Element Assembly panel displays detailed information for the selected element, including General Data, Predefined Type (GIRDER), and Contained in Structure (ifcBridgePart S...). The panel also includes a Properties tab and a Camber Report section with numerical data for deck dead load, girder dead load, and superimposed dead load.

openBIM Bridge Pilot Projects Details



Models

Selected models ▾

- Step 3.7.ifc
- BRF-059-3(47)-38-78
- Design 1026
- Bridge Design 1026
 - Substructure
 - Abutment 1
 - Abutment 2
 - Pier 1
 - Pier 2
 - Superstructure
 - Deck Drainage
 - West Barrier Conduit

Bar: #5 x 44:2 Mk 5A83 ▾ X

Presentation Layers ▾

Product ▾

Pro Structures_Rebar_Properties ▾

01-Surface Deformed

02-Size 5

03-Grade 60

04-Length 44:2

05-Bar Mark 5a2

06-Bend Shape Straight

07-Spacing N/A

08-Weight 46.0676

09-Type Black

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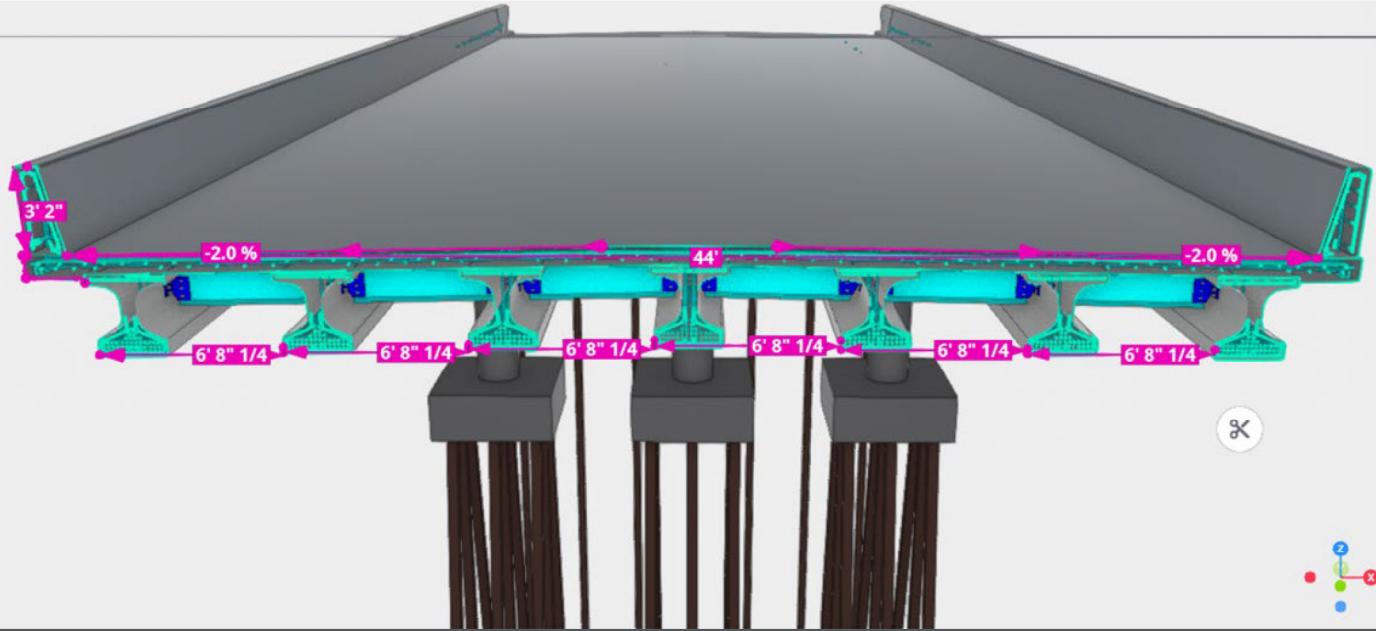


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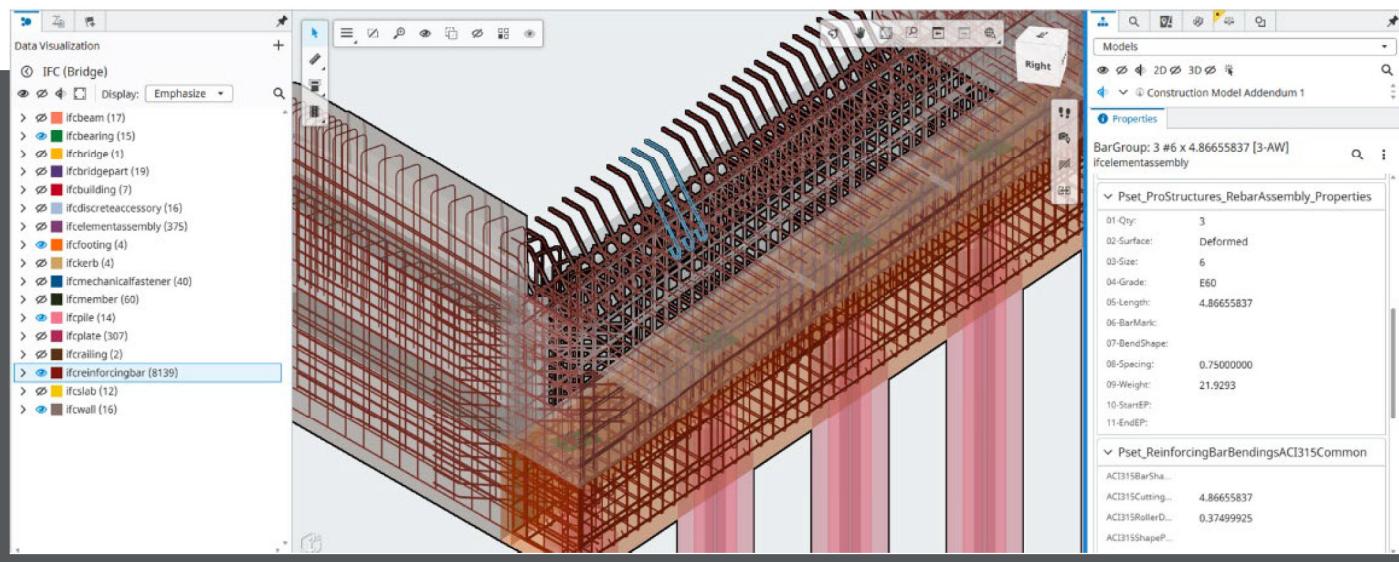
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➢ #5 (3)	2404-7775000	3	Reinforcing Steel	ASTM A615, A706, A996	Deformed	5	60	193:6	X	N/A	201.667	Black	X
➢ 10a1 (8)	2404-7775000	8	Reinforcing Steel	ASTM A615, A706, A996	Deformed	10	60	50:8	17	N/A	218.375	Black	17
➢ 10b1 (8)	2404-7775000	8	Reinforcing Steel	ASTM A615, A706, A996	Deformed	10	60	44:2	Straight	N/A	190.047	Black	...
➢ 5a2 (10)	2404-7775000	10	Reinforcing Steel	ASTM A615, A706, A996	Deformed	5	60	44:2	Straight	N/A	46.0676	Black	...
➢ 5c1 (120)	2404-7775000	120	Reinforcing Steel	ASTM A615, A706, A996	Deformed	5	60	13:10	T10	N/A	14.4287	Black	T10

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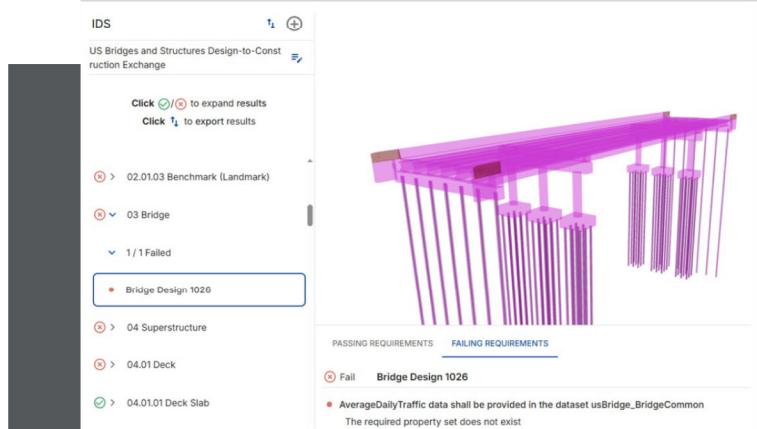


openBIM Bridge Pilot Projects Details



Pilot Project Key Takeaways

- BIM for Bridges and Structures National Standards Leveraged



IDS

US Bridges and Structures Design-to-Construction Exchange

Click to expand results
Click to export results

- 02.01.03 Benchmark (Landmark)
- 03 Bridge
 - 1 / 1 Failed
 - Bridge Design 1026
- 04 Superstructure
- 04.01 Deck
- 04.01.01 Deck Slab

PASSING REQUIREMENTS FAILING REQUIREMENTS

Fail Bridge Design 1026

- AverageDailyTraffic data shall be provided in the dataset usBridge_BridgeCommon
The required property set does not exist

 bSDD

TPF Bridge > US Bridge > 1

Dictionary

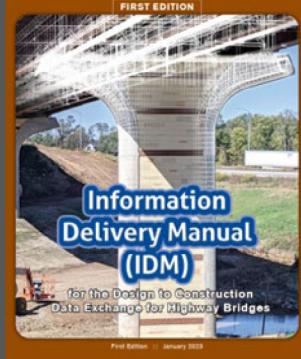
US Bridge

Organization: TPF Bridge
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Version 1 Preview
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Classes (103) Show more ▾

Name	Code	Definition	Identifier (URI)
Abutment (Assembly)	usBridge_AbulmentAssembly	Part of bridge substructure at either end of bridge which transfers loads from superstructure to fou...	
Abutment (Spatial)	usBridge_AbulmentSpatial	Part of bridge substructure at either end of bridge which transfers loads from superstructure to fou...	

 FIRST EDITION
Information Delivery Manual (IDM)
for the Design to Construction Data Exchange for Highway Bridges
First Edition | January 2019

 BIM FOR BRIDGES AND STRUCTURES
TPF-5(372)
AASHTO National BIM Standards

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PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



IOWA | DOT
Asset Owners



HDR
Michael Baker INTERNATIONAL
JMT

Technology



OPENBrIM

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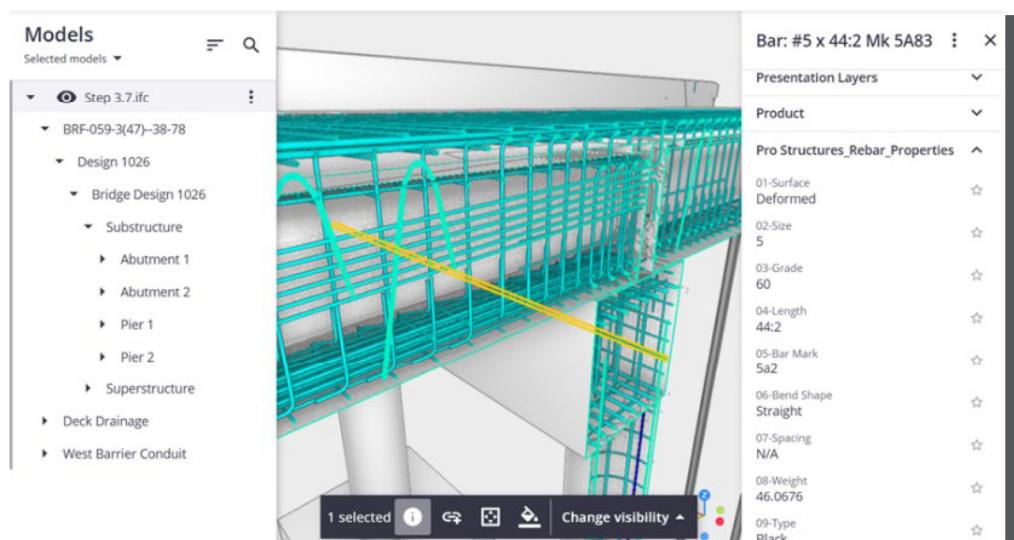
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- **Consistent IFC Deliverables**

US Bridges and Structures Concepts (Hierarchies, Aggregations, and Elements)	IFC4.3.2.0 Mapping	usBridge Data Dictionary
Project	IfcProject	
Site	IfcSite	BridgeSite
Bridge	IfcBridge,GIRDER	Bridge
Superstructure	IfcBridge.USERDEFINED.SLAB_BRIDGE	
Deck	IfcBridgePart,SUPERSTRUCTURE	BridgeSuperstructure
Slab(s)	IfcBridgePart,DECK	
Reinforcing (see below)	IfcBridgePart,DECK_SEGMENT	Deck OR DeckSegment
Haunch	IfcSlab,USERDEFINED,HAUNCH	Haunch
Wearing Surface (optional)	IfcSlab,WEARING	WearingSurface
Closure Pour	IfcSlab,USERDEFINED,CLOSURE_POUR	ClosurePour
Median	IfcKerb,USERDEFINED,MEDIAN	Median
Reinforcing (see below)		
Expansion Joint	IfcDiscreteAccessory,EXPANSION_JOINT_DEVICE	ExpansionJoint
Curb / Sidewalk	IfcKerb,USERDEFINED,CURB or SIDEWALK	Curb or Sidewalk
Reinforcing (see below)		

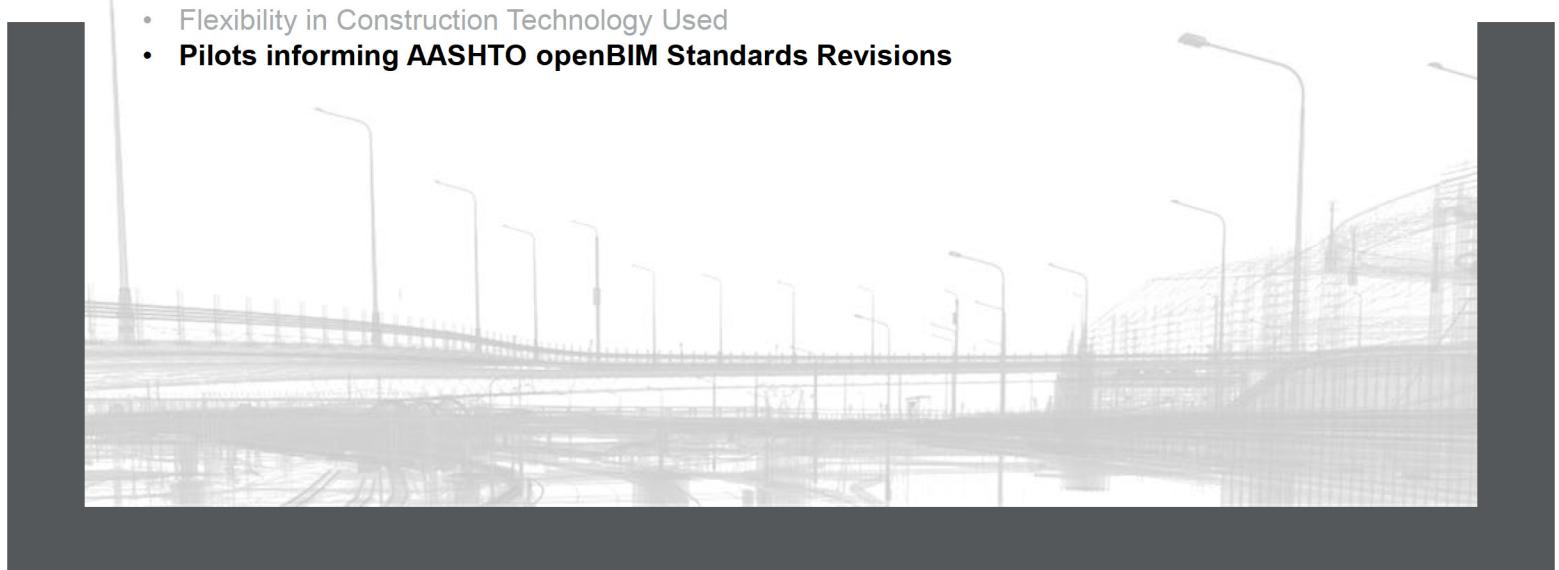
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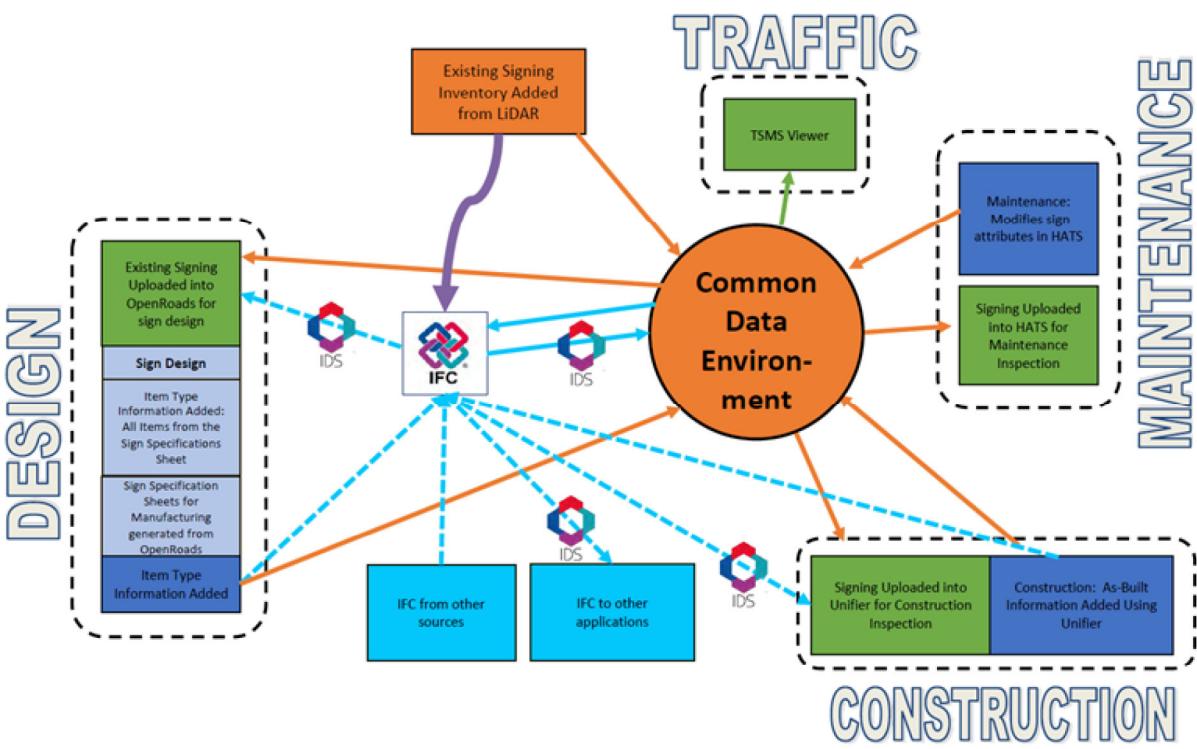


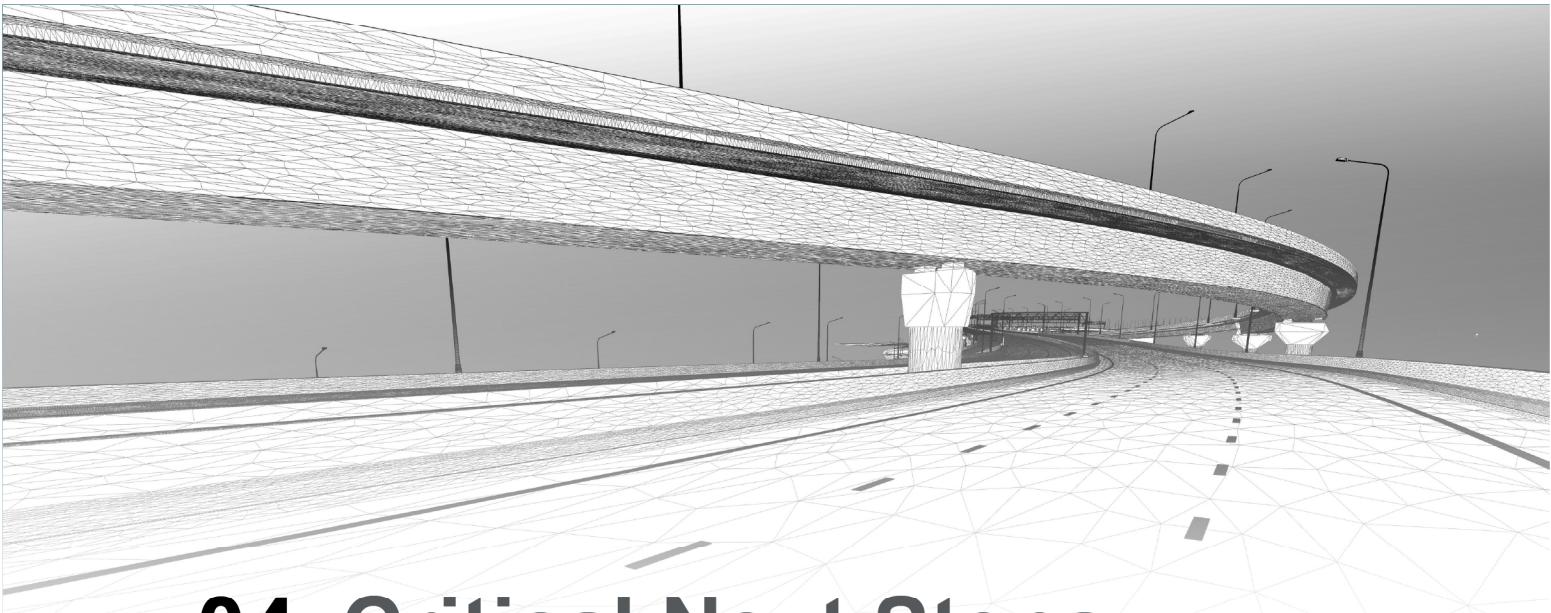
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- Pilots informing **AASHTO openBIM Standards Revisions**



ADCMS Grant Scope





04 Critical Next Steps to Implement openBIM



openBIM Next Steps

- Expand Standards for Additional Use Cases
- Support Implementation
 - Pilot Projects
 - Provide go-by IFC data sets
 - External Stakeholder Support
 - Technology Provider Support
 - Continued buildingSMART International Partnership
 - Role Based Training
- Establish AASHTO openBIM Standards Governance
- Expedite Approval / Publishing of open data exchange standards

bSI Project: Asset Operations Handover (AOH)

- Focuses on
 - Enhancing the Built Asset Handover from Capital project to Operations.
 - Improving data interoperability,
 - Leveraging open standards (IFC and IDS)
 - Promoting the use of openBIM.
- Two use cases will be developed:
 - One for buildings
 - One for civil infrastructure.
- Deliverables include IDS files and possible entries in the bSDD.
- Partners:
 - Statsbygg (Norway)
 - Quebec ministries, Société Québécoise des infrastructures (SQI) (Canada)
 - Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (USA)

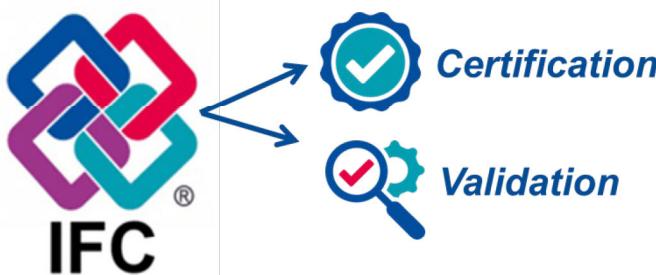


IFC Validation and Software Certification Pooled Fund

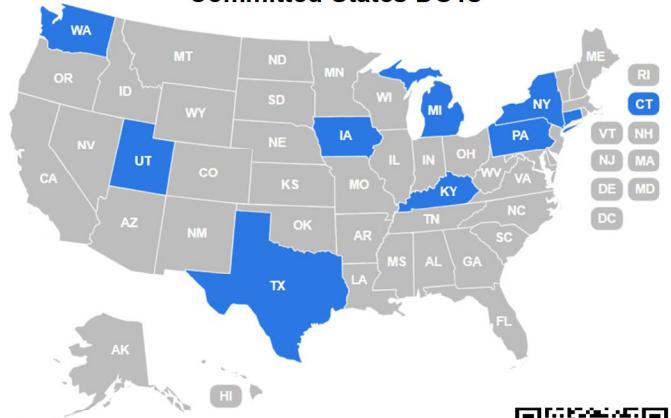
Business Objectives for State DOT's:

- Specify IFC certified software for road/bridge projects
- Validate deliverables to enhance project delivery and management quality.

Schedule – 2026 to 2028



Committed States DOTs



TPF TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND



openBIM Transportation Summit

two-day event hosted by



in collaboration with



2025 openBIM Roads and Bridges Transportation Summit

November 5-6, 2025 | San Diego, California

AGENDA

- openBIM Workflows
- International Updates
- National Updates
- openBIM Industry Updates
- openBIM in Action
- External Stakeholders Input

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**Remember why we work to deliver a safe,
efficient, transportation system...**



Thank you!



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MANAGER



Will Sharp
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

**Presentation Slides
and Internet Links**



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead
American cultural anthropologist