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PRESENTATION ABSTRACT

Making One out of Many: How US DOT facilitates creation of nationwide geospatial datasets

US DOT coordinates with state and local governments, as well as industry, to develop and/or aggregate nationwide geospatial datasets. As an example, we will explore the challenges related to creating the Work Zone Data Exchange. Working with state and local governments and industry, US DOT is developing the Work Zone Data Exchange Specification. The specification enables infrastructure owners and operators to make harmonized work zone data available for third party use. The intent is to make travel on public roads safer and more efficient through ubiquitous access to data on work zone activity. Specifically, the project aims to get data on work zones into vehicles to help automated driving systems (ADS) and human drivers navigate more safely. Disparate data models, formats, completeness, and quality were addressed during the creation of the specification.

BIO

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