

AGIC Data Committee Mentimeter Results for OpenStreetMap Discussion

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Overview

Participants discussed their use of OpenStreetMap (OSM) data, barriers to adoption, and ideas for how AGIC could encourage more OSM contributions in Arizona. There were 15 respondents in total.

Use of OSM Data

Frequency of Use

Never 6

Rarely 5

Occasionally 2

Weekly 1

(No response) 1

Summary:

Most respondents rarely or never use OSM data. Only one participant reported weekly use.

Common Barriers to Using OSM

Barrier Avg Rating (1 = Not a Barrier, 5 = Major Barrier)

Not authoritative 2.3 Moderate concern

Lack of coverage 1.9 Minor concern

No time/resources to validate 4.0 Top barrier

Licensing or policy concerns 2.2 Moderate concern

Don't know how to access/use 2.8 Knowledge gap identified

Summary:

The biggest challenge is the time and resources needed to validate data, followed by a general lack of knowledge on how to access or use OSM.

Suggestions for AGIC to Encourage OSM Contributions

Participants provided several ideas on how AGIC could help increase engagement and contributions to OSM in Arizona.

Recurring Themes:

- Education and awareness:

“Tell people it exists, what it is, and how to contribute.”

“Education on how to contribute; documentation is scattered.”

- Practical examples and benefits:

“Show examples of how people are using it.”

“Make it clear how it benefits my agency.”

- Structured initiatives:

“Future GIS Day activity.”

“Highlight data collection needs to campaign.”

“AGIC could act as a formal contributor for the state.”

- Dedicated resources:

“Full-time person at the State to enter it for all entities.”

Key Takeaways

- Low usage – Most participants rarely or never use OSM.
- Validation workload is the primary barrier.
- Education and outreach are the most common recommendations.
- State-level coordination could help formalize contributions and reduce individual effort.