# MOBILE DATA COLLECTION: A PRIMER

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# PRESENTATION SUMMARY

- 1. Project Overview
- 2. PLS Workflow Comparison
- 3. Project Setup
- 4. Demo









## **01 PROJECT OVERVIEW**



# TIMELINE

- 1. FOCP GRANT Application: August 2014
- 2. FOCP Grant Awarded: December 2014
- 3. Internship Began: January 2015
- 4. iPads Delivered: April 2015











# TEAM

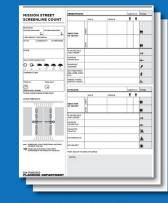
- Robin Abad
- Teresa Ojeda
- Mike Webster
- Mike Wynne
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# PUBLIC LIFE STUDIES



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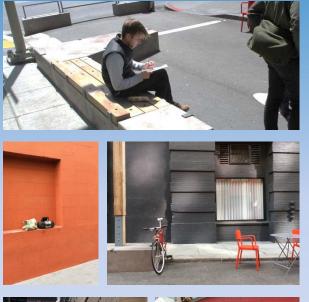
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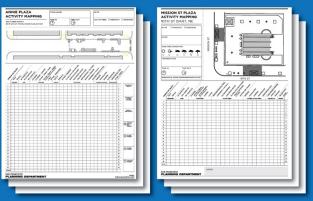






- Captures the location, demographics, posture, and activities of the users in given public space
- Ex: BART Plazas, Parklets, Annie Street Plaza
- Involves a full team of data collectors
- Many shifts per day
- Often several people collecting at the same time
- Potentially a large number of points in a small area
- Time and date are determining factors of activity levels

### **ACTIVITY MAPPING**



# ESRI COLLECTOR

### **COMMON USES:**

- Track Infrastructure Conditions
- Carry out Damage Reports
- File Service Requests
- Map Places of Historical
   Interest
- Record Violations
- Manage Land Use / Property Maps

### OUR USE:

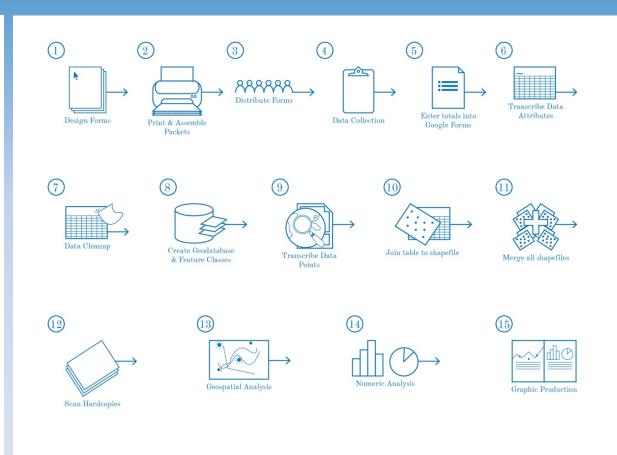
Activity Mapping



## 02 PUBLIC LIFE SURVEY WORKFLOW COMPARISON

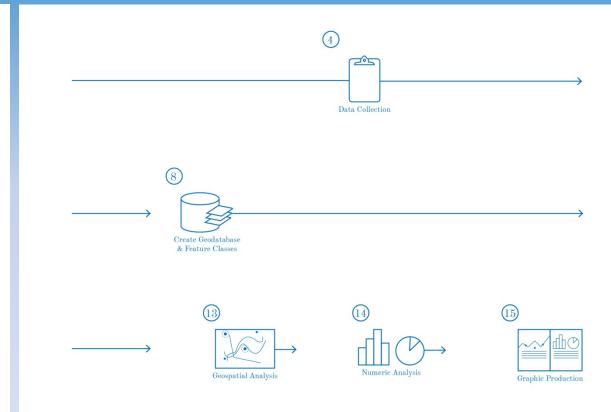
# TYPICAL WORKFLOW

- 1. Create intake matrix / hardcopy forms
- 2. Print & assemble materials
- 3. Distribute Materials
- 4. Observe / collect public life data
- 5. Enter totals into google form
- 6. Transcribe rows into excel
- 7. Data cleanup
- 8. Create geodatabase
- 9. Transcribe data points into ArcMap
- 10. Join tables to shapefile
- 11. Merge all data
- 12. Scan all hard copies
- 13. Run geospatial data analysis on points in ArcMap
- 14. Run numeric data analysis on tables in excel
- 15. Production on maps, charts, tables in Adobe Suite



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# MOBILE DATA WORKFLOW

- 1. Create geodatabase
- 2. Create data collection map
- 3. Upload Resources and set properties
- 4. Observe / collect public life data
- 5. Upload data points
- 6. Access data points on computer
- 7. Run geospatial data analysis on points in ArcMap
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# MOBILE DATA COLLECTION

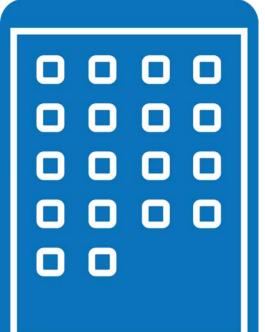
### IN SUM ...

- ✓ Fewer steps
- ✓ Cuts out the most time-consuming steps

### MORE TIME FOR THE FUN STUFF:

- ✓ Qualitative analysis in Excel
- ✓ Spatial analysis in ArcMap
- $\checkmark$  Production on maps, charts, tables in Adobe Suite

# MDC PROS & CONS



### PROS

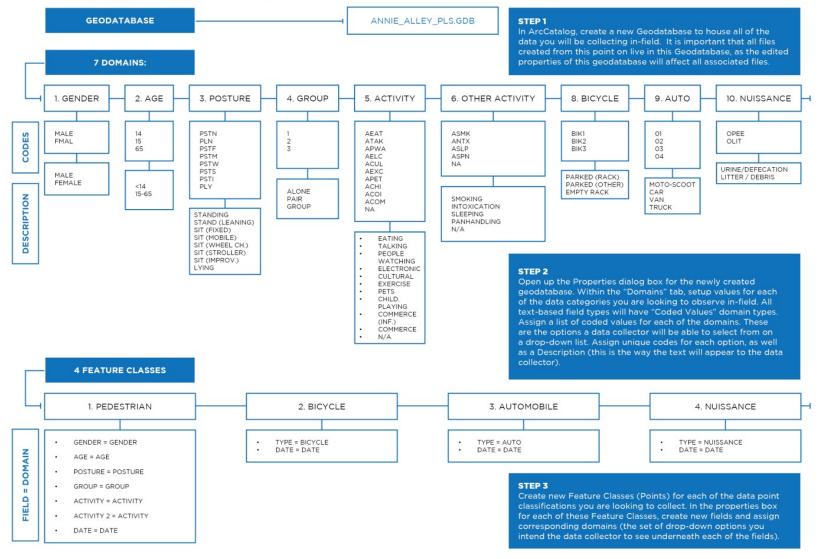
- No more clipboard!
- Online / Offline
- Seamless data processing
- Efficiency

### CONS

- Cost of tablet & MyFi
- In-field risk

### **O3 PROJECT SETUP**

### **01 GEODATABASE SETUP**



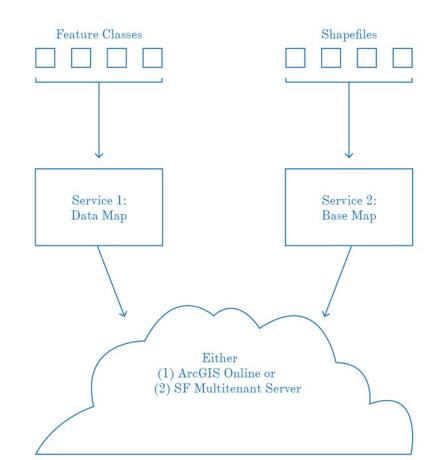


### **02 MAP SERVICE SETUP**

### STEP 1

Two different map services must be set up in ArcMap. For each service, bring in the relevant layers using the "add data" tool: **Service 1** is made up of the feature classes setup in geodatabase setup. These are the data points that a user will be collecting in-field.

**Service 2** is made up of a series of shapefiles that will serve as a basemap, helping to contextualize a user's surroundings.



### STEP 2

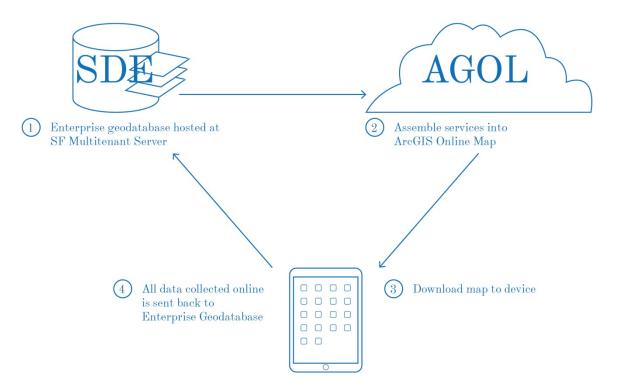
Once you have set up both services in two separate .mxd documents, publish the service to a server via ArcMap.

### STEP 3

After both services have been hosted on a serve, set service properties and combine services into an ArcGIS Online Map document.



### **03 BACKEND SETUP**



# MOBILE DEVICE SETUP

### **ONLINE**

### PROS

- Automatic syncing
- Unlimited zooming
- More accurate geolocation
- Automated editor tracking CONS
- Requires live cellular data or Wi-Fi connection

### **OFFLINE**

### PROS

Collect data without internet connection

### CONS

- Manual sync with internet connection
- Limited to Esri map templates
- Unreliable
- Manual editor tracking

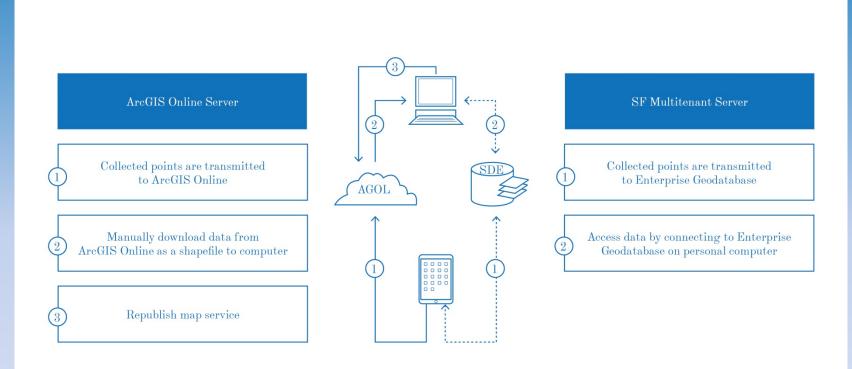


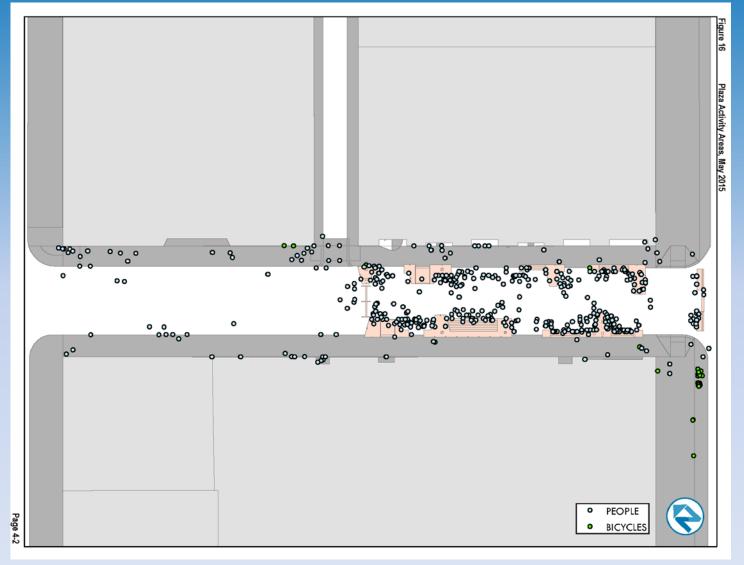
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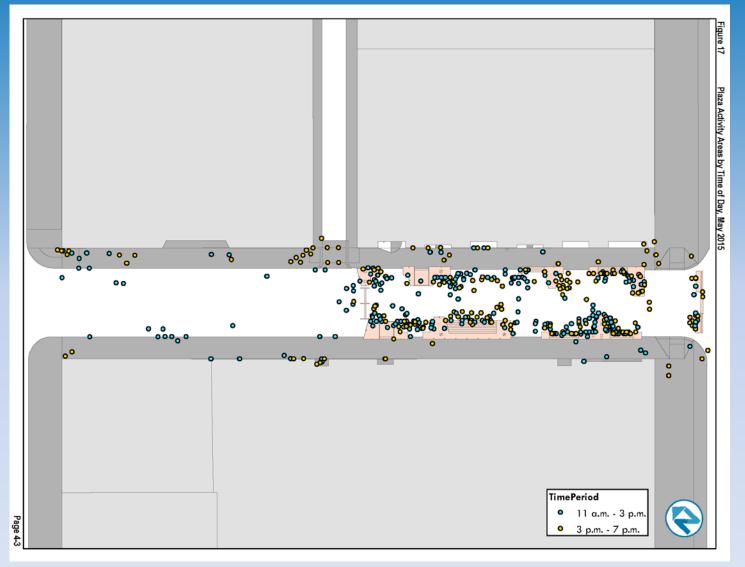
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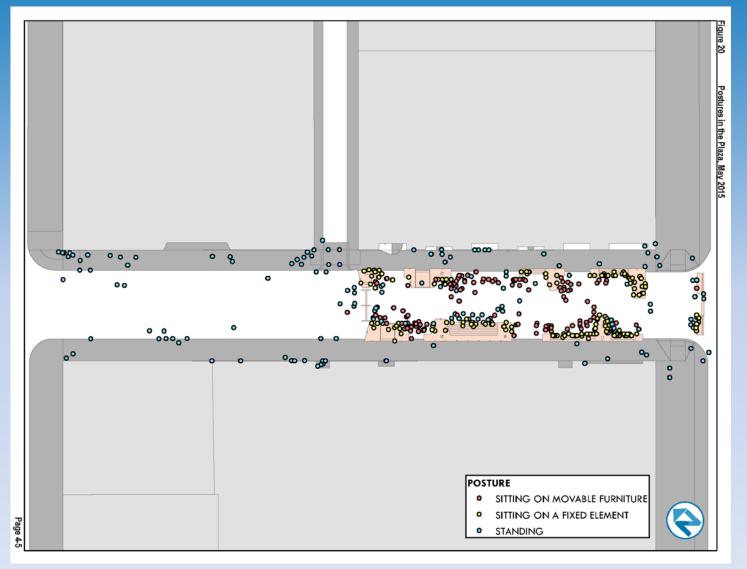


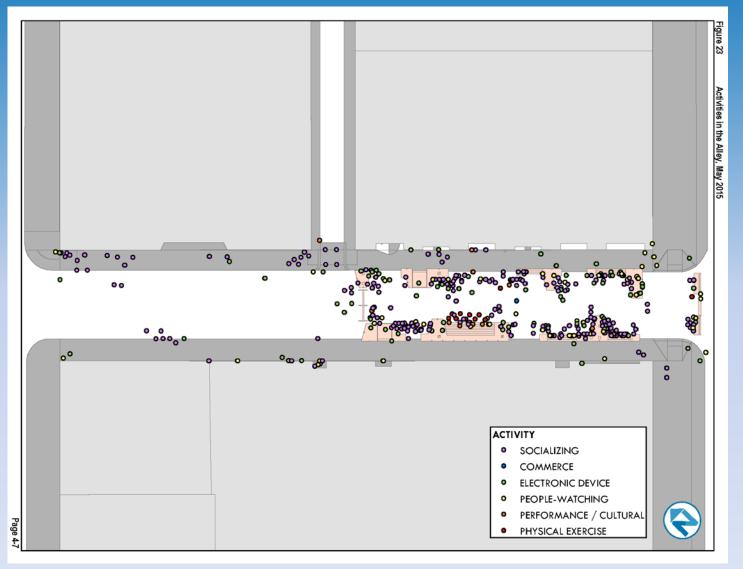
### **05 POST-COLLECTION WORKFLOW**











# CONCLUSION

### **LESSONS LEARNED:**

- BETA Testing
- Photos as Attachments
- Offline Collection
- Public Life









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### **FURTHER RESEARCH:**

- Offline Functionality
- Related Tables









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### **POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS:**

- Activity Mapping Plazas
- Urban Forest Inventory
- Living Alley Existing Conditions
- IIN Business Surveys
- Façade & Sidewalk Existing Conditions









# THANKS!

- ✓ QUESTIONS?
- ✓ COMMENTS?
- ✓ APPLICATIONS?