

# Statewide Parcel Data Workgroup Meeting Notes

5/26/15

National Life Calvin Coolidge Room, 9 – 10:30 AM

**Present:** Leslie Pelch, VCGI; Johnathan Croft, VTrans; Nina Safavi, VTrans; Ryan Cloutier, VTrans; Rob White, VTrans; Melissa Prindiville, ACCD; David Metraux, ACCD; John Adams, ACCD; Douglas Farnham, Dept. of Taxes (gotomeeting); Kate Hickey & Rich Grady, AppGeo (gotomeeting).

1. AppGeo presented a powerpoint summary of their ROI and Parcel Lifecycle Reports.
2. The group discussed aspects of the presentation for about 30 minutes:
  - a. Parcel Lifecycle report recommends one solution – John A. questions whether it is the most efficient use of public money – wouldn't a centralized option (state employee) focused just on collecting parcel data updates be less costly?
  - b. Several people agree it would have been nice to see a comparison of different scenarios, costs.
  - c. Kate says they did informally discuss different models during interviews but this one seemed to fit VT best.
  - d. Rich said there are very few states with statewide parcel data programs: Montana, Tennessee, Massachusetts, (and I would add NH). He said Montana is a pretty different situation so comparison didn't seem useful.
  - e. Kate said that in the end we want the towns to maintain and contribute their data, so we should build their capacity
  - f. Steve characterizes the model AppGeo provided as enhancing an existing workflow rather than trying to create a brand new workflow.
  - g. John questions how much pushback there really would be from towns. Many of them might be happy to eliminate the cost and trouble of dealing with parcel data.
  - h. Kate makes the point that the model they presented is about shared responsibility and responding to town preferences (flexibility).
  - i. We talked a bit at the end of the meeting about re-engaging VLCT and VALA to see what they think about the model that should be pursued.
3. Nina sent an email after the meeting that suggests the following Next Steps:
  - a. VT state agencies/departments reach out to their senior leadership to accomplish the following:
    - i. Outreach/education of leadership.
    - ii. Discovering strategies that are politically likely/unlikely to be successful.
    - iii. Identification of questions/concerns that leadership is interested in.
  - b. Organize a larger meeting where leadership across agencies join for a facilitated discussion. (The hope is that other parcel workgroup members are willing to brief their leadership prior to this meeting as well)