

GIS Council questions to the Technical Panel

There are policy topics in the standards for address, street centerline, elevation, imagery, and places in metadata standards that have recently been put forward for clarification. The GIS Council would like some assistance from the technical panel on best direction for some of these items. The example given is from the address standards but is applicable to all the other standards as well to provide consistency.

On the April 16, at the GIS Council meeting, the elevation, address and street centerline standards were approved with modifications. The motion was, *“Move to approve the Standard with the change to move the sections on stewardship, maintenance and distribution to an external document referenced in the document. The placement of this reference is to be determined by the Council Chair and GIS Coordinator.”*

The questions are:

1. How is the best way to represent these sections from a standards and policy view point?
 - a. Does maintenance need to be included in the standards? In addition, role of data stewards and reporting of errors and handling updates.
 - b. Does distribution need to be included in the standards? In other words, how much or should a description be provided on how data should be distributed?
2. Is it proper to reference other documents if they have not been completed or written?
3. Ownership and responsibilities – Is it needed, if so how much?