“You must take the A train
To go to Sugar Hill
way up in Harlem
If you miss the A train
You’ll find you’ve missed the quickest way
to Harlem”
Duke Ellington, 1941
AGENDA

• Grand Central Station
• The Blue Line
• The Green Line
• Progress Report
• Benchmarking Proposal
• Actions/Next Steps

“working to meet today’s needs and tomorrow’s expectations for GIS services”
Grand Central Station

- A shared vision of GIS in the future
- Enterprise GIS has to be more inclusive and less exclusive (fewer silos)
- EGIS is the Champion for Enterprise GIS
- Enabling our federated structure to act as a single entity

“the trick is to recognize that constituents will arrive with baggage but through meaningful collaboration they can leave without it”
Blue Line

• Develop a Strategic Plan to Define a Clear and Realistic Vision
• Use Benchmarking to Exercise and Assess New Practices
• Leverage Economies of Scale to Maximize Available Funding
• Developing Partnerships with new stakeholders and vendors

“recognize that all parts are connected into a loosely federated system that have to work together if anyone is going to get anywhere”
Green Line

• Communication
• Execution
• Where do we go next?

“the experienced subway traveler will stay close to the sweet path, especially on complex journeys where time and cost is of the essence”
Progress Report

• Completed several Strategic Planning Interviews
• Identified Issues
  • People
  • Process
• Technology

“Strategic Planning Best Practices ~ start with stakeholders, define clear vision, engage technology experts, allow flexibility for changing tactics and know your resources and limitations”
Benchmarking Proposal

- Establish GIS Services Bureau
- Develop Streamlined Data Maintenance and QA Processes
- Implement ESRI Data Maintenance Tools
- Implement ESRI Web GIS Platform

“exploit all the power and functionality that commercially available GIS software has to offer. Minimizing customization.... this practice is known as going with the grain”
Actions/Next Steps

• PAO & BTS to Assign Resources to GIS Services Bureau Benchmarking
• PAO & BTS to Provide Benchmarking Leadership & Project Management
• BCC to Provide Resources to Support Benchmarking as Required.
• Partner with ESRI to Implement desktop and web GIS Technologies
Actions/Next Steps

• Interim report will be prepared for BTS Board review in April
  • Enterprise GIS Strategic Plan
  • GIS Bureau staffing recommendations, including budgetary costs
  • FY12 Budgetary cost estimates for GIS infrastructure investments (hardware, software, data).