

CAD - GIS A Complete Conversion in the Real World





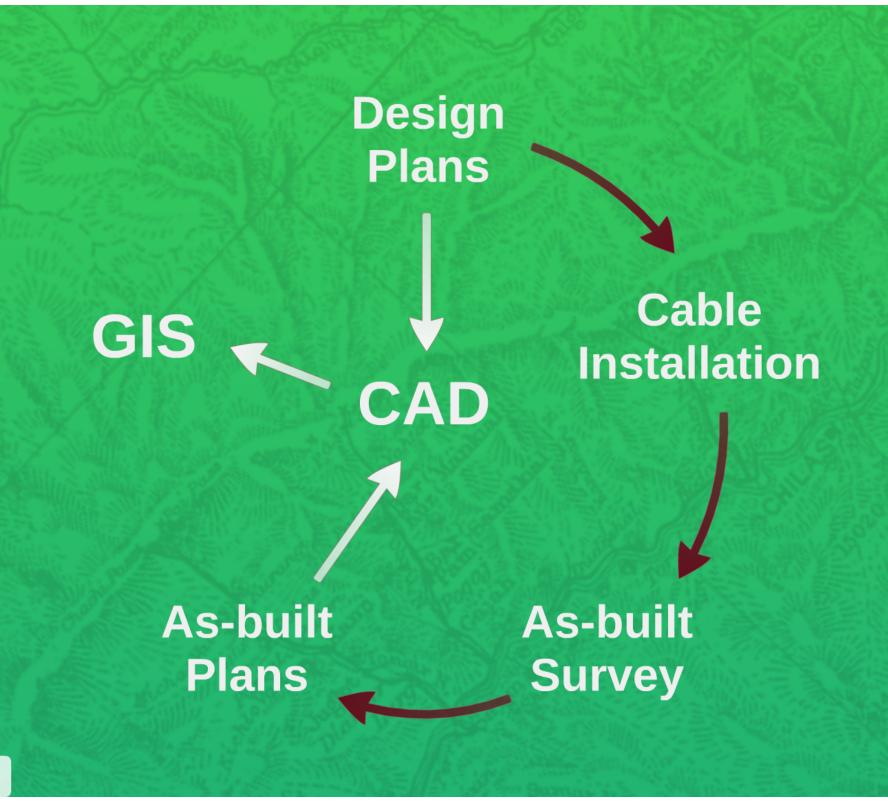
GIS Survey / LiDAR **CM / Materials Testing Transportation Design Land Development Structures Power** MEP



#### Project Overview

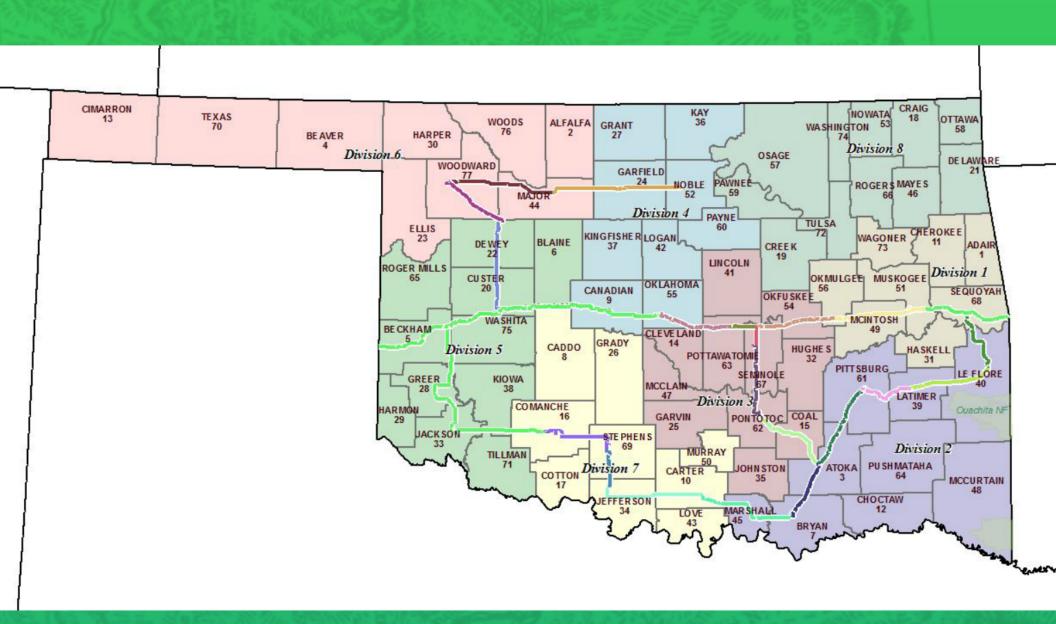
- ODOT installing optical fiber cable throughout Oklahoma
- High speed internet for dozens of institutions
- Consulting design firms use CAD
- ODOT uses GIS to manage network







# Challenges Many different design firms Crazy CAD data Scope, Schedule, Budget



#### **Solutions**

- Provided extremely detailed CAD standards for design firms
- Standard layers based on ODOT standards
- Schedule with deadlines





- CAD should be used for design
- Geometry is stored in the drawing
- Layers are not "layers"
- Conclusions?



(DGN) (DWG)

MicroStation → AutoCAD → ArcGIS

Smart Lines → Polylines → Lines

Cells --> Blocks --> Points

B-splines --> Splines --> message?



# Conversion Part 1: CAD Management

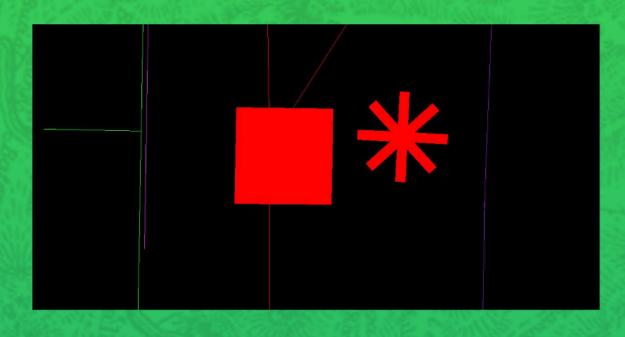
- Responsibility placed with CAD
- Design manual provided
- CAD Layer Management
- Connectivity is everything



### Essential Connectivity

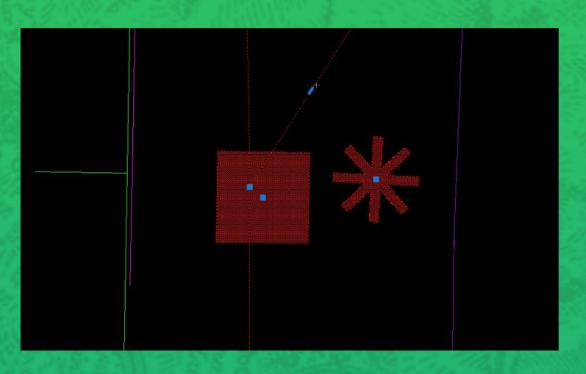
- Standardized only layer name
- Block insertion point snapped to polyline end points
- Fiber polylines joined between certain splice locations





Looks great on paper

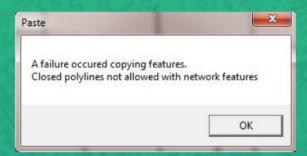
Insertion point of block not snapped to anything





### Conversion Part 2: ESRI gdb

- Simple ArcMap tools
  - No georeferencing needed
  - · No annotation needed
- One master symbology (.style)
- GDB Schema



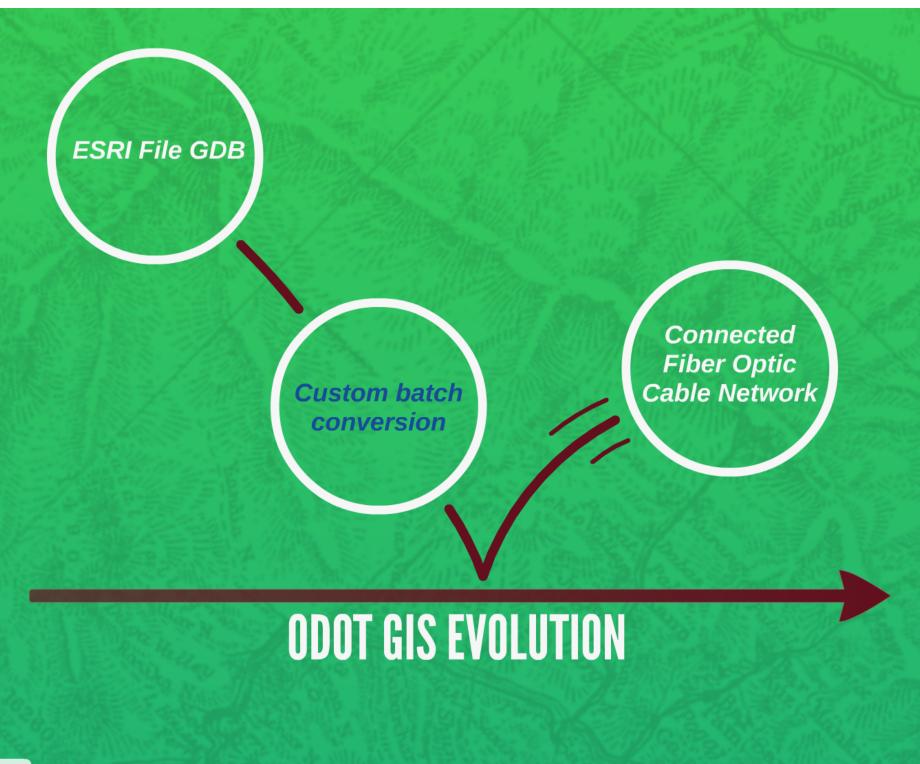




Layers in AutoCad

AutoCAD layers grouped by geometry type in ArcMap □ ✓ Segment 16.dwg Group Layer
 ✓ Segment 16.dwg Annotation
 ⊕ ✓ Segment 16.dwg Point
 ⊕ ✓ Segment 16.dwg Polyline
 ⊕ ✓ Segment 16.dwg Polygon
 ⊕ ✓ Segment 16.dwg MultiPatch





## **Lessons Learned**

- Assign one PM
- Communicate
- · Better scope, schedule, budget
- Simplify expectations



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