

Clarus Initiative Update - Survey Results & Discussion

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Survey Background

- Conducted by ITSA from 15 June - 15 July 2011
- Intent was to increase understanding of how *Clarus* is used by system customers
- 28 Participants:
 - 13 State DOTs
 - 6 private sector companies
 - 4 academic institutions
 - 3 Federal agencies
 - 1 weather service provider
 - 1 transit agency



Clarus Data Uses

- Monitor near real-time weather observations
 - 61% use multi-state view
 - 54% use in-state view
- Weather model input: 39%
- Evaluating maintenance needs on RWIS: 36%
- Use in other systems (e.g. 511) and weather forecasting: 29%



Clarus Access Methods



Clarus System Route

Query Results

Time: 2011-08-19 14:10 UTC

Saving the Query Results

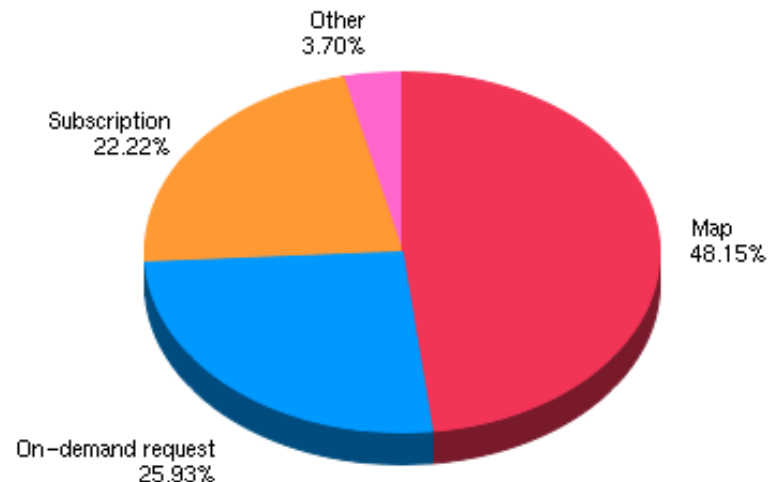
You may save the query results by clicking on the link below. This will reissue the query and display the results in a plain browser window. You can then save the entire page by selecting the proper option from your browser's File menu.

Note: Because the query is reissued, the results you see on the next page may be different than the results you are currently viewing.

[Display the Results by Listing](#)

ObsTypeID	ObsTypeDesc	ClarusSensorID	ClarusSensorIndex	ClarusStationID	ClarusSiteID	ClarusClient
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24	MD_Stage_DOT	551057	2011-08-19	14:03:20	38	005
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- Map: 48%
- On-demand request: 26%
- Subscription: 22%
- Other: 4%



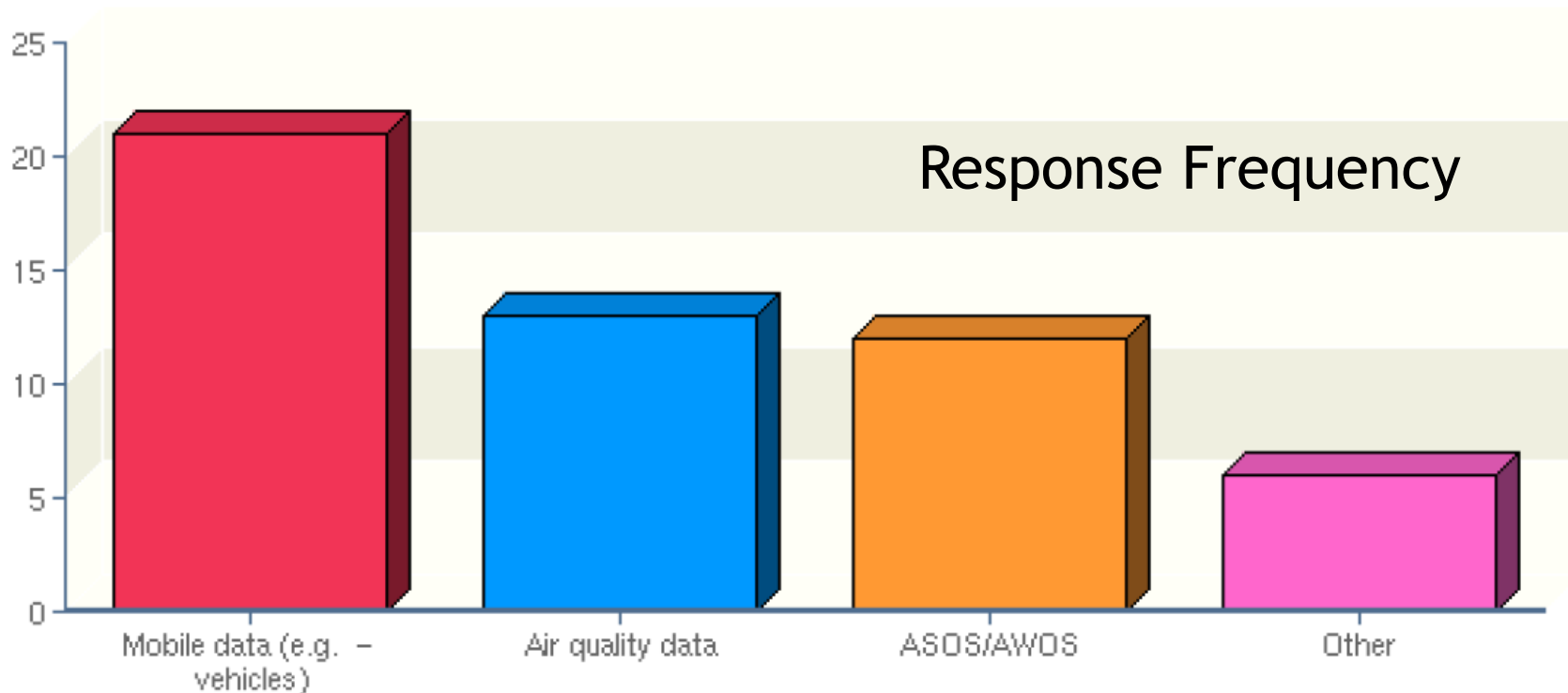
Value of *Clarus* Data in Meeting Organization Needs

- Significant enhancement: 25%
 - “extremely valuable”
 - “decreased costs significantly”
- Moderate enhancement: 36%
 - “worthy product”
 - “working to implement ...data”
- No change: 25%
 - “Have not used it”
 - “Does not apply...”



New Data Preferences

- Mobile Data: 81%
- Air Quality: 50%
- ASOS/AWOS: 46%
- Other: 20%



Clarus System Survey - Summary

- Survey not extensive but does provide some insight
- Organizational impacts vary considerably
- Clear primary indicators
 - State DOTs are primary users
 - Main use of data is monitoring current weather
 - Map is the main access method
 - Mobile data most desired of new sources



Next Steps

- Keep *Clarus* running
 - Current plan is through March 2013
- Promote findings from the Regional Demos
- Considering all options for its future:
 - NWS MADIS
 - And how does this relate to other efforts (e.g., FAA/NWS NextGen Weather, Nationwide Network of Networks)?
 - What's the link to Connected Vehicle data environments?
 - What about other potential homes (academia, private sector, non-profit)?



Next Steps

- What do you think?

