



Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT)
Work Zone Manager (WZM) System

Appendix A – Vendor API Specification v4.0

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1.INTRODUCTION

The Application Programming Interface (API) defined herein is the API that must be implemented by any Smart Work Zone (SWZ) vendor application to be integrated with and consumed by the MassDOT Work Zone Manager (WZM) software. This API allows the WZM software to centrally monitor and optionally control one or more SWZ implementations. All functions of this API not marked as “*optional*” are required to be provided by the implementer of the API to be considered compliant with the specification.

The API utilizes Representational State Transfer (REST) principles and follows standard HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP) and rules. Every resource of the SWZ is exposed as a Unified Resource Locator (URL). The URL of each resource can be obtained by accessing the API Root Endpoint (to be defined by the SWZ vendor). All responses will be transmitted using JavaScript Object Notation (JSON).

The API content includes the core work zone definition and field device objects as defined by the Work Zone Data Exchange (WZDx) effort of FHWA’s overall Work Zone Data Initiative. The Vendor API references via hyperlink enumerated types from the WZDx specification. Note that enumerated type values marked as “deprecated” in WZDx should not be used.

All mentions herein to “WZDx v4.0” refer to the documents that can be found at the following URL:

<https://github.com/usdot-jpo-ode/jpo-wzdx/releases/tag/v4.0>

All mentions herein to “TMDD” refer to the documents that can be found at the following URL:

<https://www.ite.org/technical-resources/standards/tmdd/>

2.SECURITY

The API shall be secured using a simple 'username/password' authentication key as part of the HTTP header of the request. From a security and authorization perspective, the WZM software is considered the client and the vendor application supporting the Vendor API is considered the server. All authorized clients shall be provided a 'username' and 'password' so that they can authenticate and use the API.

2.1. Authorization Key Generation

Once a client (e.g. the WZM system) has received their username and password, the client can generate an authorization key as follows:

1. Concatenate 'username' and 'password' separated by a colon:
username:password
2. Generate a base-64 encoded string of the concatenated username and password value. This result is the required 'basic' authorization key to be used in all API requests that require authorization (as specified herein).

2.2. Authorization Key Usage

The client may make any request to the API using the appropriate credentials as specified in the standard HTTP Authorization header of the request. The credentials shall be set as the base-64 encoded string that comprises the 'username' and 'password' separated by a colon, that is:

Authorization: Basic Base64(*username:password*)

2.2.1. Authorization Key Usage Example

Username: *swzManager*

Password: *password*

Authorization header value:

base64("swzManager:password") = *c3d6TWFuYWdlcjpwYXNzd29yZA==*

On the server side, the validation process is as follows:

1. Decode the base-64 string in the HTTP header Authorization field.
2. Strip out the username, password, discarding the colon (i.e. "*swzManager*" and "*password*").
3. Validate the received username and password.

Any attempt to use invalid credentials should result in a "401 Unauthorized" response from the API.

3.WORK ZONE DEFINITION

The following definition of a work zone shall be used by the Vendor to define the configuration of a work zone via the API. This definition accommodates many different scenarios and may at first look complex but for most deployments will be quite simple.

- A **work zone project**, the highest-level organizational entity, will have a unique identifier that distinguishes it from all other work zone projects managed by the vendor's application.
- A work zone project may encompass multiple roadways.
- A work zone project may span multiple towns.
- A work zone project may span a single direction of travel only or may span multiple directions of travel.
 - Each direction of travel will contain 1 or more **road events**.
 - Each road event within a work zone project should have a unique name that distinguishes it from all other road events managed by the vendor's application, as well as a reference the work zone project to which the road event belongs.
 - All road event names should start with the name of the project to which they belong. For example: Project Name = "P1"... Road Event Name = "P1-RE1" or "P1_Event1", etc.
 - Each direction of travel must be represented by a separate road event. For example, if there is a work zone on a roadway with two lanes, each in an opposite travel direction, each direction must be a separate road event.
 - A change in lane configuration or roadway should result in creating a new road event, that is, separating the work zone into multiple road events.
 - Construction which requires alternating traffic flows within a lane must be represented with at least one road event in each direction. Similarly, roadways that during normal operation have an alternating flow of traffic direction based on time of day must be represented by at least one road event in each direction.

4.API REQUESTS

The API shall follow a request/response model where all communications are initiated by the client (i.e. the WZM software). Unless specified otherwise, the SWZ vendor applications shall only respond to authorized requests from the WZM and never initiate any unsolicited data transmission.

All endpoints defined herein are relative to an API Root Endpoint which is to be defined by the SWZ vendor.

The messages defined herein comprise version “4.0” (v4.0) of the Vendor API. The major version of the Vendor API will match the major version of WZDx specification from which it is based. Minor versions can evolve independently.

4.1. Endpoint Summary

| Request Endpoint | HTTP Methods | Description |
|-------------------|--------------|---|
| /vendor | GET | Provides vendor summary information such as contact details. |
| /workZoneProjects | GET | Provides an overview of all work zone projects. This request returns primarily static, project configuration data. |
| /roadEventMetrics | GET | Provides traffic static and dynamic traffic metrics for all road events in the vendor system. |
| /wzdxFeed | GET | Provides high-level information about work zone (and detour) road events occurring on roadways. |
| /swzDeviceFeed | GET | Provides information (location, status, live data) about field devices deployed on or near the roadway in work zones. |

4.2. Vendor Information

The API shall support the request for vendor information. A vendor (i.e. supplier of a SWZ field system) information request shall not require any authorization.

| Function | Vendor Information Request |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Endpoint | /vendor |
| HTTP Methods | GET |
| Headers | Accept: application/json |
| URL Parameters | n/a |
| Data Parameters | n/a |
| Response Object | { see Vendor Information } |
| Sample Call | <pre>\$ curl -H 'Accept: application/json' https://{root}/api/v4.0/vendor</pre> |
| Success Response Example | Code: 200, Content (json): <pre>{ "name": "ABC Company", "contact_name": "Lisa Smith", "contact_phone": "888-111-1234", "contact_email": "lisa.smith@abc.com" }</pre> |
| Error Response | n/a |

4.2.1. Vendor Information

| Field Name | JSON Type | Description | Conformance |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| name | String | Name of the smart work zone vendor. | Required |
| contact_name | String | Primary contact name. | Required |
| contact_phone | String | Primary contact phone number. | Required |
| contact_email | String | Primary contact email address. | Required |
| alternate_contact_name | String | Alternate contact name. | Optional |
| alternate_contact_phone | String | Alternate contact phone number. | Optional |
| alternate_contact_email | String | Alternate contact email address. | Optional |
| vendor_url | String | Vendor company URL. | Optional |

4.3. Work Zone Projects

The API shall offer an endpoint that provides a list of work zone projects configured by the vendor.

| Function | Work Zone Projects Request | | | |
|------------------|--|-----------|--|-------------|
| Endpoint | /workZoneProjects | | | |
| HTTP Methods | GET | | | |
| Headers | Authorization: Basic Base64(<i>username:password</i>) Accept: application/json | | | |
| URL Parameters | n/a | | | |
| Request Data | n/a | | | |
| Response Object | Field Name | JSON Type | Description | Conformance |
| | update_date | String | ISO 8601 formatted UTC date/time indicating the last date and time at which the list of projects was updated (e.g. "yyyymmddThhmmssZ"). This would include any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New project(s) added Existing project(s) changed (any data associated with project) Project(s) deleted | Required |
| | work_zone_projects | Array | List of all work zone projects managed by this vendor. See Work Zone Project . | Required |
| Sample Call | <pre>\$ curl -H 'Authorization: Basic c3d6TWFuYWdlcjptYXNzZG90' -H 'Accept: application/json' https://{root}/api/v4.0/workZoneProjects</pre> | | | |
| Success Response | Code: 200, Content (json): <pre>{ "update_date": "20200101T070000Z", "work_zone_projects": [{ See Work Zone Project }] }</pre> | | | |

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|-----------------------|--|
| | <pre> ...] }</pre> |
| Error Response | Code: 401 UNAUTHORIZED, Content {json}: <pre> { "error": "Invalid User Credentials" }</pre> |

4.3.1. Work Zone Project

| Field Name | JSON Type | Description | Conformance |
|----------------|-----------|---|-------------|
| id | String | A Universally Unique Identifier (following RFC 4122) for the work zone project. | Required |
| name | String | A human-readable name for the project. | Required |
| description | String | Overall description of this project. | Required |
| start_date | String | ISO 8601 formatted UTC date indicating the start date of the project (e.g. "yyyymmdd") | Required |
| end_date | String | ISO 8601 formatted UTC date indicating the end date of the project (e.g. "yyyymmdd") | Required |
| region | String | The region (district) the project is associated with (e.g. "District 1"). | Required |
| road_event_ids | Array | A list of road events that are part of (children of) this work zone project. These should correspond the ID of a "RoadEventFeature" in the Vendor's WZDxFeed. | Required |
| contractor | Object | Details about the prime contractor responsible for the work zone project. See Contractor Information . | Required |
| update_date | String | ISO 8601 formatted UTC date/time indicating the last date and time at which the details of this project were updated. | Required |
| comments | String | Free-form comments/notes. | Optional |

4.3.2. Contractor Information

| Field Name | JSON Type | Description | Conformance |
|-------------------------|-----------|---|-------------|
| name | String | Name of the smart work zone contractor. | Required |
| contact_name | String | Primary contact name. | Required |
| contact_phone | String | Primary contact phone number. | Required |
| contact_email | String | Primary contact email address. | Required |
| alternate_contact_name | String | Alternate contact name. | Optional |
| alternate_contact_phone | String | Alternate contact phone number. | Optional |
| alternate_contact_email | String | Alternate contact email address. | Optional |
| contractor_url | String | Contractor company URL. | Optional |

4.4. WZDxFeed (Work Zone Road Events)

The API shall offer an endpoint that provides the details of all work zone road events (i.e. work zone segments) in the vendor system. The response to this request is a valid [WZDxFeed](#) object as defined by the [WZDx v4.0 Specification](#). The WZDx documentation provides a [JSON Schema](#) to facilitate validating the conformance of the response to this endpoint.

| Function | WZDxFeed Request |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Endpoint | /wzdxFeed |
| HTTP Methods | GET |
| Headers | Authorization: Basic Base64(<i>username:password</i>) Accept: application/json |
| URL Parameters | n/a |
| Request Data | n/a |
| Response Object | WZDxFeed |
| Sample Call | <pre>\$ curl -H 'Authorization: Basic c3d6TWFuYWdlcjptYXNzZG90' -H 'Accept: application/json' https://{root}/api/v4.0/wzdxFeed</pre> |
| Success Response Example | Code: 200, Content (json): <pre>{ See WZDxFeed }</pre> |
| Error Response | Code: 401 UNAUTHORIZED, Content {json}: { "error": "Invalid User Credentials" } |

4.5. SwzDeviceFeed (Field Devices)

The API shall offer an endpoint that provides the configuration and operational state details of all field devices in the vendor system. The response to this request is a valid [SwzDeviceFeed](#) object as defined in the [WZDx v4.0 Specification](#). The WZDx documentation provides a [JSON Schema](#) to facilitate validating the conformance of the response to this endpoint.

| Function | SwzDeviceFeed Request |
|------------------|---|
| Endpoint | /swzDeviceFeed |
| HTTP Methods | GET |
| Headers | Authorization: Basic Base64(<i>username:password</i>) Accept: application/json |
| URL Parameters | n/a |
| Request Data | n/a |
| Response Object | SwzDeviceFeed |
| Sample Call | <pre>\$ curl -H 'Authorization: Basic c3d6TWFuYWdlcjptYXNzZG90' -H 'Accept: application/json' https://{root}/api/v4.0/swzDeviceFeed</pre> |
| Success Response | Code: 200, Content (json): |
| Example | <pre>{ See SwzDeviceFeed }</pre> |
| Error Response | Code: 401 UNAUTHORIZED, Content {json}: <pre>{ "error": "Invalid User Credentials" }</pre> |

4.6. Road Event Metrics

The API shall offer an endpoint that provides a list of static and dynamic metrics for all road events managed by the vendor.

| Function | Road Event Metrics Request | | | |
|--------------------------|---|-----------|---|-------------|
| Endpoint | /roadEventMetrics | | | |
| HTTP Methods | GET | | | |
| Headers | Authorization: Basic Base64(<i>username:password</i>) Accept: application/json | | | |
| URL Parameters | n/a | | | |
| Request Data | n/a | | | |
| Response Object | Field Name | JSON Type | Description | Conformance |
| | update_date | String | ISO 8601 formatted UTC date/time indicating the last date and time at which the list of road event metrics was updated (e.g. "yyyymmddThhmmssZ") | Required |
| | update_frequency | Number | How often the data will be updated on the vendor side in seconds (e.g. 60). This provides clients with a sense of how often they should be polling the API endpoint for data. | Required |
| | road_event_metrics | Array | List of all road event metrics. See Road Event Metrics and all associated sub-frame details below. | Required |
| Sample Call | <pre>\$ curl -H 'Authorization: Basic c3d6TWFuYWdlcjptYXNzZG90' -H 'Accept: application/json' https://{root}/api/v4.0/roadEventMetrics</pre> | | | |
| Success Response Example | <pre>Code: 200, Content (json): { "update_date": "20200101T070000Z", "update_frequency": 60, "road_event_metrics": [{ See Road Event Metrics } ...] }</pre> | | | |

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Error           Code: 401 UNAUTHORIZED, Content {json}:
Response(s)    {
                    "error": "Invalid User Credentials"
                  }

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4.6.1. Road Event Metrics

| Field Name | JSON Type | Description | Conformance |
|---------------------------|-----------|---|-------------|
| road_event_id | String | The unique ID of the road event. This ID maps directly to the Road Event Feature "id" property. | Required |
| road_event_update_date | String | ISO 8601 formatted UTC date/time indicating the last date and time at which the parent road event details were updated. This value is the same as the "update_date" value in the road event's Road Event Core Details . Clients can use this to determine whether there have been any changes to the largely static road event information and thus should re-fetch this information. | Required |
| update_date | String | The UTC time and date that the metrics apply to, in ISO 8601 format. | Required |
| volume_vph | Number | Volume measured in vehicles per hour | Optional |
| travel_time_seconds | Number | Travel time in seconds through the road event. As per TMDD "link-travel-time". | Required |
| delay_seconds | Number | Delay in seconds through the road event. As per TMDD "link-delay". | Optional |
| average_speed_kph | Number | Average speed through the road event in KPH as per TMDD "link-speed-average". | Required |
| capacity_vph | Number | Capacity in vehicles-per-hour as per TMDD "link-capacity". | Optional |
| speed_limit_kph | Number | Free flow speed through the road event in KPH as per TMDD "link-speed-limit". | Required |
| queue_length_meters | Number | Length of queue formed upstream of the road event start location, specified in meters. | Optional |
| average_occupancy_percent | Number | Average occupancy throughout the road event specified as a percent. | Optional |