

# City of Asheville Open Data Policy Implementation Update

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# Open Data Policy Implementation Plan

- Original schedule:
  - City Council adopted an Open Data Policy resolution on 10/13/2015
  - Initial technical implementation plan by 4/12/16
  - Feedback on initial plan complete by 6/11/16
  - ITS to complete work with all departments on initial open data release by 10/2016
  - Staff to report on to Governance Committee every twice yearly for first 2 years, then annually on progress, barriers, public uses of data
  - CAPE to coordinate annual opportunities for community collaboration
- Circumstances forced a change of plan
  - Lost a long-time employee who was a major part of the open data infrastructure
  - Major failure on the open data catalog in February (esp. GIS)

# New Open Data Portal Launched May 2016

- Significant improvement over earlier portal
  - Built-in data viewer
  - Simpler publishing workflow
  - State-of-the-art API
- Currently represented depts:
  - Transportation
  - Planning
  - Finance
  - Police
  - Fire
  - Development Services
  - Parks
  - Public Works
- September 2016: NC Innovation in Technology Awards: Municipal Innovator



# Exciting Stuff Happening Now

- Re-architecting data systems at city - not just open data
- New generation of applications - performance dashboards, self service, analytics
- Robust support for open data
  - “Releasing” data to the open data portal is a flip of a switch
  - Shift focus to dataset value, not release mechanics
- New timeline
  - First deliverables before end of year
  - Implementation plan & technical standards issued; gathering public feedback
  - Civic tech community collaboration event planned for February 2017