

S9 Data Structure Overview

The data structure consists of 8 collections, 6 of which were implemented. We define them below along with their key attributes. Collections and attributes denoted with an * were not implemented because some data was not collected and other features were more meaningful for replicability purposes and not for the initial deployment.

Project Collection: Stores contextual information about the community engagement process

- `user_id*` (string): user that created the project
- `project_name` (string): name of project
- `date_created*` (int): timestamp of when project was created
- `description` (string): information about the project at a high level
- `phases` (json): list of JSON objects describing the different phases. Each item has the following fields
 - `phase_index` (int)
 - `status` (enum)
 - `title` (string): e.g. create, refine
 - `description` (string): goal
 - `start_date` (int)
 - `end_date` (int)
 - `who` (string): e.g. planners, community
 - `output` (string): link to other collections
- `data*` (json): existing conditions data like population and KPIs

Events Collection: Captures diverse feedback-gathering mechanisms ranging from surveys to community workshops and tabling events, including descriptive information for each engagement activity.

- `event_name` (string): name of event
- `type` (string): workshop activity, survey, emails, interactive map etc.
- `description` (string): description of event
- `summary` (string): event summary (e.g. here is what we heard during the zoom meeting)
- `date` (string): date or date range of event
- `phase_index` (int): which phase the event was conducted in
- `neighborhood_id*` (string): which neighborhood the event took place in
- `location*` (tuple): lat / lon of where event was hosted
- `involved_stakeholder_ids*` (list): list of stakeholder ids
- `is_public_event` (boolean): whether feedback from this event can be shared publicly
- `instructions*` (string): any instructions for event activities
- `prompts` (list): actual questions asked to the community
- `img_links*` (list): list of links to images of the event
- `resource_links*` (list): list of links to any resources used in the event (e.g. presentations)

Voices Collection: Records community input with associated metadata connecting voices to events, topics, and outputs, forming the central repository of community feedback that drives subsequent analysis.

- **feedback** (string): the feedback text if the prompt is open-ended or number if the prompt is closed-ended
- **is_numeric*** (boolean): whether the feedback is quantitative or qualitative
- **is_verbatim** (boolean): whether the feedback was transcribed verbatim
- **note*** (string): any notes to provide context around the piece of feedback
- **prompt** (string): the question that prompted the feedback if applicable
- **phase_index** (int): which phase the feedback was conducted in
- **collection_date** (int): the date that the feedback was collected
- **upload_date*** (int): the date that the feedback was uploaded to the platform
- **participant_id*** (string): the person who contributed that feedback
- **stakeholder_id*** (string): applicable if the participant explicitly mentions speaking from a particular stakeholder hat for that comment
- **event_id** (string): the event id which describes the source of the feedback
- **themes** (list): list of themes that the feedback is tagged with
- **structural_codes*** (list): list of structural codes that the feedback is tagged with
- **feedback_status** (enum): public, private, flagged
- **location** (list): any lat / lon information embedded within the feedback
- **neighborhood_ids** (list): which neighborhoods the feedback mentions
- **output_ids** (list): list of output ids that the feedback is connected with

Sub-Geographies Collection: Contains information about distinct areas within the broader study region, particularly relevant for larger planning initiatives that span multiple neighborhoods.

- **sub_geography_name** (string): name of sub-geography / neighborhood
- **description*** (string): description of sub-geography / neighborhood
- **geo_data** (string): link to file with geo json data with neighborhood boundaries

Topics Collection: Maintains information about overarching themes used to organize and make sense of community input. These topics may be predefined or emerge organically through the sensemaking process.

- **main_topics** (list): list of JSON objects describing the different topics. Each item has the following fields
 - **name** (string)
 - **definition** (string)
 - **date_created*** (int)
 - **last_edited*** (int)
- **other_tags** (list): list of JSON objects describing the different rationales for why a feedback is uncited. Each item has the following fields
 - **name** (string)

- rationale (string)
 - date_created* (int)
 - last_edited* (int)
- sub_topics* (list): list of JSON objects describing the different sub-topics. Each item has the following fields
 - name (string)
 - definition (string)
 - main_topic (string)
 - AI_suggested (boolean)
 - date_created (int)
 - last_edited (int)
- structural_codes* (list): list of structural codes that are applied to the project (e.g. Hope, Concern, Idea, Experience, Opinion, Position Claim, Question)
- partner_agencies* (list): list of partner agencies to consider (e.g. department of transportation)

Outputs Collection: Stores the synthesized products of the engagement process, categorized as insights (key findings), goals (high-level visions), and recommendations (specific strategies).

- type (enum): whether the output is a insight, goal, or recommendation
- phase_index (int): project phase when the output was created
- date_created* (int)
- date_published* (int)
- is_public (boolean)
- nickname (string): short title
- title (string): full title
- description (string): description
- summary (string): summary to justify output
- notes (string): internal notes about the output
- topics (list): list of topics that an output is tagged with
- partner_agencies* (list): list of relevant partner agencies
- cited_voices (list): list of feedback ids that relate to the output
- relevant_participants* (list): ids of participants whose feedback is cited
- relevant_stakeholders* (list): ids of stakeholders that might be impacted by the output
- neighborhood_ids* (list): link to neighborhood(s) that the output describes or would impact
- sparked_by (list): list of ids that informed the output
- next_steps (list): list of ids that followed the output
- quantitative_data* (list): text and/or images
- matrix* (json): some way of evaluating recommendations
- connection_to_external_projects* (list): list of JSON objects describing relevant ongoing efforts. Each item has the following fields
 - name (string)

- `description` (string)
- `home_organization` (string)
- `link` (string)

Stakeholders Collection*: Captures the different groups that could impact or be impacted by the project

- `name` (string)
- `description` (string): information about the stakeholder
- `neighborhood_id` (string): sub-geography associated with stakeholder if applicable
- `summary` (string): bullet point / summary of what stakeholder currently thinks about the project
- `project_ids` (list): list of projects that stakeholder was involved in
- `relationship` (json):
 - `holder` (string): user who holds the relationship
 - `date_initiated` (int)
 - `contact_history` (list): history of contacts
 - `last_contact` (int): date last contacted
 - `notes` (string): notes on relationship

Participants Collection*: Captures information about the individuals who gave feedback

- `alias` (string): name / pseudonym of participant
- `stakeholder_ids` (list): list of stakeholder ids that the participant is part of
- `feedback_ids` (list): list of feedback ids that the participant contributed
- `project_ids` (list): list of projects that stakeholder was involved in
- `demo_public` (boolean): whether to share demographic information publicly
- `demo` (json): meta-data associated with participant. Could include fields like
 - `gender` (string)
 - `race` (string)
 - `age` (string)