511 Data Exchange including an Open511 Protocol

**Traffic Event** 

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#### 1 **Overview**

This document focuses on data exchange APIs for the traffic event data. For a complete overview of 511 Data Exchange, please refer to Open 511 Data Exchange Specifications - Overview document. The overview document covers:

- General information about 511 Data Exchange ٠
- Different protocols and data feeds available through Open 511 APIs •
- Standard Discovery API specifications. .
- Encodings and Protocols along with reference to standard documentation.
- **Technical Guidelines** •

It is highly recommened that all users of Open 511 Data Exchange review the information in the Overview document.

#### 2 **Traffic API**

The core traffic data resources consist of traffic events. Open511 provides message structure and API endpoint for accessing these resources. Open511 will also provide metadata/lookup information that can be used by consumers to filter and limit information during requests.

### 2.1 API: Event

The event resource provides information about various types of events within a jurisdiction. These can be active incident, scheduled construction/roadway work or public events which may or may not have an impact on traffic conditions. Consumers can request list of all the active events or they can use additional filters such as city, roads to restrict the results as per their needs and use case.

The event structure is the main element of the events collection. Although an event should be considered as independent, it is possible that one major event (mainly construction) could be split across several events. Below is a message structure of Event.

Field	Туре	Mandatory/ Optional	Description
Self	Link	Mandatory	Self link to the current resource.
Jurisdiction	Link	Mandatory	Link to the jurisdiction publishing the event.
id	String	Mandatory	A globally unique ID for the event, following the format jurisdiction-id/event-id. For example, 511.org/8c3f2. The first segment of the event ID is the jurisdiction ID. The second segment is a
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			<ul> <li>string ID that must be unique within its jurisdiction. It can contain the characters a-zA-Z0-9 The two segments are separated with a /.</li> <li>The event's self link is of course itself a globally unique ID, and it is a suggested practice to use the event ID in the event URL, but a separate ID field is included for user-friendliness.</li> </ul>
Status	Enum	Mandatory	Status of the event. The status allows a client to determine if the current event should be considered as currently effective. Value list: - ACTIVE : The event should be considered as effective - ARCHIVED : The event should not be considered as effective
Headline	Free Text	Mandatory	Title of the event. Should be shorter than 500 characters.
event_type	Enum	Mandatory	Basic type of event. Value list - CONSTRUCTION : planned road work - SPECIAL_EVENT : special events (fair, sport event, etc.) - INCIDENT : accidents and other unexpected events - WEATHER_CONDITION : Weather condition affecting the road - ROAD_CONDITION : Status of the road that might affect travelers.
Severity	Enum	Mandatory	Severity of the event. Value list: MINOR: the event has very limited impact on traffic. MODERATE: the event will have a visible impact on traffic but should not create significant delay; if there is a delay, it should be small and local. MAJOR: the event will have a significant impact on traffic, probably on a large scale. UNKNOWN: the impact is unknown, for example in the case of an accident that has been recorded without any precise description.



Geography	Geospatial	Mandatory	Geographical information about the event. Can be Point, MultiPoint, LineString, MultiLineString, or Polygon.
closure_geometry	Geospatial	Optional	Multistring geometry for closure associated with an event. The individual LineStringMember represents affected segment of a road. For events that expand over non-contiguous road segments, for example a closure affecting both sides of the freeway, each side will be represented by separate LineStringMember. For continuous event, entire geometry will be split into multiple LineStringMembers of 100 points each, due to limitation on number of points that can be included in one line string. When this happens, end point of one line string will be the start point of the next line string.
Created	DateTime (UTC)	Mandatory	When the event was initially created.
Updated	DateTime (UTC)	Mandatory	When the content of the event last changed. Will be the same as created if no updates have occurred.
Schedule	schedule elements	Mandatory	Indicates the dates and times when the event is active.
Timezone	timezone	Optional	Timezone to be used for this event, e.g. America/Montreal. If not provided, the event is assumed to be in the default timezone of its jurisdiction.
			But strongly recommended.
Description	Free text	Optional	Description of the event. Plain text description of the event, the reason for the event and any other relevant information for travelers.
event_subtypes	Collection of event_subtype elements	Optional	List of values to provide more detail about the type of event.
— event_subtype	Enum	Optional	- ACCIDENT - SERIOUS_ACCIDENT - NUMEROUS_ACCIDENTS - STALLED_VEHICLE - SPILL - OBSTRUCTION



- ROAD_CONSTRUCTION - WORK_IN_THE_MEDIAN - NARROW_LANES - TRAFFIC_ALTERNATING_DIRECTION - BRIDGE_OPERATIONS - BLASTING - WORK_ON_UNDERGROUND - EMERGENCY_MAINTENANCE - SPORTING_EVENT - MAJOR_EVENT - CONCERT - FESTIVAL - FIREWORKS - PARADE - CROWD - SEVERE_WEATHER - HEAVY_SNOW	
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- IMPASSABLE - ALMOST_IMPASSABLE - PASSABLE_WITH_CARE - SURFACE_WATER_HAZARD - HYDROPLANING_DANGER - SLIPPERY - MUD - LOOSE_GRAVEL - OIL_ON_ROADWAY - ICE - BLACK_ICE - WET_ICY_ROAD - SLUSH	D



			- FROZEN_SLUSH - SNOW - PACKED_SNOW - PLOWED_SNOW - POWDER_SNOW - DEEP_SNOW
Certainty	Enum	Optional	Degree of certainty of the event. Should only be used for unplanned events (e.g. incidents, weather conditions and pavement conditions events). Value list to be confirmed. Could be observed/likely/possible/unknown. Value list - OBSERVED - LIKELY - POSSIBLE - UNKNOWN
grouped_events	Collection of links	Optional	This structure is used to group events together. In specific situations (for example complex construction projects), several events might be related together. This field should be used to point a related event.
— related	Link	Optional	Link pointing to another event resource related to the current event.
Detour	Free Text	Optional	Description of a detour route to avoid this event.
Roads	Collection of road elements	Optional	List of roads affected by the current event. One event can impact several roads.
Areas	Collections of area elements	Optional	Areas affected by the event.
attachments	Collection of attachment links	Optional	Collection of attachments providing additional information about the event (PDFs, images, etc.)
— related	Link	Optional	Link to an attachment. While only the URL is mandatory, more information may be provided via type, length, title, and hreflang, with semantics as in Atom.

#### Road structure

The road data format is used to provide information about the road(s) affected by an event. The structure of road\_affected is:



Field	Туре	Mandatory/ Optional	Description
Name	Free Text	Mandatory	Name of the road affected by the event. Ideally, road names should be formatted in accordance with national or regional standards, and the same road should be named consistently in different events.
self / url	Link	Optional	Link to the Road resource for this road.
			Mandatory if to is provided.
			Approximate start point of the event on the road. It can be an intersection with another street or it can be a mileage indication.
from	Free text	Optional	This value should not be used to determine the exact start point since it can be an approximation. The geometry field should be considered as the reference for exact location.
			If no <i>to</i> field is provided, this field means "nearby".
То	Free text	Optional	Approximate end point of the event on the road. It can be an intersection with another street or it can be a distance indication.
			Whether the road segment is closed or not.
			Value list:
State	Enum	Optional	<ul> <li>CLOSED (road closed in the given direction)</li> <li>SOME_LANES_CLOSED (but the road remains open)</li> <li>SINGLE_LANE_ALTERNATING (a single lane alternates between both directions of traffic)</li> <li>ALL_LANES_OPEN</li> </ul>
			Mandatory if state is provided.
			Direction of the road that is affected by the event.
direction	Enum	Conditional	If a lane_status is provided, the direction becomes mandatory. In the same situation, if both directions are affected, two occurrences of the road element are needed, one for each direction and with a dedicated lane_status for each direction.
			Value list:
			- N



			- NW - W - SW - S - SE - E - NE - NONE - BOTH
lanes_open	Integer	Optional	Allowed only if <b>state</b> is SOME_LANES_CLOSED and direction is not BOTH. Number of lanes in the given direction remaining open during this event.
lanes_closed	Integer	Optional	Allowed only if <b>state</b> is SOME_LANES_CLOSED and direction is not BOTH. Number of lanes in the given direction closed during this event.
impacted_systems	Collection of <i>impacted_sy</i> <i>stem</i> elements	Optional	Allows provision of information about other systems that can be affected.
— impacted_system	Enum	Optional	Value list of systems: ROAD SIDEWALK BIKELANE PARKING
restrictions	Collection of restriction elements	Optional	Some events may come with some restrictions affecting vehicles using the road (speed, weight).

#### Restriction structure

Field	Туре	Mandatory/ Optional	Description
restriction_type	Enum	Mandatory	Type of restriction that affects vehicles. Value list: SPEED: Limitation of the speed of vehicles. Unit is in kilometers/hour. WIDTH: Width limitation, mainly for trucks. Unit is meters.



			HEIGHT: Height limitation, mainly for trucks. Unit is meters WEIGHT: Weight limitation for vehicles. Unit is metric tons. AXLE_WEIGHT: Weight limitation per axle for truck. Unit is metric tons.
Value	Float	Mandatory	Value of the limitation. For example, a speed limitation of 60km/h will have a value of 60 with a <b>restriction_type</b> set to SPEED

## Schedule structure

The schedule defines timelines of an event.

Field	Туре	Mandatory/ Optional	Description
recurring_schedules	Collection of <u>recurring_schedule</u> elements	Conditional	One (and only one) of recurring_schedules or intervals is required The recurring_schedule structure expresses repeating schedules, like "Every day starting December 4th", or "Mondays 9 to 11 from September 1 to October 30." An event can include multiple recurring_schedule elements inside this recurring_schedules tag; exception elements can override them.
— start_date	Date	Mandatory	<i>Mandatory in each</i> recurring_schedule Start date of this schedule.
— end_date	Date	Optional	End date of the event. If a start date but no end date is provided, the schedule continues indefinitely.
— daily_start_time	Time	Optional	Daily start time of the event, as HH:mm, e.g. 13:00. Applies to each day in this recurring_schedule.
— daily_end_time	Time	Conditional	Mandatory if <b>daily_start_time</b> is provided, not allowed otherwise



			Daily end time of the event, as HH:mm, e.g. 17:30. Applies to each day in this recurring_schedule.
— days	collection of <i>day</i> elements	Optional	Contains a day tag for every day of the week during which this recurring_schedule is active. Days are indicated with an integer, with (following the ISO standard) Monday being 1 and Sunday 7. So, for an event active on Monday and Wednesday, <days><day>1</day><day>3</day></days> . If omitted, the schedule is active every day between its start and end dates.
exceptions	Collection of elements	Optional	<i>if present, there must be</i> a <u>recurring_schedules</u> element (and no <u>intervals</u> ) Exceptions override recurring schedules.
— exception	Custom time format	Mandatory	An exception provides the definitive schedule for a specific date. It overrides any recurring_schedule information for that date. An exception of the form YYYY-MM-DD indicates that this event is <b>not</b> in effect for the given date. An exception of the form YYYY-MM-DD HH:mm- HH:mm indicates that, on that date, the event is in effect only between the provided start and end time. If there are multiple disjoint periods on that day, more than one start-end period can be included: YYYY-MM- DD HH:mm-HH:mm HH:mm-HH:mm.
intervals	Collection of interval elements	Conditional	One (and only one) of <u>recurring_schedules</u> or <u>intervals</u> is required



			Represent an event's schedule as a list of explicit periods. An event must use either recurring_schedules or intervals, not both. If this contains more than one interval, their time periods may not overlap. This also implies that no more than one can omit an end time.
— interval	Custom time format, largely a subset of ISO8601 intervals	Mandatory	Defines a specific period of time during which the schedule is in effect; two <u>datetimes</u> (without timezone offset) joined with a /. For example, a period from 9 p.m. September 1 to 8 a.m. September 2 would be 2014-09-01T21:00/2014-09-02T08:00. The second datetime, after the slash, may be omitted. So, to indicate a period from 9 p.m. September 1 until further notice, use: 2014-09-01T21:00/

## Sample request endpoint for events

Request Type	GET
Request Endpoint Example	For e.g. http://api.511.org/Traffic/Events

#### Parameters and Filters supported with the request

Parameter	Mandatory/ Optional	Description
format	Optional	The response format (json/xml) desired. If none specified, then default response would be JSON. e.g.
		?format=json (returns json respone for v1, if v1 is the latest version or specified via version parameter) ?format=xml



		(returns XML response for v1)
version	Ontional	The version of Open511 desired
	optional	e.g
		?version=v1
		(returns response for v1 in conjunction with format requested.
api_key	Mandatory	Unique key assigned to a user after they signup for Open511.
status	Optional	By default the API should only send active events. Supported values:
		ACTIVE Default value, returns only active events
		ACTIVE Default value, returns only active events.
		ALL Returns both active and archived events.
in effect on	Optional	Show only events that are, according to their schedules, in effect at a
	,	specific time, or during a specific time period.
		Can be either a single time, or a start and end time joined by a comma.
		The times must be complete ISO 8601 datetimes, with or without a
		umezone.
		So to find, for example, all events in effect at some point on June 20th.
		you would ask for events between 00:00 and 23:59:
		in_effect_on=2013-06-20T00:00,2013-06-20T23:59
		Or, to find events in effect within the next two hours, you'd get the current
		U = U = U = U = U = U = U = U = U = U =
		/III_enect_011=2013-06-20117.402,2013-06-20119.402.
		You can also use the special value ?in effect on=now to show events
		currently taking place.
		If no timezone is provided, as in the first example, the server searches
		according to the local time as entered in the event. For example, if
		London and LA 2 in effect on=2014-01-01T00:00 would return both
		events (even though there's no single moment in time when the roads
		are closed in both cities), whereas the timezone-aware
		?in_effect_on=2014-01-01T00:00Z would return only the London event.
		If this argument is not provided, the API should not perform any filtering
sovority	Ontional	Filter by the value of the severity field OR queries are possible via a
Sevency	Optional	comma-separated list: ?severity=MINOR.MODERATE.
Bbox	Optional	Filter events by geographical bounding box. Four comma-separated
		coordinates, xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax.
geography	Optional	Filtering near a point or linestring. The geography value should be
		provided as a WKT string in WGS84 latitude/longitude. Example:
		geography=POINT (-73.64 45.52).
		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
		The geography must be used in conjuction with the tolerance filter.



tolerance	Conditional	Provide a tolerance of radius in meters around if a POINT or
		LINESTRING is used as filtering parameter. For example
		geography=POINT+(-73.64+45.52)&tolerance=50 would retrieve all the
		events within a circle of 50m radius around the selected point.
iurisdiction	Ontional	The ID or LIPL of a jurisdiction in order to show only events from a given
Junsaiction	Optional	iurisdiction. Use a comma constrated list to make OR quories
		junsuiction. Use a comma-separated list to make OK quelles.
		Example: jurisdiction=511.org.
event_type	Optional	Filter events using the event_type value list. Use a comma-separated list
		to make OR queries.
event_subtype	Optional	Filter events using the event_subtype value list. Use a comma-separated
		list to make OR queries.
created	Ontional	Filter events based on the creation date and time
createu	Optional	
		This parameter can (and generally will) be preceded with one of the
		following operators: < <= > >=. These allow searches for events created
		before or after a supplied time, e.g. created=>2013-05-10T12:00Z.
updated	Optional	Filter events based on the last update timestamp. Accepts the same < <=
		>>= operators as created.
		Note: by default, the servers should only return ACTIVE events. When
		using the updated filter, in order to get events going from ACTIVE to
		ARCHIVED, the client must ask for all events:?status=ALL
road name	Optional	Shows only events containing a road element with the provided name
	optional	Case-sensitive exact match. Use a comma-separated list to make OR
		queries.
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Road	Optional	Shows only events containing a road element linking to a road element
		with the provided id. Use a comma-separated list to make OR queries.
Area	Optional	Shows only events containing an area element with the provided id. Use
		a comma-separated list to make OR queries.



Limit	Optional	The maximum number of events to return in a single paginated
		response.
		The default value for this (i.e. how many items to include on a page if no
		limit parameter is provided) is up to individual implementors. Likewise,
		implementors may want to enforce a maximum value for this parameter
		in order to conserve server resources, so that a ?limit=10000 query
		would still return only e.g. 500 events per page. However, if such a
		maximum is implemented, it must not be lower than 500.

The traffic event structure response for XML is shown in Appendix A Section A.I.I and for JSON is shown in Appendix B Section B.I.I.

#### Possible Errors

Listed below are HTTP status code and message returned for certain common errors:

- 500 Internal Server Error (System has issues processing your request)
- 401 Unauthorized (Invalid API key)
- 404 Not found (If an individual event resource cannot be located).

## 3 Appendix A: API Response Messages- XML

### 3.1 Traffic XML

#### A.I.I Example Traffic Event Structure Response (XML)

```
<open511
      xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
      xml:lang="en"
     xml:base="http://api.511.org"
      version="v1"
   >
<events>
  <event>
  <status>ACTIVE</status>
  k rel="self" href="/traffic/events/511.org/149"/>
  <link rel="jurisdiction" href="http://api.511.org/jurisdictions/511.org/"/>
  <id>511.org/149</id>
  <headline>CHP : Roadwork on CA-160 NorthBound between Main St (Antioch) and Antioch
Bridge - Toll Plaza (Oakley) Acceleration lane closed Expect delays</headline>
  <event_type>INCIDENT</event_type>
  <severity>UNKNOWN</severity>
  <created>2014-05-01T19:28:31Z</created>
  <updated>2014-05-01T19:28:31Z</updated>
  <geography>
```



```
<gml:Point srsName="EPSG:4326">
      <gml:coordinates>-121.75382399999999,38.004908/gml:coordinates>
    </gml:Point>
  </geography>
  <roads>
    <road>
      <name>CA-160</name>
      <from>Main St</from>
      <to>Antioch Bridge - Toll Plaza</to>
      <direction>NorthBound</direction>
      <state>Open</state>
    </road>
  </roads>
  <schedules>
    <schedule>
      <start_date>2014-05-01</start_date>
    </schedule>
  </schedules>
</event>
<event>
  <status>ACTIVE</status>
  <link rel="self" href="/traffic/events/511.org/209"/>
  <link rel="jurisdiction" href="http://api.511.org/jurisdictions/511.org/"/>
  <id>511.org/209</id>
  <headline>CHP : Obstruction on US-101 N NorthBound before Coyote Creek Golf Dr (San
Jose) left lane blocked Expect delays</headline>
  <event_type>INCIDENT</event_type>
  <severity>UNKNOWN</severity>
  <created>2014-05-02T01:13:55Z</created>
  <updated>2014-05-02T02:43:16Z</updated>
  <geography>
    <gml:Point srsName="EPSG:4326">
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  </geography>
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      <from>Coyote Creek Golf Dr</from>
      <to/>
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      <state>Open</state>
    </road>
  </roads>
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    </schedule>
  </schedules>
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extensions">
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<gml:LineString>
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121.905530999967,37.4665599997276,-121.905550000234,37.4665840000328,-
121.905665999687,37.4667269999391,-121.906012000191,37.4671670002383,-
121.906404999653,37.4676470002688,-121.906715000173,37.4680369998512,-
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121.883442000256,37.5750149997133,-121.882085999623,37.5754569997014,-
121.881545999848,37.5756320001267,-121.88146600038,37.5756530000647,-
121.880771999721,37.5758790003444,-121.880544000115,37.5759670002614,-
121.88040299965,37.5760220002457,-121.880283999824,37.576072999716,-
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121.879953000286,37.5762310001006,-121.879832999737,37.5762890000585,-
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</gml:posList>
</gml:LineString>
</gml:LineStringMember>
</gml:MultiLineString>
</closure_geometry>
</event>
</events>
   <pagination>
     <offset>0</offset>
     <link rel="next" href="/traffic/events/?api_key={api_key}&limit=2&amp;offset=2"/>
   </pagination>
   <link rel="self" href="/traffic/events/?api key={api key}&limit=2&amp;offset=0"/>
   <link rel="up" href="/"/>
 </open511>
```



# 4 Appendix B: API Response Messages- JSON

## 4.1 Traffic JSON

#### **B.I.I Example Traffic Event Structure Response (JSON)**

```
{
 "events": [{
    "url": "/traffic/events/511.org/149",
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