

New Research: 49% of Cities Report Slow Response Time as Top Pain Point, Driving Urgent Shift to Integrated AI Agents

Botco.ai Study, The State of AI Agents in City Services, Confirms AI as Essential Infrastructure Bridging the Gap Between Citizen Demand and Municipal Capacity

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Citizen demand for instant service now exceeds what local governments can deliver manually. City leaders are turning to sophisticated AI Agents over chatbots for real-time updates and 24/7 support.”

Anu Shukla, co-founder of Botco.ai

announced the publication of its definitive research report, *The State of AI Agents in City Services: Insights & Strategies for Local Government Leaders*. The report, based on an independent survey of municipal officials, reveals that while 28% of cities are beginning to use conversational AI, the majority face an unsustainable service crisis driven by budget constraints (52%) and slow citizen response times (49%).

The study argues that AI Agents are no longer a "nice to have," but an essential infrastructure tool for mitigating operational failure and restoring public trust.

"The data is clear: citizen expectations for instant service

have outpaced local government's ability to deliver using manual processes," said Anu Shukla, co-founder of Botco.ai. "City leaders aren't looking for simple chatbots; they are prioritizing sophisticated AI Agents that can integrate directly with existing municipal systems to deliver real-time updates (66%) and 24/7 availability (65%). This strategic shift from reactive digital receptionists to proactive, integrated automation is the only sustainable way to meet modern demands while managing constrained budgets."

Key Findings and Strategic Imperatives

The report provides city leaders with a strategic roadmap to move beyond pilot projects and implement scalable AI solutions, detailing:

- The Integration Imperative: The necessity of moving AI from simple FAQ responses to executing multi-step processes like permit checks and service requests.
- The Equity Mandate: Strategies for deploying 24/7, multilingual AI to ensure all citizens—regardless of language or device—have equal access to services.

- The Phased Roadmap: A five-step journey (Assess, Pilot, Measure, Scale, Refine) designed to validate Return on Investment (ROI) and secure organizational buy-in.

To access the full report visit botco.ai/industry-reports/.

Watch the Webinar

Prior to the release of The State of AI Agents in City Services report, Botco.ai hosted a live webinar to explore early findings and gather expert perspectives on how AI is transforming local government. The session—now available to watch on demand—offers additional insights and real-world examples that complement the report's findings. Viewers will gain a deeper understanding of how AI Agents can enhance citizen engagement, improve operational efficiency, and strengthen public trust. [The webinar can be viewed here.](#)

About Botco.ai

Botco.ai is the Enterprise AI Agent Platform purpose-built for organizations that need to engage customers through intelligent, reliable, and secure AI conversations. The platform enables enterprises to seamlessly create, securely deploy, and easily manage autonomous AI agents using a no-code development environment (IDE) and retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) technology.

Trusted by leading Enterprises in Pharma, healthcare and local governments, Botco.ai empowers organizations to convert conversations into outcomes, reduce operational costs, and improve customer satisfaction.

Recognized as “Most Outstanding Startup” by the Arizona Innovation Challenge and winner of the TiE50 and ACA Best SaaS Platform awards, Botco.ai is redefining how enterprises engage with their audiences through agentic AI. Visit www.botco.ai to learn more.

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