OSMF board – what are they even doing?

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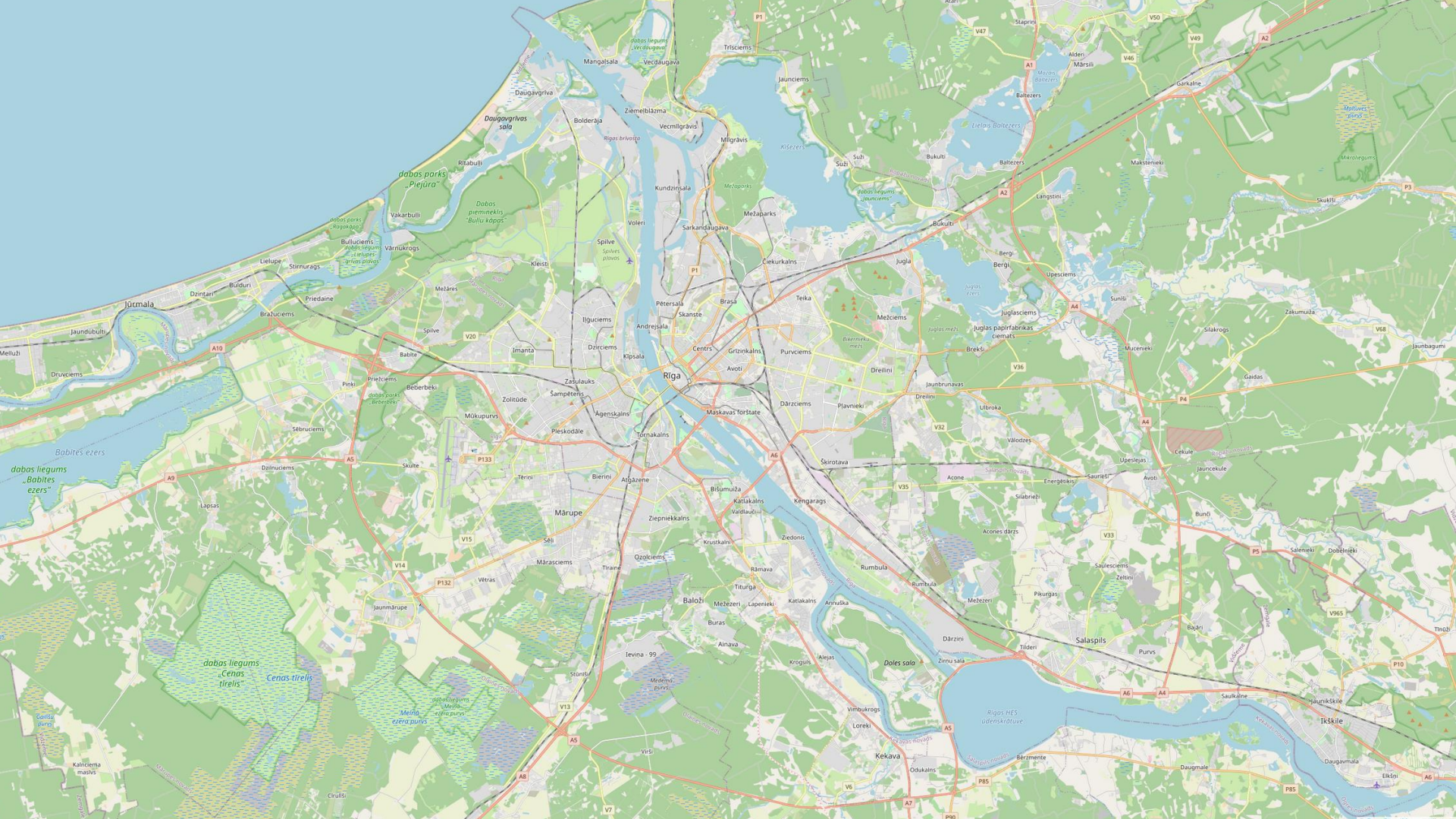
(often shortened to OSM)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(often shortened to OSMF)

"international not-for-profit organization supporting, but not controlling, the OpenStreetMap Project. It is dedicated to encouraging the growth, development and distribution of free geospatial data and to providing geospatial data for anyone to use and share"

osmfoundation.org

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Elected people responsible for running OSMF

OSMF and OSMF board

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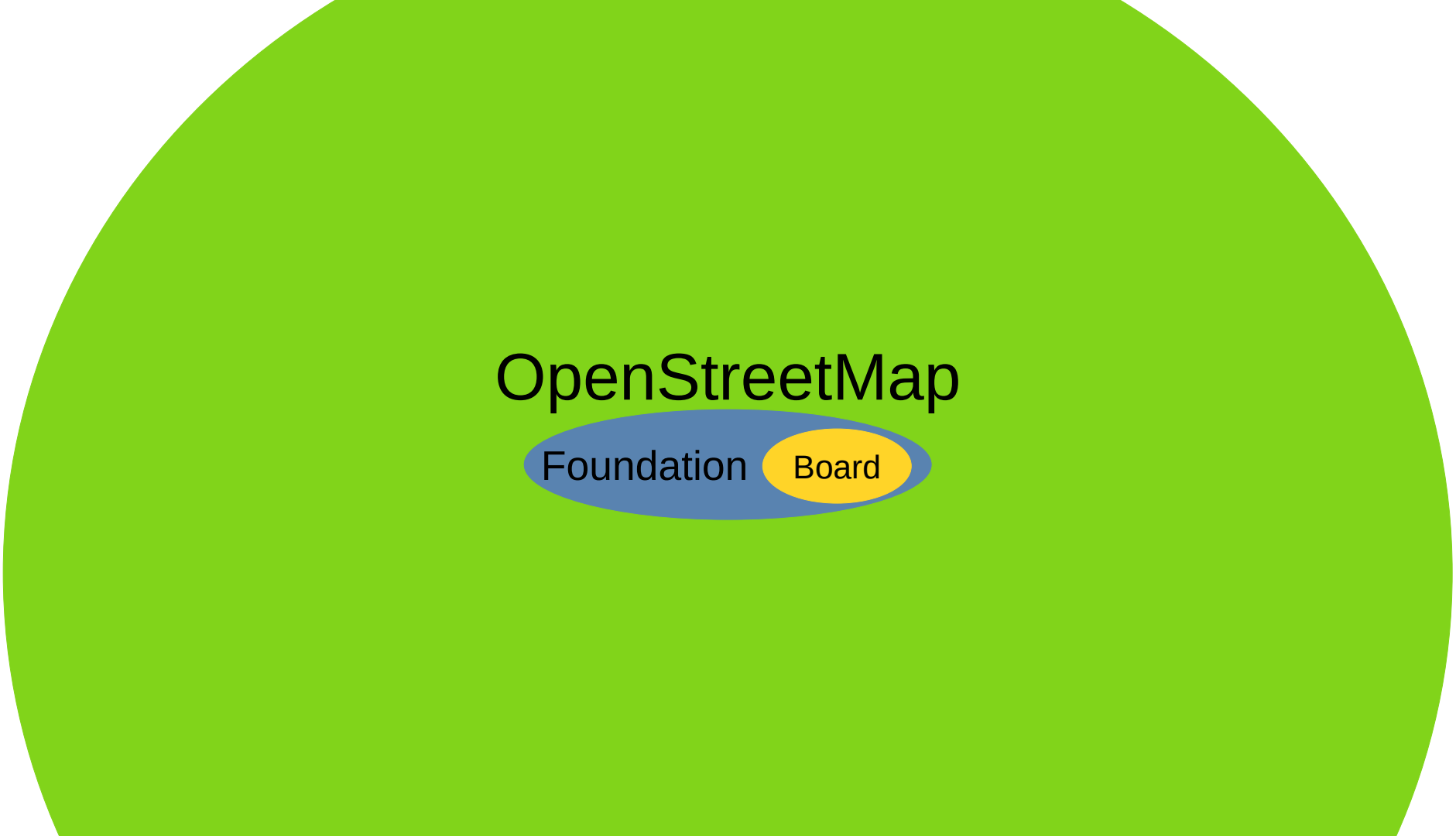
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Mapping: fundamental part of OpenStreetMap

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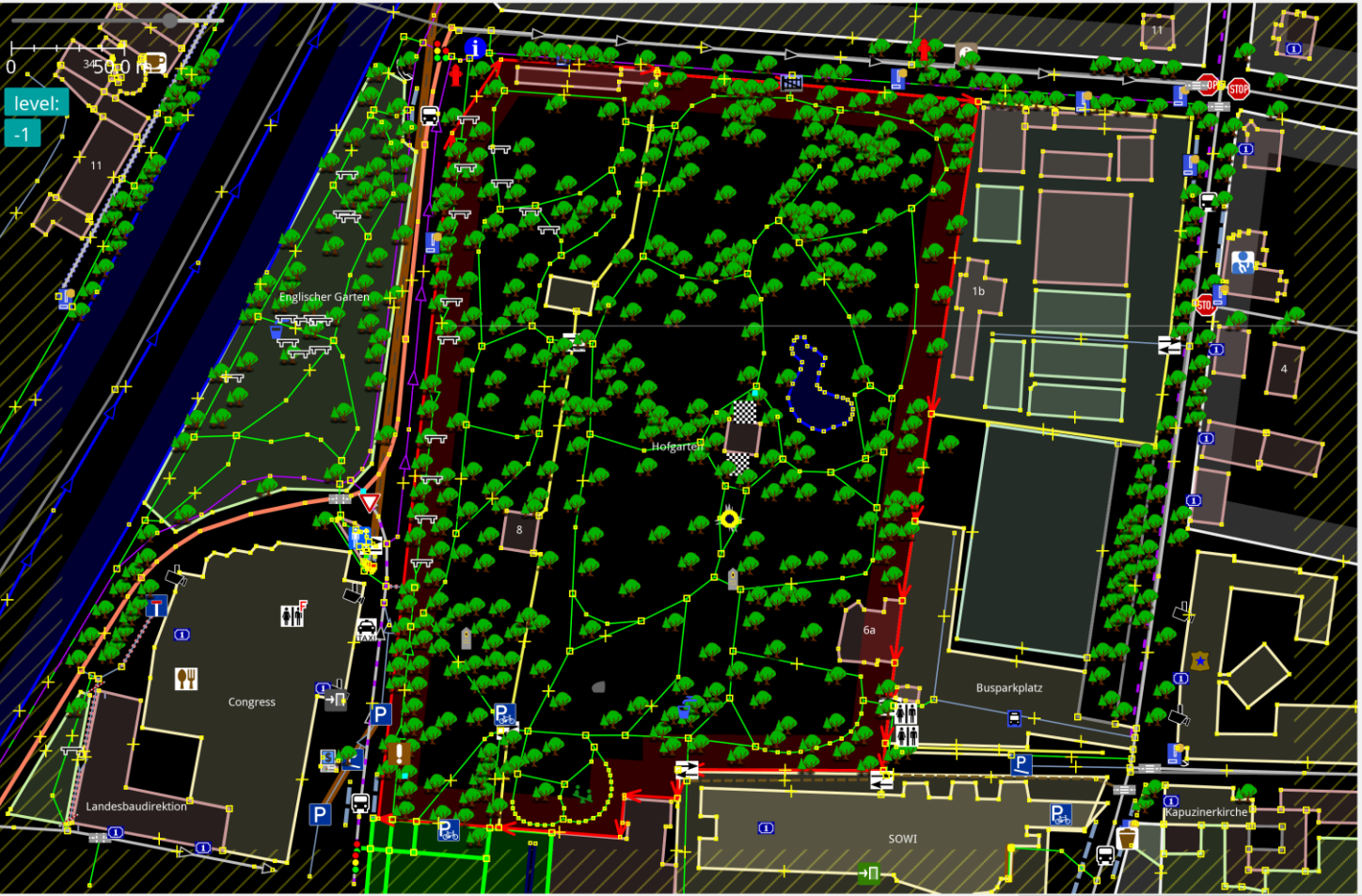

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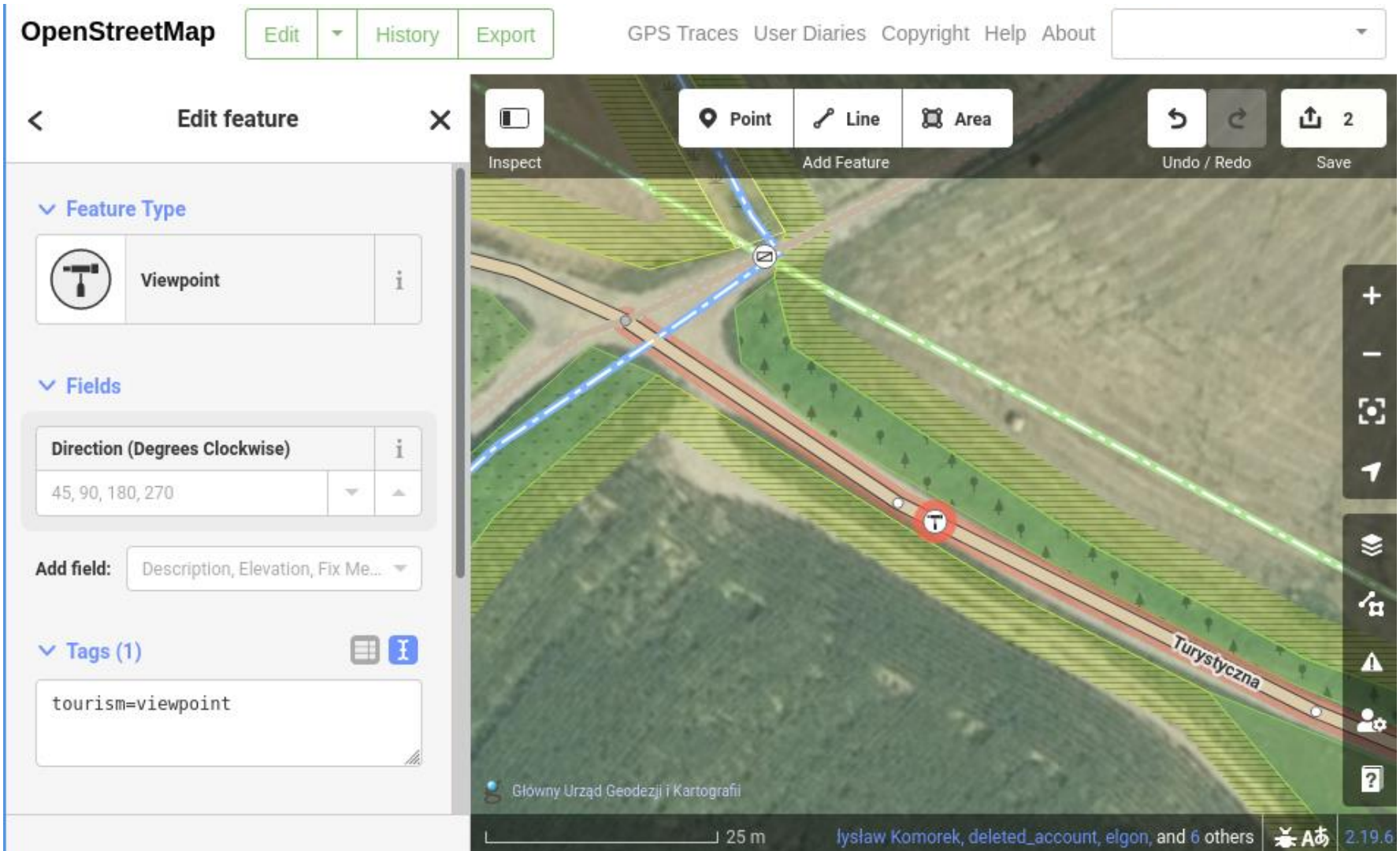
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see https://wiki.osmfoundation.org/wiki/Mission_Statement

OSMF directors can map like anyone else
(and in my personal opinion: should be mappers)

Working groups

"If you want the OSMF to produce a monthly newsletter, the most powerful thing you can do is join CWG [Communication Working Group] and start working on it"

https://osm.gryph.de/2017/09/so-you-want-to-be-an-osmf-board-member/

Working groups

- Communication Working Group
- Licensing Working Group
- Local Chapters and Communities Working Group
- Membership Working Group
- State of the Map Working Group

Working groups

- Operations Working Group
  - planning and maintenance of the OSM API and servers
- Engineering Working Group
  - coordination of software development
  - handles software development paid for by the OSMF
  - handles programs such as Google Summer of Code
- Data Working Group
  - dealing with vandalism, can block users

Why OSMF exists?

Core infrastructure

- Someone/something needs to
  - own domain, name
  - run servers
  - decide what is deployed on core servers (https://www.openstreetmap.org/)
  - legal paperwork
  - obtain funds to cover that
- Above is just an absolute minimum, but already needs an organisation
- OSMF is doing more than this bare minimum

Doocracy

OSMF is not some company where board members have legions of minions following their orders.

OSMF board does NOT decide what OSM community maps or how to map

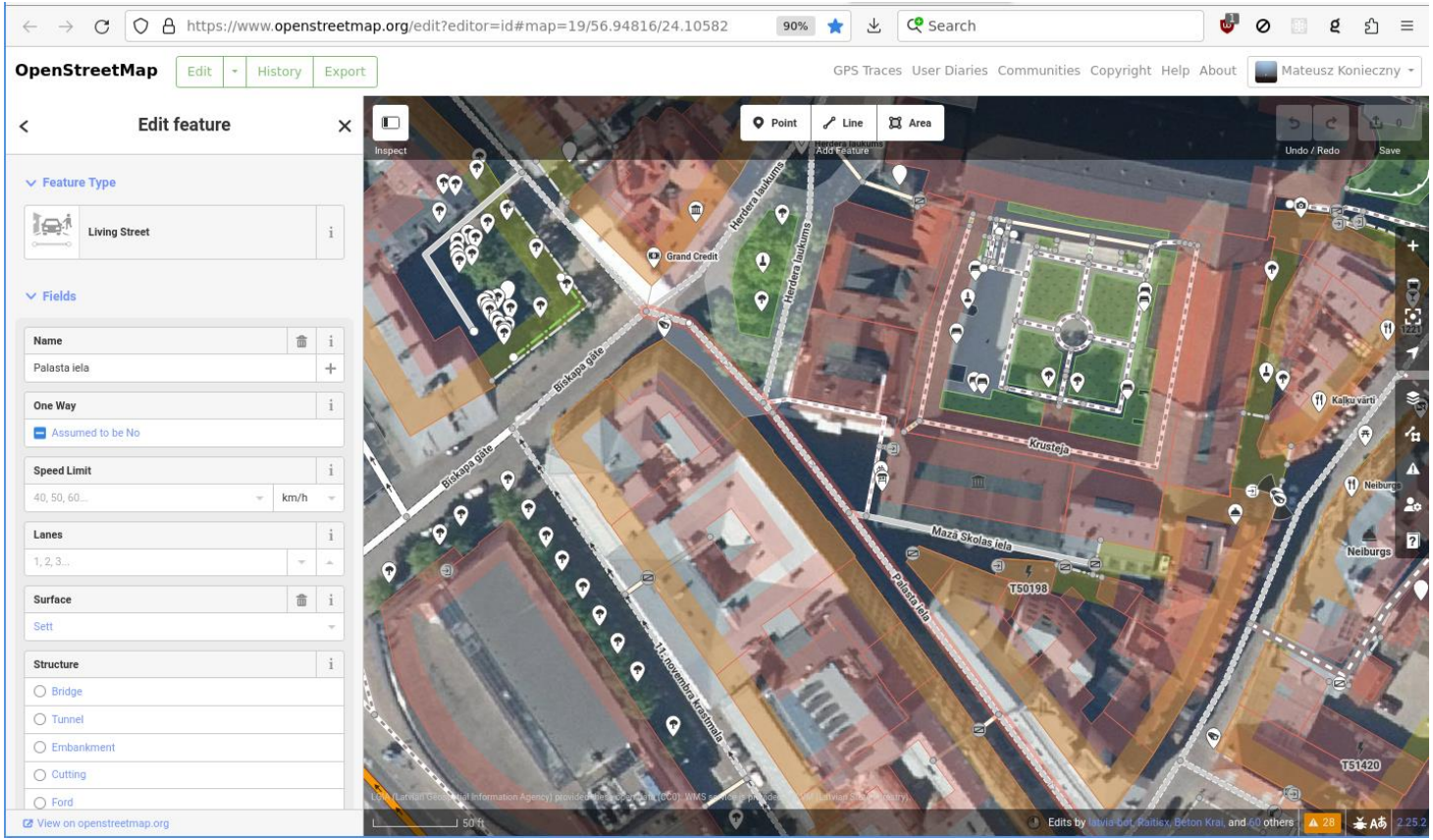
OSMF board is responsible for ensuring that people can map

and that OpenStreetMap community is healthy and growing

How it is achieved? (examples)

Operating Annual General Meetings, including elections

iD development (default online editor)



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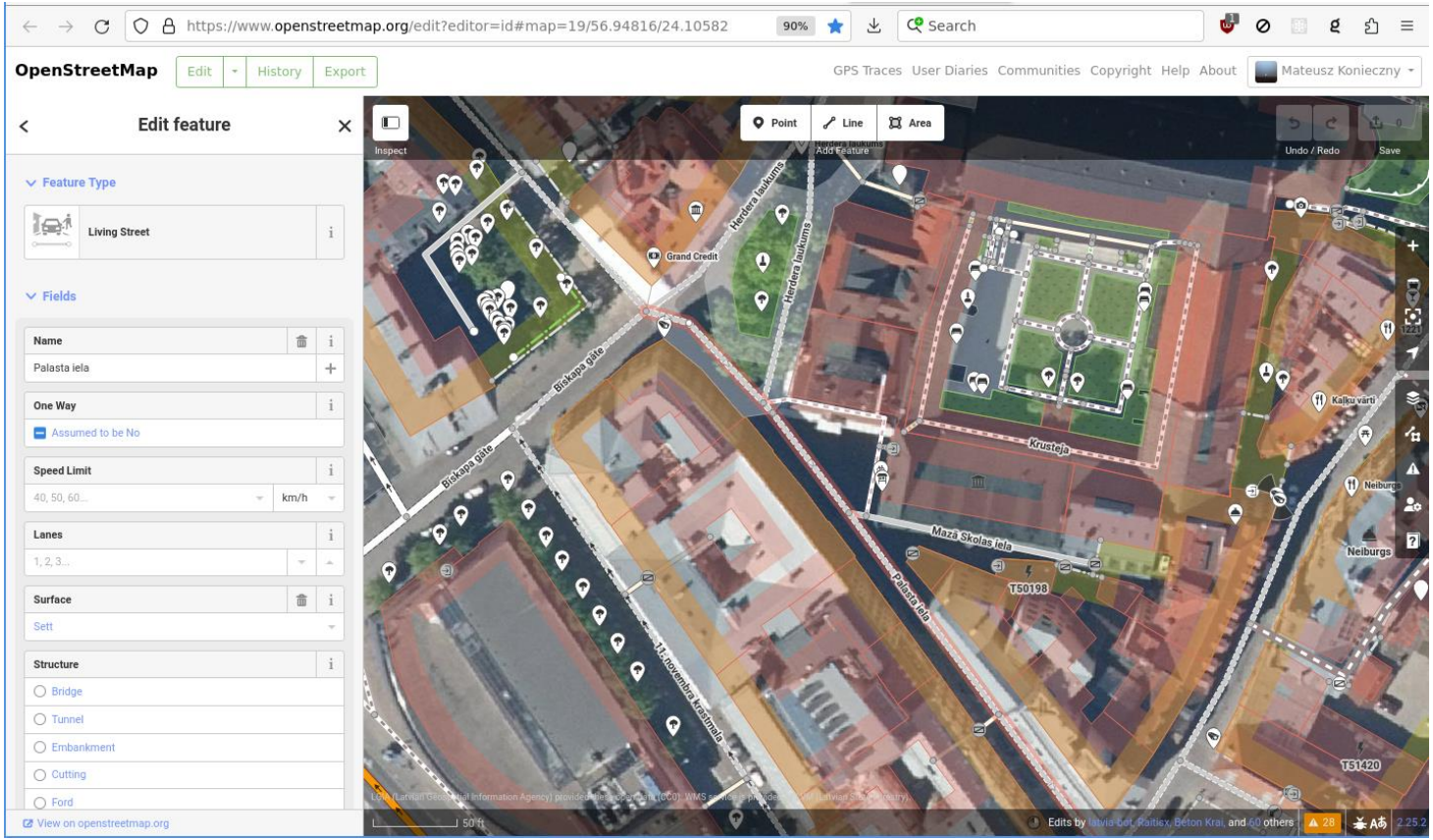

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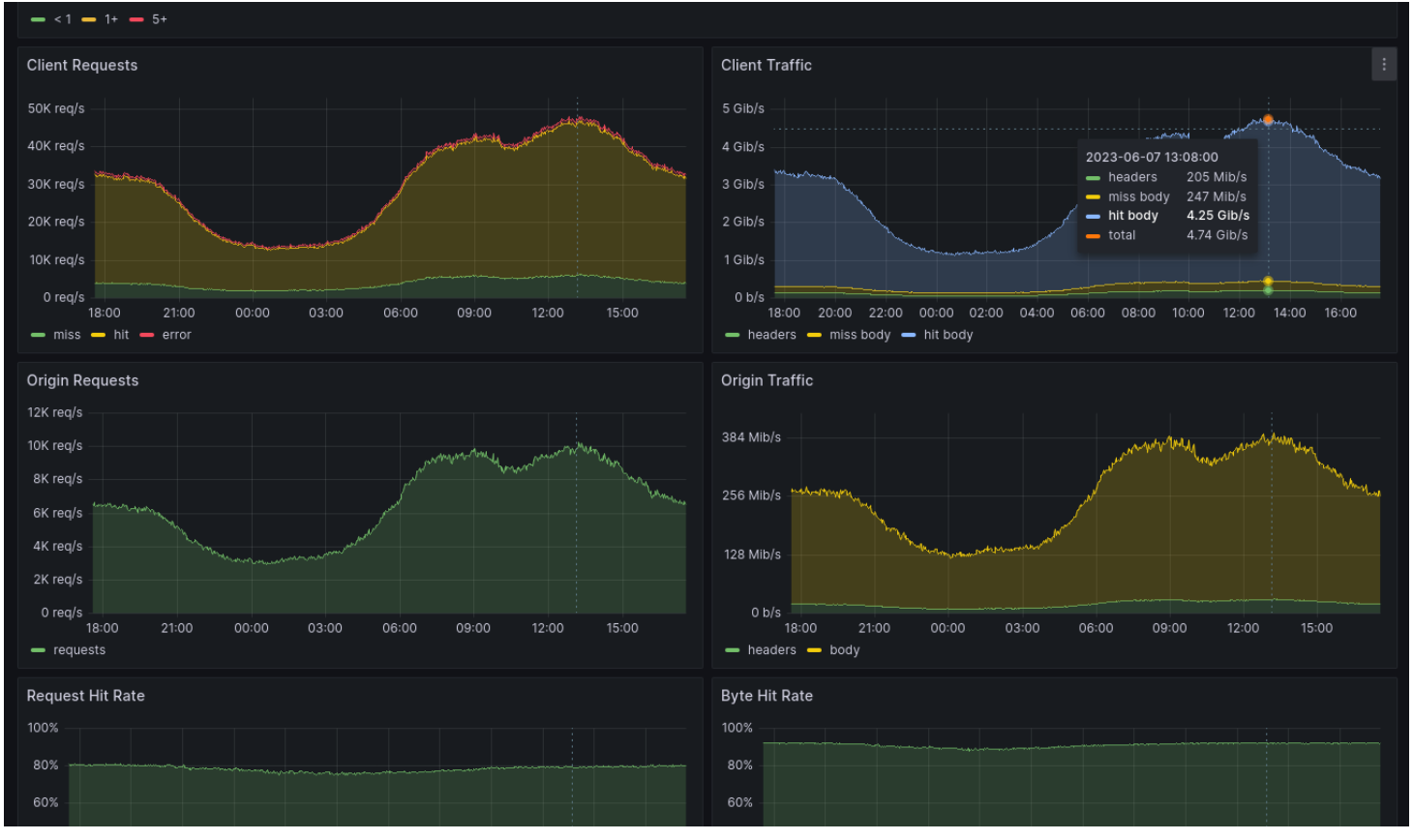

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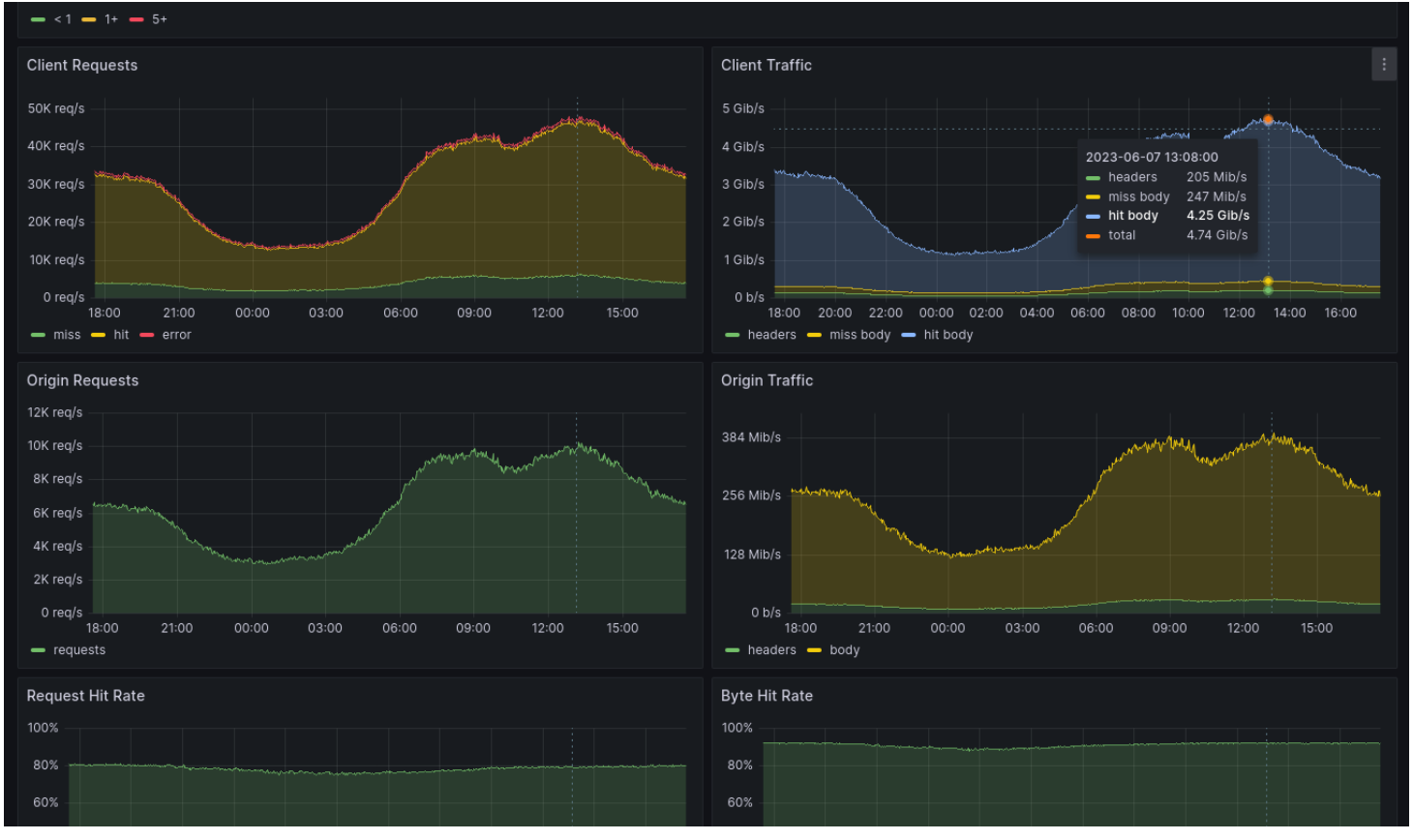


Defending OpenStreetMap license

Handling appeals of Working Group Decisions

Budgeting

How it is achieved?
(on lower level)

Communication

Communication

- Monthly public meetings
- Monthly closed meetings
- Board chat
- Emails
- Official OSM forums
- Mailing lists
- Contact with external companies/projects/people
- Fundraising

Example of emails

- Drafts of what will be published by OSMF
- Budgeting plans
- Communication with working groups
- Personnel
- Feedback as requested (surprisingly rare)
- Ban appeals
- Meeting planning (timezones!)
- Trademarks
- Disputed territories

Circular resolutions

Examples: https://wiki.osmfoundation.org/wiki/Board/Minutes/2023-02#Circular_Resolutions

Current results

Option	% of points	Voters
Agree	100%	5
Abstain	0%	0
Disagree	0%	0
Undecided	0%	2

5 of 7 people have voted (71%)

change your vote invite

Votes

You are invited!

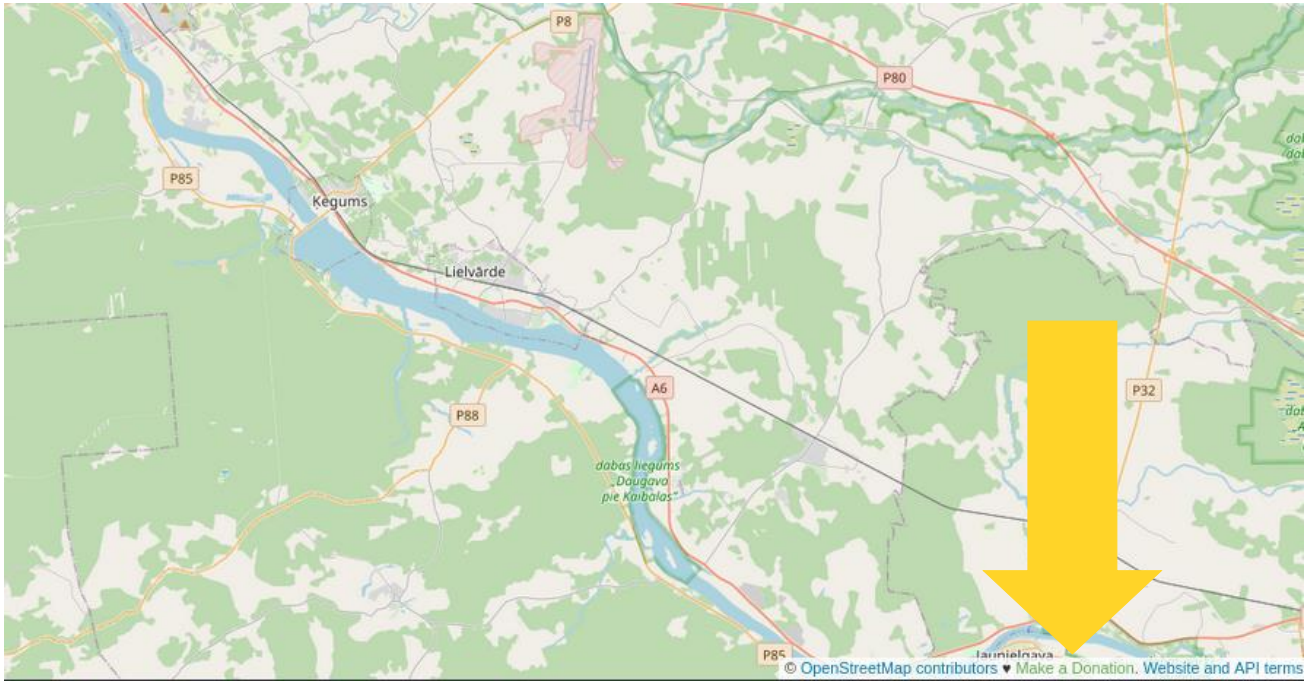
- Using OpenStreetMap data
- Mapping
  - try GoMap!! and EveryDoor on Apple devices
  - try EveryDoor, StreetComplete, Vespucci on Android devices
  - try in-browser editor at openstreetmap.org
- Working groups
- Joining OSMF
  - £15 a year
  - for free if you are an active OpenStreetMap contributor
    - 42 days of editing activity within last year
    - similar activity

Fundraising

- Just current operations require raising funds this year
  - note very lean operations
  - single paid person looking after servers
  - nearly everyone volunteers, including OSMF board
- Diversity in funding sources is very helpful
  - having 50% of funding from a single company would be problematic
- Consider donating something from your entertainment budget

Fundraising

- https://donate.openstreetmap.org/



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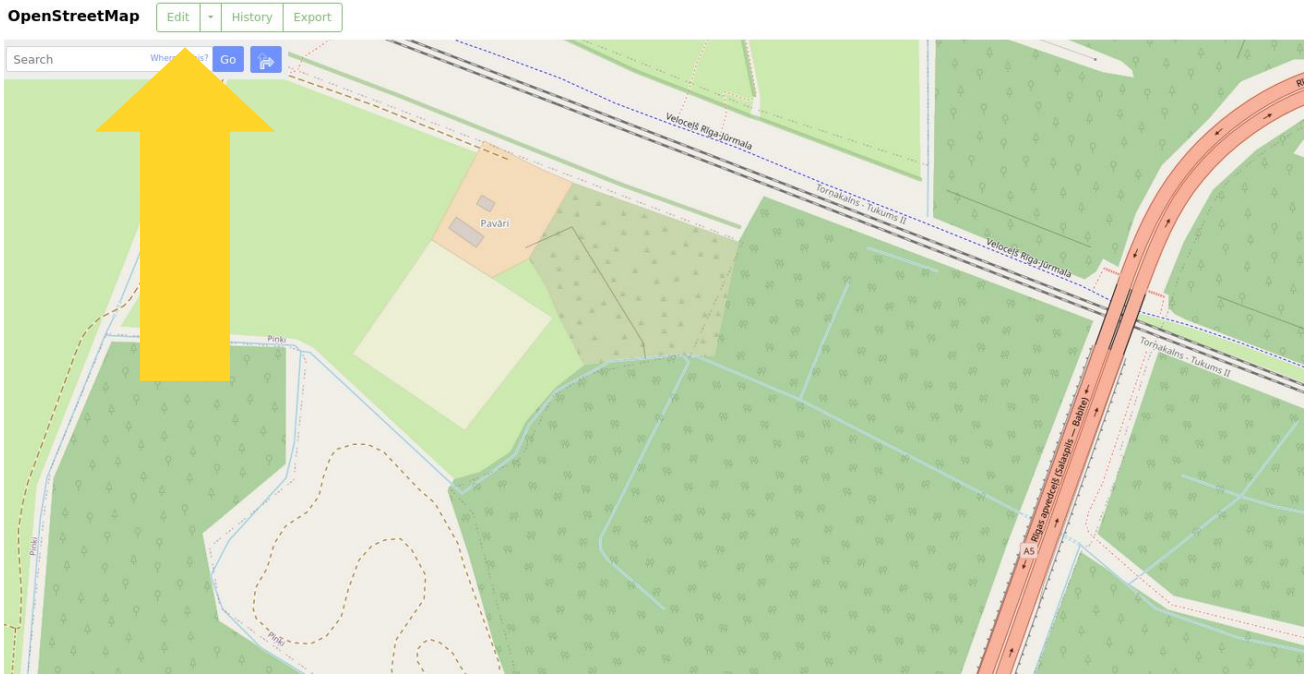
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