Integrating Pavement Preservation into Pavement Management Systems

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Pavement Management is a Decision Making Process

Find cost-effective treatments

At designated times

Give a desired level of service





Pavement Preservation Goals

Preserve investment in pavements

Enhance pavement performance

Extend pavement life

Meet customer needs





Pavement Preservation Concepts

- Apply:
 - the right treatment
 - to the right pavement
 - at the right time
- Dedicate funds to preventive maintenance
 Gain long-term benefits
 Specific approach to pavement management





Preventive Maintenance

- Treatment applied
 - To preserve the existing structure
 - To retard deterioration
- Primarily prevents environmental caused deterioration
- PM Treatments
 - Applied before major structural damage
 - Relatively inexpensive
 - Results long term





Network-Level PMS Elements

Inventory

- Assess Condition
- Determine Needed Work & Funds
- Prioritize Candidate Projects
- Show Impacts of Alternatives
- Feedback

To Incorporate PPP Into PMS Each of the first five elements must be designed to address PPP





Needs Analysis

- Identify Sections Needing Work
 - Treatment Selection
 - Condition Prediction

- Estimate Funds Needed
 - Cost Estimates





Incorporating PPP in Needs Analysis

Ability to select treatments

- Most systems adequate for rehab
- Need to identify appropriate sections for PM
- Need to assign "best" or "right" treatments

Many current condition assessment methods are not adequate to identify segments needing preventive maintenance





Condition To Identify Need for PM

Generally need distress information

Distress surveys MUST include

- Type What Is Wrong
- Severity How Bad
- Density How Much

Windshield & driving surveys DO NOT identify the low severity distresses that indicate need for PM





Options

Conduct distress survey on entire system that will identify segments that need PM

Conduct distress survey on entire system that will identify segments for which PM is not appropriate – those that need rehab

– Those not needing rehab are PM candidates

Complete more detailed analysis of PM candidates







Identify PM Candidates





Office Checks

Check PM candidates sections for

- Time since last treatment
- Traffic levels
- Other items considered important

Final list of PM candidates





Future Needs

Predict future work needed

Need prediction models for
 – Rrehabilitation
 » and
 – PM





Projected Condition for Rehabilitation Treatments





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Condition Prediction

Many of the PM treatments not included in structural analysis & design

They preserve the existing pavement – they do not add structural capacity

 Generally must use age instead of ESAL's/ traffic loadings

- Loadings affect rate of deterioration











Predict Repeated PM – With & Without Treatment







Predict PM Treatments for Candidates





Network-Level Inventory (Data)

Critical data for PM to support PPP

- Date of construction
- Layer information
- Date & type of subsequent treatments especially PM treatments





Prioritize Projects Needing Work

Produce prioritized list of sections agency should consider funding

Consider effect of available funds

Goal - best pavement network over analysis period for available funds





Incorporating PP in Prioritization

■ MUST look long-term

- 20 years or more (30+ for PCC)
- Models must include impacts of PM
 - Generally time based
- Worst-First will not work
 - Adjusting for usage will not help
- Provide an approach where PM funding can be controlled





Must Know Costs and Some Estimate of Return on \$'s Spent



AGE





Economic Approaches

Present value of treatment strategies

Present value of total costs
 Including vehicle operating and other user costs





Weighted Cost-Effectiveness Ratio





Weighted Cost-Effectiveness Ratio = $\frac{AREA / YR}{EUAC / SY}$ X WF







Impact Analysis

- Show impacts of alternatives
 Different funding levels
 - Different allocation of funds
 - » all rehab vs
 - » rehab and PM
- Use several impacts
 Condition alone generally not adequate





Compare Results - Future PCI



Compare Projected Remaining Life



Deferred or Back-Logged

Deferred Fund Needs
 – Needs Minus Spend

■ Back-logged

 Sections That Needed Work That Was Not Recommended





Deferred Funding







Backlogged Work Needs







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Pavement Preservation Principles

It Costs the Maintaining Agencies Less to Have Good Roads Than Bad Roads

Providing:

- Reasonable Level of Service Provided
- Pavements Will Respond to Preventive Maintenance
 - » Structurally Adequate





Need Balance

- Keep Better Pavements in Good Condition
 Preventive Maintenance
- Repair Those That Are Deficient
 Rehabilitation or Reconstruction







- PP can/should be included in PMS philosophy
- PM can/should be in network-level PMS
- Must have the following:
 - Appropriate inventory data dates & treatments
 - Appropriate distress types & severity levels
 - Method to identify PM candidates & tmt needs
 - Prioritization approach that considers PM treatments
 - Impact analysis that shows impact of PM over time



