Setting Appropriate Goals and Measures

To Encourage Sound Infrastructure Preservation

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An Age of Performance Measurement

- We are entering an age of performance management for transportation programs
- AASHTO, the GAO, the U.S. Congress all have declared their support for performancebased transportation programs
- MAP-21 mentions 'performance' more than 150 times
- It creates a requirement for federal, state
 MPO performance measures and targets

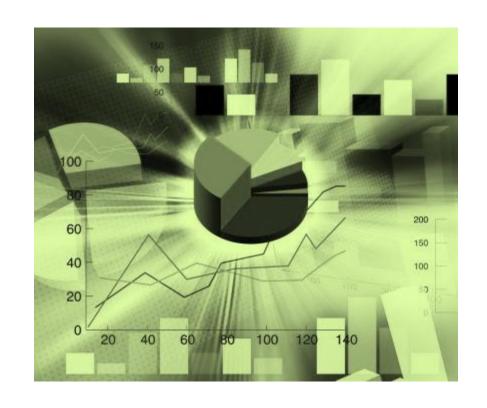
An Age of Performance Management

DECLARATION OF POLICY—Performance management will transform the Federal-aid highway program and provide a means to the most efficient investment of Federal transportation funds by refocusing on national transportation goals, increasing the accountability and transparency of the Federal-aid highway program, and improving project decision making through performance based planning and programming.



The Need to Measure Carefully

- The old say is, 'what gets measured, gets managed'
- My new saying, 'Performance measures are like prescription drugs. They can cure or kill you.'
- It all depends on how you chose and use



Potential Problems with Measures

- A focus only on meeting short-term condition targets can encourage a 'worst first' approach
- Does not predict future trends
- We won't know where we're heading



Current Shortage of Measures

- Because performance management is new, we don't have many good measures
- Presently we have national IRI, or International Roughness Index and Bridge Structural Deficiency data nationally
- These are important but incomplete
 - They only look backward and don't tell us about future trends
 - They also don't encourage sound asset management principals

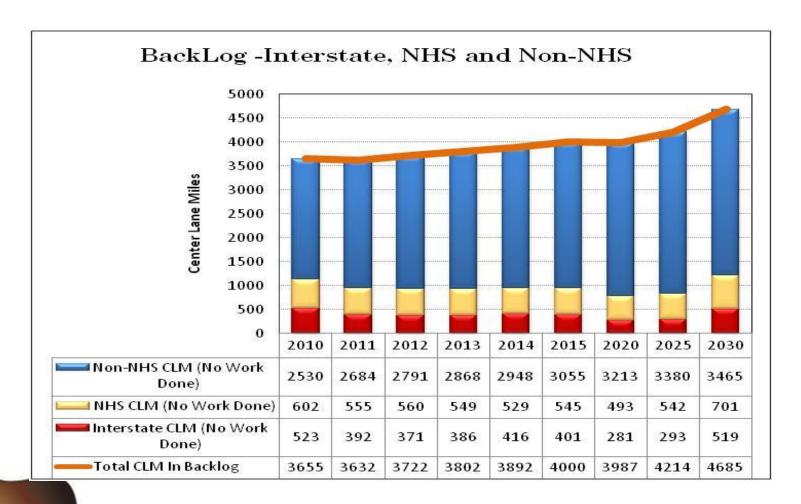


What are better measures

- Measures that encourage a long-term, lowest lifecycle approach
- Leading indicators of where the system is going
- They can encourage sound preservation, preventive maintenance and asset management principles
- Here are some examples

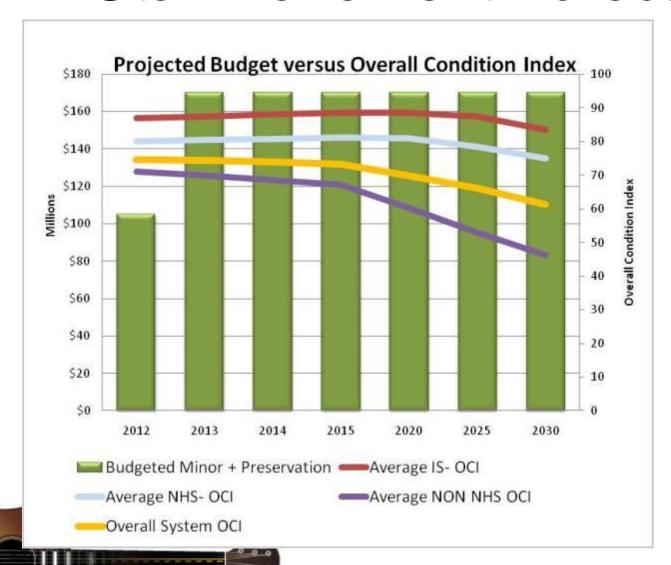


Utah DOT Investment Backlog

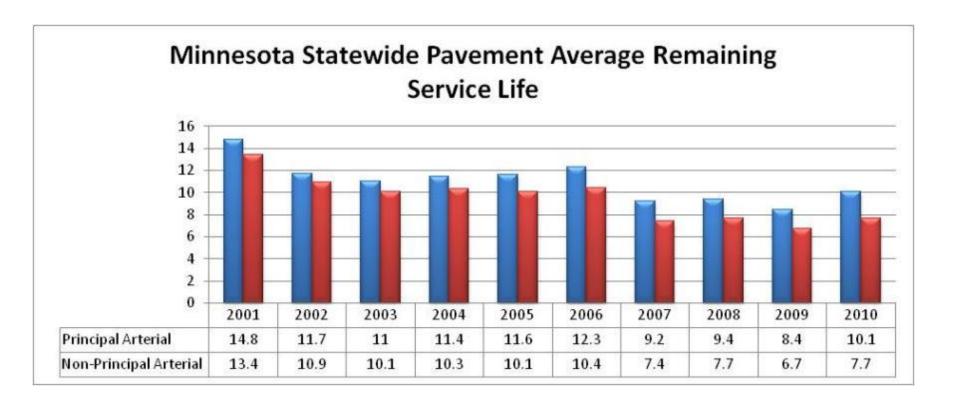




Utah Pavement Forecast

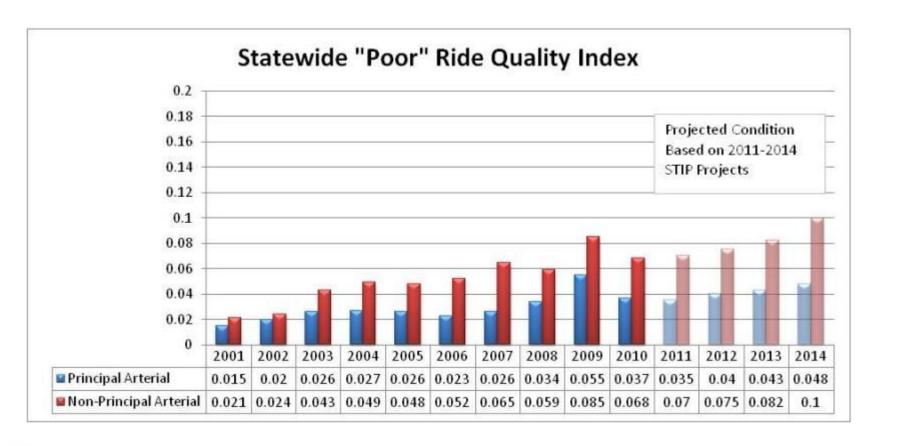


Declining Value of Pavements





MnDOT's Pavement Forecast





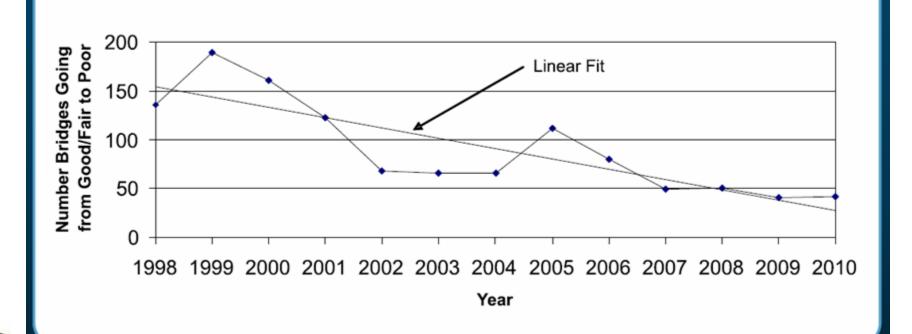
Ohio Preservation Measures

- Overall rate of network average pavement section decline
- Reducing miles experiencing aboveaverage condition decline
- Percentage of preventive maintenance target met
- Programming to achieve short-term, midterm and long-term pavement-condition targets



Michigan Bridge Trends

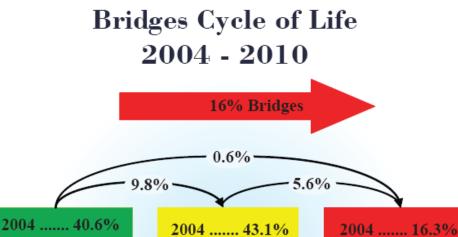
DETERIORATION RATE STATEWIDE TRUNKLINE BRIDGES







Michigan Bridge Focus



2010 45.7%

32.5% Unchanged

5.6%

Fair

14.2% Bridges





2010 40.9%

Good

32.2% Unchanged

-5.0%

3.4%

2010 13.4%

Poor

7.2% Unchanged

Infrastructure Sustainability Measures

- Hopefully we'll see a growing focus on metrics that encourage sustainability, preservation
- Australians use
 - Asset Sustainability Index
 - Asset Consumption Ratio
 - Asset Renewal Funding Ratio



Definitions

Asset Sustainability Ratio

Expenditures on Asset Renewal Depreciation of Assets

Asset Consumption Ratio

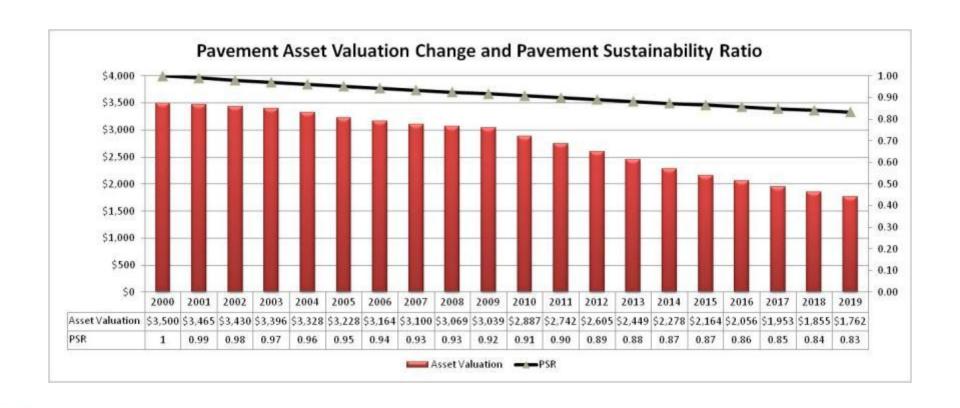
Current Value of Assets
Replacement Cost of Assets

Asset Renewal Ratio

NPV Invested Over 10 Years
Needed Investment to Sustain Assets



Declining Asset Values





Asset Management Plans

- MAP-21 requires Transportation Asset Management Plans for the NHS
- These could include goals and targets for preservation
- Metrics that focus on short-term, mid-term and long-term sustaining of assets are best
- These inherently encourage preservation



Performance Measure Lessons

- Focus on leading measures
- Focus on long-term asset performance
- Incentivize sound asset management, preservation principles
- A challenge will be to improve our management systems to provide sound, leading indicators of future condition trend lines

