Options For Bridge Maintenance Painting

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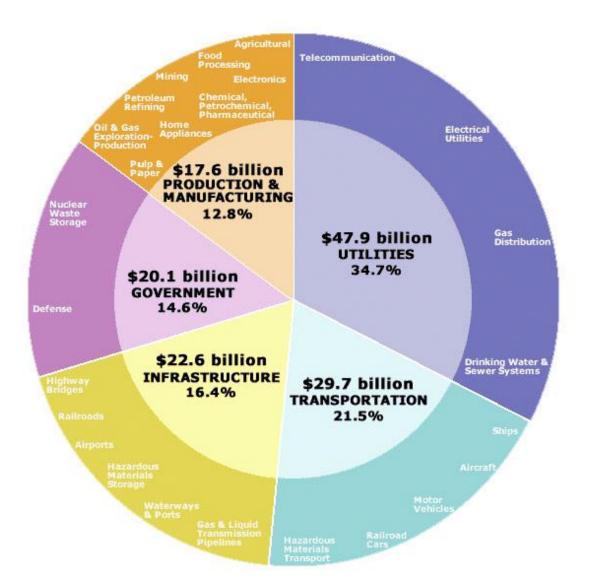
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Presentation Topics

- Cost of Corrosion
- Painting
- Painting Options for Steel Bridges
- Issues
- Protecting Structural Concrete

Cost Of Corrosion In the US



Painting

- Preservation Action
- Bridge Element
- Structural Steel and Concrete
- Materials Selection

Bridge Preservation

 actions or strategies that prevent, delay or reduce deterioration of bridges or bridge elements, restore the function of existing bridges, keep bridges in good condition and extend their life. Preservation actions may be preventive or condition-driven.

Painting

- In FHWA Bridge Preservation Guide listed as PM action along with debris cleaning, bridge washing, etc.
- Due to cost and repairability, paint rises to the level of bridge "element"

Materials

- Low-tech (alkyds, acrylics, dispersions)
 - Simple to apply
 - Used for a range of bridge painting options



Materials

- High-tech (epoxies, urethanes, fluoropolymers)
 - More durable-more problematic
 - Primarily used for complete bridge painting projects



Bridge Superstructure Painting Options

- Spot painting
- Zone painting
- Overcoating
- Total removal-replacement
- Use the most Cost Effective Option









Zone Painting



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Issues

- Environmental Impact
- Worker Safety
- Surface Preparation
- Waste Handling
- Recycling

Environmental Impact



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Worker Safety



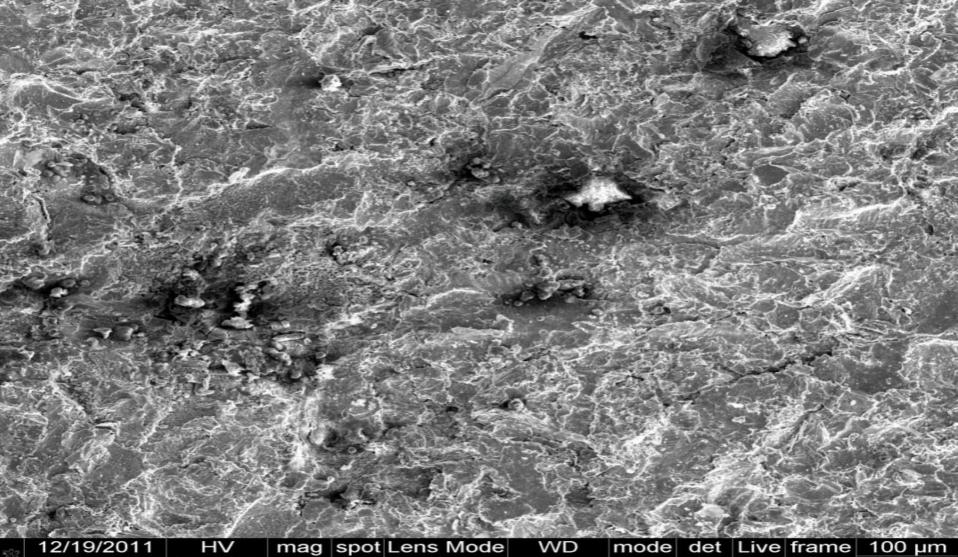
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Surface Preparation



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Waste Handling



Recycling



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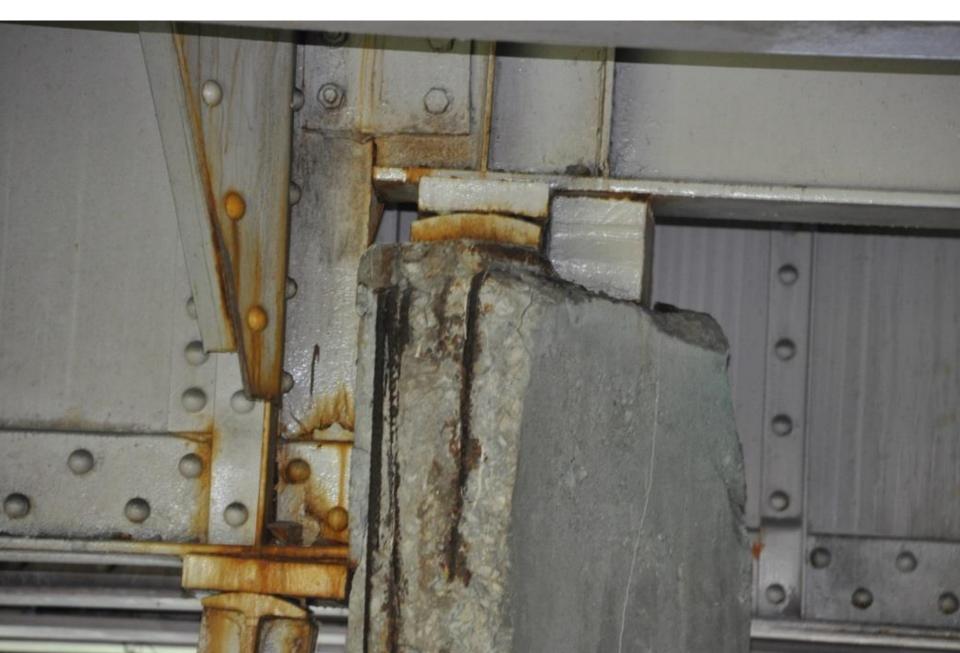


Recycling



- 600,000 bridges ~ 1,650,000 concrete bridge elements
- Increased use of deicing chemicals
- Aging inventory + chlorides = ??









Conclusions

- We have material and method options for bridge painting.
- Let the bridge tell you what is needed. Use different tools for different problems.
- Most bridge elements are concrete. Painting can help preserve structural concrete.

The End Thank You!!

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