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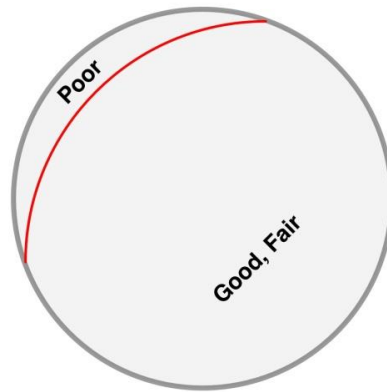
**Proposed AASHTO Guide for  
Bridge Preservation Actions**

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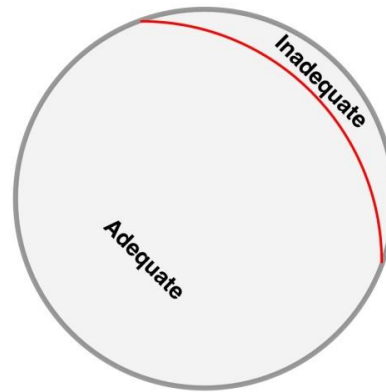


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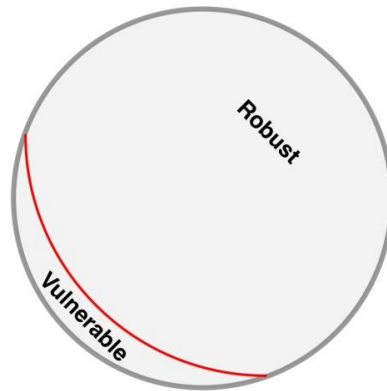
# Bridge Population to Preserve



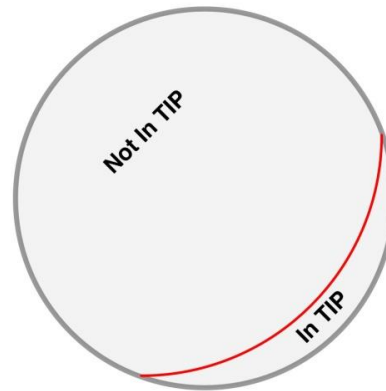
Condition



Capacity



Vulnerability



TIP



# Bridge Population to Preserve

<b>Preservation Level</b>	<b>Condition NBE</b>	<b>Condition BME</b>	<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Vulnerability</b>	<b>Remaining Life</b>
<b>Preventive</b>	Good	Good, Fair	Adequate	Robust	$\geq 20$ years
<b>Corrective</b>	Fair	Poor			
<b>Not preserved</b>	Poor	-	Not adequate	Vulnerable	$< 20$ years



# Bridge Preservation - Actions

Level	Sub-Level	Typical Actions
Preventive	<i>Scheduled</i>	Clear, Clean, Wash, Flush Remove debris
	<i>Evaluated</i>	Seal surface, Seal cracks Healer/sealer, Polymer overlay Zone paint Replace joint seals Remove large debris



# Bridge Preservation - Actions

Level	Sub-Level	Typical Actions
Corrective	<i>In-Kind</i>	Repair in-kind, Replace in-kind Straighten, Patch Complete paint Replace joint, Replace railing Dredge/re-establish channel
	<i>Betterments and Retrofits</i>	Fatigue retrofit Improve drain systems Improve or modify channels or bank protection Modify continuity Eliminate expansion joints Install pavement relief joints

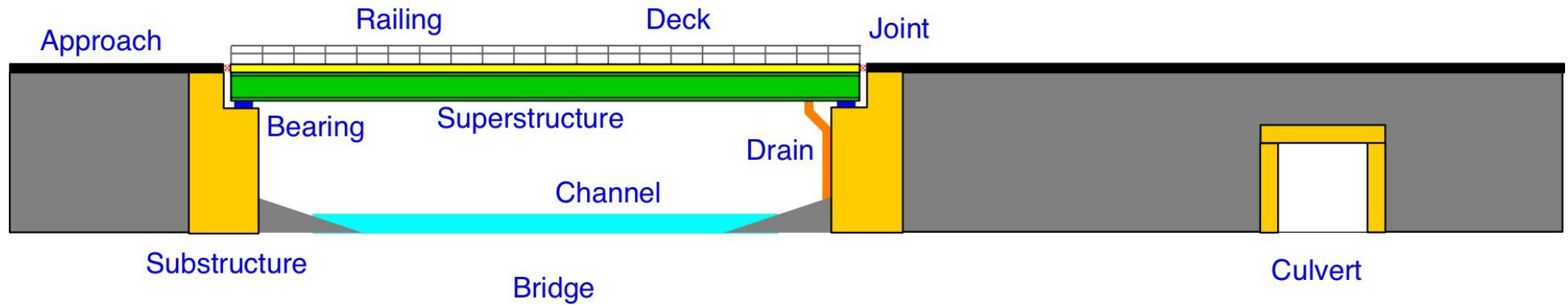


# Bridge Preservation – Action Set for Deck

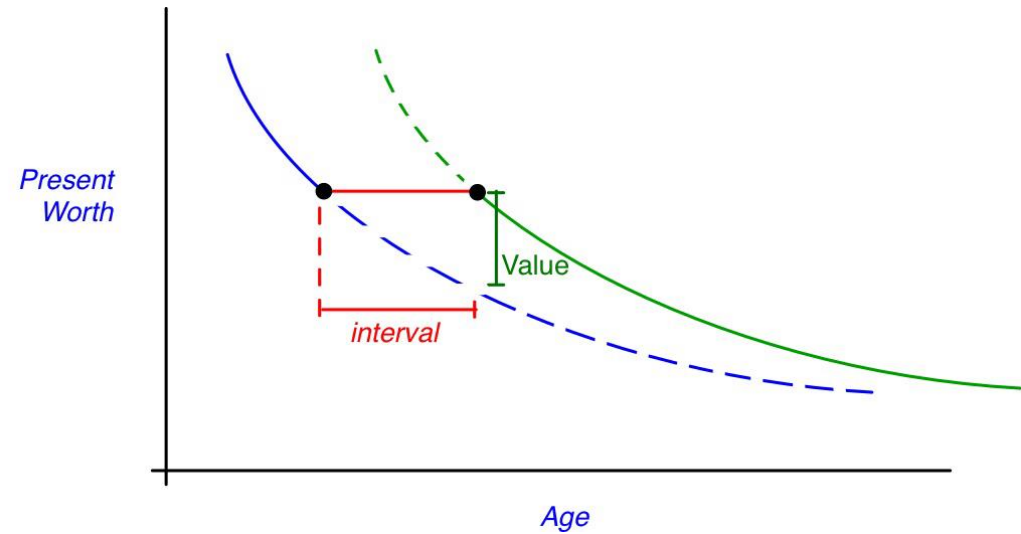
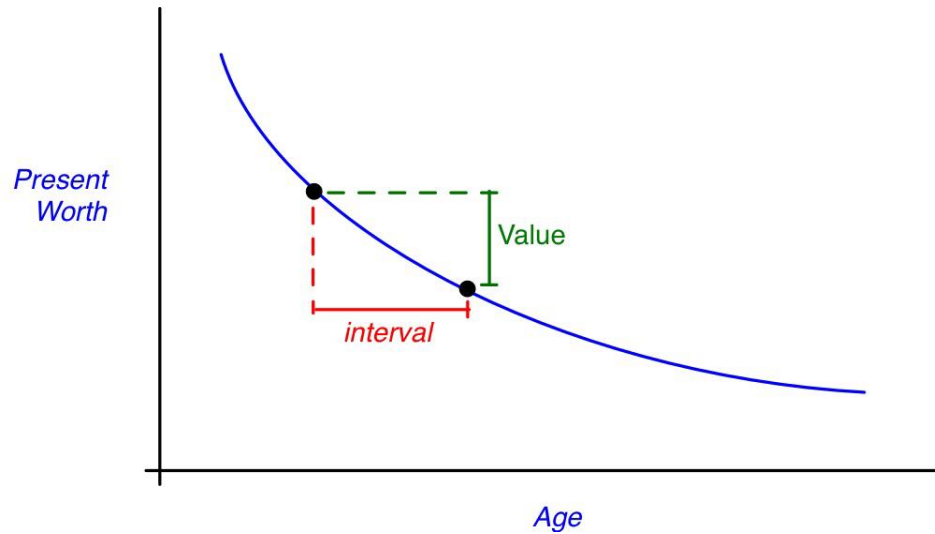
		All	RC	Steel	Timber
Prev.	Sch'd	Sweep, Power wash	Maintain cathodic protection		
	Evl'd	Seal cracks in wearing surface	Healer/sealer Polymer overlay Chip seal Seal cracks in deck Seal surface	Paint Bolt deck to stringers	Bolt deck to stringers Tighten rods (stress laminated) Replace running boards
Corr.	In-Kind		Replace wearing surface Repair spalls Repair cracks in structural deck Install rigid overlay Remove loose concrete, soffit Rebuild portion	Replace panel/section	Replace broken boards
	Bt & Rt	Improve drainage	Install cathodic protection Add AC + membrane		Add wearing surface



# Bridge Preservation – Action Sets



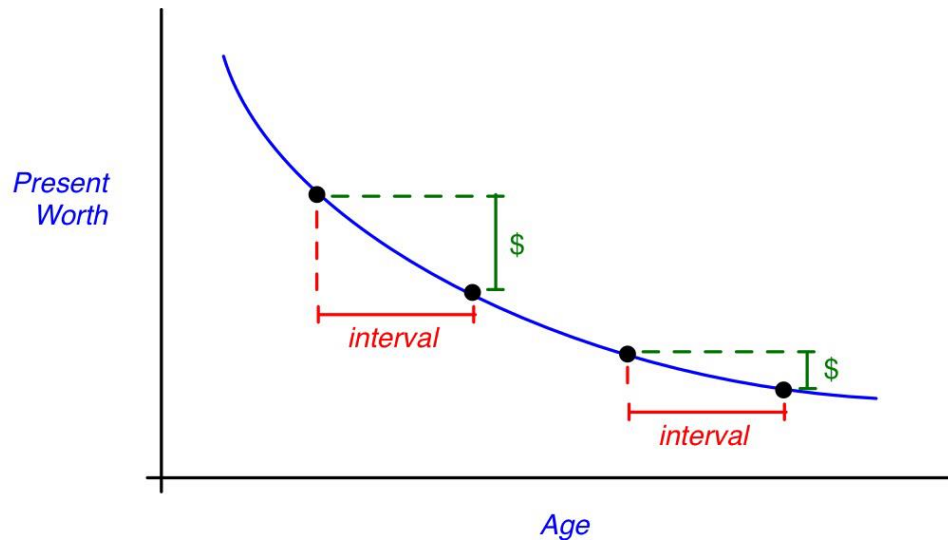
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## Age & Value



## Annualized Costs

$CT = \text{Replace Cost} / \text{Untended Life}$

$CO = \text{Replace Cost} / \text{Remaining Life}$

$CP = (\text{Replace Cost} + \text{Action Cost}) / \text{Extended Life}$

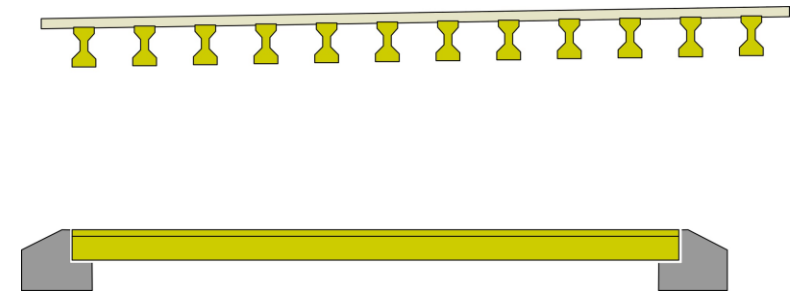
## Decision to Act

$$CO - CP > 0$$

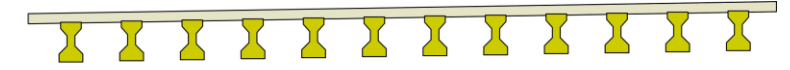
$$CP < CT$$

# Bridge Preservation - Benefit

Replacement Cost, Girders =	\$420,000
Replacement Cost, Joint Seal =	\$7,200
Maintenance Cost, annual =	\$7,200 / 5 yrs



# Bridge Preservation - Benefit



	Service Life, yrs	Annual Girder Cost	Annual Maintenance Cost	Annual Benefit
Joints not maintained	40	\$ 10,500 /yr	-	-
Joints maintained	75	\$ 5,600 /yr	\$ 1,440 /yr	\$ 3,460 /yr

	Remaining Service Life, yrs	Annual Girder Cost	Annual Maintenance Cost	Annual Benefit
--- After 20 years service ---				
Joints not maintained	20	\$ 21,000 /yr	-	-
Joints maintained	55	\$ 7,640 /yr	\$ 1,440 / yr	\$ 1,420 /yr
--- After 40 years service ---				
Joints not maintained	35	\$ 12,000 /yr	-	-
Joints maintained	35	\$ 12,000 /yr	\$ 1,440 / yr	\$ (1,440) /yr



# Guide for Bridge Preservation Actions

<b>Elements of Bridge Preservation Programs</b> Terms and definitions. Bridges to preserve. Preservation population. Agency structure. Overview of content and organization of this <i>Guide</i> .	<b>Bridge Preservation Actions</b> Preservation levels Catalog of preservation actions Performance standards for actions
<b>Bridge Preservation Programming</b> Intervals for actions in preventive scheduled maintenance Methods of assessment for preventive evaluated maintenance Repair needs - Evaluation of type and quantity of need Retrofit needs - Selection of type of modification or improvement	<b>Delivery of Actions</b> Bridge crews Letting Purchase order



# Guide for Bridge Preservation Actions

<b>Evaluation of Preservation Actions and Programs</b> Evaluation of preventive maintenance MQA applied to samples of bridges Evaluation of repair actions Evaluation of retrofit actions	<b>Costs and Benefits</b> Capturing costs Capturing production units Cost benefit analysis
<b>Data Systems</b> Data requirements to support programs in bridge preservation Example data systems National database for maintenance actions at bridges	<b>Performance Measurement. Reporting</b> Performance measures: condition Performance measures: bridge status Performance measures: productivity Performance measures: cost benefits
<b>Appendices</b> Glossary References	



# DOT Practices

<i>Perform Action</i>		
Pressure wash and paint		
	Bridges above Fall Line	10 years
	Bridges below Fall Line	15 years

<i>Evaluate Need for Action</i>		
Replace expansion joints	ADTT < 8%	15 years
	ADTT > 8%	10 years



# DOT Practices

Bridge Maintenance Manual

PUB 55

**SAP ASSEMBLY NUMBER:** 711-7433-01

**BMS2 Flex-Action:** A743301

**ACTIVITY TITLE:** RESEAL DECK JOINTS (LIQUID ONLY)

**UNIT OF MEASUREMENT:** LINEAR FEET OF DECK JOINT

**PROCEDURE:** GENERAL PROCEDURE

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## **REFERENCES**

PennDOT Specifications (PUB 408)  
Section 521 - Transverse Joint Sealing and Cleaning  
705 - Joint Material

## **SCHEDULING CONSIDERATIONS**

Based on need as indicated by bridge inspections. Joint must be dry and temperature at or above 40°F.



Pennsylvania DOT (2010). *Bridge Maintenance Manual*. Pub 55, 398p.

# DOT Practices

NBI Item	Element	NBI Criteria	Defect	Element Condition State	Repair Action	Potential Benefits to NBI or CS	Anticipated Service Life Years
Deck	Joints	Item 58 $\geq$ 5	2350	CS2, CS3, or CS4	Joint Clean	CS1 or CS2	
			2310		Joint Seal Replace, Restore	CS1	5 to 8
			2310 or 2360	CS3 + CS4 $\geq$ 10%	Joint Replace	CS1	10 to 20
				All	Joint Eliminate	Eliminate	15 to 25





# Participation – US State DOTs

- Preservation Actions
- Unit Costs
- Materials, Methods
- Performance Standards & Specifications
- Intervals
- Maintenance records



# Schedule

Start	Nov. 2015
Phase I Planning	Mar. 2016
Phase II Catalog of Actions	Dec. 2016
Phase III Draft Guide	Apr. 2017
Phase IV Final Products	Feb. 2018



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