





Performance Measures for Making Pavement Preservation Decisions

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# **Performance Measures as Tools**

## • Project Decision Support

- Where, When, and How for pavement decisions

- Accountability & Communication
  - achieving standards, reports to legislature & public
  - stewardship, protecting infrastructure investment
- Forecasting Needs & Risks
  - funding needs, evaluation of risk
- Learning

- continual improvement of methods & procedures



# Performance Measures within what Context?

- Historical?
- Future Projection?
- Project Level?
- Network Level?
- Agency Perspective?User Perspective?



# **Pavement Performance Measures**

What is current physical condition of pavement?

- Distress (cracking, rutting, raveling, faulting, etc.)
- Profile Roughness (IRI)
- Friction (Skid Number, macrotexture)
- Structure (deflection, seismic response)



# **Pavement Performance Measures**

How is road performing for users?

- Roughness (IRI)
- User cost (user delay, user operating cost)
- Freight damage
- Safety (pavement related)



# Performance Management in MAP-21

# Title 23, U.S.C.

### §150. National goals and performance management measures

(a) 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 decisionmaking through performance-based planning and programming.



# **Cost-Effectiveness**

• Evaluates the cost of <u>acceptable</u> pavement performance (\$/lane-mile/year)

• Simpler than Benefit/Cost analysis, since difficult to express benefit of pavement performance in terms of dollars



# **Cost-Effectiveness**

"...the most efficient investment ... "

- Annual Cost (\$ / lane-mile / year of life)
- Historical Cost of Acceptable Pavement Performance
  - Actual historical cost (\$/LMY)
- Expected Cost of Future Pavement Rehab
  - Projected LCCA (\$ /LMY)



# Equivalent Uniform Annual Cost (EUAC)



- P = Present Value of all costs
  - = Discount Rate
- n = number of years



# Advantages of EUAC

- 1) A simple measure that can be directly compared with a different project, or statewide average
- 2) Easier to calculate (no need to add multiple performance periods)
- 3) Salvage Value does not need to be considered



# **Typical Cost-Effectiveness Comparison**

Pavement Type	Treatment Category	Treatments	Agency Cost (\$/LM)	Life Extension (years)	EUAC <sub>0%</sub> (\$/LMY)	EUAC <sub>4%</sub> (\$/LMY)
Chip Seal	Maint.	Crack sealing, patching	\$2,500	2	\$1,250	\$1,325
	Rehab	Resurfacing	\$45,000	9	\$5,000	\$6,052
	Reconst.	Rebuild	\$200,000	14	\$14,286	\$18,934
Asphalt	Maint.	Crack sealing, patching	\$5,000	3	\$1,667	\$1,802
	Rehab	Resurfacing	\$225,000	15	\$15,000	\$20,237
	Reconst.	Remove & Replace	\$1,000,000	20	\$50,000	\$73,582
Concrete	Rehab	Grinding, slab replacement	\$400,000	15	\$26,667	\$35,976
	Reconst.	Remove & Replace	\$2,500,000	50	\$50,000	\$116,376



#### **LCCA: Asphalt and Chip Seal**





# **Replacement Analysis**

Decision Analysis to consider:

- Do Nothing (no replacement)
- Maintenance
- Rehabilitation
- Reconstruction

If proposed alternative results in lower annual cost, then make decision for replacement



## **Replacement Analysis**



#### Analysis of Alternatives \$250 k



Calculation of EUAC for an asphalt pavement resurfacing (\$250k for 12 year period).



Spending additional \$5k on maintenance in year 10 and \$15k in year 15 results in EUAC that is \$3.1k less (12% reduction in annual cost). (Assumed Discount Rate 4%)



## **Breakeven Analysis**



Spending \$5k on maintenance in year 10 and \$71.2k in year 13 to achieve a 15 year life is equivalent to EUAC of \$26,638/yr. (Assumed Discount Rate 4%)



### Performance Measures as tools in Pavement Management

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## Pavement Performance Measures - Network Level

How well is infrastructure being managed (past and future)?

- Remaining Service Life (RSL)
- Asset Sustainability Ratio
- Accrued cost of deferred maintenance/rehabilitation (Deferred Preservation Liability)



# Remaining Service Life (RSL)

 Measures the pavement life (years until due for rehabilitation) of each section over the entire network (expressed as % of typical pavement life)

- Healthy system has remaining service life of 40 60 percent
  - In an ideal system, the entire system would have an average remaining service life equal to 50% of the total average pavement life







# Asset Sustainability Ratio

- Measures how well WSDOT's pavement replenishment is keeping up with pavement wear.
- Illustrates how much life was put back into the pavement system verses how much was consumed in a given year (units of lane-mile years).
- Consumption (for WSDOT flexible pavements) is 16,000 lane-mile years (per year)
- Target is Ratio of 1.0





#### Asset Sustainability Ratio (Flexible Pavements)

1980 through 2022



# **Deferred Preservation Liability**

 Is an estimate of the funding necessary to address the backlog of deferred pavement rehabilitation

 Takes into consideration higher costs as pavement condition gets worse (and needs more extensive repair)







**Decision Support** 

- Pavement Condition
- Cost-Effectiveness
- Remaining Service Life

Forecast Needs & Risks

- Pavement Condition
- Remaining Service Life
- Deferred Preservation Liability

Accountability & Communication

- Pavement Condition
- Asset Sustainability Ratio
- Cost-Effectiveness

Learning

- Cost-Effectiveness
- Remaining Service Life
- Pavement Condition





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