## **Preserving Pavements**

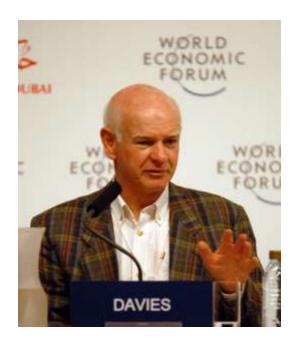
**Moving Beyond the Short Term** 

#### Midwest Pavement Preservation Partnership

Thomas Van
Federal Highway Administration
October 27, 2011
Bismarck, North Dakota







Most people...find a disorientating mismatch between the long-term nature of their liabilities and the increasingly short-term nature of their assets.

**Howard Davies** 





Challenges Congestion **Aging** 

**Freight Movement** 





Infrastructure

# 1.Needed \$\$\$ 2.Accountability







## **Asset Management**

"...asset management requires our attention throughout the entire project delivery process...

...once a project is delivered it joins the physical assets of the highway system...

...its service life depends upon the combination of effective design, quality construction, quality of maintenance..."

Rick Capka, former FHWA Administrator





## **Asset Management**

- Extends the life of existing facilities
- Retains the value of an asset and its ability to perform as designed
- Effective Pavement Management provides -
  - Long term cost savings
  - Less disruption to the traveling public
  - Improves the overall network condition





#### **Pavement Management**

- Assess the effectiveness of current strategies
- Move beyond just collecting data
- Examine procedures and processes that lead to improved long-term operational performance
- Support research and development
- Protect the investment
- Extending the life of our pavements



# Infrastructure Reorganization

- New Focus on Performance Management
- New Office within Infrastructure
  - Policy, Analysis, Data Collection, Assistance
- Re-format Pavement and Asset Management Offices
  - Asset Management, Pavement and Construction





# Office of Asset Management, Pavement and Construction

- Effective October 1, 2011
  - Official date OST Approval
  - Focus on Managed Assets –
  - Integration of Preservation into Design, Materials and Construction
  - Development of performance indicators





# Office of Asset Management, Pavement and Construction

- Structure
  - Design and Analysis
  - Materials
  - Asset and Pavement Management
  - Construction







# Office of Asset Management, Pavement and Construction

- Current initiatives
  - -Health Assessment
  - ETG on Automated Cracking / Rutting
     Detection
  - Pavement Monitoring Guide
  - Peer Exchanges
  - Guidance on Preservation Approaches





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# **Closing Thoughts**

- Pavement Management / Pavement Preservation will play an increasingly important role in future years
- Level of sophistication of Pavement Management is more than just PMS or just Preservation
- Emphasis on long-term performance





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