Bridge Preservation Activities Report Out



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Group number: 1		Discussion topic:	BRIDGE PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES	
Discu	Discussion Highlights (note main discussion items)			
•	DOTs represented: AK, AZ, MT, WA (2); 1 industry, 1 NCPP***			
•	Reviewed Guide pages 21 - 24 & state resp			
	None of the 4 DOTs had formal program for joint replacement; WA trying to implement 5-year cycle of reseal/replace; some states try to tie bridge joint maintenance activities to planned pavement preservation/restoration projects ****			
•	Joint preservation needs identified during	normal inspection	activities;	
	MOT considerations lead to tying joint pres			
	to progress in eliminating backlogs; "C" is	a good grade; an	ogress on eliminating identified maintenance needs; grading system relates "F" grade in one area may lead to management shifting resources boost ive similar, formalized systems for evaluating progress ****	
	data driven system for documenting needs	costs, etc to info	rograms, resources by Governor and legislature; created need for effective orm the decision-makers and help overcome political considerations****	
			retion in determining how/where the funds are expended***	
	AZ Key personnel identify and program act			
	AK MT WA have bridge crews. AZ contract			
	achieve desired results; need data to estim	ate needs, calcula		
	What additional inspection practices to DO			
			on decks; AK has a few CP systems on bridge superstructures	
	All 4 states - unfamiliar with ECE methods;			
	All 4 states – no experience with replacing		n lightweight concrete	
	AK looking into zone painting under joints WA has concerns over costs, environmenta		rmance of zone painting ***	
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Nota	ble Practices (Note practices, strategies, po	licies, products, e	etc that are working well)	
•	AK - practices implemented to eliminate si	owplow damage	to sliding plate joints; CA has specifically designed joint features *****	
	AK -			
	membrane & asphalt overlay		rete is in good shape; if concrete is in bad shape, just replace with new	
			epoxy, a few polymer) when deck condition reaches 5 or 4	
	reaches 10 - 15 % patched areas *****		cide action (continued patching, overlay, replacement) when a deck	
	determine scope of necessary work**		ey deck condition with chain drag method to estimate condition and	
	WA, MT developing test procedures to pre-			
			spection reports by all DOT personnel ****	
	AK – has some limited experience with pas			
•	WA – has some examples of active systems	; in one case a sy	ystem was turned off since corrosion level was low	
Actio	n Items (Note recommendations for resear	h, leadership, co	ommunication, facilitation, technical assistance, etc)	
•	Implement grading system to measure per	formance in elimi	inating backlogs of deficiencies; ****	
			s based on different levels of funding ******	
•	to achieve desired results; use information	from data driven	; identify high priority activities (e.g., deck overlays) and focus resources processes to support request for resources***	
•	Develop condition-based guidance, using e ***	ngineering and ed	conomic analysis methods, on what actions to take on deteriorated decks	
•	Better exchange of information between grwork *****	oups responsible	for design, inspection and maintenance on what works and what doesn't	

Group number: 2	Discussion topic: Bridge Preservation Activities
Discussion Highlights How do you selec	s (note main discussion items) <u>t BP candidates</u>
Establish start	
Performing the	
asset.	sure activities was successful and getting the info back into the quantified performance modeling for the
	nent – Be more proactive - negate reactive. Public entities need to be more business oriented. te public asset managers, why we need to spend \$\$\$ on these good bridges rather than these bad bridges.
	on between Design, Construction, Maintenance tion spent on design of deck joints vs whole bridge is usually quite small.
Notable Practices (N	ote practices, strategies, policies, products, etc that are working well)
	reservation activities following the Band-aid approach
Bridge Joints	deal with the deck issues will pay big dividends - even though work and \$\$\$ for the work are small, payoff is big ities leading joint header
BP Activities	
Action Items (Note r	ecommendations for research, leadership, communication, facilitation, technical assistance, etc)
	prove the develop of BP practices er communication between, design, construction, maintenance, material supplier
Educate designer	s look at longevity and future cost of structures
CalTRANS n	or the bridge health rather than monitoring the SR or NBI Condition Ratings model vs Pontis model
NBI model	is based on a failure model rather than a managing the asset
Develop a Do Not	thing Cost Model that include other considerations like dealing with various environmental issues.
	es that would highlight maintenance strategies so that the public agency can publicize BP Activities. By you educate the politicians. Like Ribbon cutting events.

Group number: Table 3	Discussion topic: Topic 2
Discussion Highlights (note main discu Joints	ission items)
NM-Mostly use strip seals with en	bedded anchors. Armored anchorages. Stay away from poured joints. Lots of wind causes debris to get into joints. Try to eliminate joints (10
	seal, modular joint. Debris is issue, very hot in day deteriorates joint material. Used integral abutment, but not so much any more.
OR - Good luck with asphaltic plu	<u>g joints</u>
Overlays	
is used successfully. Or take taken and chloride profile (70 NM-Latex no longer used due	oroject, bridge in project may get deck seal if NBI is 5 or 6. Also reduce dead load by eliminate AC overlays. AR-ACFC (recycled chopped tires) off top concrete and structural overlay. Issue with thin decks on steel girders. Replace with thicker decks. In 1990's NBI deck = 5 had cores 00 bridges). Use salt in northern part of the state. Sometimes bridges get AC overlays during pavement projects. It to expense. Good success with epoxy overlays. Some deck seals. Some districts don't like deck seals. When the friction surface wears off, ester overlays are just starting. Asphalt is used on timber bridges, dead load is an issue.
CP - NM and AZ no. Oregon d	loes CP on the major coastal bridges. The use of pucks is an issue of discussion. Oregon uses metalizing with impressed current.
NM has bridge crews, some d 10 yards, 10-50 yards, over 5	icts do the patching, may not be coordinated. listricts do more bridge work than others. Price agreements, so most deck patching is done under contract. Price agreements are by volume 0- 50. Use state and federal funds. There are three contractors that qualify. If federal funds, need lowest bidder. State funds have flexibility to is qualifed to get the best quality.
Spot Painting -AZ few steel b	oridges, especially since the 1970's. NM is the same, but has a contract for spot and zone painting. They use it a couple of times a year.
<u>Fracture Critical Members – J</u>	AZ put additional girder in a two girder structure to eliminate a two girder system.
Scour Countermeasures - AZ	re very few thru trusses; Oregon has raised the portals on bridges. 2 Million dollars per year, soil is very sandy. New bridges are drilled shaft. For flash flood areas, there is a "floor" under the bridge. NM uses mats, this is their bread and butter scour retrofit.
Seismic Retrofit – AZ completed the se to do.	eismic retrofits (jacket the columns), restrainers to connect superstructure and substructure. Oregon has done some, but have quite a bit more
Notable Practices (Note practices, stra	itegies, policies, products, etc that are working well)
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	AZ had twin bridges that were 2 girder systems. Two girders were added in the middle, and the bridges were connected. AZ has 3 bridges ge, one is replaced, another is programmed, the third will be replaced. (Built in the same time frame). Third one could be historic.
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Action Items (Note recommendations	for research, leadership, communication, facilitation, technical assistance, etc)
NO MORE EASELS!	
WPP document – What is the goal of t good start.	he document? Perhaps some input from industry? Look at what the other partnerships are doing. At least we are capturing information, it is a
Provide contacts so we can see who is	doing the same job in another state and benefit from their experience.
	be introduced, it is a tough process. Sometimes it is hard to even "give it away". Engineering is a conservative environment, also ed with new products. Lab tests are one thing. Perhaps an allocation for pilot programs. The company needs to have the resouces to get It is one state at a time.
Some states have more R&D (Virginia get products tested.	is an example), relationships with their home universities. Can be dependent on having a professor who is interested in a topic that will help
Hard for states to quantify the gains o	f maintenance. How much more additional years are associated with a specific treatment? The Preservation Guide is a good start.

Each state is condemned to answer the same questions on their own. Perhaps we could use the information from other states to show that treatments work.

Group number: 4		Discussion topic: Bridge Preservation Activities	
Disco	The bridge system: install like that and will reset Joint leaks: some states a removal, etc). Other state by joint failure. Washings: permitting pro	nt-less bridge design where able - avoid joints joint as a liquid that fills. You can reheat the joint if it gets nicked or something ccept the fact that they leak and focus on other counter measures (i.e. washings, es are serious about joint replacement, since they have seen so much damage caused cess is often a hindrance to this. Some states don't do bridge washing due to the	
•	Decks: using chain drags Limited funds so what do y deal with symptoms	cost to much to deal with. vs. other technology. vou do maintain. Some states accept that you cannot replace everything so they s for certain items (like deck & joints). This varies by state/ area.	
•	Budget/ politics: how to you effect change, when you know there are issues that need to change? Data management system: for some states it is impossible to determine exactly what was accomplished, in terms of following recommendations. Most states can't correlate data for any real actionable plans – at least not feasibly.		
•	help everyone be on the sa Definitions of preservation	tween inspectors & maintenance crews (two years vs. daily). This would greatly ame page and identify problems right away, thus saving time and money. I: repairing a spall on a component of the structure vs replacing the deck. Maybe I, and z & Type B Preservation = e, f, and g (need better language than that).	
Not •	able Practices (Note praction Regular washings of deck	ces, strategies, policies, products, etc that are working well) (some states)	
Actietc) •	Availability of data (data recommendation, repair, to Standardization of bridge expected gain in life? How own and not in a standard	dations for research, leadership, communication, facilitation, technical assistance, nanagement system). A system that can show the full cycle of the repair (from o improved condition). Streamling work done vs needs preservation. What are the benefits of the preservation activity and what is the v can we compare this product by product? Most states just do research on their way. Segories of preservation regarding repair vs. preemptive and component vs. entire	

Group number: Table #5		Discussion topic: Bridge Preservation Activities	
Disc	ussion Highligh	hts (note main discussion items) 4 vendors, 1 Fed, 1 ODOT, 1WSDOT	
•	Agencies are still looking for what are the right tools for performing repairs or Preventive Maintenance. ODOT puts a priority on the "High Value" bridges, historical bridges and bridges with deck areas greater than 50K square feet. A systematic process for doing PM is not yet established.		
•	The counties priority matrix has regional demands that skew allocated bridge dollars away from a true PM plan. Overall, due to funding constraints, the consensus is that current practice is mostly reactionary, and is not yet ahead of the curve to preventative.		
•	ODOT proactive Local Agency is	vely performs scour, CP and painting programs to maintain their high value bridges is looking toward starting a deck sealing program. Currently they proactively perform crack sealing and approach slabs.	
•		egislators is essential to show that sustainability of our infrastructure is improved with good PM.	
Not	able Practices ((Note practices, strategies, policies, products, etc that are working well)	
•	to screen for cabest candidate		
		y is still in the reactionary role, and is looking toward prioritizing the worse first scenario. end to be reactionary based on need. Local agency takes bridge superintendant out on inspections to reeds.	
Acti	on Items (Note	e recommendations for research, leadership, communication, facilitation, technical assistance, etc)	
•		iscussions sharing ideas with agencies and vendors is very valuable.	

WBPP needs to proactively educate agencies as to what resources are available to them. "who do they contact", where do they go for help in resolving their bridge related issues. A case study behind each type of PM idea would be helpful. Possible references at the end of each section of the BPG links for case studies or other resources. Need pros and cons for all applications. Provide Cost/Benefit analysis tools to agencies for help in getting funding. Presentations should be published for on-line viewing. A webinar or forum to post questions that could have subject matter experts answer should be explored for feasibility. This could also have an FAQ forum available. A resource page for subject matter experts would be very valuable. Industry and Agencies need to develop Sustainability guideline for transportation preservation management. Use **Industry and Agencies to educate Legislature.**

number: 6	Bridge Preservation Activities		
	scussion Highlights (note main discussion items) Effectiveness of BP activities		
Joints- A Annually?	re we keeping the joints clean of debris to allow for proper design of expansion/contraction? How often should joints be cleaned –		
Most effective I	BP practices:		
	eals and joint replacements		
	oint replacements, Deck overlays, Seismic retrofit & scour mitigation.		
	like to see bridge cleaning become consistently funded throughout the state.		
CDOT – Deck jo	int replacements, Deck overlays		
Can states inco	rporate the use of more expensive products (i.e. MMFX, SS clad, galvanized reinforcement) and convince decision makers that life be lower.		
	moving away from epoxy coated bar and may begin incorporating SS on the coast and black bar in the interior.		
WSDOT	uses epoxy coated bar has no apparent intention of changing based on current new construction occurring presently.		
States are held	to low bid to what is specified. States should consider the need to spec out products that have longer life cycles.		
How do we me	asure the effectiveness of concrete repairs or even existing concrete? New technologies such as infrared rather than chain dragging.		
Research comp	leted in other states – It is questionable as to the application to other states or is further research needed.		
Could states bu products.	ilding bridges across the nation with new technology share the test data with those interested to promote the use of innovative		
Environmental	constraints take up a large amount of time and money to resolve if that ever happens.		
Bridge Preserva preservation.	ation needs to be considered cradle to grave. This begins at the planning/design stages, moves to bridge maintenance and		
Notable Practic	Notable Practices (Note practices, strategies, policies, products, etc that are working well)		
WSDOT has beg	VSDOT has begun washing bridges again.		

Action Items (Note recommendations for research, leadership, communication, facilitation, technical assistance, etc) Is design integrating new technologies (i.e. innovative long lasting reinforcement) Are life cycle costs examined closely to identify all possibilities no matter the cost to use the best longstanding products in our bridges? Continue momentum of bridge cleaning efforts. Again it's not something legislators understand but need to be educated. Work to develop relationships with your environmental people.

FHWA division engineers should meet together annually to discuss new innovative ideas in BP to take back to their respective states to share.

European countries practices incorporate more expensive better quality products. What can we learn from these countries? Any possibility of a

The design of a new bridge should be considered.

scanning tour to learn what other countries are doing such as in Canada.

Group number: Table 7	Discussion topic: Preservation Activities
 (Az) & 2 from states (Wa, Or) 3 a) Preservation project sel Maintenance set their priority compete statewide based on AZ- some enough inventory of from inspectors. Could use a Preservation needsState form the information is collected decks on regular interval Replacing/preserve minor be bearings) Focus on areas are region deprogram has different focus on the contractor responsion contract goes a rye. Tools in Pointis that incorporate Resources needed to produce needs. At least one position of the congress considering funding 	discussion items) Three states (Wa, Az, Or, Co-absent) 5 vendors (NYDOT), 1 FHWA ections: Wa-based on identified repairs- maintenance, project programmed. ies regionally; Bridge programs are managed by Bridge Program manager projects given criterialocals are not using BMS elements for system funding of SPM work the inventory more intimately. "Triggers" that id needsword of mouth feedback more systemized process for future needs. Program manager dedicated to id and plan and are diminishing and moving more towards federal funding but how is it used to make selectionsbe proactive before it is a problem. i.e., washing ridge components to protect larger more expensive elements (joints protect girders-rependentWa/Or wet-corrosion, Az drier-but facing other challenges – dust/UV so the thus direction. iible for their work to complete per contract, which falls on maintenance to fix when rate environment related deterioration rates. The program and monitor the data to build the case for funding and prioritizing the that is champion of the program possibly make use of interns to pull data together ridge design that impact/improve bridge life reducing maintenance etc g tied to performance of repairs. How do different components compare across objects are selected based on performance.
 Bridge Cleaning Deck maintenance sealing, p Getting feed back to designe Action Items (Note recommendate) be proactive with data collect Replacing/preserve minor be bearings) Be more specifics in the (ansigned preserved and how does it verapplied in (arid/wet/cold/hesses) SPM environmental issues (Examples) 	tions for research, leadership, communication, facilitation, technical assistance, etc) tion before problem existing ridge components to protect larger more expensive elements (joints protect girderswers to question handout) WBPP bridge preservation practice on how things are ary in different environments. Practices should define the regions the practice is ot). Get information out on website. Note success to get approved process to facilitate

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Dis	cussion Highlights (note main discussion items)	
•	WSDOT active preservation activities include dec	k, deck joint, and paint programs
•	Idaho has been starting to use deck healer/seale	ers and has been getting good results, plans to grow
	in this program	
•	Utah's primary preservation focus is on decks an	
	preservation dollars. When deterioration exceed	s these areas, bridge is considered for rehab.
	Talaba baayyaylaad walka buldaa daalayaya ta aat a	and details and materials with intent to minimize

Group number: Table 8

Discussion tonic: Bridge Preservation Activities

•	long term maintenance and preservation work. Discussion moved to inspection processesIdaho inspects state bridges, uses consultants to inspect local agency bridges, has 5,000 bridges total. Utah inspects state and LA bridges with in-house crews, has 3,000 bridges total.
No	table Practices (Note practices, strategies, policies, products, etc that are working well)
•	Utah does specific field visit for every bridge considered for preservation/rehab independently of
	inspection process, bases decisions in part on these field visits
•	Idaho uses top ten list and inspection reports to decide how to spend money for preservation

Utah uses scoping site visits to QA inspection process on occasion.
 Utah looks for future projects by comparing bridge inspection reports with BMS.
 Idaho uses top ten list, inspection reports and case-by-case evaluation and comparison
 Washington has bridge management group dedicated to allocating preservation and rehab work based on combination of data from inspection, BMS and historical contract work.

Action Items (Note recommendations for research, leadership, communication, facilitation, technical

activities, but tends more to do separate site visit for rehab work.

Action Items (Note recommendations for research, leadership, communication, facilitation, technical assistance, etc)
Build more collaboration with industry and local agencies in developing preservation practices.
Use standardized testing as used in datasheets - "datasheet protocol" as described in Vision 2020 document by ICRI and ACI.
Assemble cost data, both construction and life cycle, for preservation activities.
Followup research on preservation activities, particularly those based on material products, to assess effictiveness and overall performance.
Provide data to inspectors about preservation work done, so inspector can provide performance feedback over time.

Gro	oup number: 9	Discussion topic: Bridge Preservation Activities
•	FHWA(1), WSDOT(1), Is joint elimination pre Strengthening? Ok if to Joints, decks, painting Preservation activity: I	
•	WSDOT bridge washing identify and minimize a WSDOT deck preservat Montana deck survey in	ractices, strategies, policies, products, etc that are working well) g process (working with the environmental community; work to associated obstacles). cion practice using modified condition state definitions. Info as practice (new, good, fair, poor [not as part of project]) Ar criteria (e.g. ADT, winter mtc.).
faci • •	ilitation, technical assistments Increase interaction be Improve deck or elements Develop decision tree(s	mendations for research, leadership, communication, stance, etc) etween agency and industry to choose appropriate solutions. ent testing turn-around time (ie chloride, delamination). s) for process performance (life cycle, cost) data.

- Does the process improve or maintain baseline performance or slow deterioration? Protocol guide for "deck preservation" and decision tree is one example. Could be expanded to other components afterwards. (Joints, corrosion mitigation) Tools to decide when to no longer "preserve" a bridge.
- Place an emphasis on bridge "birth certificate" info to aid in ongoing decisions. Promote a common preservation language.

Group number: 10		Discussion topic: Bridge Preservation Activities
•	tool that everyone can access Also looking to develop a lis	discussion items) spreadsheet within the next year describing the maintenance activities that each state is involved with, creating a ses. This will also provide everyone with a contact list for various activities and a list of best practices. st of vendors, what their products are and how they can benefit each state with their bridge programs. the different systems that the vendors are offering? This information needs to be made published.
•	Washington has experiment now, and they are preparing	ted with the different deicing systems; salt, sand, brine, mag-chloride, beat juice etc. It has been about six years g to see the effects of the deicing program.
	Missouri had a study come of UDOT is now putting in thin	out in the last couple of years that defines what bridges are good candidates for the different overlay systems. bonded overlays with each bridge. Surface preparation is very important for these systems.
	Now using latex modified co	alts with thin-bonded overlays. They threw out the baby with the bath water with a moratorium on these products. oncrete and silica fume overlays. the states are looking for a history on the different products that are available for the different preservation systems
	and products. Communication, even between	een the different departments within a DOT, can be lacking. There needs to be this sharing of information.
	New design mixes don't see	tween designers and those responsible for the construction. em to hold up as well as those that were poured 50 years ago. Montana is looking at modifying their practice, nt mixes. Effectively treating concrete cracking is one of their focuses.
	Montana uses hydro-milling effective than rotor-milling.	to remove damaged concrete before overlaying – gets rid of the delaminations. Hydo-milling is much more cost-
•	Colorado has seen an alarmi	where possible. Joints are replaced in Montana when overlay projects are executed. Sing increase in structure deterioration with the advent of mag-chloride. Research has proven that this product is The structures" (see internet for South Dakota research findings).
•	Wyoming's preservation wo modified concrete. It is imp	ork is centered around joints. Micro-silica is used in their overlay projects. They are getting away from latex- portant to use evaporation retardants when using mico-silica to avoid concrete.
	that's even better.	minating bare decks with water-proofing membranes with asphalt overlays. If joints can be eliminated altogether, protection systems. One was vandalized, and the other was unplugged by maintenance forces.
•	Sacrificial pucks have been to They have found that the sy None have used electrochem	used in some states, but none in Montana, Wyoming or Colorado. Washington is experimenting with these systems. ystems create high concentrations of hydrogen that must be accounted for by inspectors or maintenance personnel. mical chloride extraction. Idaho tried this on the Rainbow Arch Bridge.
	Fiber-wrapping has been us been noted yet. There are o	sed. These fixes have not been out there long enough to get historical data as to their longevity. No problems have concerns as to damage caused by ultra-violet rays and keeping them coated. has worked well for several repairs.
•	Light-weight concrete: Color well for deck overlays.	orado tends to avoid light-weight concrete due to past problems. Washington found that this concrete doesn't wear
	Tracking of product and pro	eck overlays and dealing with leaking joints. ocedure performance needs to be shared between states. performance within the bridge management systems?
•	Eco-rock patching has been hold up well and washes up	used in Washington's wet environment and seems to be working very well. It is easy to work with and seems to with water. It's very expensive.
•	New bridges should be designed	igned with preservation in mind. We know that joints and decks will require maintenance.
Nota •	ole Practices (Note practices	s, strategies, policies, products, etc that are working well)
Actio	on Items (Note recommendat Put on tsp2 site list of what	tions for research, leadership, communication, facilitation, technical assistance, etc) t each state does
•		it services on tsp2 website as well