

Pavement Preservation Update

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Pavement Preservation Program

- Responsible for over 8,400 centerline miles of the 24,000 total miles in Maine
- Work Plan created for every two year cycle by Planning

HIGHWAY CORRIDOR PRIORITIES SUMMARY							
PRIORITY	MILES (CL)	MILES	CUMULATIVE MILES	VMT (BILLIONS)	VMT	CUMULATIVE VMT %	AVERAGE VMT / MILE (THOUSANDS)
1 - MTA	247	1%	1%	1.3	9%	9%	5,408
1 - DOT	1,503	6%	7%	4.7	32%	41%	3,094
2	965	4%	12%	1.7	12%	53%	1,759
3	1,982	8%	20%	2.4	17%	70%	1,234
4	1,961	8%	28%	1.3	9%	79%	688
5	2,405	10%	38%	1.1	8%	87%	472
6	14,394	61%	100%	1.8	13%	100%	128
TOTAL	23,457	100%		14.5	100%		



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- Combination of thin HMA overlays and other surface treatments to prolong service life of roadways in addition to typical reconstruction / rehabilitation
- Recycling strategies for rehab is increasing due to cost effectiveness of treatments
- Durability has been a concern: trying new technologies to increase service life





PMRAP Program

- Plant-mixed recycled asphalt pavement is used on many lower priority roads in the state
- Variable depth course placed by crew (in multiple lifts), then covered by thin overlay
- Over 50,000 T placed last year





Thin HMA Overlays

- Work-horse treatment used for preservation
- Over 200 centerline lane-miles completed annually
- Different treatment types for different types of distress:
 - 5/8" overlay (4.75 mm NMAS)
 - ¾" overlay (9.5 mm NMAS)
 - 1 ¼" overlay (9.5 mm NMAS)
- Applied to roadway with adequate structure and shape



Other Preservation Activities

- Ultra-Thin Bonded Wearing Course
- Fog seal in shoulders (primarily Interstate)
- Crack-sealing
- Rehabilitation (91 miles per year)
 - FDR with cement &/or emulsion
 - Foaming
 - Rubblization
- Light Capital Paving
 - 600 centerline miles per year
 - Holding action for lower priority roadways
 - Sand mix



Aggregate Loss / Erosion

- Distress increasingly identified in new HMA pavements in recent years
- Loss of matrix and or coarse aggregate stone from the mat within 6 months to 1 year
- Results in a very open textured mat
- Mat eventually wears away to underlying base layer



Hamburg Wheel Tracker Device

Future Work

- Using an Asphalt Rubber Gap-Graded (ARGG) mix for the first time this summer in Portland
 - High traffic location in the biggest city in Maine
- Utilizing more polymer-modified binders and processes to enhance durability
- Fog sealing activities to increase
 - Shoulders
 - Some roadway surfaces to seal durability concerns
- Continued use of Ultra-Thin Bonded Wearing course

Questions?