

# TSP-2/Bridge Update

Then, Now & What's Next

## Midwest Bridge Preservation Partnership

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# The Bridge Partnerships are:

- **New Member Orientation Lunches**
- **Engaged during Peer Exchanges**
- **Showing Industry Virtual Demonstrations**
- **Working on “The New Research Roadmap”**
- **Developing National Working Groups**
- **Including Technical Tours**

# What's going on in 2015?



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# 27 Bridge Working Groups in the Four Regions

Bridge Painting  
Deterioration Modeling  
Scour  
Performance Specification  
Outreach to Local Agencies  
Deck Treatments  
Systematic Preventive Maintenance (SPM)  
Bridge Washing  
Preservation Matrix  
Deck Joint Repair  
Beam End Treatments  
Deck Overlays and Protection  
Bridge Preservation Campaign  
Corrosion Mitigation  
Communicating the Benefits of Bridge Preservation Research  
Regional Specifications & Product Evaluation Database  
Structural Health Monitoring

# Four National Working Groups:

- National Coatings Working Group
- National Deck Working Group
- National Performance Specifications Working Group
- National Social Media Working Group
  - ✓ Blog
  - ✓ Facebook
  - Twitter
  - ✓ LinkedIn
  - You Tube
  - ✓ TSP-2 Website



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## Bridge Preservation Blog

*“A Conversation About Bridge Preservation”*

### Communicating the Value of Bridge Preservation

Posted on February 23, 2015 by John O'Doherty — No Comments ↓

**Author:** Ed Welch, NCPP-Bridge Preservation Engineer

**Perspective of:** Dick Dunne, Director of Structural Engineering services, Michael Baker, Inc.

Dick is the former NJDOT Bridge Engineer and brings both an Owner and Consultant perspective to this topic.

Dick's **Key Points** on Communicating the Value of Bridge Preservation:



1. **Dick's involvement:** Every chance I get, I communicate in general terms with Owners, and fellow Consultants the need for Bridge Preservation.
2. **Looking at both sides:** I feel that with quality based selection of consultant bids for Bridge Preservation Contracts is the answer for better quality of contract documents and project outcome. It captures the real needs of the owner. In other words: You must properly compensate a quality consultant for quality work. Don't consider a Bridge Preservation Contract insignificant. They are the key to the most effective fiscal management.
3. **Today:** TSP2 has made a great start in a short time. NHI Web Based training is an effective option. TRB AHD37 is a great move forward for Bridge Preservation Research. AASHTO SCOM T 8 and SCOM BRTWG are terrific avenues in the bridge community.



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# 2015 Meetings

- **SEBPP: April 13-15, Montgomery AL**
- **WBPP: May 18-20, Portland, OR**
- **SCOM: July 19-22, Des Moines, IA**
- **NEBPP: September 9-11, Manchester, NH**
- **MWBPP: Sept 30 - Oct 2, Kansas City, MO**

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# Challenge:

We need to keep the three legs to the  
“Bridge Preservation stool” strong:  
**TSP-2 (AASHTO), BPETG(FHWA) &  
AHD37(TRB)**



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# What' Next?

- Get Municipalities & Canadian Provinces Involved.
- Research Projects: Small and Large
- 2016 Meetings: TSP-2, SCOBS, SCOM, TRB, BPETG
- Research Roadmap Support & Development
- What are The Working Groups: Focus Areas
- Bridge or Bridges? **Both**
- **What's Next is up to You! Define and Prioritize your Needs! Then build good "Asks".**

# Questions:

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Thank You

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