



# Fog Seals in Maine

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# What is a Fog Seal?

- A fog seal is a preventive maintenance surface treatment designed to preserve and extend the life of a road.
- It protects an aging pavement surface and seals up the small cracks to keep water out of the pavement
- The process consists of spraying a very thin layer of specialized emulsion on the existing pavement surface

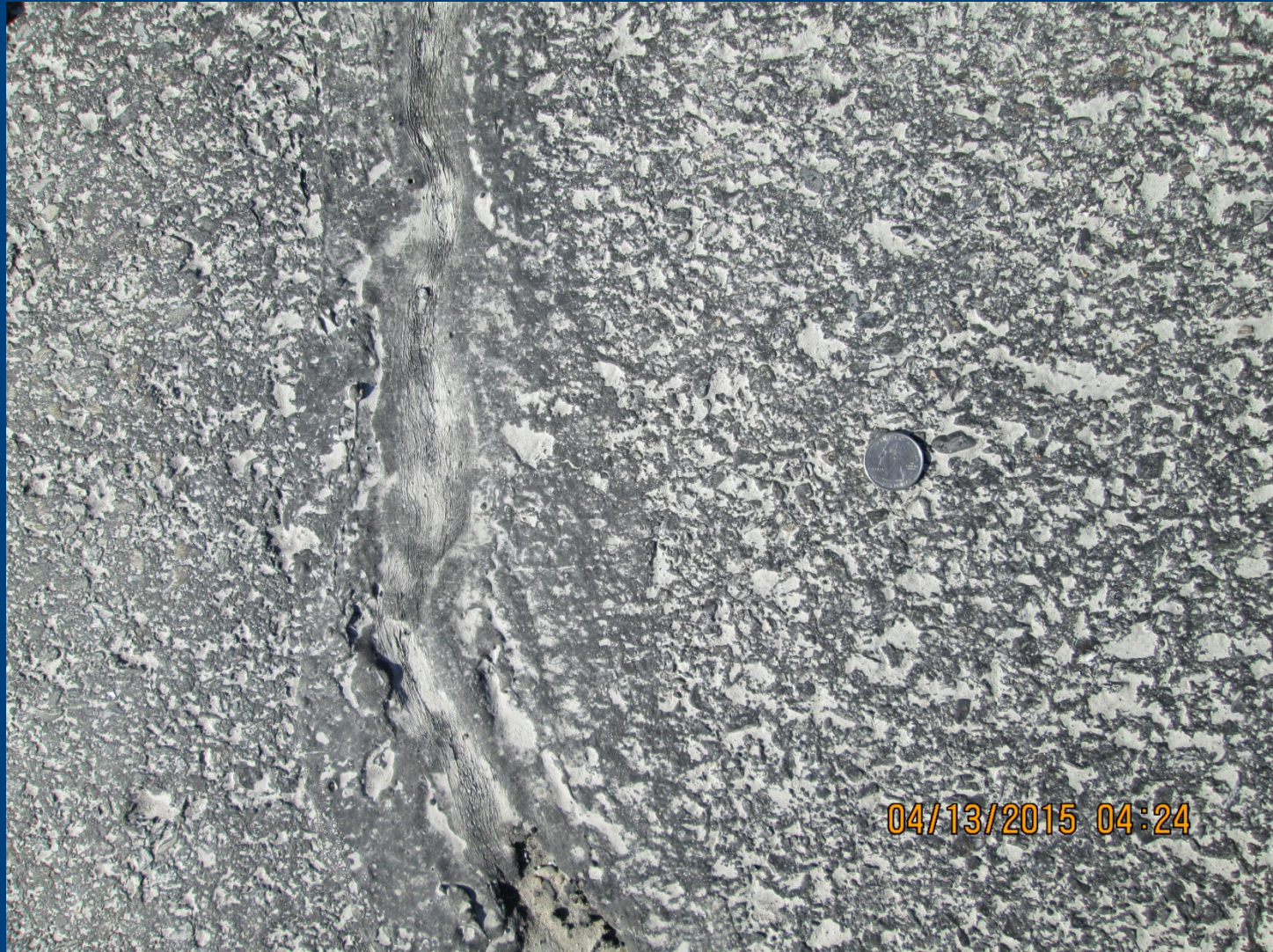
# Fog Seal Use in Maine

- Used since 2009 on shoulders
  - Primarily mill & fill projects (mainline only)
  - Shoulders that have not been treated in over 15 years
  - Instead of replacing pavement, crack seal and fog seal application (no cover sand)
- SS-1 used for an emulsion in most cases at first
- Successful in shoulder applications of slowing aging and limiting water intrusion
- Desire to apply to mainline travelways as well but significant concerns about lack of skid resistance (especially with non-dilute emulsion)

# After One Year – Shoulders



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# Pilot Projects - 2014

- Identified roadways that are highly oxidized – recently constructed yet showing distress
- Two contracts put out to bid in 2014 for mainline travelway fog seal
  - Wallagrass Rte. 11 - 2.36 miles & Fort Kent Rte. 1 - 4.11 miles
  - North Yarmouth Rte. 115 – 8 miles
- First contract initially bid with no cover coat material
  - Concerns with skid resistance led to the addition of cover sand to contract

# Pilot Projects - Test Strip



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# Concerns with Skid Resistance



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# Adjustments May Be Necessary



# Immediately After Application



# Finished Surface



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