### Evaluating Cost Effectiveness at WSDOT

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# Equivalent Uniform Annual Cost (EUAC)

- EUAC is a simple value that can be directly compared with the annual cost of a different project, or an alternative treatment
- EUAC is easier to calculate, since the time periods comparing alternatives can be different
- When using EUAC, there is no need to consider Salvage Value.



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## **Cost-Effectiveness**

 Evaluates the cost of <u>acceptable</u> pavement performance (\$/lane-mile/year)

 Simpler than Benefit/Cost analysis, since difficult to express benefit of extending pavement life in terms of dollars



## **Performance Measures**

- Historical Cost of Pavement Service
   EUAC (\$ / lane-mile year )
- Expected Cost of Future Pavement Rehab

   LCCA (\$ / lane-mile year gained)
- ESAL Efficiency
  - Divide EUAC by average ESALs
  - -\$/ESAL







Spending additional \$5k on maintenance in year 10 and \$15k in year 15 results in <u>12% reduction in annual cost</u>. (Assumed 4% Discount Rate)



#### **Annual Pavement Cost**

Treatment	Added Life (Years)	Typical Total Cost*	Typical Annual Cost*
Maintenance	2-4	\$5,000	\$1,500
Chip Seal Rehab	6-7	\$40,000	\$7,000
Asphalt Rehab	10-17	\$250,000	\$18,000
Concrete Grind	10-15	\$175,000	\$15,000
Concrete Dowel Bar Retrofit	15-20	\$600,000	\$35,000
Concrete Reconstruction	50-60	\$2,500,000	\$45,000

\* Per lane mile





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