So Many Choices; So Much Data

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The Years of Worst First





The Easy Age to Better Data

- "Measuring" Pavement Condition
 - Panel Ratings
 - Small Samples

Fairly easy to summarize and use



Learning from data

- Could not build our way out
- Started to see ranges for mix of fixes strategies
- Mix of fixes toolbox was growing
 - Overlays, seals, recycling, grinding, etc.
- Bigger push for data driven decisions



Data improved with needs and use

- Profilers
 - ~100% sample (at least longitudinally)
 - Objective
 - Repeatable
 - Uses: roughness, rutting, faulting



More data, more effort to use it

- Profile → IRI (calibrated to old ride index)
- Profile Automated Faulting (calibrated to old manual measurements)
- Profile

 Automated Rutting (calibrated to old manual measurements)
- (Cracking was still a visual assessment)



Fat and Happy all going well

- And then...
- Maybe we can/should get more/better data
 - ~100% sample
 - Objective/repeatable
 - Surface 3-D
 - Roughness(es), rutting(s), faulting(s), cracking(s)

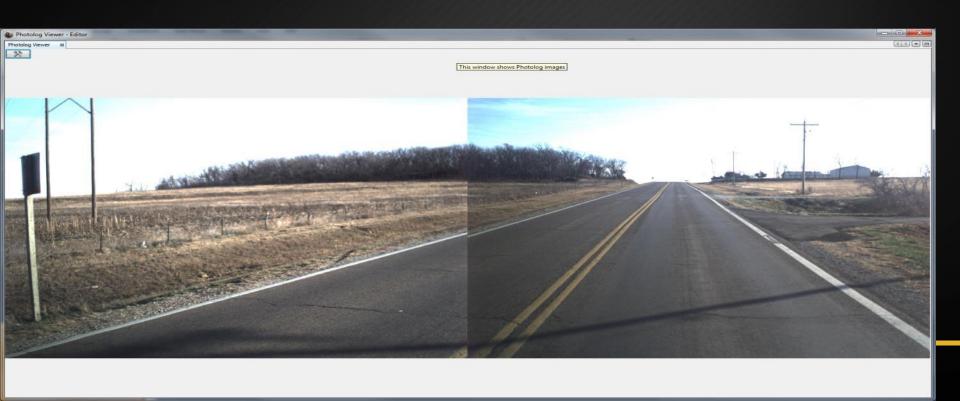


Data, data, everywhere; like a fire hose

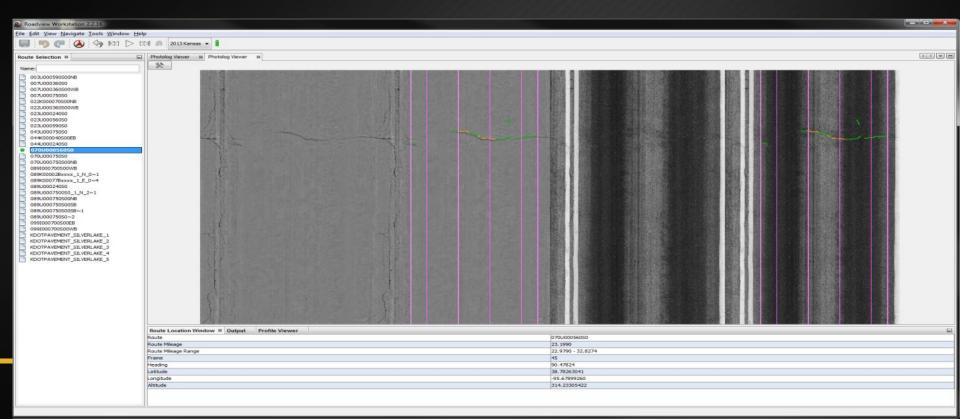
- At this point mimicking our previous data
 - Roughness from profile in wheelpath (simulated point or 4-inch spread)
 - Rutting from 5-point
 - Faulting from ????
 - Cracking well, this is hard to compare back...but that did not stop us.



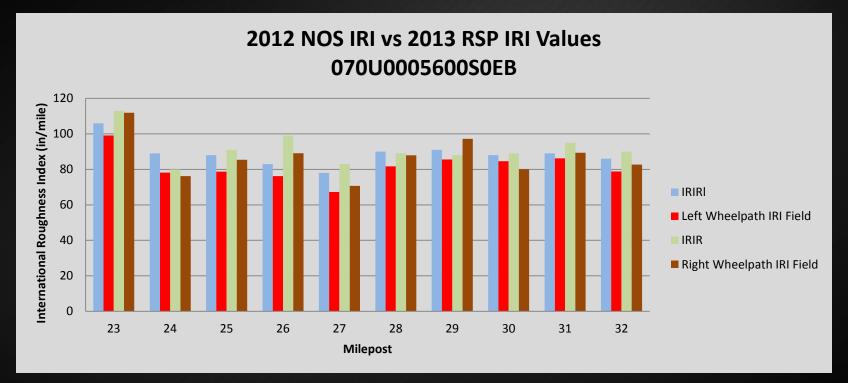
Comparisons(not Calibration)



Range and Intensity on U-56



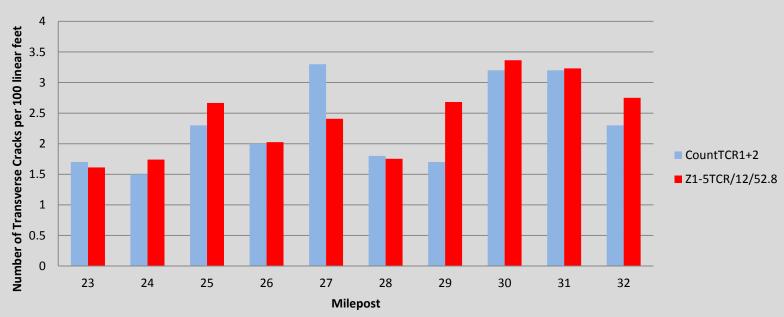
2012 NOS vs 2013 RSP IRI





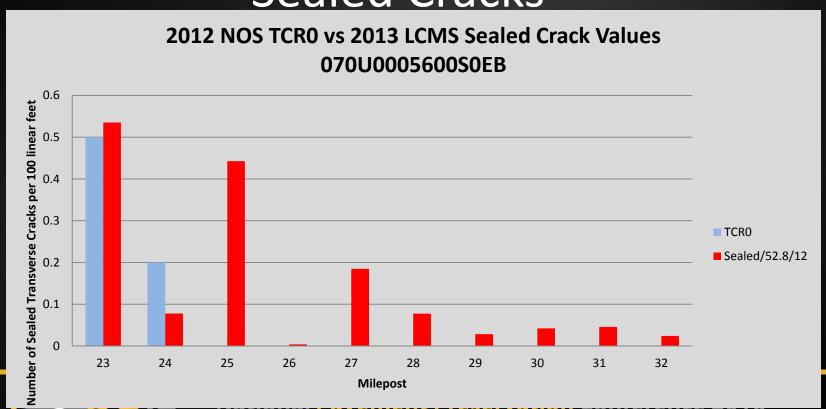
Comparing Transverse Cracks



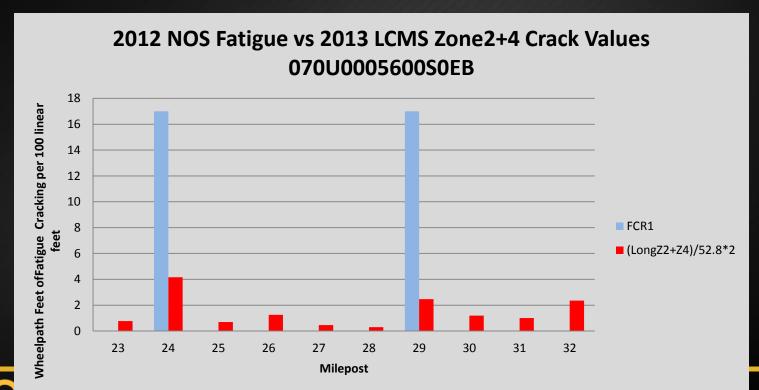




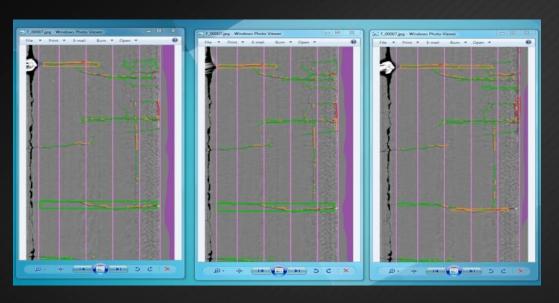
2012 NOS Sealed Transverse vs LCMS Sealed Cracks



Fatigue Cracking Comparison



Lessons Learned? From 2013





Lessons Learned Since 2013

- Finally got over comparing new to old data
 - Profiler gave us a continuous linear set of elevations. From those we could easily compute the IRI statistic and faulting.
 With 3 of these we could even compute rutting.
- Finally started thinking about opportunities to use the new data
 - Today we can get a 3-D surface elevation (and intensity map).
 - What do we do with all this data?
 - Why collect a surface of data and then throw most of it away to get back to where we were?



How do we use all this data?

- Evaluate different parts of the data to use to generate the input profiles to compute IRIs.
 - Maybe the roughness in the wheelpath relative to the roughness not in the wheel paths becomes meaningful
- Evaluate rutting using different methods of determining the 5 points; generate different statistics for pavement deformation
 - Maybe rutting needs to be tied to cross slope and vertical curvature to be meaningful
- Evaluate faulting at various locations relative to the joints (which were also found automagically)



So Much Data; So Many Choices

- Kansas has learned a lot through pavement condition data
- We are proud that we use the data to make decisions
- We continue to evaluate how to better use the data.

