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REINVENTING THE (PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT) WHEEL

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PRESENTATION

- **Reinventing the wheel? Role of PM Conferences** Evolution of PM: advances, successes and big issues Toward sustainability in life cycle management
- Future of pavement management
- Ideal PMS of the future



REINVENTING THE (PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT) WHEEL



ISAP Distinguished Lecture To Fifth International Conference on Managing Pavements

> Ralph Haas University of Waterloo

> > August 11-13, 2001

REINVENTING THE WHEEL ?





A JOURNEY THROUGH EIGHT ICMPA's



University of Waterloo

- 1985 Toronto
- 1987 Toronto
- **San Antonio** 1994
- Durban 1998
- 2001 Seattle
- 2004 **Brisbane**
- Calgary 2008
- **Santiago** 2011

AND COUNTING

2014 TBA

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1985 Toronto 1987 Toronto 1994 San Antonio 1998 Durban 2001 Seattle 2004 Brisbane 2008 Calgary 2011 Santiago

Unparalleled, documented record and achievements, advances and implementation of PMS's

 Clear verification of PMS return on investment

 Education and training of many, many people

Buy in of PMS world wide

A legacy for the future

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EVOLUTION OF AND FUTURE CHALLENGES FOR PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT

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LEGACY / SUCCESS FACTORS

Understanding of technical, economical and institutional needs

Understanding of best practices, driving forces and challenges Leadership and Commitment



Comprehensive Framework

Acquisition of data and information

Broadly based team and life cycle approach

Products which serve users

Succession planning is essential

Acceptance of risk





Some Big Issues and Challenges but also Opportunities

LOOKING FORWARD: SOME BIG ISSUES

- ENVIRONMENTAL energy efficiencies, achieving "green roads", successive generations of recycling
- SOCIAL next generation of leaders, stability of research support
- PUBLIC POLICY backlog of maintenance and rehabilitation, measurable performance indicators for research
- TECHNICAL basic material properties design and performance, real time remote sensing, MEPDG calibration
- ECONOMIC long term life cycle analysis for costs, benefits, resource conservation, environmental impacts, etc.

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Toward Sustainability in Life Cycle Management of Road Assets



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What is Sustainable Transportation

..... A balance between transportation's economic and social benefits vs. the need to protect the environment

Simply put - Do things today that don't Screw up the Future



more sustainable roads for a better transportation future

Green Roads is a rating system designed to distinguish high-performance sustainable new or redesigned/rehabilitated roads.

It awards credits for approved sustainable choices/practices and can be used to certify projects based on point value.

Green Roads

more sustainable roads for a better transportation future

BUT Being Green Isn't Enough !

Sustainability Has Additional Dimensions (and Beware the "Snake Oil")

The Sunday Sun JUNE 24, 2012

COMMENT 37

Green 'drivel' Two months ago, James Lovelock, the godfather of global warming, gave a startling interview to manbc.com in which he acknowledged he had been unduly "alarmist" about climate change.

The implications were extraordinary.

Lovelock is a worldrenowned scientist and environmentalist whose Gaia theory - that the Earth operates as a single, living organism has had a profound impact on the development of global warming theory.

Unlike many "environmentalists," who have degrees in political science, Lovelock, until his recent retirement at age 92, was a much-honoured working scientist and academic.

His inventions have been used by NASA, among many other scientific organizations.

Lovelock's invention of the electron capture detector in 1957 first enabled scientists to measure CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons) and other pollutants in the atmosphere, leading, in many ways, to the birth of the modern environmental movement.

Having observed that global temperatures since the turn of the millennium have not gone up in the way computer-based climate models predicted, Lovelock acknowl-



edged, "the problem is we don't know what the climate is doing. We thought we knew 20 years ago." Now, Lovelock has given a follow-up interview to the UK's Guardian newspaper in which he delivers more bombshells sure to anger the global green movement, which for years worshipped his Gaia theory and apocalyptic predictions that hillions would die from manmade climate change by the end of this century.

Lower emissions

Lovelock still believes anthropogenic global warming is occurring and that mankind must lower its greenhouse gas emissions, but says it's now clear the doomsday predictions, including his own (and Al Gore's) were incorrect.

He responds to attacks on his revised views by noting that, unlike many climate sci-



James Lovelock is a world-renowned scientist and environmentalist.

entists who fear a loss of government funding if they admit error, as a freelance scientist, he's never been afraid to revise his theories in the face of new evidence. Indeed, that's how science advances.

Among his observations to the Guardian:

(1) A long-time supporter of nuclear power as a way to lower greenhouse gas emissions, which has made him unpopular with environmentalists. Lovelock has now come out in favour of natural gas fracking (which environmentalists also oppose), as a low-polluting alternative to coal.

As Lovelock observes, "Gas is almost a give-away in the U.S. at the moment. They've gone for fracking in a big way. This is what makes me very cross with the greens for trying to knock it ... Let's be pragmatic and sensible and get

Britain to switch everything to methane. We should be going mad on it." (Kandeh Yumkella, co-head of a major United Nations program on sustainable energy, made similar arguments last week at a UN environmental conference in Rio de Janeiro, advocating the development of conventional and unconventional natural gas resources as a way to reduce deforestation and save millions of lives in the Third

World.)

The godfather of global

warming lowers the boom

on climate change hysteria

(2) Lovelock blasted greens for treating global warming like a religion.

"It just so happens that the green religion is now taking over from the Christian religion," Lovelock observed. "I don't think people have noticed that, but it's got all the sort of terms that religions use ... The greens use guilt. That just shows how religious greens are. You can't win people round by saying they are guilty for putting (carbon dioxide) in the air."

(3) Lovelock mocks the idea modern economies can be powered by wind turbines,

'Hopelessly inefficient'

As he puts it, "so-called sustainable development' ... is meaningless drivel ... We rushed into renewable energy without any thought. The schemes are largely hopelessly inefficient and unpleasant. I personally can't stand windmills at any price."

(4) Finally, about claims "the science is settled" on global warming: "One thing that being a scientist has taught me is that you can never be certain about anything. You never know the truth. You can only approach it and hope to get a bit nearer to it each time. You iterate towards the truth. You don't know it."





LIFE CYCLE LEVELS OF ASSET MANAGEMENT



Strategic level

Network / system wide level





Project / site specific level







PREDICTING ROAD PERFORMANCE ? A KEY CHALLENGE !



LIFE CYCLE ANALYSIS

Require: LOS vs Age (Performance) Model Cost / Cash Flow Calculation (eg. PW) Asset Value vs Age Calculation Risk Analysis



Age

MANDATED APPROACHES

U.S.

All U.S. Municipalities and States Are Reporting Activities / Expenditures and Net Assets By End of 2004



<u>Alternatives</u>

 Direct Approach Reporting of Asset Value
 Modified Approach (Reporting Condition) if Management System In Place

Canada

PSAB Financial Reporting Model (Tangible Assets) -- 2009



VALUATION OF ASSETS

Lessons



- Wide variation can exist for different methods and different asset classes; cannot generalize
- GASB34 has major limitations, especially for long life assets
- Good, long term data is essential
- Consistency in application and tracking with time are needed



ADVANCING LIFE CYCLE MANAGEMENT OF ROAD ASSETS

Through

Innovation

and

Sustainable Practices

and

Opportunities

INNOVATION: ESSENTIAL TO PROGRESS

PAST

PRESENT

FUTURE















DRIVING FORCES FOR **INNOVATION** IN TRANSPORTATION **INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNOLOGIES**







A BIG QUESTION !



Who Comes Up With Innovations ?





Focus Groups ?







MOTIVATION & BARRIERS TO INNOVATION

MOTIVATING FACTORS

- Challenging problem
- Curiosity
- Improving practice
- Risk willingness
- Prospect of reward
- Industry demand/request
- Curiosity





Micro Management
Short-term outlook
Risk averse
Institutional inertia
Limited resources
Comfortable with

business as usual

Pavement Technologies



FACTORS

 High degree of acceptance by users

 Incorporation of creativity and advanced technologies

Major impact

Represents a quantum advance

New knowledge and skills created

Basically, better way of doing things

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT / SUCCESSION PLANNING









Meeting the Needs of Today and the Challenges of Tomorrow



FUTURE OF PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

By Ralph Haas















FUTURE OF PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT

Does it Have a Future? Overriden By Asset Management ?

Distinct System But Integrated and Continuing Improvements

What Will It Look Like ??

FUTURE OF PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT ?



SHORT TERM FUTURE PROSPECTS

Prospect	Likely	Uncertain	Wishful Thinking
Extensive web-based availability of data and information	Yes	No	No
Explicit requirements for reporting asset value	Yes	No	No
 Explicit policy objectives tied to measurable performance indicators and implementation targets 	?	Yes	No

SHORT TERM FUTURE PROSPECTS

(Continued)

Prospect	Likely	Uncertain	Wishful Thinking
Comprehensive integration platform tying "silos" together	?	Yes	No
More P3's in long term network contracts	Yes	Yes	No
 Incorp. climate change, resource conservation, noise, etc. into PMS 	?	Yes	No
 Substantive tech. advances ("Smart" pavements, nanotech. application, etc.) 	Yes	No	No

SHORT TERM FUTURE PROSPECTS

(Continued)

Prospect	Likely	Uncertain	Wishful Thinking
 Widespread protocols for valuing PMS's, data bases, risk exposure, etc. 	No	Yes	?
 Comprehensive succession planning (people, knowledge and technology) 	No	Yes	Yes
 Adequate research funding to advance PMS 	No	Yes	Yes
 Clear recognition and encouragement of the leaders of tomorrow 	No	Yes	?



IDEAL PMS OF THE FUTURE

Extensive data base (long term, reliable, used) Seamless implementation at all levels

Buy-in at all levels to policy objectives and implementation targets



Leadership with commitment to excellence

Provision of resource needs

Effectively integrated with AMS

Effective communication with all stakeholders

Explicit incorporation into agency business plan

"Culture" of innovation and advancements



REALIZING A FUTURE FOR PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT



Four decades ago, there were people who believed in the future of pavement management

THEY STILL DO IN 2012