Pavement Management: - Learning Lessons

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Learning Lessons

If you hold a cat by the tail you learn things you cannot learn any other way.

Mark Twain

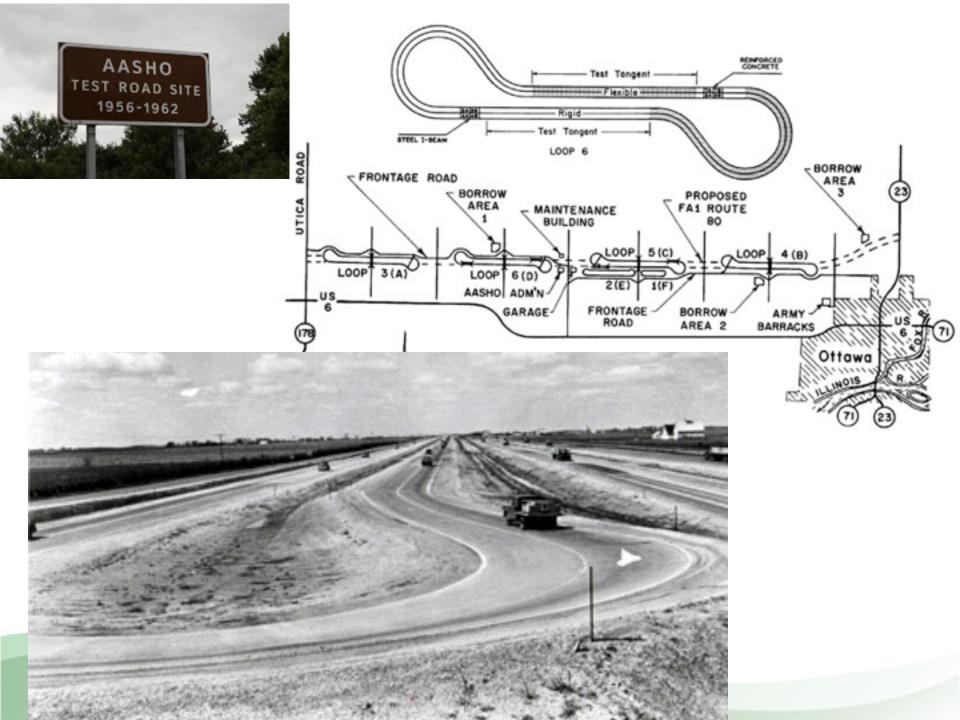
There are no mistakes in life ... only lessons to be learned.

Mark Twain

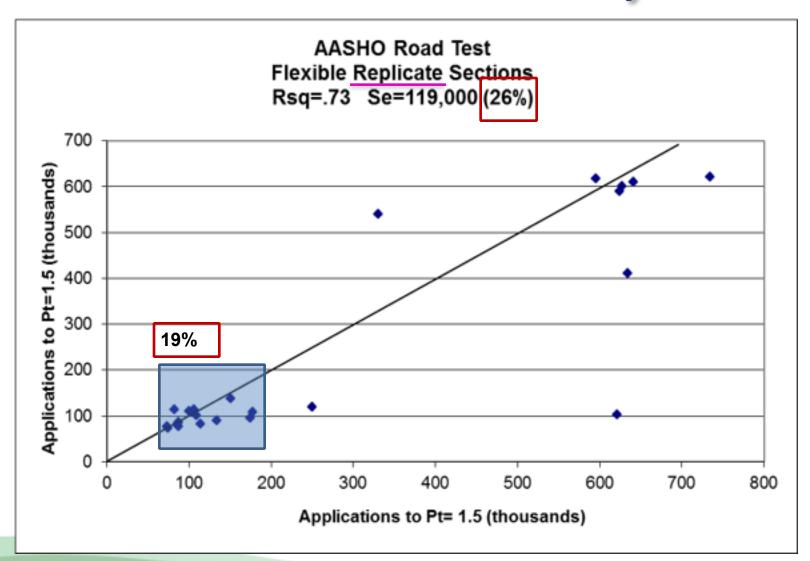


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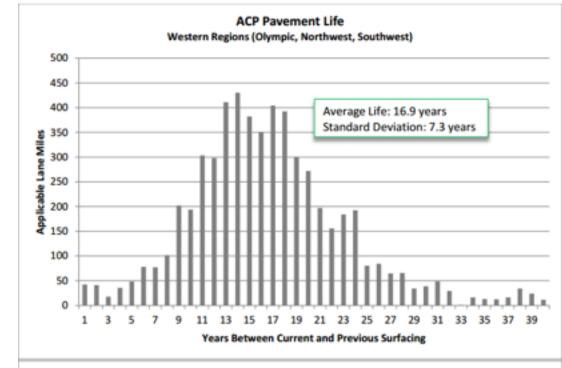
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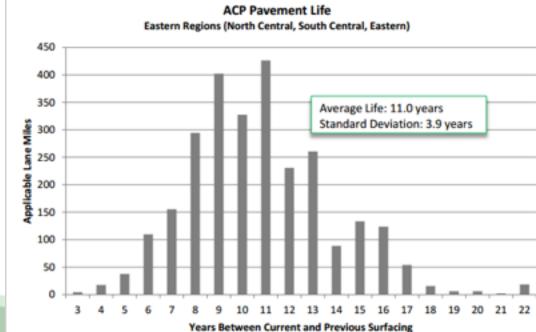


Pavement Variability



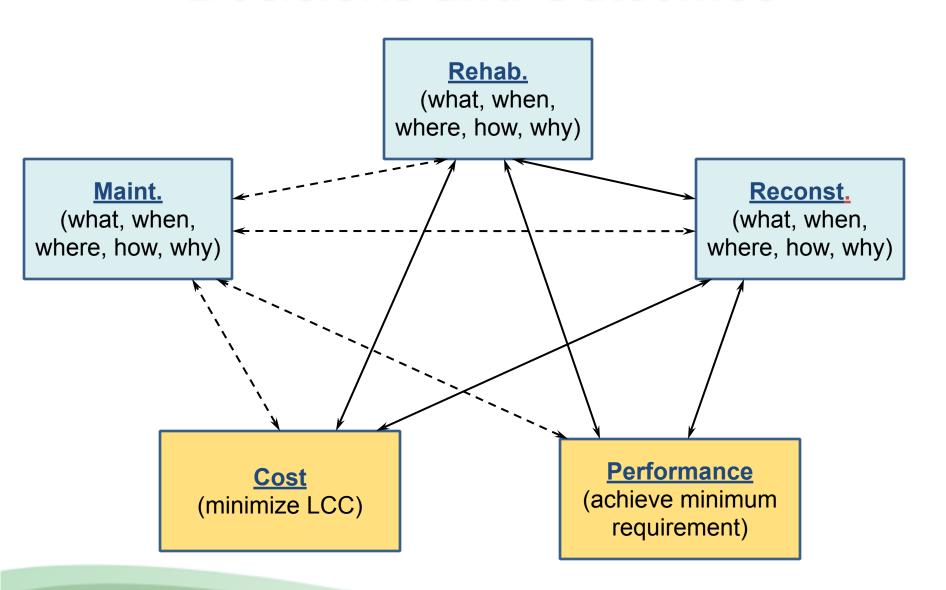
Pavement Variability (cont.)







Decisions and Outcomes





Decision Support System

"Good decisions come from experience. Experience comes from making bad decisions".

Mark Twain

System Development

Develop requirements carefully, then specifications

"If you don't know where you are going, any "If you don't know where you are going, you might wind up someplace else".

Yogi Berra

Remember, it's a Decision Support tool!



System Development (cont.)

"Information is a source of learning. But unless it is organized, processed, and available to the right people in a format for decision making, it is a burden, not a benefit".

William G. Pollard (1911 – 1989) American Physicist

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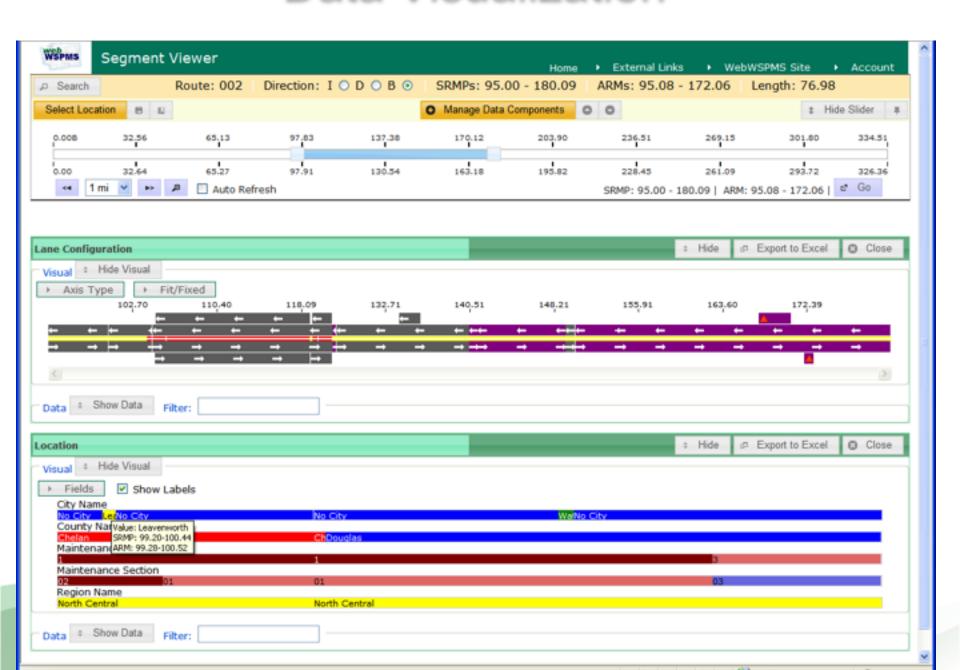
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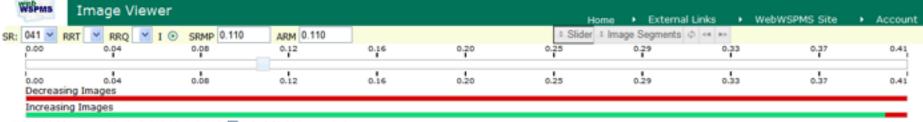
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Data Visualization

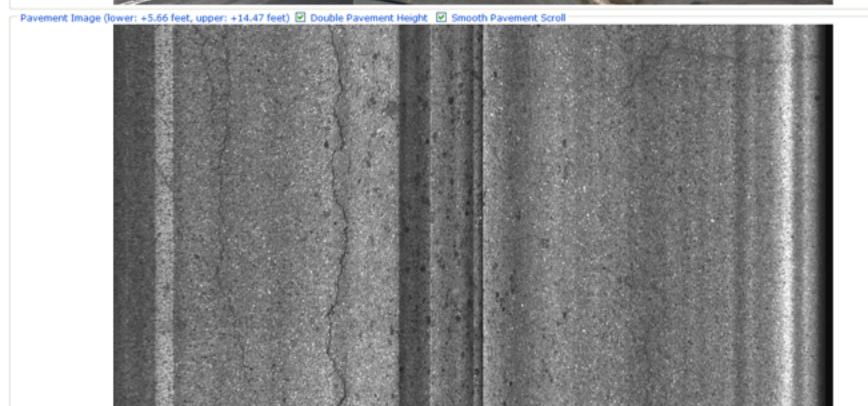
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Data Visualization





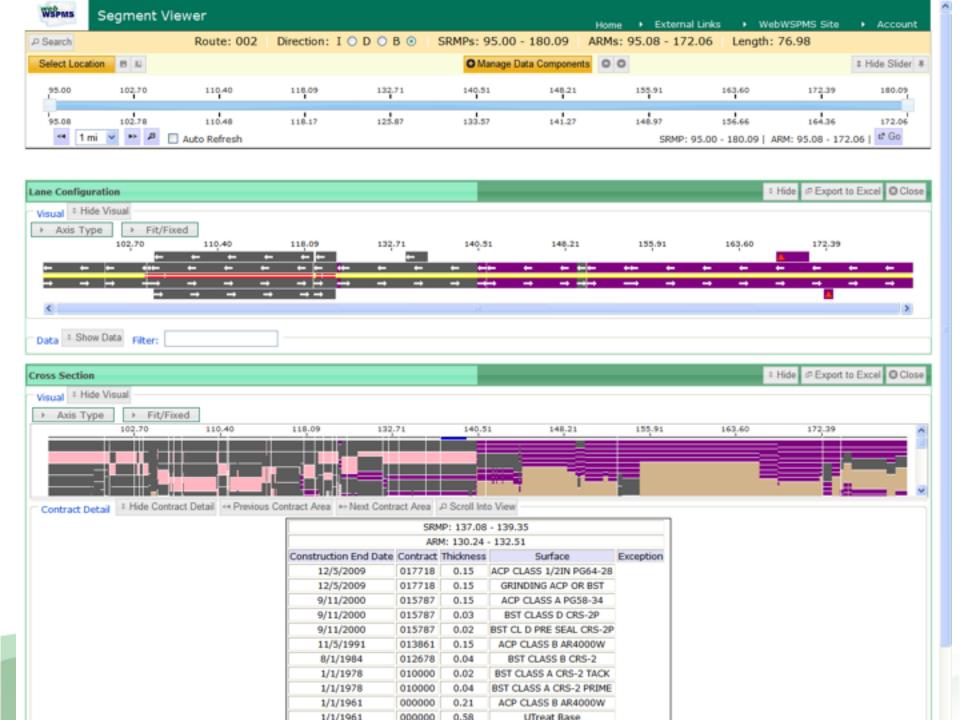


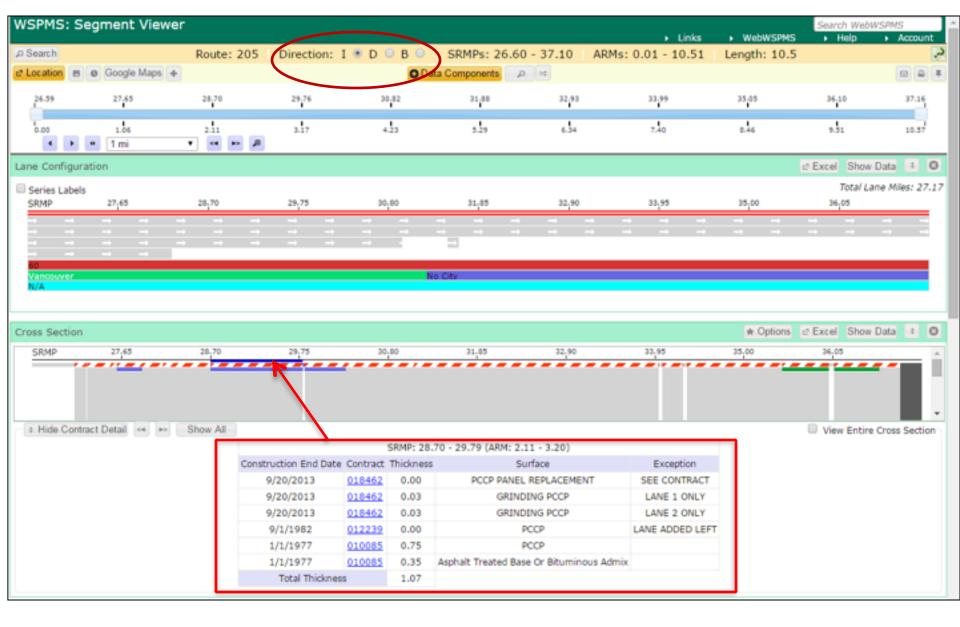


Lessons Learned

Inventory and Construction History

- The system inventory is the backbone of the pavement management database.
- No matter when you start, it is important to keep accurate construction records.



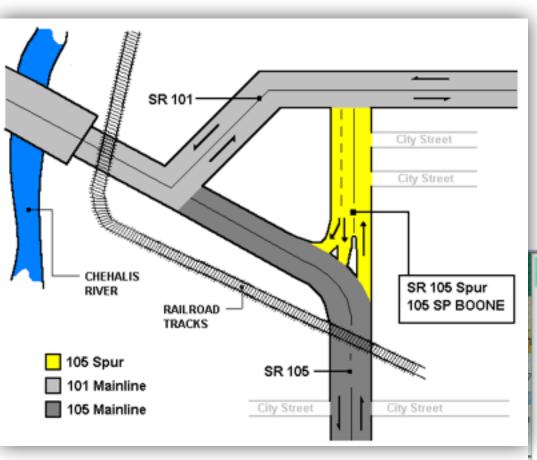


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Data Flexibility

 Account for variations and exceptions in construction/maintenance in the database design. (For example, construction only in one direction, or for turning lane only).

Location Referencing



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Begin:	48.66	0
End:	48.81	0.15
		φ GO !

Supplementation Local Intranet



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Modeling vs. Monitoring

 Modeling (for example - MEPDG) helps to guide us in areas where we don't have experience (new load limits, new materials, etc.); but, it's hard to do well!

 Monitoring is also hard to do, but it provides the most reliable information.



CLINICAL TRIALS

Experimental Treatment May Be Right For You



Factors Affecting Performance of Preservation Treatments

- condition & age of existing pavement
- traffic
- climate
- construction methods
- construction materials
- treatment timing
- treatment location

- pavement structure
- drainage
- subgrade conditions
- selecting treatment type
- construction history of pavement section



Original Experimental Concept

Design

Table 2. Maintenance Experiment—Primary and Secondary Factors

Climate (Region)	Traffic (ESALs per year)	Mainte nance Treatments							
		Crack Sealing			Crack Filling	Fog Seal	Patching	Chip Seal	Full Depth
		(Pavement Condition)							Digouts
Olympic	Med ium	Poor	Fair	Good					
		2	2	2					
	High	Poor	Fair	Good					
		2	2	2					
Eastern	Med ium	Poor	Fair	Good					
		2	2	2					
	High	Poor	Fair	Good					
		2	2	2					

Notes

- Total sections = 144 and 288 with control sections.
- 2. All primary and secondary "treatment" combinations have two replicate sections.
- 3. Reducing the pavement conditions from three to two will reduce the number of sections to 96.

Simplified Monitoring Approach

- Limited number of treatment types
- Modify treatments in segments (about ¼ mile) on same test section
- Repeat at different geographic areas
- Document and monitor
 - previous condition
 - treatment methods and materials
 - cost
 - performance



Monitoring of Treatment Segments



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Economic Performance Measures

- Cost of Pavement Service
 - Annual Cost (\$ per lane mile per year)
- Annual Cost is determined using Discount Rate (4%) to consider Time Value of Money:

Equivalent Uniform Annual Cost (EUAC)

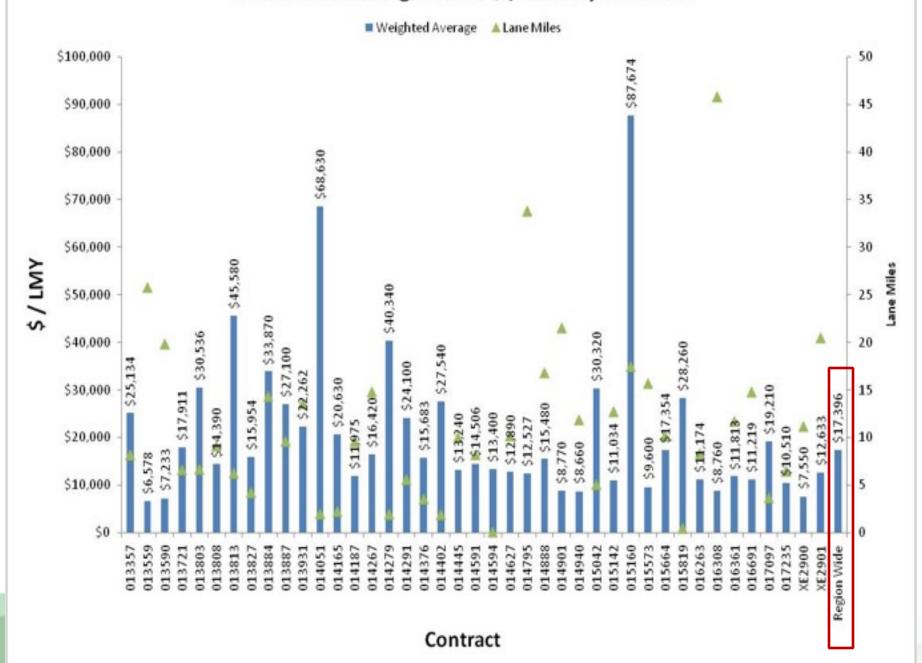
Cost Effectiveness Examples

Project Type	Const. Cost(\$/LM)	LMY gained
Reconst (ACP)	\$900,000	20
Rehab (ACP)	\$250,000	14
Chip Seal	\$45,000	7
Crack Seal	\$5,000	3
Reconst.(PCCP)	\$2,500,000	50
Grinding (PCCP)	\$150,000	15



^{*} includes 4% Discount Rate

South Central Region ACP \$ / LMY by Contract



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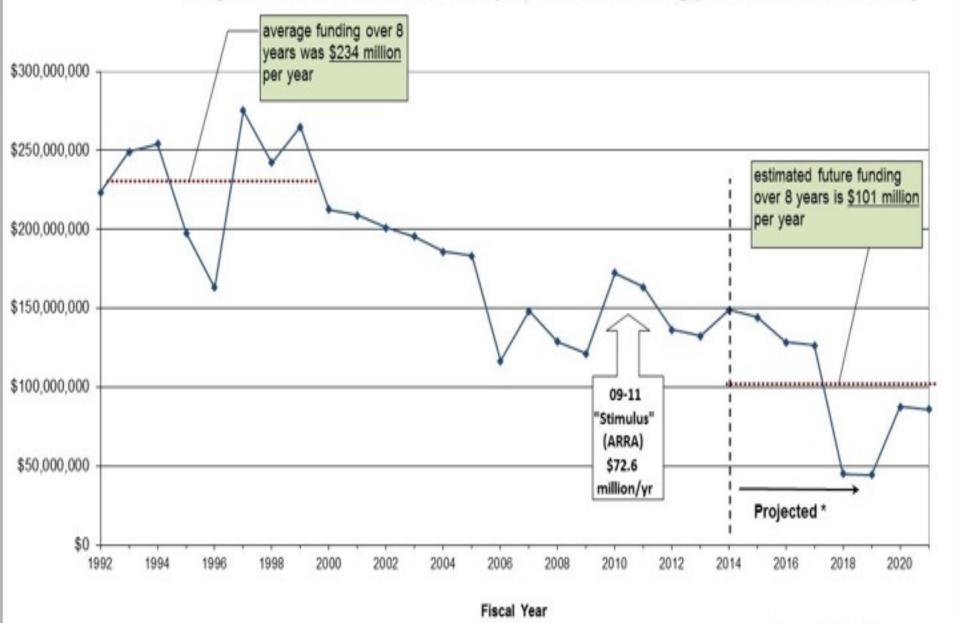
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Communication

"The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place".

George Bernard Shaw

30-year Pavement Preservation (P1) Annual Funding (Constant 2012 Dollars)



* As of Feb. 2014



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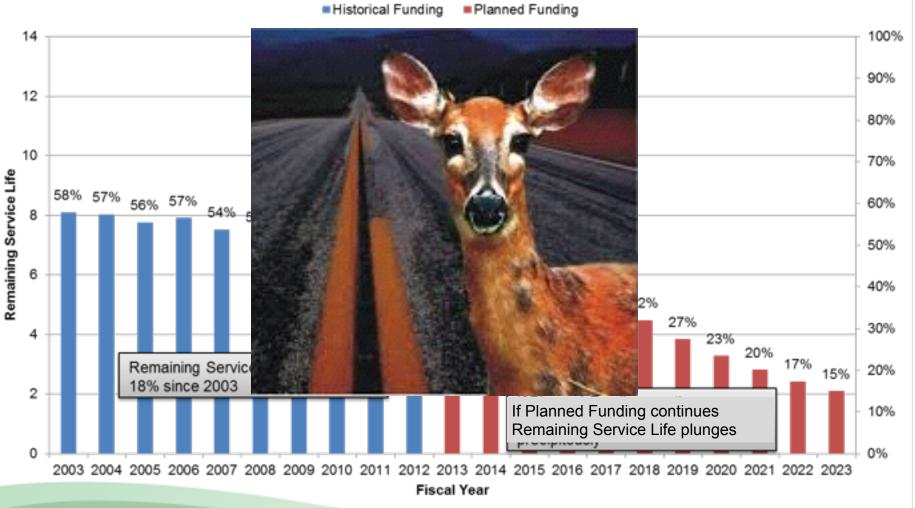
Remaining Service Life (RSL)

- Measures the average pavement life (years until due) of the entire network (expressed as % of typical pavement life)
- Healthy system has remaining service life of 40 – 60 percent
 - In an ideal system, the entire system would have an average remaining service life equal to 50% of the total average pavement life

Statewide Average Remaining Service Life

Asphalt Pavement

In Washington, Asphalt typically needs resurfacing in 12-16 years



Challenges

"You don't drown by falling in the water; you drown by staying there".

Edwin Lewis Cole

"The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them".

Albert Einstein



Summary of (a few) Lessons Learned

- Plan (and design) your system
- The objective is better decision making
- Develop a flexible database model
- Monitor, monitor, monitor; and record
- Know your cost effectiveness
- Communicate
- Continue Learning!



Questions?

