Treatment Strategies and Performance Models

Section 4

Criteria for Treatment Strategies

- Pavement condition
- Surface type/pavement materials
- Functional classification
- Level of condition that will "trigger" or initiate a treatment





Example of Trigger Values







Preventive Maintenance

- Treatments that extend the life of the pavement by preserving the existing structure.
 - Fog seal
 - Chip seal
 - Slurry seal
 - Micro surface
 - High-density mineral bond



Light Rehabilitation

- Treatments that typically replace the wearing surface of the existing pavement but may not provide any structural capacity increase
 - Thin bonded overlays
 - Open-graded friction course
 - Cape seals

Heavy Rehab and Reconstruction

- Treatments that partially or fully restore and/or increase the structural and functional capacity of pavements
 - Thick overlays
 - White-toppings
 - In-place recycling
 - Full-depth reclamation
 - Complete reconstruction



Example-Minnesota Decision Tree – Part 1





Example-Minnesota Decision Tree – Part 2



Further branches consider curb thickness, traffic, and severity of transverse cracks



Example-Excerpts From CDOT's Treatment Rules

- Micro Surface
 - Pavement Type <= "2", IRI >=65, RSL equal to or between 11 and 20, Rut, Block and Fatigue between 50 and 85
- Thin Overlay (2 in)
 - Pavement Type <= "2", SHLDRT "C", RSL equal to or between 3 and 15, IRI <=65 or Rut <=75, Block and Fatigue >=65



Impact Rules

- Impact on condition indexes (or distress) immediately after treatment
- Change in surface type
- Future rate of deterioration



Impact Rules

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Pavement Performance Models

Why Use Performance Models?





Reliable Model **Requirements**



- Need an <u>adequate</u> database
- Must include <u>all</u> factors that affect performance
- Need to select appropriate functional form
- Include a method to assess precision & accuracy of model

Most Common Performance Models

- Deterministic (empirical) the most common
- Easy to develop & understand, but limited to same pavement sections that it was based on
- Probabilistic
- More representative of performance, but difficult to develop



Family Models

- Group pavement sections by characteristics
- Reduces number of variables and models
- Assume similar deterioration
- Reflects average deterioration for family
- Allows ranges of values to be used for developing families

Example - WsDOT SR2



Pros & Cons of Family Models



PROS	CONS
Easy to develop & interpret	Does not explicitly deal w/ errors in data or model form
Less variables	Difficult to measure effect on independent variables
Allows ranges of variables	



Typical Challenges

- Lack of historical construction data
- Lack of data in useable format
- Lack of accurate & reliable data
- Lack of representative data
- Data variability

Example - IDOT





Condition

Example of Data Variability





Why Do We Need Good Data?





Model Improvements

- Must be updated regularly
- Feedback loops to link models with engineering practices



