#### **Using Results**

#### Section 5

## **Section 5 Topics**

- Project selection processes
- Using pavement management results effectively
  - To support pavement preservation
  - For strategic decision making
  - For other purposes

# Getting the Most Bang for Your Buck



Years / AADT (ESALs)

From Utah DOT

# **Project Selection Programs**

- Spontaneous
- Ranking
- Multi-Year Prioritization
- Optimization

# **Typical Ranking Factors**

- Condition
- Weighted Condition
  - Traffic volumes
  - Vehicle miles traveled
- Composite Factors
  - Economic contribution
  - Population
- Benefit/Cost Ratio



#### **Multi-Year Prioritization**

- Near optimal solutions (heuristic)
- Addresses what-if questions
  - Is it better to spend the budget on roads in poor condition OR spend some on roads in poor condition and some on roads in fair condition?
  - What is the consequence of postponing a project for two years?



# Multi-Year Prioritization Approach



Year 1

Year 2

# **Efficiency Frontier**



from Deighton Associates Ltd.

# Optimization

- Uses mathematical programming methods to determine the optimal solution
  - Linear or non-linear programming
  - Dynamic programming
- Solves an objective function within any constraints given
- Typically a two-step analysis

#### Sample Objective Function

- Maximize overall network conditions so that no interstate highway has a condition index that drops below 70 and no more than \$50 million dollars are spent in each year
  - What is the goal?
  - What are the constraints?
  - How might this be expressed mathematically?

### Typical Results – Step 1

From	To Condition States			
Condition States	1	2	3	4
1				
2				
3	50 mi	25 mi		
4	25 mi			

# Which Approach?

- Most agencies in the US use multi-year prioritization – simpler, less variables, close to optimal solution
- A few use optimization must have resources to maintain data needs
- Select the one that meets your needs

#### Other Uses of Pavement Management Information



# Support For Pavement Preservation – Minnesota

- Candidates for preventive maintenance triggered by pavement management
- Districts identify preventive maintenance projects they want to construct
- Pavement management must sign off

## Demonstrating Pavement Preservation Benefits

**Average Pavement Condition over Time** 



#### Setting Investment Levels

#### Pavement Condition in 10 Years



#### Setting Agency Goals



# Engineering & Economic Analysis

Amount of Distress



**Traffic Variable** 

# Presenting Results to Stakeholders

- Network Level
- Legislature/Highway commission
- Senior agency management
- Public
- Project Level
- Design engineers
- Mid-level management

#### What is Pavement Distress?



#### **Projected Conditions**



#### **Projected Average Condition**

20 Year Average Condition 2012 Baseline Budget 214 Million



#### **Remaining Service Life**

Remaining Service Life Statewide - 5,840 miles



# A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words













Time



# Other Uses of Pavement Management Information

What other applications for using pavement management information will be most useful in your organization?

