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TRB Webinar: Real-Time Quality Control with DPS and PMTP

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Purpose Statement

This webinar will address how DPS and PMTP can advance pavement quality measurement from limited random post-construction measurements to near-continuous measurements shortly after construction.

Learning Objectives

At the end of this webinar, you will be able to:

- 1. Improve workmanship in real-time, leading to improved asphalt pavement sustainability
- 2. Communicate the use of DPS and PMTP for process control
- 3. Improve their paving operations and increase profits with DPS and PMTP

Questions and Answers

- Please type your questions into your webinar control panel
- We will read your questions out loud, and answer as many as time allows



Today's presenters



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DPS & PAVEMENT PERFORMANCE

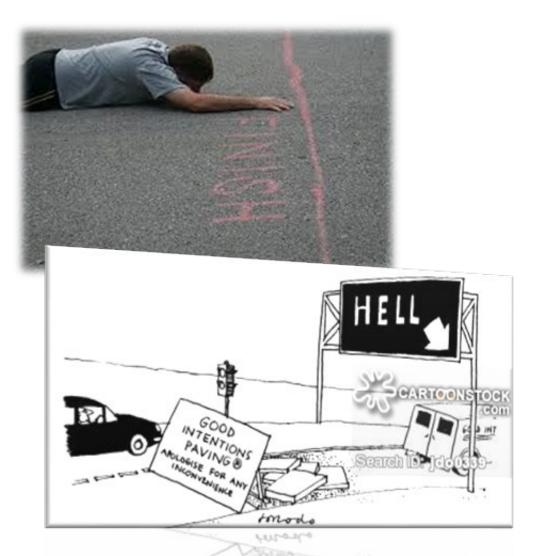
Craig E. Landefeld, P.E. ODOT Office of Pavement Engineering

WHAT IS A DENSITY PROFILING SYSTEM (DPS)??????

- Non-destructive Density Measurement Tool
- Advanced GPR Technology / Non-nuclear
- Measures Dielectric Constant
- Calibrated to Density/Voids
- Continuous Measurement







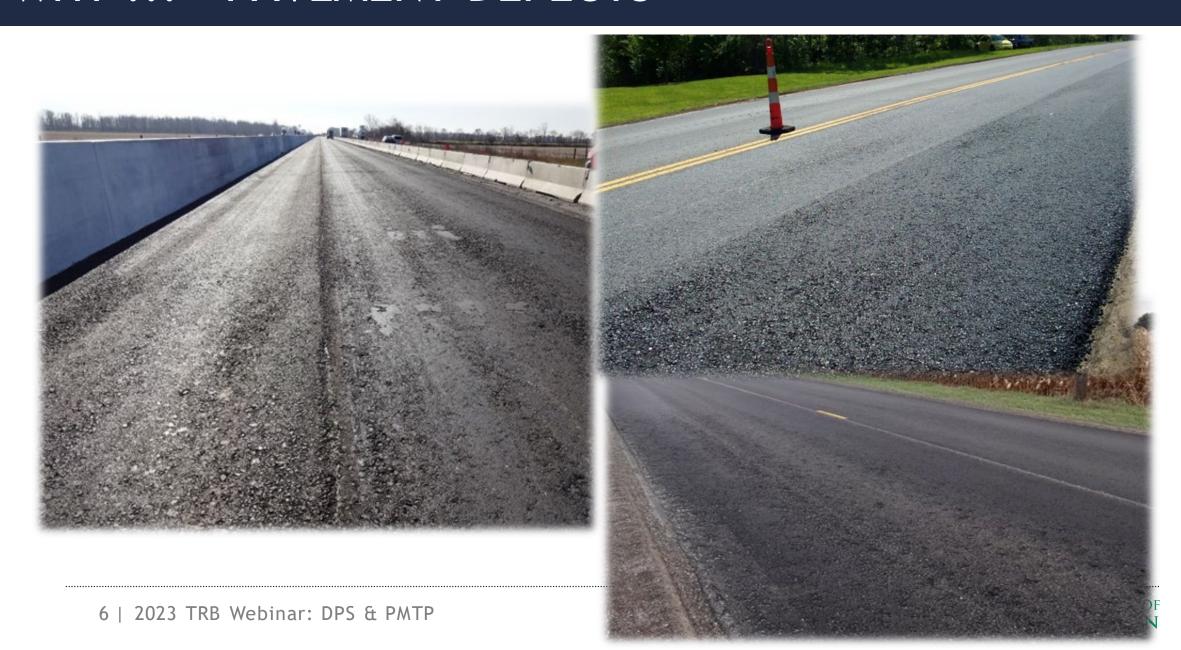
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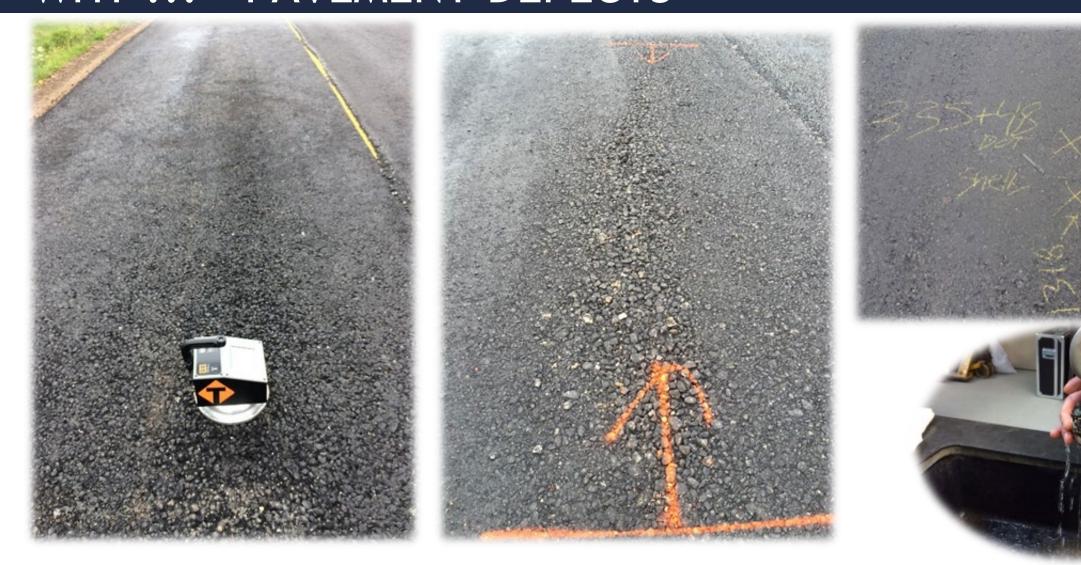
- Potholes (Delamination)
- Raveling
- Joint Deterioration
- Long. Cracking
- Bumps





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WHY ??? - THE COST OF DEFECTS

Repair Costs:

Repairs @ 5% Mid Cycle:

 $5\% \times $35.37/SY \times 5280ft \times 12ft = $12,450 / Lane-Mi.$

CY2021 AC Resurfacing ~ 2400 Lane-Mi.

Repair Cost (CY2021): ~ \$30M

Loss of Service Life Costs:

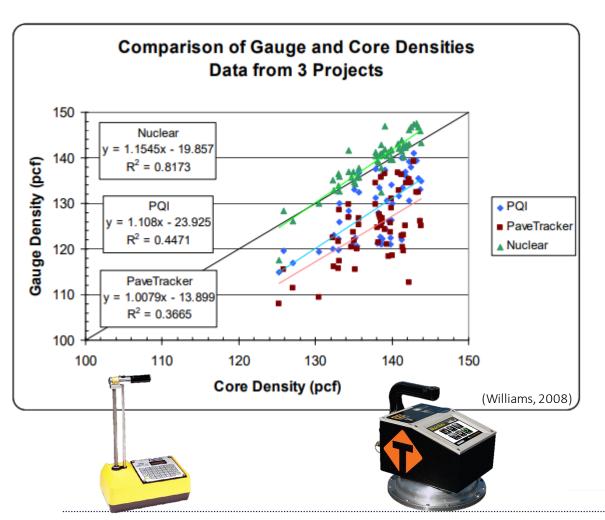
Pavement Preservation: \$650M/Yr

Average Life = 10 to 12yrs

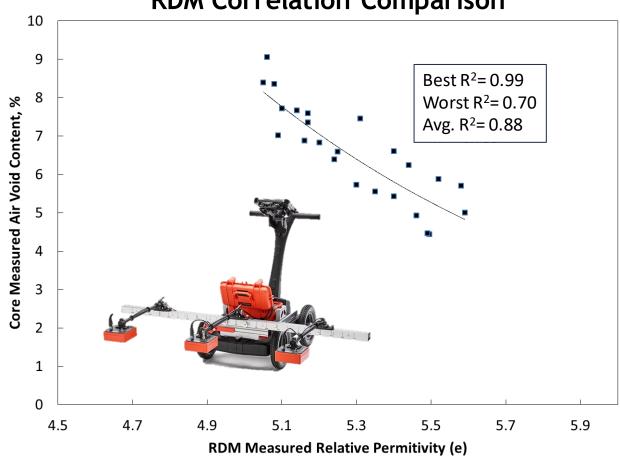
\$55M to \$65M per year



CORE CORRELATION RESULTS



RDM Correlation Comparison



WHY DPS???

Current Sampling Rate:

Coring: ~ 10 cores / 2000T

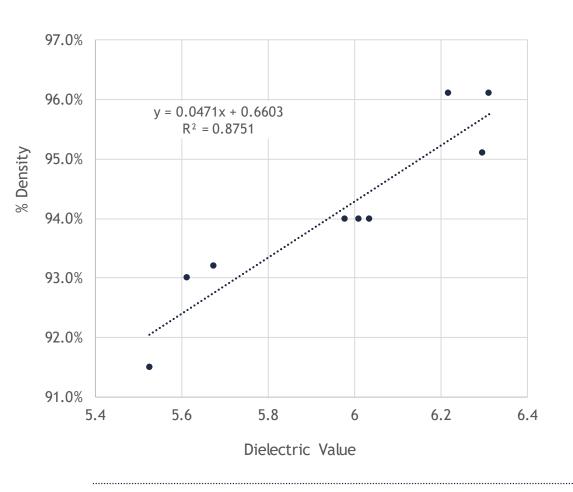
DPS Scan: ~ 54,000 samples / 2000T



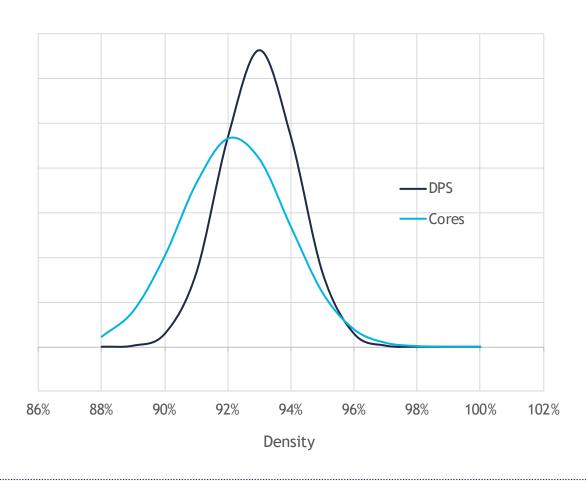


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Core Collection Mode Calibration

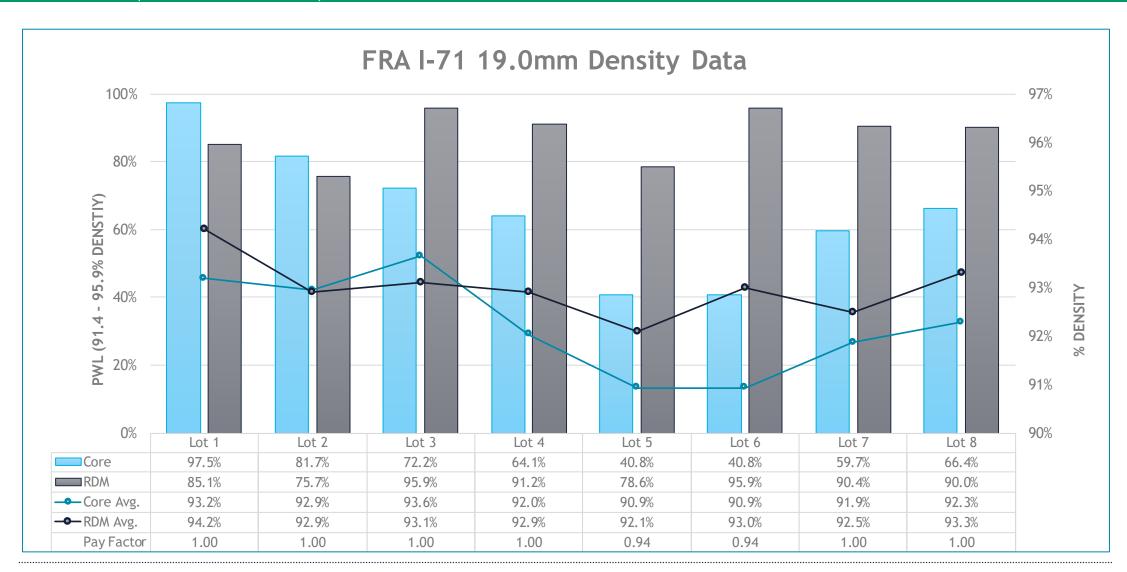


19.0mm Density Distribution

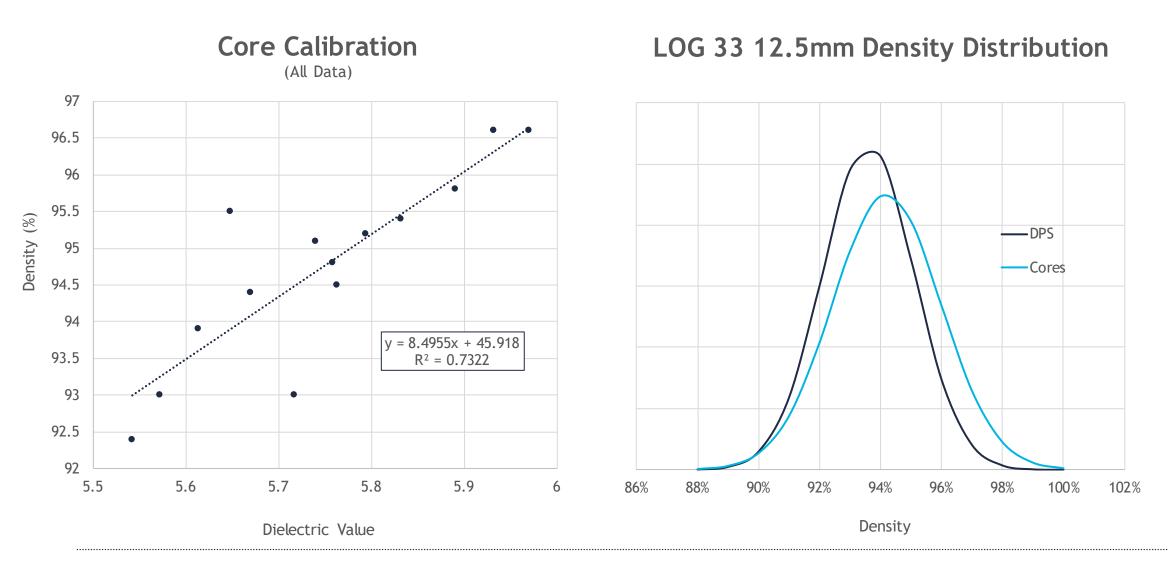


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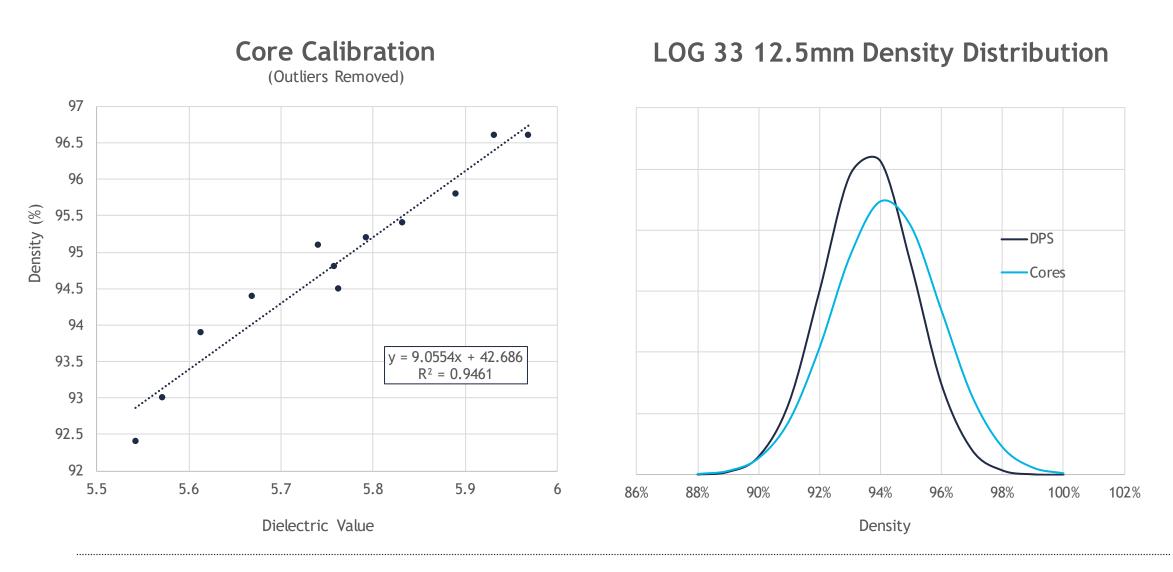
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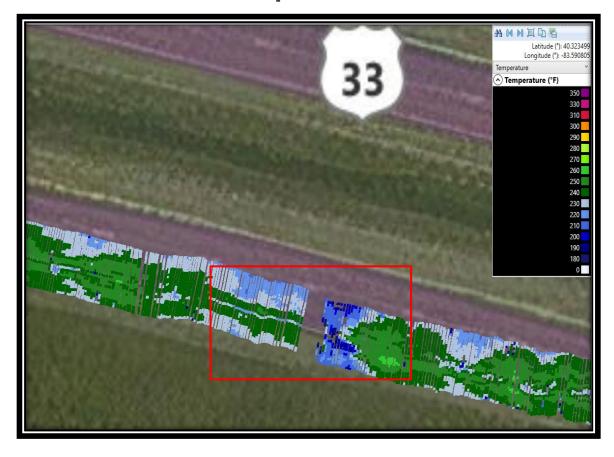


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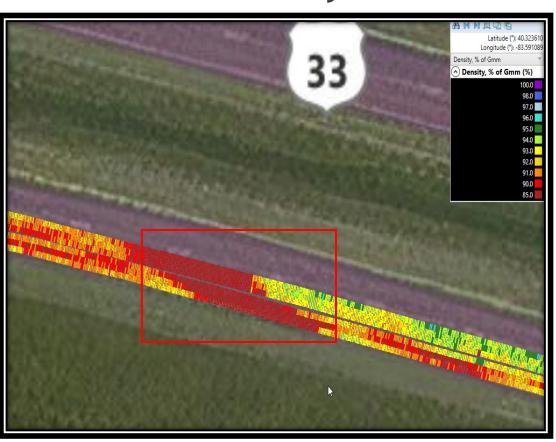


LOG33 PMTP / DPS DATA VETA

PMTP Temperature Data



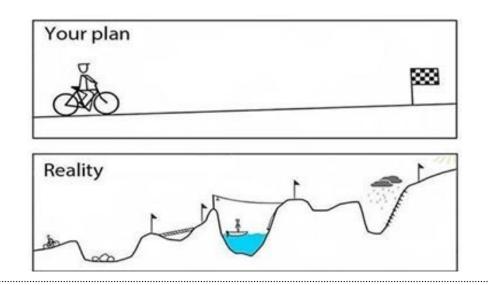
DPS Density Data



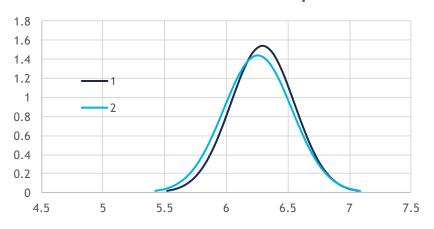
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DPS CHALLENGES

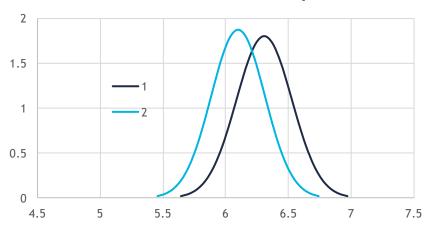
- Cold Weather Issues
- Sensor Sensitivity to Height
- Ruggedness of Units
- Gyratory/Core Calibration Comparison



MAD 70 - Lot2 DPS 2.0 Comparisons



MAD 70 - Lot9 DPS 2.0 Comparisons



WHY DPS ????????????

"If you can't measure it, you can't improve it." - Peter Drucker

- Cost Savings
 - Better QC = Less Defects
 - Less Defects = Improved Performance
- Improved Personnel Safety
 - Less exposure time
 - Vehicle mounting?

PEOPLE DO WHAT YOU INSPECT, NOT WHAT YOU EXPECT

LOUIS V GERSTNER JR

"To Be a Great Leader, You Must Inspect What You Expect" - Doug Thorpe

QUESTIONS



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And you may ask yourself, how did we get here?

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Brief History of:

Paver Mounted Thermal Profiling

Intelligent Compaction for Asphalt Pavements

AASHTO R111-22

Dielectric Profiling System

AASHTO PP98-20 and a player to be named later

State
Pavement
Technical
Consortium

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CONSTRUCTION-RELATED ASPHALT CONCRETE PAVEMENT TEMPERATURE DIFFERENTIALS AND THE CORRESPONDING DENSITY DIFFERENTIALS

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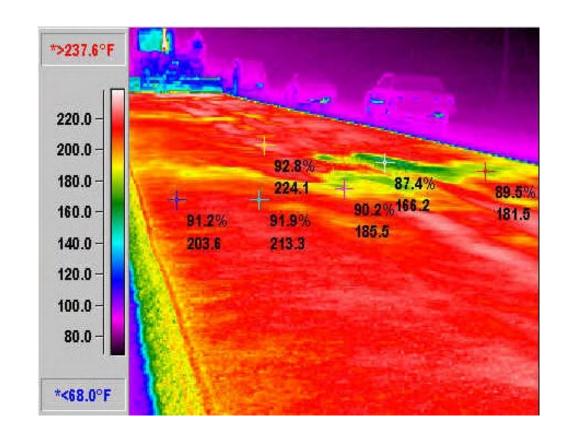
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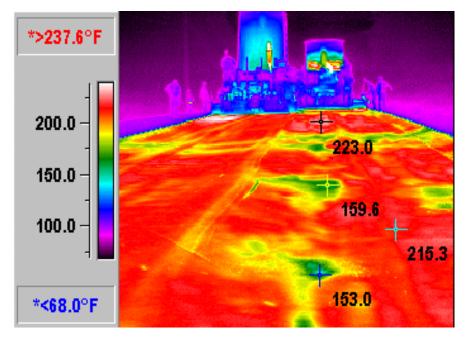
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Infrared Image with Corresponding Densities and Temperatures.







Thermal Profile

One Year Later

Willoughby etal, 2001

APPENDIX D

TxDOT Method TEX-244-F for Thermal Profile of Hot-Mix Asphalt

Test Procedure for

Thermal Profile of Hot-Mix Asphalt

Taxas Department of Transportati

TxDOT Designation: Tex-244-F

Effective Date: May 2011

I. SCOPE

- 1.1 Use this test method to obtain a thermal profile that identifies the presence of thermal segregation of an uncompacted mat of hot-mix asphalt. The thermal profile may be determined by using a handheld noncontact infrared thermometer, a thermal camera immediately behind the paver during uninterrupted paving operations, or a paver-mounted infrared bar (Pave-IR system).
- 1.2 The values given in parentheses (if provided) are not standard and may not be exact mathematical conversions. Use each system of units separately. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the standard.

2. APPARATUS

- Handheld Noncontact Infrared Thermometer, Thermal Imaging Camera, or Paver-Mounted Infrared Bar (Pave-IR System).
- 2.1.1 Handheld noncontact infrared thermometer must be capable of
 - Measuring from 40°F to 475°F with an accuracy of ±2°F or ±1% of reading, whichever is greater;
 - Storing and recalling the maximum (and minimum temperature if available) from the most recent scan using a liquid-crystal display (LCD) viewing screen;
 - Measuring with a minimum 6:1 distance-to-spot ratio; and
 - Adjusting emissivity in increments of 0.01 or a fixed emissivity equal to or greater than 0.95.

Initial Texas Approach





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Get a Thermal Camera

Take a Photo

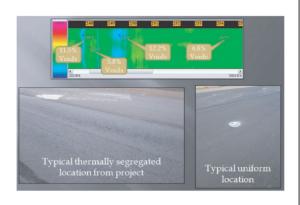
Fill out Form

The First Pave IR



Sebesta etal 2004







Concept

Region 3 Minnesota

### **PMTP** Implementation in Minnesota

- Change Orders to Pay for Data
  - Understand Value
  - Ruggedness
  - No Surprises and Limit Risk
  - Vendor Support
- Developed Software VETA
- Developed Incentive/Disincentive Specification
- Commitment to Work Through Kinks, Keep Paver Moving

- Set a Road Map for full implementation
  - Yes we are serious
  - Provides Time to Adapt &Train
    - Contractors
    - Vendors
    - Agency
- ALL PROJECTS SINCE 2018
   REQUIRE THERMAL IMAGING

## Intelligent Compaction Implementation in Minnesota

- Started with Unbound Materials
  - Very complicated: Moisture, gradation, speed, direction, rollers are not test equip
- BIG MIKE PROJECT
- Change Orders to Pay for Data
  - Understand Value
  - Ruggedness
  - No Surprises and Limit Risk
  - Vendor Support
- Developed Software VETA
- Commitment to Work Through Kinks, Keep Paver Moving

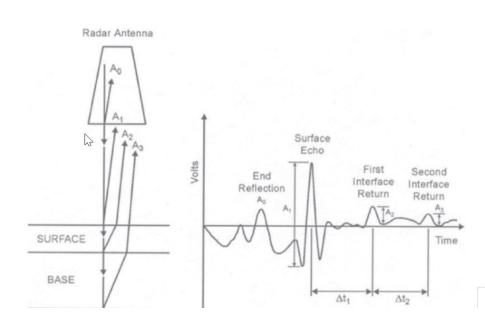
- Developed Coverage Spec.
- Commitment to Work Through Kinks, Keep Paver Moving
- Set a Road Map for full implementation
  - Yes we are serious
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- ALL PROJECTS SINCE 2018 REQUIRE PAVER MOUNTED THERMAL IMAGING



### Initial GPR Systems

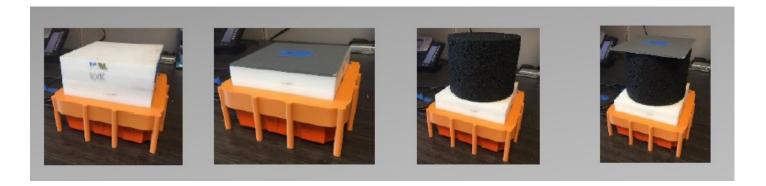
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## The Devil is in the Details



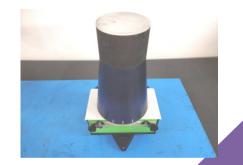
### Dielectric Profile System DPS





### Time of Flight Dielectric

"Coming to an AASHTO Standard Near You"





GRADITE **Building Value Together** 

### **Take Aways**

Be Organized before you collect your data AAHTO MP 39 – 22

Use the FREE VETA Software. Intelligent construction.com

Limit Risk for all Parties, things will break

These Concepts are NOT NEW

THE MOST SUSTAINABLE PAVEMENT IS THE ONE THAT LAST LONGER SIMPLE BECAUSE IT WAS BUILT RIGHT.





### Thank You!

## 2023 TRB - Implementing DPS & PMTP-

A Contractor Perspective

Derek Frederixon

Mathy Technology & Engineering

### DPS & PMTP

#### **Discussion Points**

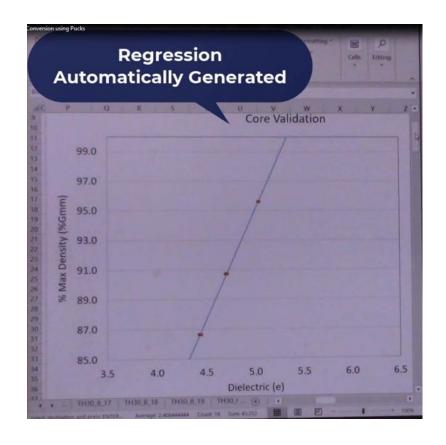
- Project Preparation
- Data Collection & Analysis
- Challenges
- Benefits to Contractor
- Final Thoughts

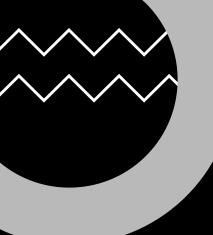


### **Project Preparation - DPS**

#### **Mix Design Correlation**

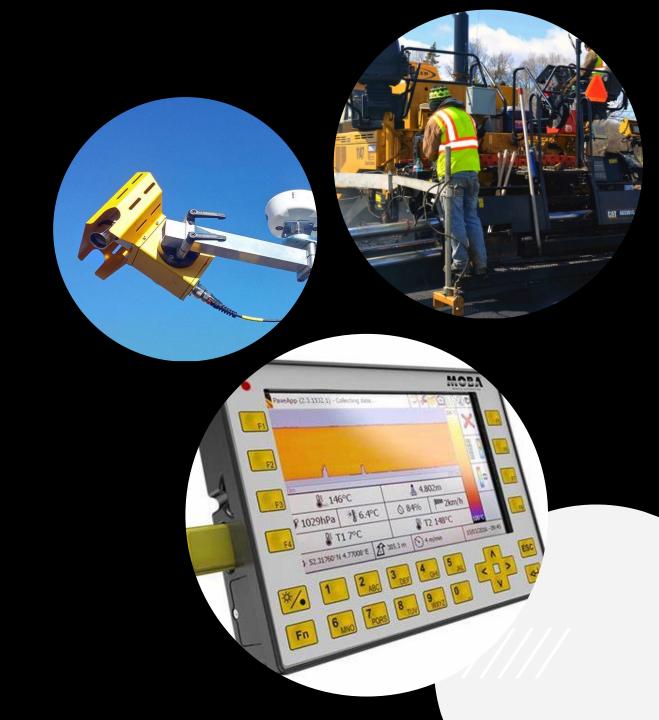
- Establish dielectric constants for mix
- Plant produced mix best, lab batched ok also
- Take dielectric measurements on set of pucks
  - Production puck (~95-98% Gmm depending on state)
  - Second puck less 250 grams compacted to same height (~91-94% Gmm)
  - Third puck less 500 grams compacted to same height (~87-91% Gmm)
  - !! Take dielectric measurement before putting under water to get density !!
  - Generate regression for field measurements!





# Project Preparation PMTP

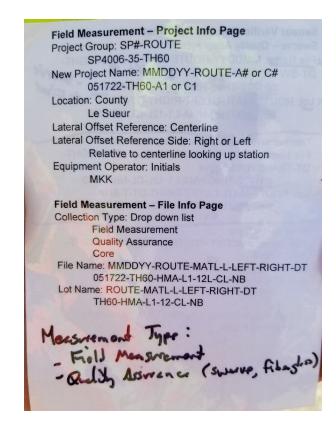
 Equipment Installation

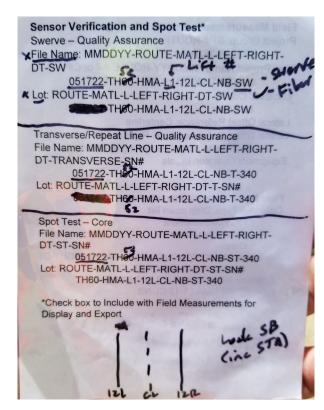


# Project Preparation – DPS & PMTP

#### **Data Management**

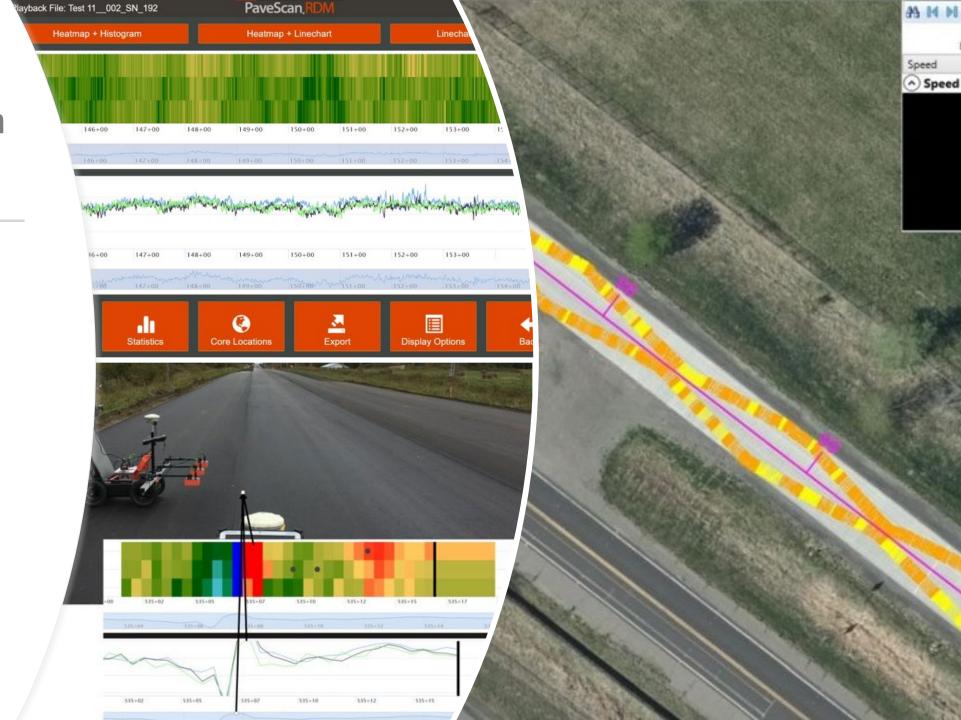
- There is a lot of data!
- Need a plan.
  - File naming conventions?
  - Where is data to be stored/backed up?
  - What collection methods are we using?
  - Are we sharing data with another party or comparing data?
- What other information do we need to collect?
  - Weather information?
  - Paving information?
  - Plant information?
  - Mix design changes?

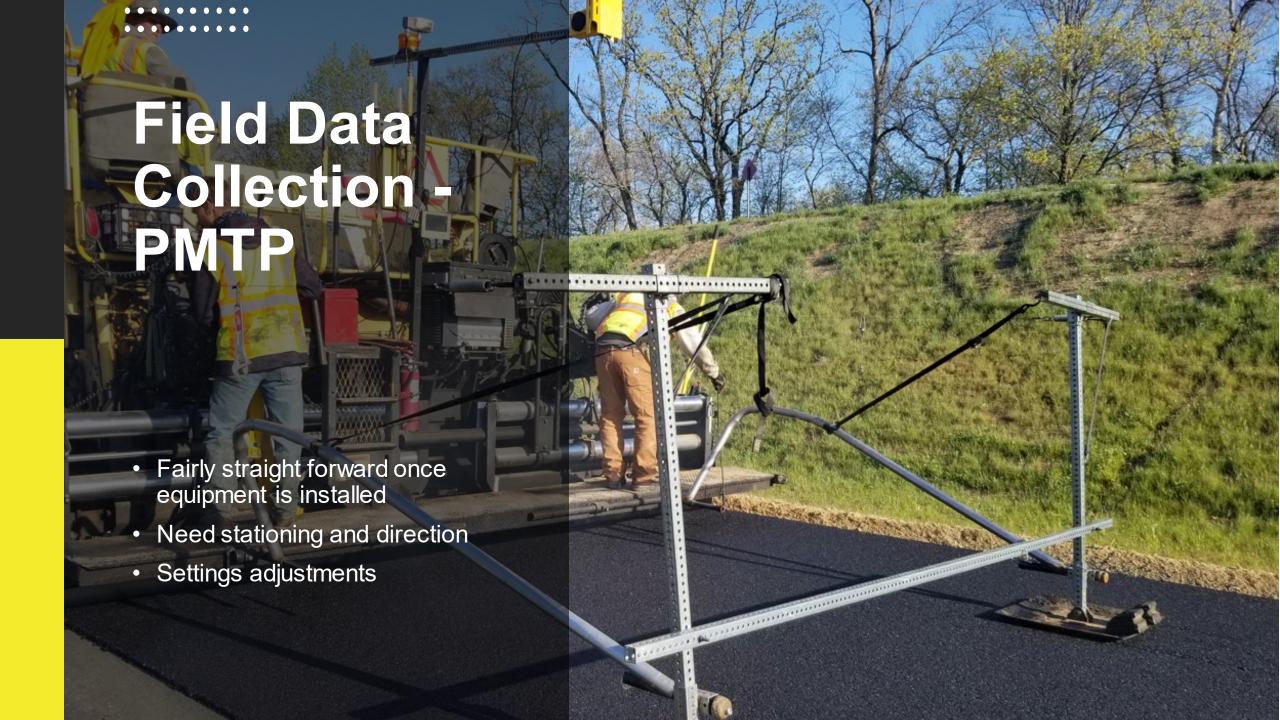




## Data Collection - DPS

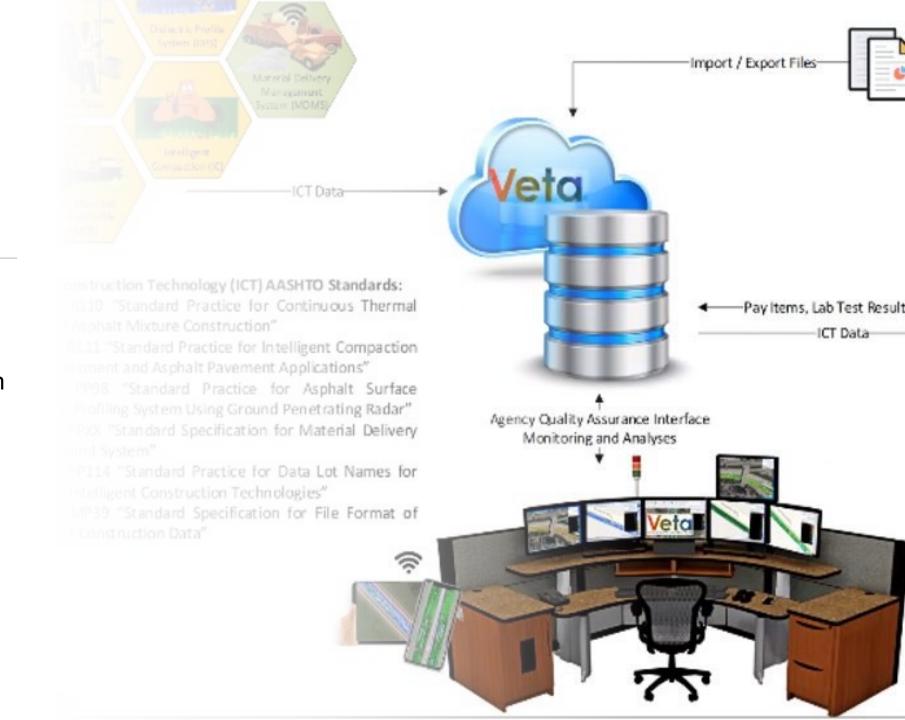
- Machine setup
- Calibration
- Data Collection Methods
  - Joint
  - Swerve
  - Transverse Spot Checks
  - Total Coverage
  - Core verification
  - Others?





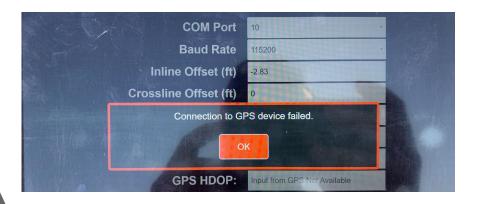
### **Data Analysis**

- Lots and lots of data!
- MnDOT uses VETA
- Other intelligent construction programs?
- Google Earth
- Excel
- REAL TIME ANALYSIS ON PROJECT!
- TRAINING!



### **Challenges - DPS**

- Traffic & Traffic Control
- Weather
- GPS Connectivity
- Sensor Connectivity
- Other Equipment Nuisances
- Data Management
- Training
- Fatigue



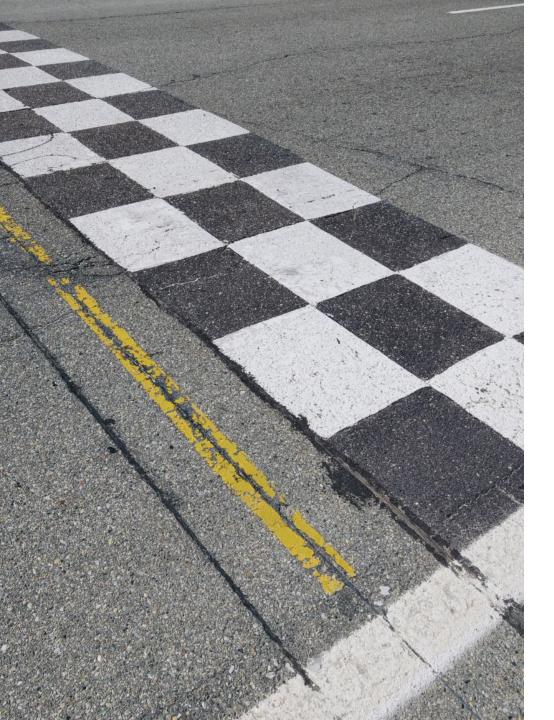






# Challenges - PMTP

GPS Connectivity
Data Signal
Equipment Setups
Data Management
Training!



## **Next Steps**

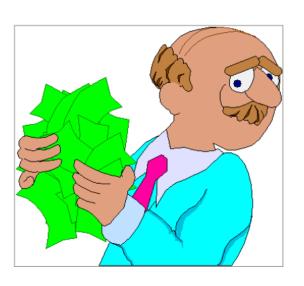
**DPS** 

- Mainline Paving Projects
  - Mixes requiring high compactive effort.
  - Test strips, especially on core projects.
  - Projects with unusual structures.
- Commercial Work
  - Parking Lots!
  - Industrial facilities

**PMTP** 

- Continue implementing on mainline pavers.
- Value for implementing in commercial work?

### Benefit/Cost > 1?



## Contractor Benefits

- Correlated dielectric values PRIOR to project start!
- Much more data than cores, nuke gauge, nonnuke gauge
- Mapping visual aids makes trouble shooting density issues easier
- Forensic investigation
- Improve quality/consistency => more incentives
- Monitor paving operations
- Training tools!

## DPS & PMTP Final Thoughts

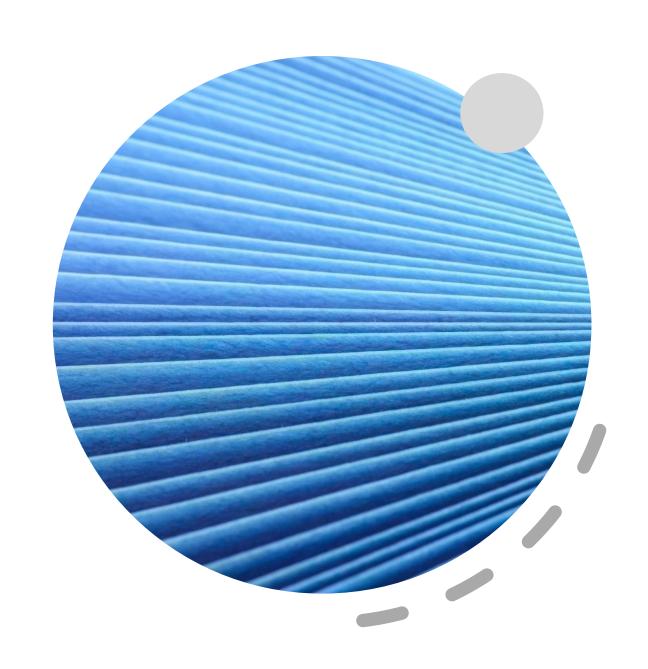
Implementation is not cookie cutter and requires upfront preparation and understanding

Data management is one of the biggest hurdles

Patience is a virtue...

Once implemented and understood, great tool for improving quality

DPS and PMTP are useful technologies worth the investment when implemented correctly



# Thank you for your time!

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## TRB Webinar Real-Time Quality Control with DPS and PMTP

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Curt Turgeon, MnDOT

Overview – What would be the best use of DPS and PMTP technologies?

Craig Landerfeld, ODOT DPS and PMPT for performance, sustainability, and safety.

Derek Frederixon, Mathy Construction Co. Implementing DPS and PMTP

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Q1: a. What would be the best use of DPS and PMPT for your agency or company?

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Responses (58):
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Agency (9): Use as bid items to provide data to support implementation Measure consistency in real-time

Keep production team aware of their processes in real-time

Contractors (5): Use as a QC tool for (paving) process improvement

Use as (standard practice) tools for making real-time process improvement changes

Contractors collect data and agency verifies

Fed (1): Assessment of pavement compaction

Industry (1): Use for automated QC data collection/acceptance for pavements; eliminate sampling bias Unk (41): QUALITY CONTROL

An accurate tool(s) that outperforms current NDT test methods Continuous, geolocated pavement data

### Q1: b. How would you measure success?

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Responses (58):
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Agency (9): Improved Measured Pavement Quality/Consistency;

e.g. improved pavement density, smoothness, slope and no segregation

Contractors (5) & Consultant (1): (more) Bonuses (less disincentives)

**Consistent** densities

Used for process control

Fed (1): Accuracy and reliability of measurements

Industry (1):

Unk (41): CONSISTENCY

Improved (pavement) uniformity, less cracking and segregation Implemented as a standard tool(s) for QM and acceptance

Q2: a. What data and data-collection methods are needed to illustrate pavement performance?

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Responses (22):
Agency (3): Condition data collected over time compared to DPS and PMTP
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e.g. improved pavement density, smoothness, slope and no segregation

Contractors (2): Longer lasting pavements produced by proactive process control

Consultant (2): Less isolated defects; less maintenance

Fed (1): Less rework;

Unk (13): Automated data entry and analysis

Data to illustrate (improved) material performance

(collect) Underlying surface quality

Use of crowd source data to obtain continuous pavement performance data

GIS based virtualization tools that overlap construction data with (pavement) performance data

### Q2: b. How could DPS and PMTP help sustainability and safety?

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Responses (22):
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Agency (3): Pavements with **longer life cycle** are a huge improvement in sustainability Less frequent resurfacing reduces worker exposure

Contractors (2): Improves safety by **reducing people on road** coring/nuclear density readings Improved pavement density, smoothness—longer lasting roads

Consultant (2): Less isolated defects; less maintenance

Fed (1): Extended pavement life; less construction time and better safety

Unk (13): **Sustainability-better** performance, better service life, reduced carbon footprint Safety: less exposure to live traffic

Q3: a. How would you sell DPS and PMTP to your agency/company?

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Responses (34):
Academic (1): Show them a summary of this workshop
Agency (8): ("Show me the money") explain monetary benefits and pavement improvement
 Show advantage of continuous measurements vs. random spot tests
 Implement by requiring as QC tool
Consultant (1): Lower LCC; fewer work zones
Contractors (4): Improved pavement quality and incentives
 Reduced disincentives (preventing one could pay for the equipment
Fed (1): Save money in long term with increased pavement life
Unk (19): Book, file, (e-circular) with project examples and data
 Show (positive) ROI
 Ability to make real-time/live decisions
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Q3: b. How would you implement the technology (what are probable roadblocks and solutions)?

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Responses (34):
Academic (1): Workshops and webinars
Agency (8): Need a champion; Roadblocks are available responses; confidence in measurements
 Implement with Pilot projects; Roadblock is contractor hesitancy
Consultant (1): Fewer disputes; Roadblocks are the technology, personal and initial cost of equipment
Contractors (4): Show how can reduce costs and improve profits
 Roadblocks are equipment costs and personal; data collection and analysis
Fed (1): Save money in long term with increased pavement life
 Roadblocks are (management) lack of understanding; contractor resistance
Unk (19): Tighter specifications with targets and incentives so contractors need the equipment
 Separate pay item for using the equipment
 Roadblocks are cost and knowledge-training
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Q4: What are the biggest challenges and risks in using these technologies for acceptance/ payment? (For owners/agencies? For contractors?)

Responses (18):

Agency (4): FHWA interpretation of CFR for QA

Accuracy and proficiency of equipment users

SOP for when data can't be collected due to weather, equipment failure....

Consultant (1): Abuse of black box component and moisture

Contractors (1): Meeting CFR

Fed (2): Accuracy of data for acceptance

Verification process for data acceptance

Unk (10): Agency verification and validation of contractor data

Confidence in accuracy, consistency, repeatability, training and qualifications of operators;

Costs

Equipment limitations and unpredicted events

### Today's presenters



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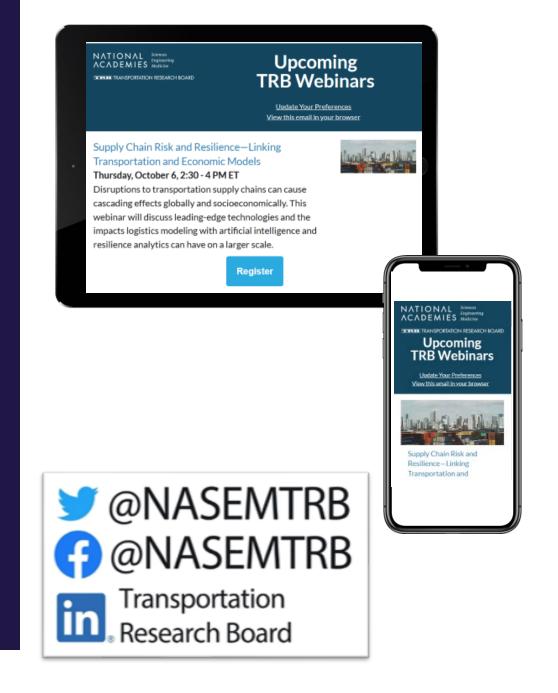
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