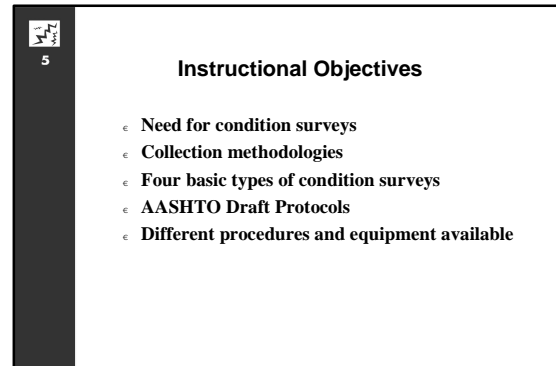


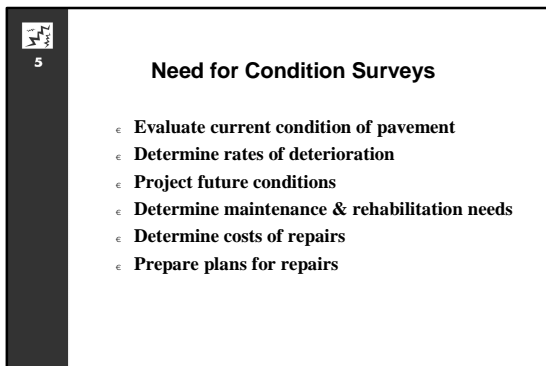
**MODULE 5**

**PAVEMENT CONDITION SURVEYS**



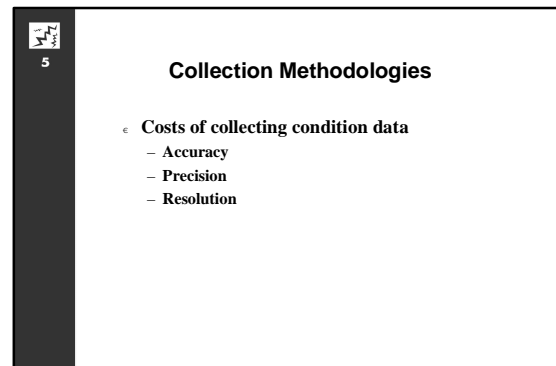
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- Need for condition surveys
- Collection methodologies
- Four basic types of condition surveys
- AASHTO Draft Protocols
- Different procedures and equipment available



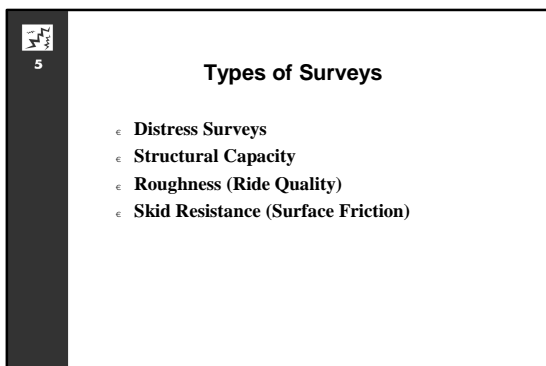
**Need for Condition Surveys**

- Evaluate current condition of pavement
- Determine rates of deterioration
- Project future conditions
- Determine maintenance & rehabilitation needs
- Determine costs of repairs
- Prepare plans for repairs



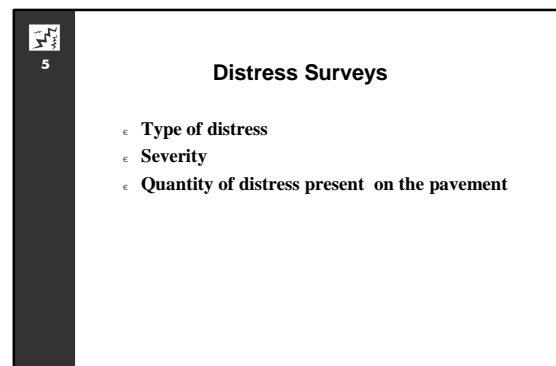
**Collection Methodologies**

- Costs of collecting condition data
  - Accuracy
  - Precision
  - Resolution



**Types of Surveys**

- Distress Surveys
- Structural Capacity
- Roughness (Ride Quality)
- Skid Resistance (Surface Friction)



**Distress Surveys**

- Type of distress
- Severity
- Quantity of distress present on the pavement

## AASHTO Distress Survey Protocols

- € Cracking protocols for:
  - Asphalt pavements
  - Jointed concrete pavements
  - Continuously reinforced concrete pavements
- € Faulting protocols for concrete pavements
- € Rut depth protocols for asphalt pavements
- € Roughness protocols

## PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT CONDITION DATA PROTOCOLS

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## VISION STATEMENT

- € Consistent and effective condition data for Network Level Pavement Management
- € Effective state pavement management with coordinated technology and communication
- € Synergize and standardize network level PMS data collection and reporting nationwide

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- € Goal is effective and accepted PMS data collection protocols
- € Objectives Include:
  - Synthesize state PMS data methodologies
  - Determine appropriate data guidelines
  - Develop protocols with state input
  - Ensure acceptance

## PROTOCOL DEFINITION

A procedure for the objective measurement of a pavement characteristic which defines a minimum standard and a set of parameters regarding the type, precision, quantity, location, reporting, and quality of a measurement to be made

## PROTOCOLS DEVELOPED

- € Six Protocols developed
  - Roughness (Automated only)
  - Rut Depth (Automated only)
  - Faulting (Automated & Manual)
  - Automated & Manual Cracking Protocols
    - Asphalt (Automated & Manual)
    - CRCP (Automated & Manual)
    - JCP (Automated & Manual)

## PROTOCOLS

- **Roughness**
  - Profile 2 WPs 150 mm (6") spacing
  - Report average of two wheelpath IRI
- **Rut Depth -**
  - Three point measurement every 15 meters
- **Faulting**
  - Each transverse joint (Automated)
  - 10% Sample of joints (Manual)

## IRI ROUGHNESS PROTOCOL

IRI is calculated from longitudinal profile measured with a road profiler in both wheelpaths. The average IRI of the two wheelpaths is reported as the roughness of the pavement section.

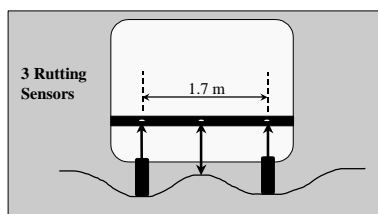
## ROUGHNESS SURVEY

- Survey the outside lane.
- For undivided highways survey one direction.
- For divided highways survey the outside lane in both directions.
- For each survey cycle use the same direction(s) of travel and survey lane(s).

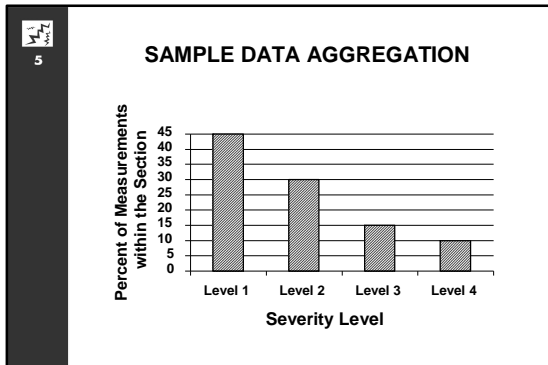
## IRI CALCULATION

International Roughness Index (IRI) - **The IRI is computed from a single longitudinal profile using a quarter-car simulation as described in the report, "On the Calculation of IRI from Longitudinal Road Profile." [Sayers 95]**

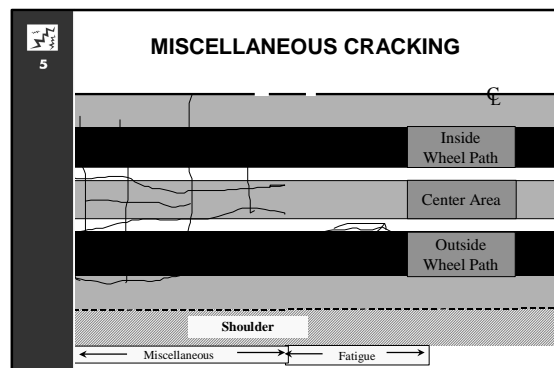
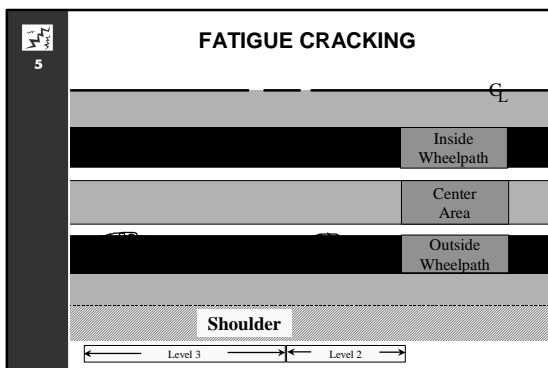
## RUT DEPTH MEASUREMENT



## WHAT IS REPORTED?



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- ### ASPHALT CRACKING PROTOCOL
- **Fatigue Cracking**
    - in outside wheel path (WP)
  - **Miscellaneous Cracking**
    - in center area between WP's
  - **Transverse Cracking**
    - cracks crossing outside half of lane



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- ### CRCP CRACKING PROTOCOL
- **Transverse Cracking**
  - **Longitudinal Cracking**
  - **Punchouts**

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- ### JCP CRACKING PROTOCOL
- **Slab Distresses**
    - Shattered Slab
    - Longitudinal and Transverse Cracking
    - Corner Breaks
    - Surface Disintegration & Asphalt Patches
  - **Joint Distresses**
    - Spalling
    - "D" Cracking

## WHAT THE PROTOCOLS DO

- € Assist you in the implementation of data collection procedures
- € Accommodate and assess many of your current procedures
- € Facilitate data collection training and reduce data variability

## WHAT THE PROTOCOLS DO (cont.)

- € Gauge the accuracy of data collection procedures and equipment
- € Provide a framework by which states' data and results will be compatible
- € Improve the exchange of pavement information, experience, and results

## PROTOCOL CONTENT

- € **Purpose**
  - Applies to Network Level Surveys on NHS
- € **Scope**
  - Specifications for equipment not included
- € **Condition Measurements**
  - Distresses defined
    - Measurement (Severity and Extent)

## PROTOCOL CONTENT (cont.)

- € **Recording of Data**
  - Aggregation, Units, and Format
  - Section length between 0.15 and 1 km
- € **Quality Assurance**
  - Survey crew training SHA procedures
  - Daily and periodic equipment calibration according to manufacturer's specifications

## PROTOCOL CONVENTIONS

- € **Down the Road**
  - Stable Measurement Definition in SI units
  - Uniform Data Collection Sections
    - Uniform Lengths
    - Uniform aggregation of measurements
  - Standard Aggregation per PM Section
- € **Across the Road**
  - Collection in either outside lane
  - Collection in portion of lane (WP/Mid)

## Structural Capacity

- € Not routinely collected for pavement monitoring
- € Mainly used for selecting and designing rehabilitation strategies
- € Can reduce maintenance and rehabilitation costs

### Structural Evaluation Destructive Testing

- € Coring
- € Laboratory testing
- € Excavation of pits
- € Field CBR

### Structural Evaluation Non-Destructive Testing

- € Benkelman Beam
- € Dynaflect
- € Road Rater
- € FWD
- € Rolling Deflectometer
- € GPR

### Rolling Weight Deflectometer

- € In development through an SBIR
- € Primary objectives are:
  - Develop an RWD suitable for network level analysis
  - Collect data at speeds of 50 mph
  - Output will be a structural index
  - Measure maximum deflection, pavement temperature, station numbers, and day and time of test

### Rolling Weight Deflectometer

- € Phase I
  - Identified deflection measurements
- € Phase II
  - Highway speeds
  - Deflection response converted to a structural index

### Rolling Weight Deflectometer

- € Objective is to compare relative structural strengths
- € Identify weak links
- € Deflection basins, magnitudes, loads and temperatures
- € Processed in real time
- € Continuously measured at 1 foot intervals

### Automated Distress Surveys

- € Increase speed and ease of data collection
- € Reduce transcription errors
- € Increase consistency between classification and quantification
- € Increase safety of field crews

### Classes of Automated Data Collection

- Distress images collected on film or high resolution video and:
  - analyzed while the vehicle collects data
  - analyzed in the office after data collection
  - analyzed after data collection by viewing the images
- Lasers are used to determine changes in surface texture

### Automated Condition Survey Equipment

- Used by most states to collect:
  - Pavement friction
  - Roughness
  - Profile
  - Rut depth
  - Deflection data

### Distress Data Collection

- Visual survey
- Laser technology
- Film-based systems
- Video systems

### Drainage Surveys

- Poor drainage causes poor pavement performance
- Water on a pavement can:
  - create a hazard to motorists
  - saturate the subgrade soil
  - deteriorate the pavement

### Pavement failure is caused by:

- Load
  - Load capacity can be increased by an overlay
- Moisture
  - If proper drainage is not provided during rehabilitation, the same moisture related distress will recur

### Signs of Deficient Drainage

- Standing water in ditchlines
- Concentrated weed growth in ditchline or edge of pavement
- Evidence of water ponding on shoulder
- Deteriorated joint or crack sealants
- Any evidence of pumping

### How Much Data to Collect?

- To support network-level analysis
  - Sampling processes
- Two sampling procedures:
  - Network sampling
  - Section sampling

### Network Sampling

- Less samples needed when total number in the whole increases
- To determine average condition:
  - Sample 2 - 5%
- To predict the distribution of condition:
  - Sample 10 - 25%
- To predict cost of repairs, restorations:
  - Sample 30 - 35%
- Most states survey 10%

### Section Sampling

- To identify sections of pavement in a selected condition level, the condition of each section must be defined
- If a windshield survey is used:
  - entire section should be inspected
- If a walking or automated survey is used:
  - a portion of the section is adequate

### Frequency of Surveys

- Not all sections need to be inspected every year
- Interstates and more important sections can be inspected every year
- Sections with lower usage can be inspected every second or third year
- Use of a condition project method to utilize a common period for analysis

### Summary

- Appendix 5A
  - Sample of distress evaluation charts used in New Mexico
- Appendix 5B
  - Reproduction of the draft AASHTO protocols for pavement condition data collection

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