Network-Level Pavement Management in New York State: A Goal-Oriented Approach

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The New York State Department of Transportation practices pavement management at two distinct levels: network, which deals with program development, and project, which addresses treatment selection. This two-tiered approach works well in New York, where decisions on project and treatment selection are made in 11 regional offices given policy guidance from the main office in Albany. The department's network-level pavement management system is described. The system is goal-driven and is designed to operate in a decentralized decision-making environment. Each step in the network level process is discussed-from needs estimating through goal setting and performance monitoring. In addition, an improved pavement condition survey methodology is introduced. The survey involves the use of photographic scales of pavement condition and the collection of specific distress symptoms called dominant distresses. Pavement management systems must be tailored to the organizational structure of the implementing agency. Although the decision-making processes of pavement management systems are generally not transportable, the principles of a goal-oriented approach to managing pavements are, and they should be considered by highway agencies that are developing a network-level pavement management system.

The highway network in New York State is aging. More than a third of the 15,000-centerline-mi state highway system was constructed during the Interstate "big build" era, and many facilities are simultaneously reaching the end of their service lives. This problem has been exacerbated throughout the years by budget cutbacks for labor-intensive, low-profile preventive maintenance activities such as crack sealing and drainageditch cleaning. The challenge facing the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is to repair the thousands of miles of highways concurrently falling into poor condition while properly maintaining the rest of the network to avert a future infrastructure crisis. All this must be accomplished in an environment of fiscal austerity.

Recognizing the need for better information and a systematic process to help department management make judicious decisions on funding levels, project priorities, and pavement repair strategies and timing, Commissioner Franklin E. White in July 1987 appointed a pavement management steering committee. The committee was charged with recommending the appropriate direction for the department to follow in approaching the long-term goal of a comprehensive, department-wide system for managing the condition and usefulness of, and expenditures for, the pavement structures of the state highway system.

In January 1989 the steering committee released a comprehensive plan that provided the course of action necessary to achieve the commissioner's strategic goal. The plan, which consists of 23 recommendations, addresses all aspects of managing pavements from planning through design and construction. Central to its theme is the clear distinction between network- and project-level pavement management and the data requirements associated with each. The purpose of this paper is to review the progress made in implementing a network-level pavement management system (PMS) in New York State. The paper will introduce a newly developed network pavement condition survey and demonstrate how the condition data feed the department's goal-oriented capital programming. For the sake of completeness, the department's project-level PMS will also be briefly outlined.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF NYSDOT

It is well documented that to be successful, a PMS must be tailored to the organizational structure, culture, and decisionmaking process of the implementing agency (1-5). Pavement management systems are generally not transportable: what works for one agency may not work for another. To understand network-level pavement management in New York State, one must understand how the department is organized and how decisions are made in developing a program of pavement projects.

NYSDOT is a large organization responsible for managing a complex highway system that accommodates more than 50 billion vehicle-mi of travel a year. The department consists of a central (or main) office and 11 regional offices dispersed throughout the state. The main office is divided into functional divisions (e.g., Planning, Design, Technical Services, Highway Maintenance, etc.), each headed by a division director who reports directly to executive management. The main office is responsible for developing policy, establishing goals, allocating funds to the regions, and monitoring regional accomplishments. In addition, the main office is responsible for preparing the department's annual budget and selling the budget to oversight organizations such as the governor's budget division and the legislature. The budgeting process in New York State is complex. Funding is provided to the department in two separate allocations: (a) operating funds, which finance salaries, equipment, and some materials for pavement repairs

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to be done by agency forces, and (b) a capital allocation, which funds work to be done through competitively bid contracts. Resources are allocated to each region in the same manner.

The organizational structure of each regional office parallels that of the main office. Regional group directors report to the regional director (RD) and receive program guidance from both the RD and the main office division director of the functional area. The regions are responsible for developing a 5-year program of capital and maintenance projects for pavements and bridges; preparing plans, specifications, and estimates; and supervising the construction and maintenance of their highway systems.

Everyday pavement maintenance activities are performed by highway maintenance personnel in 65 field offices called residencies, each headed by a licensed professional engineer. Residency boundaries are generally coterminous with county lines. The resident engineers (REs), who report to the regional group director for highway maintenance, serve as the department's first-line pavement managers. Their intimate knowledge of the highway systems under their auspices is invaluable to developing a program of pavement projects. The underlying precept of the department's network-level PMS is that massive amounts of data would need to be collected in order to replicate the firsthand knowledge of the RE. This is particularly true in New York State, where pavement age, traffic loadings, climate, soils, and terrain vary considerably among regions and sometimes even between adjacent residencies. Coupling the RE's highway system experience with technical tools at the network level is a major strength of the department's PMS. An overview of the system is presented.

OVERVIEW OF NETWORK-LEVEL SYSTEM

Pavement management at the network level deals with summary information about the entire highway network. As such, it involves policy and programming decisions frequently made by upper management (6). Figure 1 presents a flowchart of the NYSDOT network-level PMS. The system is goal-driven and is designed to operate in a decentralized decision-making environment where choices on which pavement sections to treat and when and how to treat them are made in the regions given policy and technical guidance from the main office. Data from the annual network pavement condition survey are used to monitor the general health of the highway network, to estimate regional needs, to set goals, and to be input to the fund allocation process. Working within its allocation and given its pavement goal, each regional office develops a comprehensive 5-year program of pavement projects that integrates the spectrum of treatments from preventive maintenance through major rehabilitation.

Project lists and summary information are submitted to the main office, where the program is reviewed to ensure compliance with the pavement goals. Once approved, implementation begins for the first-year element of the program. The network survey data are used to measure the impact of program implementation on condition and to provide feedback for setting the next year's goals. It is important to understand that the output of the NYSDOT network-level system is a program of pavement projects with an estimate of project

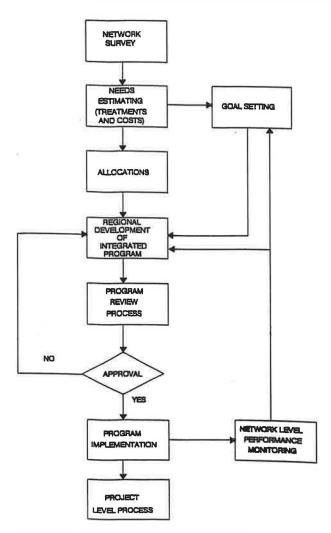


FIGURE 1 NYSDOT network-level pavement management process.

scope and cost. Details about designing the specific engineering treatment based on least life-cycle costs are addressed as part of the project-level PMS. The rest of this paper describes each of the process boxes shown in Figure 1.

Network Pavement Condition Survey

Accurate and current pavement condition data are vital to sound pavement management. The amount and type of data collected depend primarily on the intended uses of the data in the management process. Pavement condition is often assessed by analyzing data on pavement distresses, roughness, structural adequacy, and friction. Clearly, collecting and processing these data for each highway link every year would be ideal. This is not possible, however, on large highway systems such as New York's without a very large expenditure of funds. Given the decentralized approach to managing pavements in New York, which builds on the firsthand knowledge and experience of the REs, the data-collection requirements for network-level activities are significantly less than many of the more traditional pavement management systems. Very

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detailed data are collected only after a pavement section has been programmed in order to select the appropriate treatment. This two-tiered approach leads to efficient data collecting, processing, and reporting.

Since 1981, NYSDOT has used a moving-vehicle windshield survey to assess the pavement condition of the network. Data are collected by crews from the 11 regional offices trained to use NYSDOT's pavement condition survey methodology. The rating procedure involves carefully developed photographic scales in which photographs show the condition of pavements at various stages of deterioration rather than specific distresses. This procedure was designed to permit rapid and repeatable estimates of overall condition at a low cost. The development and use of photographic scales by NYSDOT has been well documented over the years (7-9).

In 1990, the network survey method was enhanced and implemented. The survey was modified to enable each highway section to be classified into one of five general treatment categories:

- Do nothing,
- Preventive maintenance,
- Corrective maintenance,
- Rehabilitation, and
- Major rehabilitation.

Table 1 lists typical repair actions for each of the general treatment categories.

The new surface rating measure was developed by a panel of pavement experts assembled from the main office and the Albany regional office. The photographic scales, one for each pavement type, were constructed so that each of the scale points represents a pavement requiring one of the general treatments. Table 2 shows this relationship. In addition, the panel decided that a dominant distress feature would be added to the survey method. A dominant distress is defined as a specific distress symptom, observable at survey speeds, that requires a treatment more extensive than the treatment category triggered solely by the surface rating (10). For example, if a full-depth asphalt concrete pavement were to receive a surface rating of 6, the treatment category assigned would be corrective maintenance. However, if a structural problem such as alligator cracking were present, a treatment more extensive than corrective maintenance would be required for proper repair. Thus, alligator cracking is a dominant distress for a flexible pavement. Table 3 lists the distress symptoms that the expert panel determined to be dominant.

In May 1990, crews (a driver and a rater) from the 11 regional offices were trained to use the improved survey procedure. Data were collected during the late spring and early summer, batch processed and summarized in the main office, and supplied back to the regions in the early fall, in time to be used for the development of each region's annual Goal-Oriented Capital Program (GOCP). As in past years, data integrity was assured through main office audits of the re-

TREATMENT		PAVEMENT TYPE	
CATEGORIES	RIGID	FLEXIBLE	OVERLAY
Do Nothing			
Preventive Maintenance	Reseal Joints	Fill Cracks	Fill Cracks
Preventive Maintenance (High Cost)	Reseal Joints & Patch	Fill Cracks & Patch	Fill Cracks & Patch
Corrective Maintenance	Reseal Joints Patch, Grind	l 1/2" AC Overlay	l 1/2" AC Overlay
Corrective Maintenance (High Cost)		Milling, Patching 1 1/2" AC Overlay	Milling, Patching 1 1/2" AC Overlay
Rehabilitation	4" AC Overlay	2 1/2"AC Overlay	2 1/2" AC Overlay
Rehabilitation (High Cost)	5" AC Overlay	4" AC Overlay	4" AC Overlay
Major Rehabilitation	Rubblize/6" AC or Reconstruct	Reconstruct	Mill, Rubblize, 6" AC or Reconstruct

TABLE 2	SURFACE	RATING	SCALE

Scale Point	Surface Distress Frequency	Surface Distress Severity	Treatment Category
10	None (Recently Constructe	None d or Rehabilitated)	Do Nothing
9	None	None	Do Nothing
8	Infrequent	Very Slight	Preventive Maint.
7	Infrequent to Occasional	Slight	Preventive Maint. (high cost)
6	Occasional to Frequent	Moderate	Corrective Maint.
5	Frequent	Moderate to Severe	Rehabilitation
4	Frequent	Severe	Rehabilitation (high cost)
3	Very Frequent	Very Severe	Major Rehabilitation
2	Very Frequent (Travel	Very Severe Difficult)	Major Rehabilitation
1	Very Frequent (Facility	Very Severe Impassable)	Major Rehabilitation

gional ratings. This process—called shadow scoring—showed the regional teams rated the roads consistent with the way they were trained and, most important, consistent among themselves (11). Total cost for the field element of the survey was approximately \$100,000, which included fringe benefits and travel.

estimates of pavement needs, the following tasks have been accomplished:

• Treatment matrices that link the condition information to the treatment categories were developed and computer-. ized. Table 4 shows a matrix for overlaid pavement structures; the codes for the table follow.

Needs Estimating	Dominant Distresses	Code
Needs estimates are an important product of a PMS. They are used in reporting to the legislature and to help the regions shape their programs of pavement projects. To achieve better	Alligator cracking, isolated Alligator cracking, general Widening dropoff No dominant distress Not applicable	A _i A _g W N NA

TABLE 3 DOMINANT DISTRESSES FOR NEW YORK STATE PAVEMENTS

Distress	Pavement Type	Frequency Measure 1
Faulting	Rigid	Present or Absent
Spalling (joint or mid-slab)	Rigid	Isolated or General
Alligator Cracking	Flexible or Overlaid	Isolated or General
Widening Dropoff	Overlaid	Present or Absent

¹ "Isolated" is defined as the distress symptom exists on less than 20% of the pavement section.

Surface Rating	Dominant	Distress/s	Treatment Strategy
10		NA	Do Nothing
9		NA	Do Nothing
8		NA	рм
7	N	or W	PM
		A,	PM (High Cost)
		A,	Corrective Maintenance
6		N	Corrective Maintenance
		A,	Corrective Maintenance
			(High Cost)
	W	or A _s	Rehabilitation
	W and	$(A_i \text{ or } A_g)$	Rehabilitation
5	N	or A _i	Rehabilitation
	W	or A _s	Rehabilitation (High Cost)
	W and	(A _i or A _g)	Rehabilitation (High Cost)
4	N	or A _i	Rehabilitation (High Cost)
	W	or A	Major Rehabilitation
	W and	(A _i or A _g)	Major Rehabilitation
1-3	N	to All	Major Rehabilitation

TABLE 4 NETWORK TREATMENT MATRIX FOR OVERLAID PAVEMENTS

• The average contract costs for each of the treatments given in Table 1 were obtained from the department's Bid Analysis Management System and determined for each region and throughout the state. Costs were further stratified by lane configuration for three scenarios: pavement repair only (which is just the cost to restore the pavement), pavement plus roadside appurtenances (which includes pavement, shoulder, and guide rail repair), and the repair of all deficiencies at the candidate project site (which is the total contract cost). Table 5 shows a matrix for the total contract cost scenario.

• Computer software was developed that links the cost data to the treatment matrices. Needs estimates are now available on a statewide basis and by region, county, route, residency, or any other variable in the Sufficiency System, which is the mainframe data base that stores the department's inventory and pavement condition information.

Table 6 summarizes the results of the needs estimating process for the entire New York State highway system.

Goal Setting

Goal setting is at the heart of the department's capital program development process. Goals are used to underscore priorities, guiding the regions into developing pavement programs consistent with policies established by executive management. The goal-setting process at the statewide level starts with consideration of

- Department mission,
- State transportation requirements,
- Anticipated resource levels, and

• Existing and historical condition of the transportation system and past funding levels in support of each element of the system.

Staff from the department's Office of Planning and Program Management annually evaluate these considerations and develop tentative statewide goals for pavement and bridge condition, safety, and capacity for review by executive management. On the basis of this review, executive management establishes the statewide program emphasis, sets statewide goals, and provides each region with their tentative requirements (12). Because a goal must be realistic and achievable, each region has the opportunity to negotiate with executive management before the final goal statement is adopted.

Pavement goals are supplied to the regions during the early fall for use in updating the 5-year GOCP. The goal instruction package consists of a goal statement, measures of performance, and project selection criteria. Typically, the pavement goal focuses on reducing the lane miles of pavement rated poor (surface rating of 5 or less) and fair (surface rating of 6) during the annual pavement condition survey. In 1991 the regional goal statements were expanded to include a measure to ensure that priority be given to high-volume facilities.

Allocations

For goal-driven systems to be successful, resource allocations must be linked to program objectives. Historically in New York State, the allocation of pavement moneys to each region has been based on many factors, including demographics, mileage, system usage, and, to a lesser extent, pavement condition. Over the past few years, however, the allocation formulas have been revised to include an expanded pavement

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Treatment Strategy	4D	6D	20	<u>4U</u>	60	
RESEAL JOINTS	\$ 15	\$ 18	\$ 1 5	\$ 20	\$ 21	
RES JNTS, PATCH SPALLS	16	20	16	21	23	
RES JNTS, PAT SPALLS, GRIND	38	42	38	43	45	
4" ACC OVRLY, 3" SHLDRS	268	249	300	256	241	
5" ACC OVRLY, 3" SHLDRS	304	285	335	291	277	
9" PCCP RECONSTRUCTION	1456	1424	1496	1429	1407	
FILL CRACKS	7	9	7	10	11	
FILL CRKS, PATCH PVMT	17	19	17	20	21	
1.5" ACC ARMOR COAT & SHLDRS	85	75	99	77	69	
1.5" OVRLY, SHLDRS, MILLING	110	99	123	101	93	
2.5" ACC OWRLY & SHLDRS	128	112	148	115	103	
4" ACC OVRLY & 3" SHLDRS	234	210	266	213	196	
RUBBLIZE, 6" OVRLY, 3" SHLDRS	532	508	563	511	494	
10.5" ACCP RECONSTRUCTION	\$693	\$669	\$725	\$673	\$655	

TABLE 5 STATEWIDE COST ESTIMATES FOR TOTAL CONTRACT COST

NOTE: Costs are given in thousands of dollars per lane mile.

¹A "D" denotes a divided highway, a "U" denotes an undivided highway.

condition element that specifically addresses lane mileage of pavements rated poor and fair. Furthermore, the staff responsible for setting goals is assigned to the same functional section as the staff responsible for overseeing the allocation activity. This organization fosters the linkage between goals and the resources required by the regions to meet these goals.

Regional Development of Integrated Program

Developing a balanced program of capital and maintenance projects is the responsibility of the regional offices. Each region has established a regional program committee, chaired by the regional director, consisting of senior managers from each of the functional groups including Planning and Program Management, Design, Maintenance, and Traffic Engineering and Safety. The committee receives input from many sources beginning with the resident engineers. The REs submit lists of highway sections that are candidates for repair by either agency or contract forces. The criteria used to select candidate project sites include pavement condition ratings, technical guidelines on project selection, and the intimate knowledge and experience of the REs with their highway systems. Cri-

TABLE 6	SUMMARY OF 1990 PAVEMENT CONDITION SURVEY
STATEWI	DE NEEDS

			ESTIMATED	TOTAL	
			REPAIR CO	STS (\$000's)	TOTAL
TREATMENT	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL	PVMT	PVMT &	CONTRACT
CATEGORY I	ANE MILES	LANE MILES	ONLY	FURN.	COST
DO					
NOTHING	2,769	7.5%	0	0	0
PREVENTIVE					
MAINTENANCE	15,201	41.3%	\$ 100,073	\$ 100,073	\$ 169,543
CORRECTIVE					
MAINTENANCE	7,839	21.3%	369,923	470,840	718,369
REHABILITATION	10,664	29.0%	1,034,417	1,487,114	2,242,533
MAJOR					
REHABILITATION	332	0.9%	125,140	193,238	285,736
TOTAL	36,805	100.0%	\$1,629,553	\$2,251,265	\$3,416,181

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teria used by the REs to recommend who will do the work (i.e., agency or contract forces) include the scope of the repair action required, resources available for repair by agency forces, and logistics such as distance of the candidate project sites from the residency offices.

Safety considerations also play an important role in project site selection and priority action. For example, the department has recently implemented a program called SAFE-PAVE, which requires the identification and evaluation of pavement sections that are candidates for a single-course ($1\frac{1}{2}$ in.) overlay with higher-than-average wet-weather accident rates. If the analysis shows that an overlay will reduce accident rates, these sections receive priority for treatment.

Other sources for candidate projects include considerations particular to each region, such as improvements to corridors of statewide significance, economic development, and citizen complaints.

The number of candidate projects resulting from this process always exceeds the resources available. The department's Infrastructure Needs Assessment Model (INAM) is used to assist the regional program committee in determining the program of projects that best achieves the pavement goal given the resources available. This model calculates the cost of a user-specified pavement program and predicts the impact of the proposed program on network condition (13). Use of the model is an iterative process. Alternative treatment strategies are tested and the results presented to the committee. The program of projects that meets the pavement goals and best satisfies all other considerations is selected and submitted to the main office for approval.

The NYSDOT approach to program development allows the regions considerable flexibility in determining which pavement sections will be treated—as long as the pavement goals are achieved. Technical tools are used throughout the process to assist in developing a program but do not replace the collective expertise and experience of the department's regional engineering managers.

Program Review Process

This activitiy involves the main office review of the regional update of the 5-year program. All programs (pavements, bridges, safety, and capacity) are reviewed each year to ensure their compliance with the program emphasis and goals established by executive management. The program descriptive materials prepared by the regions consist of project lists, the rationale used and any trade-offs made in arriving at program choices, and summary statistics showing planned accomplishments along with forecasts of condition at the end of the program life.

Each program is compared to preestablished program evaluation criteria. The evaluation is performed by staff-level representatives from several functional groups within the main office. During this phase, the regions are kept informed of any concerns—in particular, shortcomings in goal attainment. On the basis of these concerns, the programs may be revised by the regions and resubmitted or the regions may choose not to revise the programs to reflect the concerns raised during the staff review. Each regional director is then invited to make a formal presentation (and defense) of the proposed program before a special committee consisting of executive management and chaired by the commissioner of transportation. Any unresolved concerns raised during the staff review must be addressed by the RD at this time. The presentation results in program approval or in conditional approval, which means that while the committee is in substantial agreement with the proposal, some minor issues still require discussion and resolution. After negotiations, final approval is obtained and the first-year element of the 5-year program can begin.

The pavement management function in the main office plays an important role in the review of the regional pavement programs. An analysis is conducted to determine if the programs submitted by the regions reflect a proper integration of maintenance and capital actions. In addition, INAM runs are reviewed and other analyses conducted to determine if program implementation would result in goal attainment. Figure 2 shows an example chart submitted by each region. Data from this chart are used to compute paving and treatment cycles and to assess the balance of capital and maintenance improvement. It should be noted that the categories of work listed on this chart are directly related to the general treatment categories output from the network pavement condition survey. Figure 3, prepared by the main office review team, illustrates how the proposed programs are evaluated against the network survey results. The left portion of the table summarizes the network survey results for each region; the right portion shows the project mix and costs of the proposed program. The purpose of the table is to determine whether the proposed project mix is consistent with the survey results. For example, a program would not be approved if only 10 percent of the total lane miles programmed involved preventive maintenance treatments while the network survey indicated 40 percent of a region's lane miles were candidates for preventive maintenance.

It should be recognized that, though the review process is comprehensive, the merits of individual pavement projects are not assessed. The NYSDOT network-level PMS gives the regions flexibility in project selection but demands accountability in meeting program objectives.

Program Implementation

Program implementation involves all the steps leading to the rehabilitation of a pavement section programmed for work. These activities—in particular, the selection of alternative treatments and maintenance strategies, project design, and construction—are addressed as part of the department's project-level pavement management process.

Network-Level Performance Monitoring

Performance monitoring is an essential element of any goaloriented management system. The NYSDOT network-level PMS relies on the results of the annual pavement condition survey to evaluate the effectiveness of program implementation and to provide feedback for setting the next year's goals. From a pavement management perspective, performance monitoring also involves the evaluation of the effectiveness of pavement repair strategies and the generation of performance curves. The department is developing performance curves for each of the network treatment categories

		SFY 92	/93	SFY 93	/94	SFY 94	/95	SFY 95	/96	SFY 96	/97	5-Year	Tota		
Tre	reatment Category					Lane- Miles	\$ M								
Α.	PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE (PAVING) Single-Course Overlay by State Forces From Operating Allocation From Capital Allocation Single-Course Overlay by Contract TOTAL PM (PAVING) ACTIONS														
В.	CAPITAL PAVEMENT PROGRAM R&P (includes all multi-course overlays) Other Rehab Strategies (includes recon, full-depth recycling, CPR, etc.) TOTAL REHABILITATION ACTIONS														
с.	OTHER PM (NON-PAVING) Crack/Joint Sealing/Filling by State Forces Crack/Joint Sealing/Filling by Contract Chip Seal and Slurry Seal TOTAL PM (NON-PAVING) ACTIONS														

FIGURE 2 Regional reporting of 5-year integrated pavement program.

by region, pavement type, and condition rating before treatment. Figure 4 shows example performance curves for $1\frac{1}{2}$ -, 2-, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ -in. resurfacing of a full-depth asphalt pavement in the department's Hornell region. Equations for each of these curves was developed and the area under the curves determined to identify the treatment that provides the most condition years of service at the least cost. The results of these activities will furnish valuable input to regional program development—to the forecasting capability of the Infrastructure Needs Assessment Model, in particular.

PROJECT-LEVEL PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT

A project-level PMS addresses the technical aspects of selecting the engineering treatment or series of treatments to be applied to a pavement section programmed for repair. Over the past year, the NYSDOT has made great progress in implementing a project-level PMS. New technical tools have been developed and existing methodologies integrated into a systematic process for treatment selection. Specific accomplishments include the development of a detailed pavement evaluation methodology (14), the development of treatment selection guidelines based on life-cycle cost considerations (15), and the preparation of engineering instructions to guide designers in selecting appropriate treatments. Full-scale implementation of the project-level system is scheduled for early 1992.

CONCLUSIONS

A pavement management system must be tailored to the organizational structure and decision-making processes of the implementing agency. The New York State network-level PMS was designed to operate in a decentralized decision-making environment where choices on project selection are made by experienced engineers in regional offices. The system is goaldriven, and although it allows flexibility in individual project selection, it requires accountability in overall program development. The authors acknowledge that the system described in this paper may not be appropriate for all highway

		1991 Proposed Sufficiency 5-Year Survey Program					
Treatment Category	Lane- Miles	% of System	Lane- Miles	% of Program	% LM Treated To LM Needs	Programmed (\$ millions)	
Do Nothing Preventive Maintenance							
Preventive Maintenance (Paving)							
Rehabilitation Major Rehabilitation							
Totals							

FIGURE 3 GOCP review comparison table.

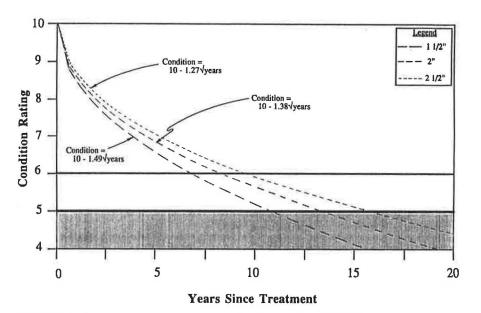


FIGURE 4 Performance curves for alternative treatments of flexible pavement.

agencies, but the principles of a goal-oriented approach to managing pavements are transportable and should be considered by organizations currently in the process of developing a network-level system.

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