Collaboration to Support Regional and Statewide Transportation Asset Management

Lessons Learned in Cleveland

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What is NOACA

... and what does it do?



- NOACA is the federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for northeast Ohio
 - Conducts multi-modal transportation & environmental planning for a five-county region
 - Determines how federal transportation dollars are spent
 - Conducts transportation-related air quality planning and public education activities
- Functions as the "areawide" water quality planning agency for the region



The Landscape for Regional Asset Management

MPOs typically...

- Don't own or operate infrastructure
- Serve as a regional policy leader
- Help set regional priorities and policies
- Lead regional long range planning

- Have a stake in regional data resources
- Are leaders in performance management and target setting
- Play a major role in federal fund allocation



Why Does NOACA Need Transportation Asset Management?

- With a surface transportation program (STP) annual allocation of only \$27.5 M, a strategic framework for making cost effective decisions about allocating resources and managing infrastructure was needed
- Valuable assets are not receiving the attention or funding needed to achieve a state of good repair
- Allocates funding where it will provide the greatest return
- Improves performance, cost-effectiveness, communication, accountability and credibility





What Have Other MPOs Done?

There are good examples of MPO AM efforts that prioritize:

- Identifying preservation needs
- Promoting preservation as a regional priority
- Establishing performance targets
- Lead regional data collection and sharing
- Developing asset management policies



Source: CMAP GOTO2040 Plan

Some key decision factors:

- Relationship to Long Range Plan
- Needs of MPO members
- Nature of challenges facing region



NOACA Transportation Asset Management Program Development

- NOACA has made strides in AM, looking for long range strategy
- First MPO-level TAMP meeting MAP-21/FAST Act State DOT requirements (that we're aware of)
- Includes purchase and implementation of Pavement Management System
- Project funded under FHWA Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Grant



Project Tasks

- Asset Inventory and Condition
- Select and Implement PMS
- TAMP Sections
 - » Asset Inventory & Conditions
 - » AM Objectives & Measures
 - » Performance Gap Assessment
 - » Lifecycle Cost
 - » Risk Management Analysis
 - » Financial Plan
 - » Investment Strategies
 - TAM Process Enhancements

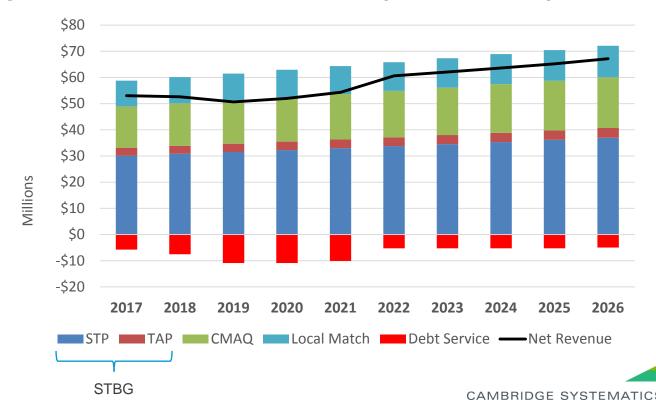


Stakeholder Outreach

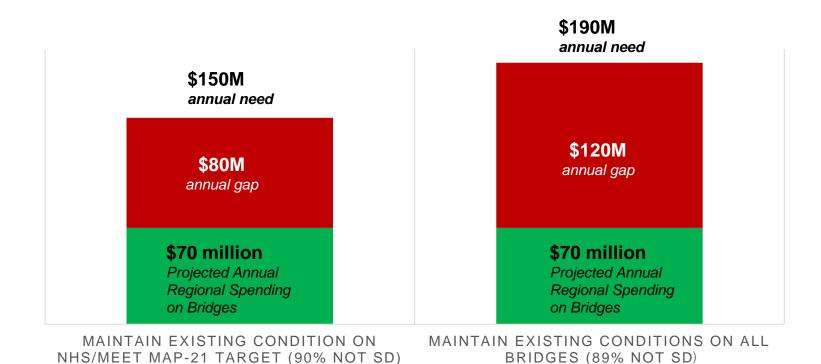


Financial Plan

- Needs to identify anticipated regional revenue as well as NOACA-controlled revenue
- Emphasis on NOACA's STBG (former STP)

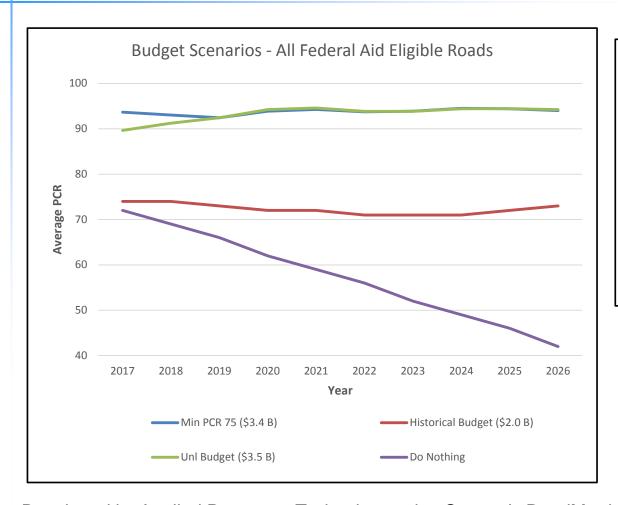


Bridge SOGR Performance Gaps





Pavement Performance Scenario Results



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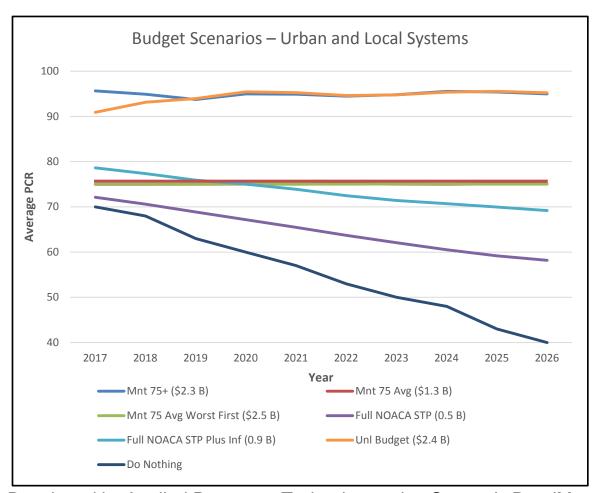
- Mnt 75+ and Unlimited budgets are about the same at \$3.5B.
- Historical Budget* avg about \$200M/yr maintains current condition over time
- With no spending average road conditions plummet over time to PCR about 40

*Historical budget based on project spending which includes a Federal and State component. Likely underestimates local investment.

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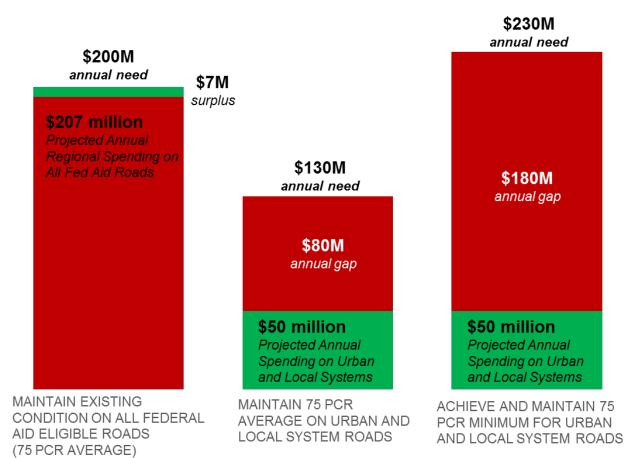
- Mnt 75+, Unlimited, and Mnt Avg 75 (Worst First) all total about \$2.5B
- If NOACA devotes full STBG to roads* still see decline over time. Also true of STBG plus Infusion of extra 10years STBG funds.
- Mnt 75 Avg with efficient treatment strategy achieves same goal at about half the cost (Avg about \$130M/yr).

*Scenario includes NOACA STBG projections (w/o TAP), ODOT Urban Paving Program, and Local Matches

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TAMP Conclusions

- Significant challenges in projected regional infrastructure condition
- Needs vary greatly by system (Priority, General, Urban, Local)
- NOACA should allocate STBG funds to Urban and Local pavements
- NOACA should support data-driven project selection by using PMS in coordination with local sponsors
- Continue close collaboration with ODOT



When Developing a Regional TAM Program...

Five Key Takeaways from Cleveland

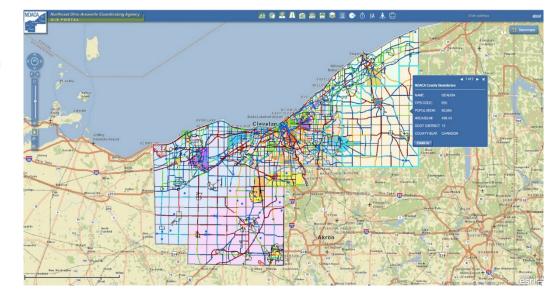
- Choose the flavor of TAMP best suited to your region
- Use the opportunity to upgrade your AM tools and capabilities
- Take advantage of the opportunities that present themselves (pre-planning goes a long way)
- Show the value, not just the cost
- Collaborate with regional stakeholders to identify ways to "move the needle" (and spend your time on what you can control)



Upgrading Capabilities and Tools

NOACA GIS Portal

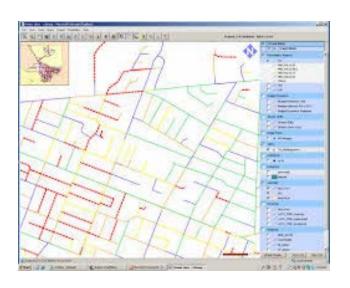
- New data has been added
- New tools are available, such as Google Street View
- General category has been divided into specific groups
- Continuously updated
- Future work will be done to improve functionality

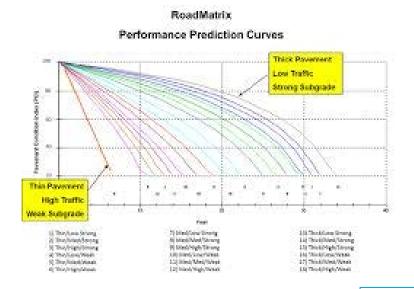




Upgrading Capabilities and Tools

- Pavement Management System
 - » Prioritize and select projects
 - » Reduce substantial backlog
 - » Maintain acceptable balance of pavement condition
 - » Configuration flexibility







Taking Advantage of Opportunities

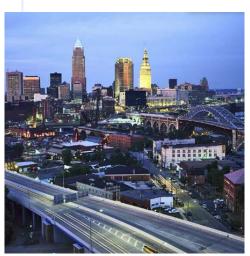
- NOACA Regional Strategic Plan
- FHWA AID Grant
- Synchronicity with ODOT TAMP
- Provisional Transportation Asset Management Program





Demonstrating the Value

- The Northeast Ohio economy \$159 billion
- Largest in Ohio representing 28% of the State's economy







Collaboration in Planning

- NOACA Transportation Asset Management Steering Committee
 - Engineers and Planners from City and County Government, ODOT and FHWA
 - Guide the development of the TAMP
 - Provide expertise























Collaboration in Preservation

- NOACA/ODOT level of preservation investment over the next 4 years (2016 – 2019 TIP)
 - » NOACA is dedicating 92% of total TIP funding towards preservation
 - » ODOT is dedicating 93% of its funding towards preservation







Collaboration in Data Collection and Sharing

- ODOT collects over 1,400 miles of Pavement Condition Ratings (PCR) in the NOACA Region
- ODOT collects IRI data on both the State System and NHS in the NOACA Region
- ODOT provides training to the Locals in Transportation
 Asset Management
- ODOT provides free software to the Locals for Pavement Condition Assessments and Analysis



Collaborating to "move the needle"

- Asset Inventory
 - What assets are most important for the region?
 - » Who is responsible for which assets?
- Risk register
 - What are the risks facing the region?
 - Which risks can the MPO address?
- Financial plan / Investment strategies
 - » Where can MPO funding make a difference?
- AM Process Enhancements
 - What resources can the MPO provide to support members?



THANK YOU

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