

# RoadResource.org

## A Learning Tool For *Field Operations*

Mark Waits  
National Center Pavement Preservation



MICHIGAN STATE  
UNIVERSITY

## RoadResource.org

A COMPREHENSIVE RESOURCE FOR  
OPTIMIZING NETWORK MANAGEMENT

---

Rex W. Eberly – National Center for Pavement Preservation



PPRA™

*Better roads today. Stronger networks tomorrow.*

# AGENDA

1 | Background

2 | Website Features

*Treatment Toolbox | User Profile | Network Optimization*

# The Situation:

**Demand** is increasing for asphalt emulsions, preservation and recycling.

**However**, many state, city and county agencies are still unaware of benefits and best practices to successfully choose and apply these treatments.

# Three Associations Join Together to Support the Industry at Large



FORMING THE PAVEMENT PRESERVATION & RECYCLING ALLIANCE



PPRA<sup>TM</sup>

*Better roads today. Stronger networks tomorrow.*

# Two Guiding Questions

1 —————  
How do we equip road owners & end users with **tools to increase the successful use** of pavement preservation and recycling?

2 —————  
How do we better disseminate research, success stories, and learning across all agencies, **making information more accessible?**

# Research & Collaboration

Competitive exploration  
& Industry affiliations

International  
data survey

Retreats with  
ISSA, AEMA &  
ARRA leadership

Input from over  
45 agency and  
industry leaders

Interviews & beta-testing with agency-  
level users, pavement managers, DOTs,  
& roadway engineers

Page by page  
technical review  
from multiple  
committees



[RoadResource.org](http://RoadResource.org)



PPRA™

*Better roads today. Stronger networks tomorrow.*

SECTION 1

## Treatment Toolbox

*Information at the Treatment-level*

PPRA User Account

SECTION 2

SECTION 3

Network Optimization

WEBSITE FEATURES

### 1 What treatment is right for my road?

- Pavement Criteria Input
- Photo Example Suggestions

### 2 Treatment Resource Center

- Comprehensive Technical Menu
- Regional Success Stories
- Research and Performance
- Spec Resources

# Which treatment is best for my road?

Input pavement criteria or select photos for treatment options

PAVEMENT CONDITION

PLEASE SELECT ▼

PRIMARY DISTRESS

PLEASE SELECT ▼

ROAD TYPE

PLEASE SELECT ▼

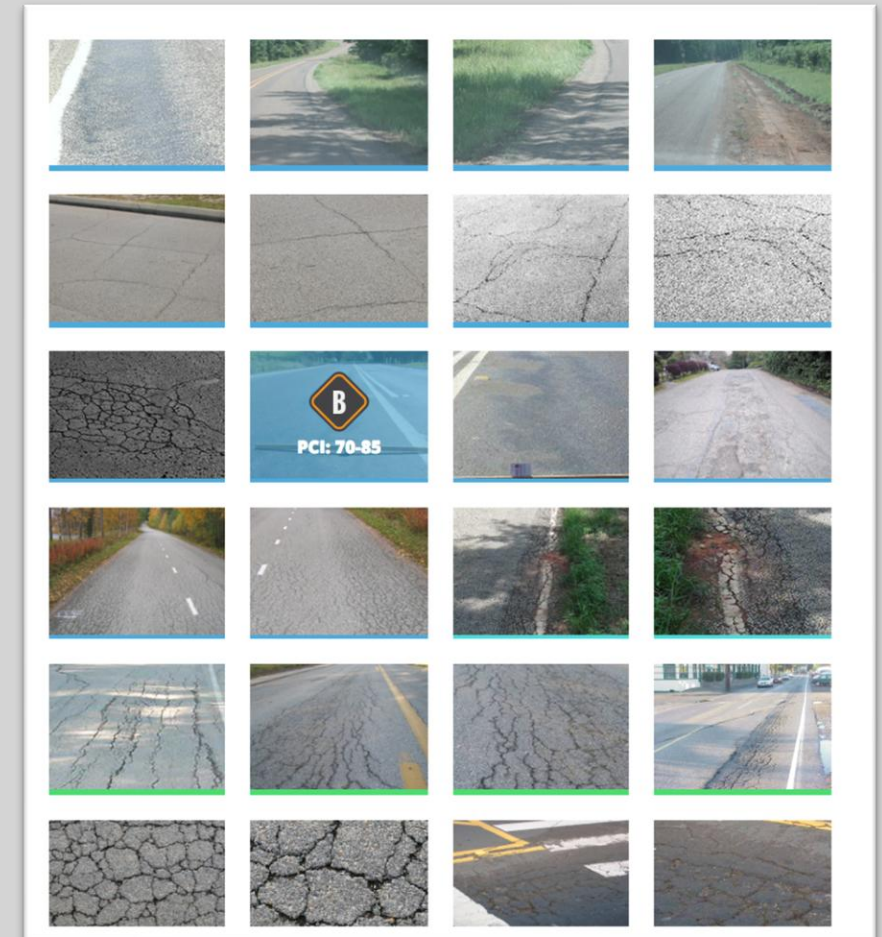
SURFACE TYPE

PLEASE SELECT ▼

OTHER FACTORS TO CONSIDER ⚠

- FOG SEAL
- REJUVENATING FOG SEAL
- CRACK SEAL
- SLURRY SEAL
- CHIP SEAL
- MICRO SURFACING
- ULTRATHIN LIFT HMA
- CAPE SEAL
- SCRUB SEAL
- MICRO-MILLING
- TACK COAT
- PRIME COAT
- COLD PLANING
- HOT IN PLACE RECYCLING
- COLD IN PLACE RECYCLING
- COLD CENTRAL PLANT RECYCLING
- FULL DEPTH RECLAMATION
- BASE STABILIZATION
- SOIL STABILIZATION/MODIFICATION

*\* This tool is designed to help explore possible solutions but should **not** be regarded as a formal recommendation for your pavement. Contact a supplier or contractor near you for a specialized consultation.*



# Treatment Resource Center

## Ensure treatment success with comprehensive information on 18 treatments

**OVERVIEW**

ABOUT

PROCESS & VARIATIONS

EXPECTATIONS

COST

HISTORY

BEST PRACTICES

**PRE-CONSTRUCTION**

SITE SELECTION

MATERIAL SELECTION

MIX DESIGN

SPECIFICATION REVIEW

**CONSTRUCTION**

PREPARATION

WEATHER REQUIREMENTS

EQUIPMENT

CALIBRATION

TRAFFIC CONTROL

APPLICATION

**QUALITY CONTROL**

INSPECTION

TESTING PROTOCOL

TROUBLESHOOTING

ACCEPTANCE

**RESEARCH & PERFORMANCE**

**SUCCESS STORIES**

### FOR PAVEMENT CONDITIONS C-D-F (PCI of less than 70)

A cost-effective, long-lasting, greener alternative to conventional maintenance and rehabilitation techniques. Cold In-place recycling (CIR) is a process that cold mills and recycles the top 2-5 inches of asphalt using a continuous train operation. Through the complete reuse of existing material, CIR greatly reduces trucking, time and natural resources to significantly lower project costs. Generally, any road that is a candidate for mill & fill is a candidate for CIR.

- \$ 20%–50% less expensive than conventional maintenance and reconstruction methods
- ♻️ Reduce Greenhouse emissions by Up to 90%
- ♻️ Reuses 100% of existing materials
- 🕒 20%–40% faster construction times
- + Adds 15–20 years (combined with appropriate wearing course)
- 🛞 Most agencies use SLCs between 0.30–0.38 (Recent research indicates values from 0.36–0.44 may be more appropriate)

**ISSUES ADDRESSED**

- Frequent, severe, non-load distresses in top lift of hot mix
- All distresses within the recycling depth (2-5 inches)
- Reflective cracking from below CIR layer
- [See all](#)


**ATTRIBUTES**

- Eliminates defects within the recycling depth
- Blocks or slows reflective cracking
- Reuses existing material in place
- Replaces 1 or 2 lifts of hot mix
- Allows for road widening where desired


**COMMON COMBINATIONS**

CIR	Optimum Performance	Average Performance	Stop-Gap Performance
Types of Distress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transverse, longitudinal, multiple cracking</li> <li>• Ravelling</li> <li>• Oxidation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wheelpath cracking</li> <li>• Rutting (asphalt or subgrade)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alligator cracking from base failure</li> <li>• Distortion</li> </ul>
Depth of Distress	Within treatment depth (2"–5")	1"–3" below treatment depth	More than 4"–6" below treatment depth
Life Extension	20–25 years	10–20 years	5–10 years


**EXAMPLES OF ROADS THAT HAVE BEEN TREATED WITH COLD IN-PLACE RECYCLING OVER VARIOUS STAGES IN SERVICE LIFE:**




CIR 1 Year after treatment



CIR 3 years later: Prescott-Russel County Road, Ontario



CIR 5 years later: Bloomington Road, Ontario



CIR 7 years later: Hwy 6, Ontario

👍 If a CIR mix ravels excessively due to rain, the mat can be re-processed with or without adding cement to facilitate drying

# Success Stories & Research

## Use, performance & best practices in your region

**OVERVIEW**

ABOUT  
PROCESS & VARIATIONS  
EXPECTATIONS  
COST  
HISTORY  
BEST PRACTICES

**PRE-CONSTRUCTION**

SITE SELECTION  
MATERIAL SELECTION  
MIX DESIGN  
SPECIFICATION REVIEW

**CONSTRUCTION**

PREPARATION  
WEATHER REQUIREMENTS  
EQUIPMENT  
CALIBRATION  
TRAFFIC CONTROL  
APPLICATION

**QUALITY ASSURANCE**

INSPECTION  
TESTING PROTOCOL  
TROUBLESHOOTING  
ACCEPTANCE

### Success Stories

---

**Micro surfacing catching on in Sylvania**  
 Sylvania, OH is using micro surfacing to save on resurfacing streets. They expect 8 - 12 year life with micro surfacing, costing 35 cents on the dollar to asphalt mill and repair.

[VIEW STORY](#)

---

**Micro Surfacing on High Volume Roads**  
 Micro surfacing was successfully placed on some of the most congested roads in the Greater Cleveland area. Working with the Ohio DOT, the contractor was able to minimize traffic disruption while placing a high quality material.

[VIEW STORY](#)

---

**The Town of Fairfield Saves Big with Micro Surfacing**  
 The Town of Fairfield saves their network with micro surfacing as the primary backbone of a robust pavement program.

## APRN Journal of Earth Sciences

**AUTHORS**

Onyelowe Ken C.1 and Okofofor F. O.2

---


**SUMMARY**

This study was centered on elucidating the chemical reactions that bring about soil stabilization and modification. It has been established that the chemical compounds found in soil; quartz, feldspar, dolomite, calcite, montmorillonite, kaolinite etc. react with the chemical constituents found in different identified chemical stabilizers. This research work will better place designers, constructors and researcher on the choice of soil chemical stabilizer and techniques and the extent of chemical reactions that take place during soil chemical stabilization.

**CITATIONS**

Onyelowe Ken C.1 and Okofofor F. O.2 1Department of Civil Engineering, College of Engineering and Engineering Technology, Umuahia, Nigeria Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Umuahia, Abia State, Nigeria 2Faculty of Engineering, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Nigeria

[VIEW FULL REPORT](#)



**MICRO SURFACING SUCCESS STORY**  
Minnesota DOT

---

**MnDOT Experiments with micro-milling and micro surfacing to improve ride quality and treatment performance**

**INNOVATION SUMMARY:**

Progressive agencies are constantly seeking the most cost effective methods to improve ride quality and decrease cracking as part of their overall pavement management strategy. More and more agencies like MnDOT are finding the use of micro-milling and high performance micro surfacing mixes to be worthwhile investments of their limited funding.

**BACKGROUND:**

MnDOT has had a long history of successes using micro surfacing. With its harsh wet-freeze climate and frequent snow plowing, the Minnesota agency needed new ways to further improve the crack resistance and plow abrasion durability of their micro surfacing mixes.

“ [Future] monitoring will determine how cost effective this process is for ride improvement and preservation of the pavements, but initial results are promising. ”

— Jerry Geib, MnDOT

**APPROACH:**

Beginning in 2005, MnDOT began experimenting with some softer base asphalts (PG48-34) and higher emulsion contents (from 13% up to as high as 16.5%) in some micro surfacing mixes. And then in 2012, the agency started tested a higher polymer loading on selected micro surfacing projects, increasing the polymer from 3% to as high as 6.5%.

**IRI improved** from 166.3” per mile to 61.4” per mile after micro-milling and micro surfacing.

**Reflective cracking and plow damage reduced** by using softer base asphalts, higher emulsion contents, and increased polymer loadings in the micro surfacing mixes

# Compare Treatments

## Project Cost & Environmental Benefits

### CONVENTIONAL APPROACH

TREATMENT:

UNIT COST:

LIFE EXTENSION:

SQUARE YARDS:

### PRESERVATION & RECYCLING APPROACH

TREATMENT:

UNIT COST:

LIFE EXTENSION:

SQUARE YARDS:

Total Cost: **\$502,500**

Equivalent Annualized Cost: **\$1.01**

Total Cost: **\$162,000**

Equivalent Annualized Cost: **\$0.46**

By choosing a preservation & recycling approach...

**COST SAVINGS**

**\$340,000**

54% LESS THAN MILL & FILL

**ENVIRONMENTAL SAVINGS**

REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION BY 90%

REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY 83%

That's the green equivalent of removing **17 passenger vehicles** from US roadways for a year!

RoadResource.org

**NOTE ON COST:**  
Every calculator gives users the ability to use average life extension numbers and cost data from an internationally aggregated cost survey (US & CA) or input their own costs and life extension relevant to their region.



PPRA™

*Better roads today. Stronger networks tomorrow.*

SECTION 1

Treatment Toolbox

SECTION 2

## PPRA User Account

*Tailor tools & calculators to your area*

SECTION 3

Network Optimization

## User Account Capabilities

- Enter unit cost, life extension, and structural numbers from your area
- Update units of measure for US or Canada

WEBSITE FEATURES

# My PPRA Account

Input costs

the most of the site & tools

## Stored Data & Preferences

### Units of Measure

Select the display units for site-wide calculators

U.S. DOLLARS  CANADIAN DOLLARS

US STANDARD  METRIC

### My Stored Data

Input data relevant to your region. When you are logged in, this data will auto-populate within calculators across the website for more accurate comparisons and tools.

This data will NOT be used or monitored by any associations within PPRA or other third-party sources. The purpose of this dashboard is only to better equip users with more useful and relevant information.

Pre-loaded cost data was gathered from a nationally-aggregated cost survey. [Learn More.](#)

Costs for Treatments  Costs for Structural Calculator

Treatment Type	Unit Cost (Per Sq. Yard)	Life Extension	Structural Coefficient
Base Stabilization + 4" HMA	1.0	15.0	0.23
Cape Seal	1.0	10.0	0.0
Chip Seal	2.06	6.0	0.0
Cold Recycling + 1.5" HMA	13.98	15.0	0.34
Cold Recycling + Double Chip Seal	10.36	13.0	0.34
Crack Seal	0.48	2.0	0.0
Fog Seal	11.0	2.0	0.0
Full Depth Reclamation + 4" HMA	28.54	25.0	0.22
Granular Base (New)	0.0	0.0	0.1
HMA	0.0	0.0	0.44
Hot In-Place Recycling +1.5" HMA	11.91	11.0	0.43
Hot In-Place Recycling- 1" Single Chip Seal	11.91	11.0	0.43
Micro Surfacing- Double Lift	3.92	8.0	0.0
Micro Surfacing- Single Lift	2.77	6.0	0.0
Rejuvenating Fog Seal	0.67	3.0	0.0
Remove Existing Asphalt	0.0	0.0	0.0

## NOTE:

Change aggregate data into costs, life extension, and structural numbers relevant to you. Tools throughout the site automatically re-populate with your data every time you log in.



PPRA™

*Better roads today. Stronger networks tomorrow.*

SECTION 1

Treatment Toolbox

SECTION 2

PPRA User Account

SECTION 3

**Network Optimization**

*Information at the Network Level*

## Calculators & Concepts

- Network How-To
- Equivalent Annualized Cost
- Life Cycle Cost
- Remaining Service Life
- Cost-Benefit Value

WEBSITE FEATURES

# Equivalent Annualized Cost

## Compare treatment cost based on Life Extension

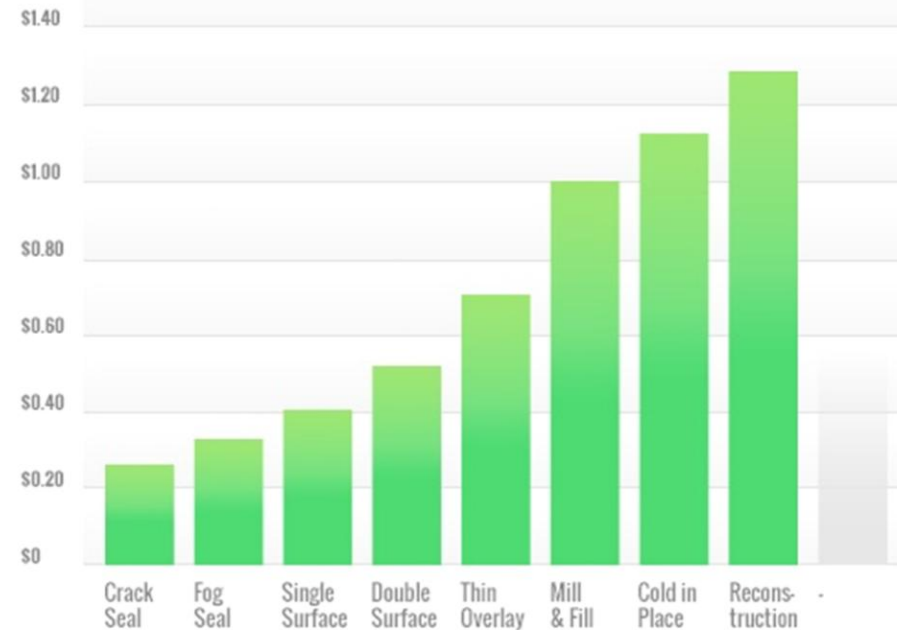
Use our nationally aggregated data or enter your own data

Treatment Type	Cost Per Sq Yard	Life Extension	EAC \$ SY/YEAR
▼ Crack Seal	\$0.50	2	\$0.25
▼ Fog Seal	\$1.00	3	\$0.33
▼ Single Surface Tr,	\$2.00	5	\$0.40
▼ Double Surface Tr.	\$4.25	8	\$0.53
▼ Thin Overlays	\$7.00	10	\$0.70
▼ Mill-and-Fill	\$12.00	12	\$1.00
▼ Cold In Place	\$17.00	15	\$1.13
▼ Reconstruction	\$25.00	20	\$1.25
▼ -	-	-	-

[Clear Data / Chart Your Own](#)

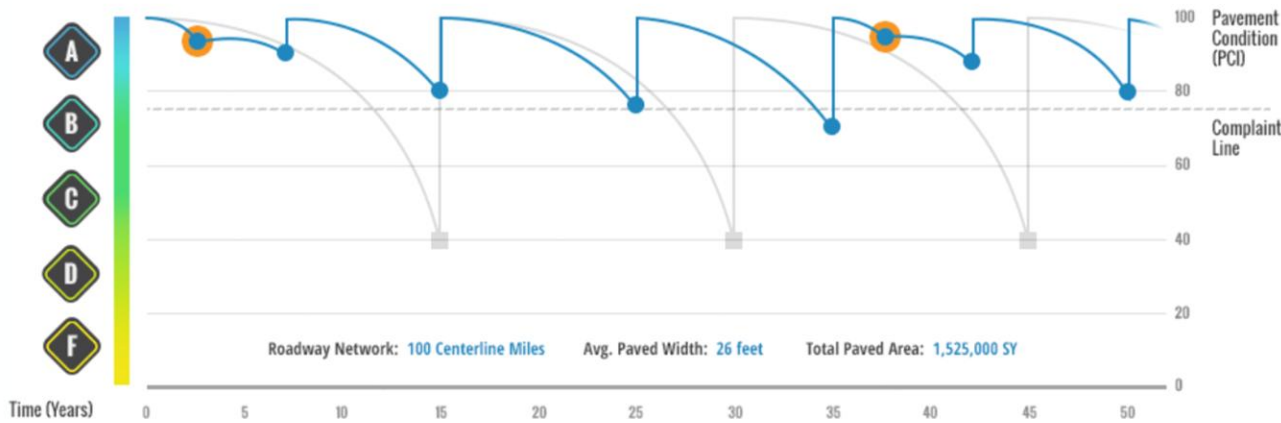
CHART IT

EAC By Strategy \$/SY/YEAR



# Life Cycle Cost Calculator

Save big over the life of your pavement with progressive maintenance



Conventional Approach

Optimized Strategy

Cost/SY Over 50 Years: **\$48.00**

- Year 15: Mill & Fill with 2-in. HMA overlay
- Year 30: Mill & Fill with 2-in. HMA overlay
- Year 45: Mill & Fill with 2-in. HMA overlay

Cost/SY Over 50 Years: **\$28.65**

- Years 3 & 38: Micro Surfacing
- Years 8 & 43: Chip Seal (Single)
- Years 15 & 50: AR Chip Seal (Double)
- Year 25: Bonded Wearing Course
- Year 35: 1¼-in. Hot Mix Overlay

Inflation/CPI

5 %

Interest Rate

2.5 %

Total Paved Area

1,800,000 SY

### CONVENTIONAL PLAN

Year	Treatment Type	Cost in Constant Dollars	Future Cost	Present Value
0	Mill & Overlay	\$ 18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
5	Slurry	\$ 1.80	\$2.30	\$2.03
10	Mill & Overlay	\$ 18.00	\$32.33	\$24.04
15	Slurry	\$ 1.80	\$4.13	\$2.71
20		\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ADD ROW		\$39.60	\$56.76	\$46.78

### OPTIMIZED PLAN

Year	Treatment Type	Cost in Constant Dollars	Future Cost	Present Value
0	Scrub Seal with Micro	4.25	\$4.25	\$4.25
5	Rejuvenating Seal	0.45	\$0.57	\$0.51
10	Micro Surface	1.80	\$2.93	\$2.29
15	Rejuvenating Seal	0.45	\$0.94	\$0.65
20		0.00	\$0.00	\$4.25
ADD ROW		\$6.95	\$8.69	\$11.95

Net Present Value: **\$00.00/SY**  
Total Life Cycle Cost: **\$70.4M**

CALCULATE

Net Present Value: **\$00.00/SY**  
Total Life Cycle Cost: **\$00.0M**

By choosing an optimized treatment strategy...

OPTIMIZED STRATEGY  
TOTAL SAVINGS

\$19.35/SY × 1,525,000 SY =  
**\$29,500,000**

# Remaining Service Life

## How much life is your network gaining or losing each year?

ABOUT CALCULATOR

### Remaining Service Life

#### Is your network gaining or losing life each year?

Understanding Remaining Service Life (RSL) is critical to designing a treatment plan that stretches your budget further and reverses the trend of a deteriorating network.

[Download the FHWA RSL pub IF-07-006](#)

#### CRITICAL CONCEPT

**A 500-mile network loses 500 mile-years of life annually.**

Every year, every mile of your network loses 1 mile-year of life. To avoid losing ground, the roadway owner must design a treatment plan that adds 500 mile-years of life or more!

See how this agency reallocated funds to inject more life into their network, using the same budget

### RSL Calculator

#### How to use this Tool

Use the calculator below to explore how different treatment combinations can be varied to inject maximum life into your network and use your resources more wisely. See examples and learn more about remaining service life [here](#).

Total Network Lane-Miles

1000

Average Lane Width (ft)

15

Total Budget

\$ 5000000

Remaining Budget

\$2,920

Treatment Type	Category	Life Extension	Lane-Miles* Treated	Lane-Mile-Years	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Rejuvenating Fog Seal	Preservation	3.0	25	75	0.67	\$147,400
Micro Surfacing- Double Lift	Preservation	8.0	34	272	3.92	\$1,172,864
Chip Seal	Preservation	6.0	40	240	2.06	\$725,120
Cape Seal	Preservation	10.0	24	240	5.20	\$1,098,240
Minor Mill & Fill	Rehabilitation	11.0	2	22	9.80	\$172,480
Cold Recycling + 1.5" HMA	Rehabilitation	15.0	4	60	13.98	\$492,096
Full Depth Reclamation + 4" HMA	Reconstruction	25	2	50	28.54	\$502,304
Full Depth Remove & Replace	Reconstruction	25.0	2	50	39.01	\$686,576

ADD ROW

YOU ADDED  
1,009 LANE-MILE-YEARS OF LIFE

9  
LANE-MILE-YEAR  
NET GAIN

13%  
OF ROADS ADDRESSED

# Cost-Benefit Value

## Which projects will give the “biggest bang for the buck?”

### Cost-Benefit Value

With limited funding, how do I prioritize my projects?

CBV offers roadway managers a way to prioritize projects while accounting for the variables relevant to you and the realities of traffic, cost and life extension.

$$CBV = \frac{(\text{Traffic} / \text{Constraint Factor}) \times (\text{Life Extension})}{(\text{Unit Cost}) \times (\text{PCI})}$$

Total Network Lane-Miles ?

500

AADT Constraint ?

7

Total Budget

\$ 2500000

Two road comparison: Which road should I treat first?

**ROAD 1** Worst First ? Reconstruction AADT: 5000 PCI: 30  $\frac{(5000_{AADT} / 7_{CF}) \times (25_{YEARS})}{(\$39_{PER\ SY} \times 30_{PCI})} = 15\ CBV$

**ROAD 2** Pavement Preservation Chip Seal AADT: 5000 PCI: 75  $\frac{(5000_{AADT} / 7_{CF}) \times (6_{YEARS})}{(\$2_{PER\ SY} \times 75_{PCI})} = 29\ CBV$

Road Name	Segment From / To	PCI ?	AADT ?	Length (ft)	Width (ft)	Treatment	Life Extension ?	Unit Cost ?	Segment Cost	Cumulative Cost	CBV
Midway road	Oakland to Folsom	86	8500	26400	15	Rejuvenating Fog Seal	3.0	0.67	\$29,480	\$29,480	63.22
Thom Ave.	Oak to Rowland	84	5500	105600	15	Crack Seal	2.0	0.48	\$84,480	\$113,960	38.97
Beach Street	Baxter to Clayton	64	7500	36850	15	Cape Seal	10.0	5.20	\$319,367	\$433,327	32.19
Adams Street	First to 17th	72	6500	47520	15	Micro Surfacing- Dou	8.0	3.92	\$310,464	\$743,791	26.32
Williams Ave.	Clayton to Market	68	3500	42680	15	Chip Seal	6.0	2.06	\$146,535	\$890,325	21.42
Arthur Ave.	Condor to Southw	43	7000	32650	15	Full Depth Reclamat	25.0	28.54	\$1,553,052	\$2,443,377	20.37
Canal Street	Cherry to Park	62	3000	7920	15	Minor Mill & Fill	11.0	9.80	\$129,360	\$2,572,737	7.76
South Road	Redding to Shenar	47	1500	16500	15	Full Depth Remove &	25.0	39.01	\$1,072,775	\$3,645,512	2.92
						Select...			\$0	\$3,645,512	0.00

Budget Line

### CRITICAL CONCEPT

For Equal Traffic, Preservation Has A Higher Benefit.

# Subscribe to the Road Resource Newsletter

*Stay up-to-date with the latest in industry news, innovation and research*

## Sign Up for the PPRA Industry News E-Blast

Get the latest in industry trends, research, success stories, and technical updates in a succinct monthly e-newsletter.

# Like and Follow PPRA on Social Media





PPRA™

*Better roads today. Stronger networks tomorrow.*

# FOR MORE INFORMATION

Alyssa Micco

Russell Standard

724-470-4394

[Alyssa.Micco@RussellStandard.com](mailto:Alyssa.Micco@RussellStandard.com)

[RoadResource.org](http://RoadResource.org)

**For Association Information**





PPRA™

*Better roads today. Stronger networks tomorrow.*

---

*Visit the new [RoadResource.org](http://RoadResource.org)*

---

GET THE MOST OUT OF ANY PAVEMENT WITH JUST ONE NEW TOOL.

# **ALDOT**

**Alabama Department of Transportation**

**It's Quitting Time**



# Questions?

