# The Asphalt-Based Preservation Toolbox

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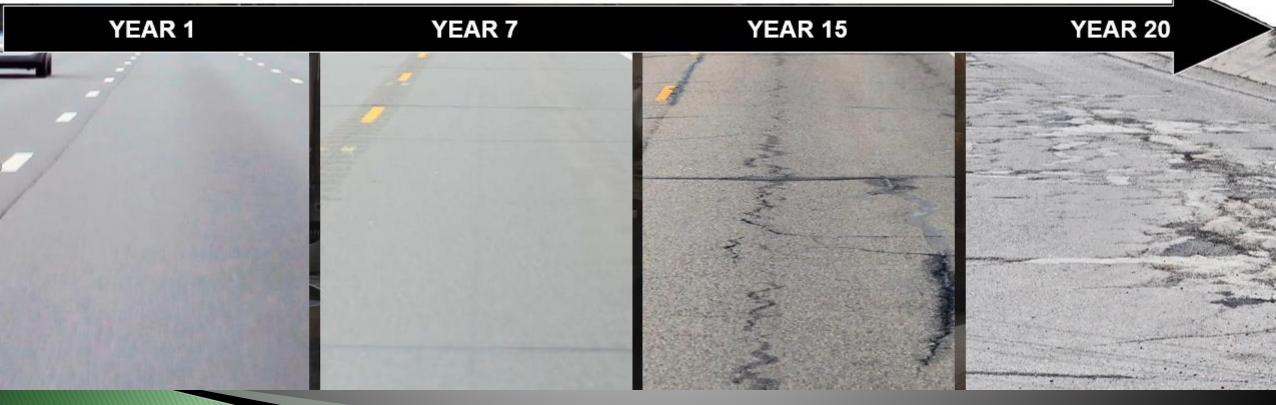




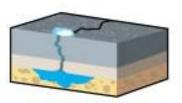




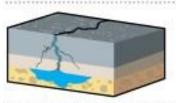




Soon after the ribbon is cut on a new highway, weather and constant traffic — especially large, heavy trucks — begin to cause surface cracks.



 If left untreated, the cracks get deeper and completely break through the asphalt, letting water seep into the rock and soil beneath it.



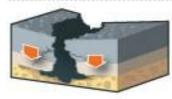
Eventually this underlying layer softens, making it less able to support the pavement. Additional cracks occur more easily.



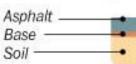
In winter, the water below the asphalt freezes and expands, buckling the road.



4. When it thaws, it leaves a gap that, when broken through by a tire, becomes a pothole.



Patches and repaving temporarily smooth the surface, but the underlying problem remains.







Beneath the surface, the Beltway crumbles

The Washington Post, March 30, 2013

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- 2021 Grade = D
- 43% of public roadways are in mediocre to poor condition
- \$130 billion spent on vehicle repairs and operating costs
- "poor" condition roads have increased from 15% to 17%





## Service Cycle

Assume: 100 mile network & \$500,000 budget

Pavement life = 15 years Road Rehabilitation = \$180,000



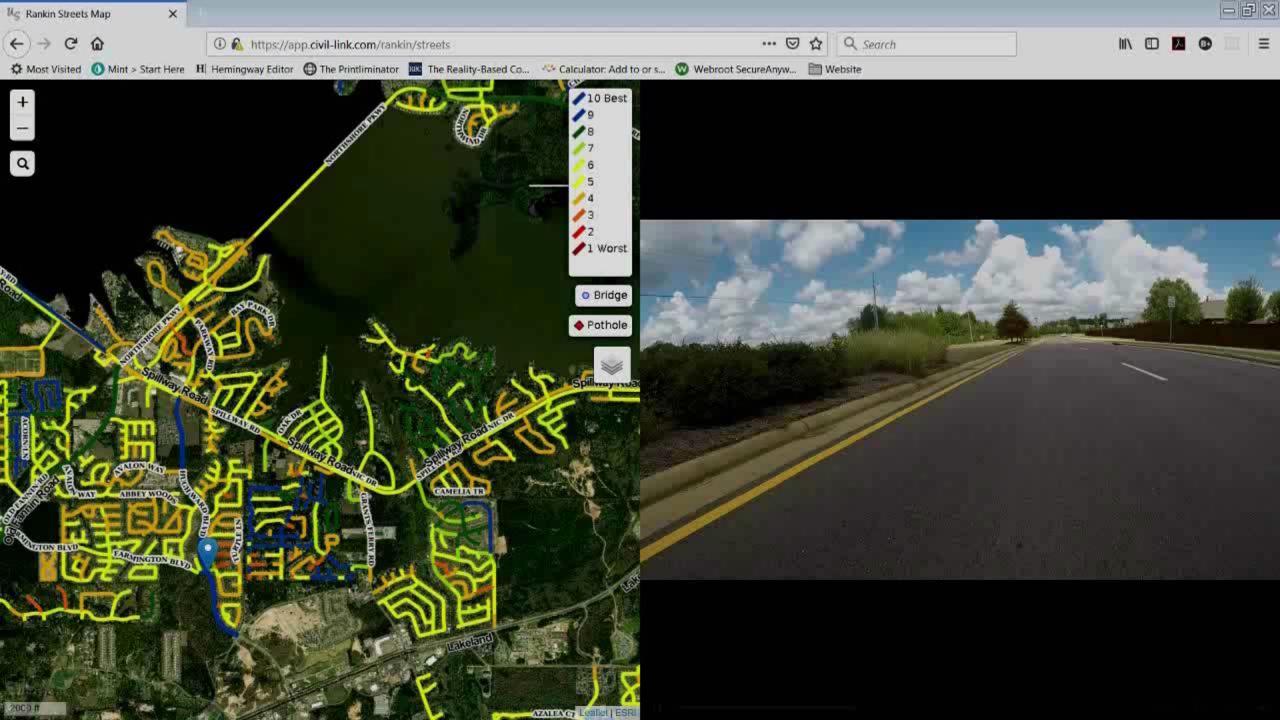
100 miles/ 15 years = 6.7 miles/yr

6.7 miles / \$1,200,000

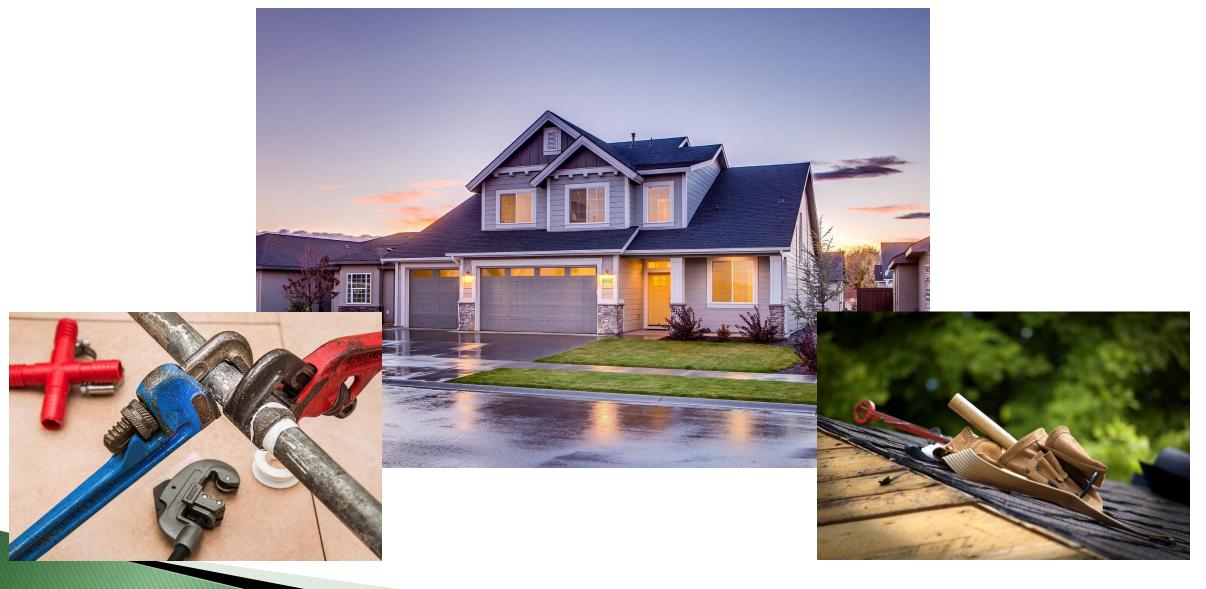
\$500,000 / \$180,000 = 2.7 miles

37 years needed for entire network

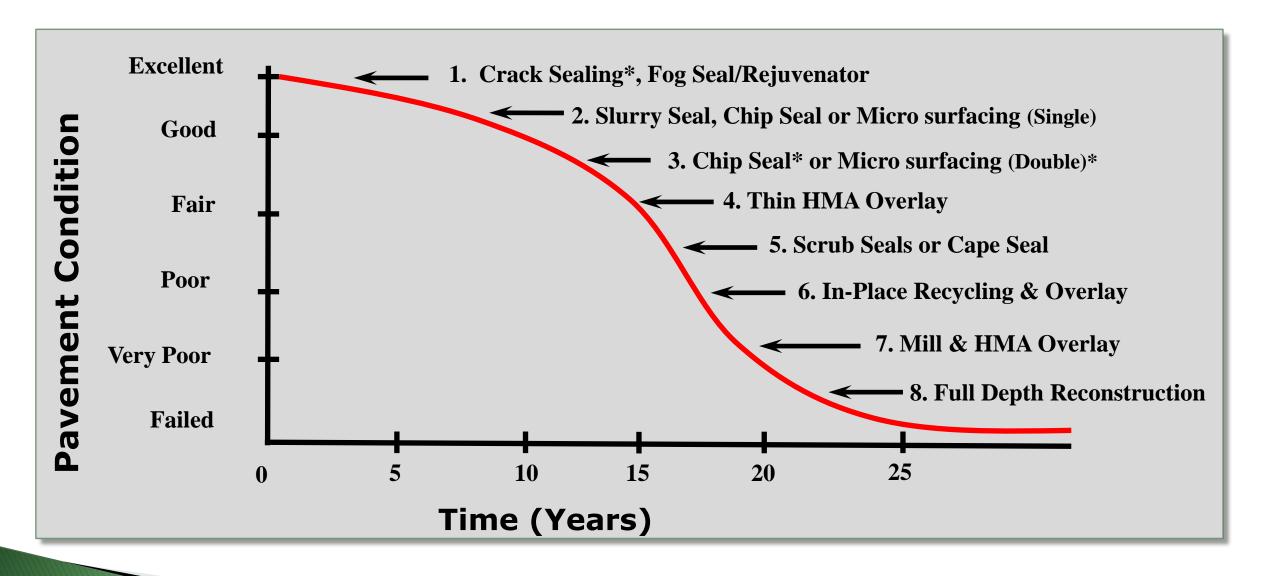




## House Example



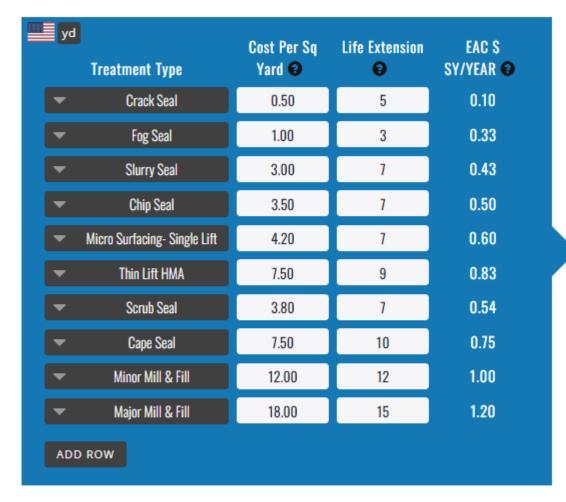
#### Applying the Right Treatment to the Right Road at the Right Time



\* Crack Sealing is also be used in conjunction with other applications and as needed

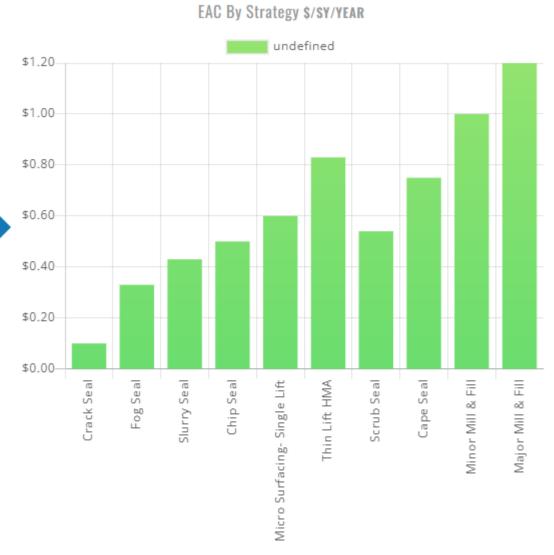
## **Cost Comparison**

Treatment	Life Extension	Cost, (\$/yd²)
Crack Seal	3 - 5	2.00/Linear foot
Fog Seal	2 - 4	0.50 - 1.00
Chip Seal	5 - 7	2.50 - 4.50
Scrub Seal	6 - 7	3.25 - 5.25
Micro Surfacing	6 - 8	3.75 - 5.75
Cape Seal	8 – 10	7.00 - 10.00
Thin Overlay	5 - 10	6.50 - 8.00
Mill & Fill	8 - 10	15.00 - 20.00



Clear Data / Chart Your Own

Equivalent Annual Cost Calculator | RoadResource.org



#### **EAC** Example

Roadway Network Average Paved Width **Total Paved Area**  = 48 Centerline Miles

= 12 Feet

= 337,920 Square Yards

	Preservation Approach	Traditional Approach
Project	\$1.1 Million	\$4.5 Million
Network Area	÷ 337,920 Square Yards	÷ 337,920 Square Yards
Avg. Life Extension	÷ 7 Years	<u>+ 15 Years</u>
Average EAC	\$ 0.47/SY/yr or \$3273/lane mile/yr	\$0.89/SY/yr or \$6250/lane mile/yr

Save Money...Keep Good Roads Good!

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Project	\$1.1 Million	\$4.5 Million
Network Area	÷ 337,920 Square Yards	÷ 337,920 Square Yards
Avg. Life Extension	÷ 4 Years	<u>+ 15 Years</u>
Average EAC	\$ 0.82/SY/yr or \$5730/lane mile/yr	\$0.89/SY/yr or \$6250/lane mile/yr

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#### 2020 Preservation Performance Award

12 miles of 4-Lane Double Micro \$1,100,000 Project

First lift - 25 lbs/sy Second lift - 20 lbs/sy

14 yrs of extended life

\$1637 / lane mile / yr \$0.24 / lane mile / yr



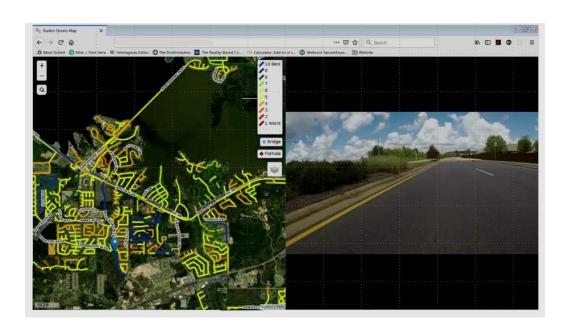
#### **REVIEW**

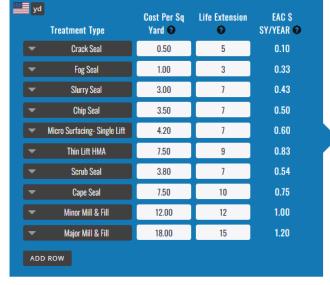
Keep our pavements at the top of the curve

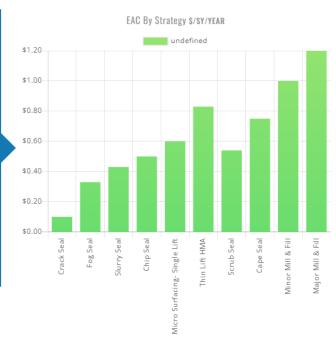
Put More Life into Your Network than You Lose



#### Tools for the Toolbox







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Develop a Pavement Management Plan

Know Treatments Available in Your Area Use a Method to Identify the Best Treatment for the Job

TAKE ACTION

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Overview

Condition & Capacity

Funding & Future Need

**Public Safety** 

Resilience, Operations & Maintenance

**Innovation** 

Raising The Grade



#### Raising the Grade

**©Focus resources on preserving** a state of good repair as the nation will never be able to fully build its way out of congestion. Policies and efforts focused on improving travel time reliability will need to be implemented to maximize the capacity of the existing road network. This should be done in coordination with the acceleration of the development and deployment of new technologies that promote an integrated, multimodal transportation system.

Oincrease funding from all levels of government and the private sector to address the condition and operations of the roadway system to maintain a state of good repair and ensure safety for all users.

•Fix the federal Highway Trust Fund by raising the federal motor fuels tax by five cents each year over five years. To ensure long-term, sustainable funding for the federal surface transportation program, the current user fee of 18.4 cents per gallon on gasoline and 24.4 cents per gallon on diesel should be tied to inflation to restore its purchasing power, fill the funding deficit, and ensure reliable funding for the future.

**O**Develop state and local level comprehensive transportation asset management plans that link asset management efforts to long-term transportation planning and incorporate the use of life-cycle cost analysis.

•Create dedicated federal investments to build resilience into the nation's road and bridge infrastructure and integrate resilience planning into State Transportation Asset Management Plans.



#### Questions?



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