Pavement Preservation Research at the NCAT Pavement Test Track



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BACKGROUND |

NCAT Pavement Test Track

National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT)

- > NCAT founded at Auburn University in the mid-1980s
- › Original focus on improving asphalt mix/material performance
- > Mission evolved to meet research needs of state DOTs in US
- Added structural design₂₀₀₃ and pavement preservation₂₀₁₂
- > Track research projects evolved in parallel to NCAT mission.

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Lee Road 159



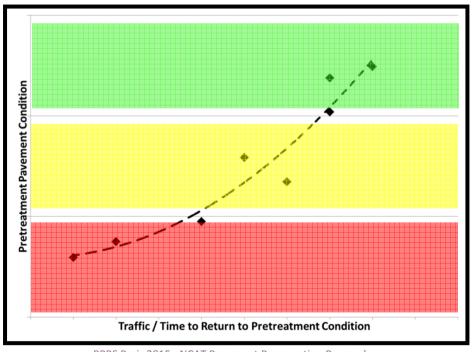
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RESEARCH NEED

Benefits of Pavement Preservation

Performance Life Expectation

- > Many state DOTs in US have decision trees for asset management
- > Wide ranges in performance confound treatment selection process
- > State DOTs in US need objective preservation performance data.



EXPERIMENT DESIGN

Treatments and Combinations

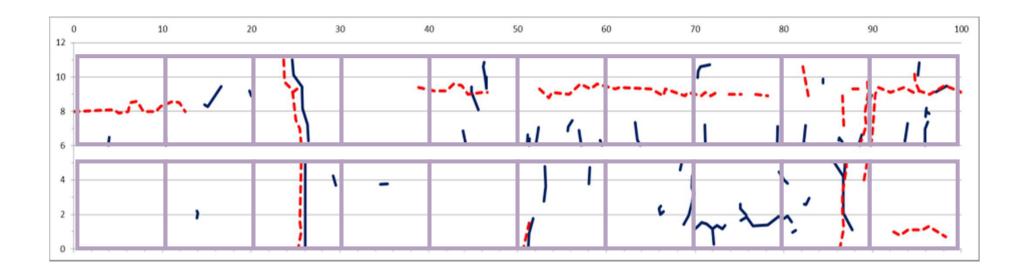
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PERFORMANCE

Regular Performance Measures

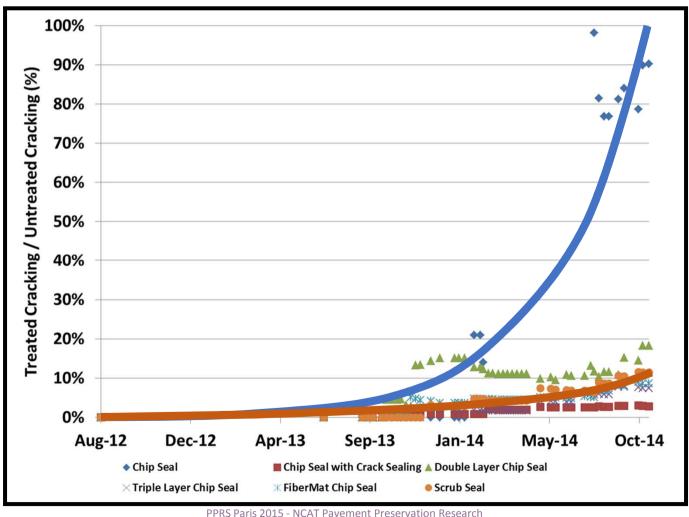
Weekly/Monthly Performance Data



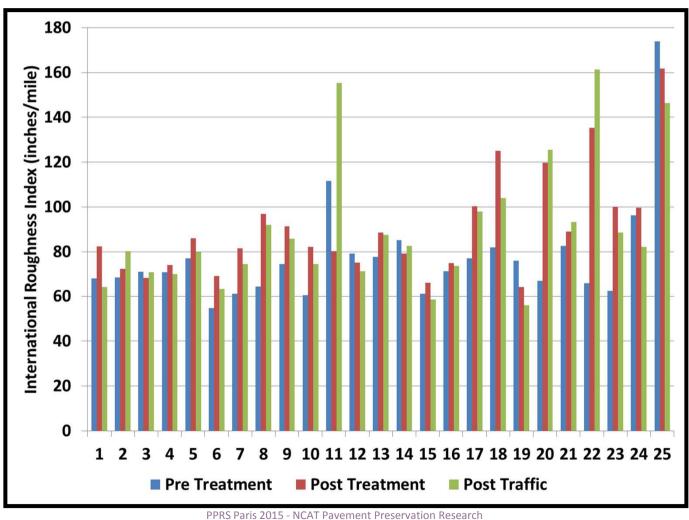
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Benefits of Pavement Preservation

Quantified Benefits of Pavement Preservation



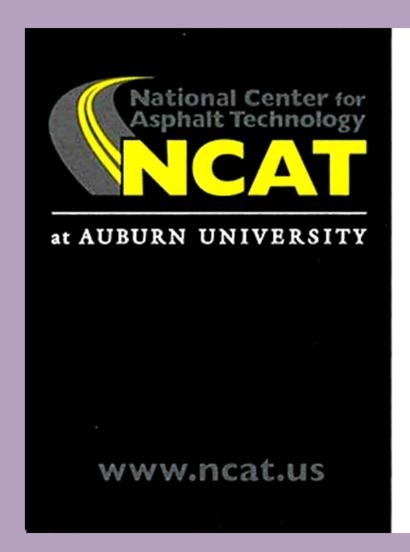
Quantified Benefits of Pavement Preservation



CONCLUSION

- > Life extending and condition improving benefit curves (!)
- > Value added from pavement preservation quantified
- > Continue monitoring Lee Road 159 in 2015 research cycle
- > Plan to duplicate experiment on higher ADT roadway
- > Increase scope to include CCPR_{F&F}, CIR_{F&F}, and HIR
- > Partner with MnROAD for nationwide US experiment
- > Anticipate monitoring sections for many years to come.

Questions?



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