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2022 Federal NHS Transportation Asset Management Plan IIJA Compliant Update

#### STATEMENT OF ADOPTION

Louisiana Revised Statutes 36:501 through 36:509 grants broad authority to the Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development in establishing transportation policy for the State of Louisiana. Under this authority, I hereby adopt the Louisiana Transportation Asset Management Plan as the official state asset management plan for the State of Louisiana on the 31 ST day of October 2022.

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Secretary

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# 1.0 Introduction

Asset Management principles have been discussed worldwide by transportation agencies since the late 1990's. One of the earliest and still one of the most relevant definitions of Asset Management was provided by The American Public Works Association Asset Management Task Force in 1998 as,

"...a methodology needed by those who are responsible for efficiently allocating generally insufficient funds amongst valid and competing needs." 

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With LADOTD's projected funding availability, this definition certainly still holds true.

#### 1.1 FEDERAL FUNDING MATCH SHORTFALL

**Federal Match Shortfalls.** The use of federal funds requires a state DOT to provide a matching amount of funds. As it stands today, state funds generated from state gas tax revenues are insufficient to meet the federal funding match. One-time state funds have been provided in recent years to meet the federal match requirements; however, this is not a sustainable funding source. Act 486 was enacted during the 2021 regular legislative session and provides LADOTD with the first sustainable revenue increase in over 30 years. This legislation will appropriate funds to LADOTD from vehicle sales taxes annually beginning in State Fiscal Year 2024. LADOTD estimates it will receive \$161 million the first year, \$325 million in the second year, and \$300 annually thereafter. Of these amounts 75% is dedicated to four (4) megaprojects and a number of smaller capacity projects listed in the legislation, leaving 25% for the preservation programs.

This dire federal funding match shortfall situation has been stated often and repeatedly to the members of the State Legislature for a number of years and the day of reckoning is now upon us.

The State Legislature now must somehow provide appropriate funding for the federal match; however, if the State Legislature does not provide the federal matching funds, LADOTD will not accomplish the Desired State of Good Repair (DSGR) or achieve the performance targets, causing the penalty assessment to be triggered in the near future.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> FHWA Office of Asset Management, Asset Management Primer, December 1999

#### 1.2 Transportation Asset Management

# **Federal Legislation**

The Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways began with the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956, and is commonly known as the Interstate Highway System. The Interstate Highway System is comprised of a network of controlled-access highways forming part of the National Highway System in the United States with final completion of the original Interstate Highway System in 1992. The Interstate Highway System has been expanded numerous times with I-49 added to the system in Louisiana during the 1980s

(ISTEA) 1991 - Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act
 National Highway System (NHS) Established

(TEA-21) 1998 - Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century

> FHWA Office of Asset Management Created

(SAFETEA-LU) 2005 - Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users

(MAP-21) 2012 - Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act

(FAST Act) 2015 - Fixing America's Surface Transportation (IIJA) 2021- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) & is the largest long-term investment in US infrastructure in history

as an expansion corridor from Lafayette, LA to Kansas City, MO.

Congressional leaders understand that these world class systems cannot be allowed to fall out of a "State of Good Repair", so in 1991 a series of progressive legislative steps were initiated to facilitate the ongoing transformation of policy, planning and asset management necessary to improve the accountability required to sustain the immensely valuable National Highway System (NHS).

#### **Focused Intent on Preservation**

This Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP) is a performance-based document, not a needs document. This document is focused on NHS Pavement and Bridge asset performance assessments and outcomes. Capacity needs are not considered or discussed in this document.

**Preservation First Strategy.** There is a focused intent to eliminate the historical "Worst First" practice of asset replacement with a strategy of "Preservation First" for all Interstate and NHS road and bridge assets. Like most states, Louisiana has historically leaned toward the "Worst First" approach.

There is a significant amount of literature that very clearly establishes and substantiates the fact that a "Preservation First" strategy is the most cost-effective strategy for pavement and bridge assets. This strategy effectively results in a spending approach that uses limited available funding on many more assets, essentially preserving these asset in as close to their current condition as possible, a state of good repair, and not spending the money replacing a small number of assets in far worse condition. "Preservation First" is the goal moving forward with LADOTD program managers using the Pavement Management System (PMS), and the Bridge Management System (BMS).

# **LADOTD's Support for Asset Management**

LADOTD strongly embraces the concept and principles of Asset Management along with the Federal legislation and the direction that it provides. In fact, LADOTD believes that it justifies the ongoing efforts to move asset preservation to the forefront, increasing the opportunity to

Asset management means a strategic and systematic process of operating, maintaining, and improving physical assets, with a focus on both engineering and economic analysis based upon quality information, to identify a structured sequence of maintenance, preservation, repair, rehabilitation, and replacement actions that will achieve and sustain a desired state of good repair over the life cycle of the assets at minimum practicable cost.

#### 23 CFR Part 515.5

maximize the functional life of assets and providing the means to minimize risks and improve the long term sustainability of Louisiana's pavements and bridges.

The mission of LADOTD is to innovatively develop and sustain safe and reliable infrastructure comprising highways, multimodal transportation assets, micro-mobility systems, and public works. While LADOTD endeavors to provide a world class transportation system to the state of Louisiana; these Congressional mandates, and the required development of this TAMP, along with sufficient funding, will enhance that effort.

#### 1.3 TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Please see Appendix 11.1 for an extensive list of terms and definitions relevant to this document.

# 1.4 FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

# Federal Legislation & Performance Requirements

Federal legislation made a concerted effort to define how federal transportation funds are allocated, with a major concentrated focus on asset preservation and sustainability. This legislation provides certain mandates that are designed to transform the framework for making investments in the federal transportation infrastructure, while seeking to maximize preservation strategies.

The legislation further codifies how the FHWA will hold State DOTs accountable as they put into practice a performance-based highway asset management program, with additional life cycle planning requirements, as well as requiring a documented focus on risk management.

**Penalty Assessments.** Penalty assessments, for failure to comply with minimum pavement and bridge standards for the National Highway System (NHS) or failure to develop and implement a Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP), are now part of the FHWA's arsenal to mandate compliance and adherence to these laws.

The impact of these penalty assessments would be a loss of significant available funding for the remaining non-NHS LADOTD maintained federal aid eligible pavements and bridges due to the mandated redistribution of these funds to NHS assets as long as those NHS assets do not meet the minimum federal NHS requirements.

23 USC 150 (b)(2) identifies one of the national goals is "to maintain the highway infrastructure asset system in a state of good repair" for the NHS. A state of good repair is defined by the FHWA as "a condition in which the existing physical assets, both individually and as a system (a) are functioning as designed within their useful service life, (b) are sustained through regular maintenance and replacement programs."

Throughout this document, specific legislation will be identified to aid in the understanding of why certain aspects of asset management are included in this document.

# Mandated Pavement Data Quality Management (DQM) Program

To further reinforce the mandate for data driven decisions for all aspects of Asset Management, **23 CFR Part 490.319(c)** mandated that State DOTs implement a Pavement Data Quality Management (DQM) Program. Compliance with this mandate was not only subject to FHWA approval, it is an ongoing requirement for the FHWA's consistency determination and has a number of documented requirements.

LADOTD has collected digital pavement data for over 25 years using contracted data collection vehicles (DCV), once again placing LADOTD in an early adopter leadership position with respect to all other DOTs. Evidence of LADOTD's elevated leadership status for "data quality assurance" among all state DOTs is found in the FHWA produced 2013 document titled "Practical Guide for Quality Management of Pavement Condition Data Collection". LADOTD's data quality assurance and data quality control procedures were frequently referenced throughout that entire document with a synopsis showcasing LADOTD's "best of breed" model operation found in that document's "Appendix D. Case Study— Louisiana DOTD".

**DQM Program Compliance.** LADOTD is in compliance with this federal mandate, and achieved compliance by updating existing documents, protocols and procedures to address all of the appropriate DQM Program requirements.

# 1.5 GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF LADOTD'S ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Investing limited funding resources in the right place, at the right time, to produce the most cost effective life cycle performance for the given investment is the basis for LADOTD's asset management philosophy.

The goals of transportation asset management (TAM) are to:

 Build, preserve, and operate facilities more cost-effectively with improved asset performance. Assets must be managed throughout their lifecycles and for the longterm (considering growth forecasts and changes in user expectations).

- Deliver to an agency's customers the best value for the public tax dollar spent.
   Maximize the benefits delivered by the network while the costs of providing, maintaining and using the network are minimized.
- Enhance the credibility and accountability of the transportation agency to its governing executive and legislative bodies. Deliver agreed levels of service through financial programs and using effective management and reporting systems.

LADOTD has certainly been using, and has clearly embraced, asset management principles for over 25 years. This is evidenced by the Department's very early adoption of and consequently mature pavement management system and bridge management system. LADOTD has also implemented a maintenance management system that is interfaced with the statewide LAGOV financial management system and project management system built using SAP (System Applications and Products in data processing).

With further impetus from Federal legislation, LADOTD's existing TAM strategy is propelled forward with a greater urgency. Based on the TAMP business model, LADOTD is making progress to integrate the interdisciplinary requirements of the Pavement, Bridge, and Maintenance Management Systems, which allows for the overall holistic approach that is being applied to asset management issues. LADOTD is continuing to pursue additional technology solutions, enhancements or replacement of existing technology solutions and progressive updates and modifications to Department policies, objectives and practices to ensure that this ongoing effort is sustained.

# **1.6 TAMP REQUIREMENTS**

Federal legislation requires that each state department of transportation (DOT) develop a risk-based Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP) to improve and preserve the condition of assets on the federal National Highway System (NHS) that contain the following elements:

- A summary listing of the pavement and bridge assets on the National Highway System in the State, including a description of the condition of those assets (Chapter 3).
- Asset management objectives which are aligned with the LADOTD mission and
  consistent with the purpose of asset management to achieve and sustain a state of good
  repair over the life cycle of the asset at a minimum practical cost and measures
  consistent with 23 U.S.C. 150 for condition of NHS pavements and bridges (Chapter 4).
- Performance gap identification (Chapter 5)
- Life cycle cost analysis (Chapter 6)
- Risk management analysis (Chapter 7)
- A financial plan (Chapter 8)
- Investment strategies (Chapter 9)

This document represents the Federal TAMP requirement. It explains the roles, responsibilities, and processes related to establishing and executing transportation asset management activities at LADOTD. The plan covers the breadth of asset management practices at LADOTD.

It documents the objectives for LADOTD's asset management, the current condition and operation of the transportation assets including management challenges and potential 10-year end conditions. A description of how LADOTD manages its assets throughout their lifecycle, an analysis of key risks and their possible mitigation strategies and a summary of expected funding is included in this TAMP. The TAMP provides a discussion of how assets are managed, followed by investment strategies for achieving condition and performance targets. Finally, this Federal TAMP concludes with a plan for improving the State's asset management process in the future.

The TAMP will be reviewed and updated regularly to meet the ongoing required recertification mandate. Following the principles of continuous improvement, a feedback loop from observed performance to planning and programming decisions will ensure that decisions are supported by sound information.

#### 1.7 TAMP STRUCTURE

In order to meet these requirements, this TAMP is presented as follows:

- Chapter 2 Asset Management Structure, Plans, and Tools. This chapter summarizes LADOTD's organizational processes supporting asset management, the relationship between the TAMP and other business plans, and provides an overview of the existing information systems and tools that support TAM.
- Chapter 3 Asset Inventory and Traffic Volumes. This chapter summarizes the
  inventory, condition and age of the LADOTD maintained pavements and bridges, as
  well as the locally owned NHS pavements and bridges. The chapter explains the
  issues with large outlier bridges and examines overall travel demand, or traffic
  volumes, on the state system. Finally, this chapter reviews LADOTD's efforts to
  reduce the size of the excessively large regional highway system.
- Chapter 4 Asset Condition Measures & Data. This chapter identifies both the
  Federal and Pavement Management System (PMS) pavement performance metrics
  and assessment criteria and then outlines the difference between the approaches.
  Next the chapter outlines how the new pavement data to support the Federal
  analysis is being acquired and how historical pavement data deficiencies prevent the
  historical federal condition assessment for that data.

The bridge section of this chapter identifies that there are no significant issues or differences between the Federal requirements and the current Bridge Management System approach. Bridges that are considered unsafe for any reason are immediately closed until they can be repaired or replaced.

Chapter 5 – Targets, Performance and Gap Analysis. It is noted once again that this
document is a performance-based document, not a needs document. This document
is focused on NHS Pavement and Bridge asset performance assessments and
outcomes. Capacity needs are not considered or discussed in this document.

Initially this chapter clearly identifies that LADOTD no longer has sufficient funding available to meet the federal funding match requirements that only the State Legislature can provide.

The methodology for setting performance targets is reviewed followed by different sections that identify the federal performance penalty assessments that occur with failure to achieve minimum federally defined pavement and bridge conditions. The Desired State of Good Repair (DSGR) is formally defined and a Gap Analysis is identified for the DSGR. A discussion of federal performance targets follows along with issues identified with projecting targets. The DSGR, Gap Analysis and performance targets are all federally mandated. The mandated targets are then identified.

Chapter 6 - Life Cycle Planning. This chapter defines the concepts of worst first and
preservation first and then discusses the concepts of life cycle planning (LCP). Next it
presents a synopsis of the consequences of delayed preservation on both project
costs and maintenance costs followed by an explanation of the LCP methodology.

It defines the Pavement and Bridge Management System requirements followed by the LCP requirements. LADOTD's approach for achieving these requirements follows with discussion of analysis methods, preservation programs, project selection processes and deterioration modeling methods.

This section then describes LADOTD's LCP strategies and defines work type crosswalks for the TAMP Work Types, along with the pavement and bridge project improvement Types. A summary of historical project authorizations based on these work types is provided along with a summary of the current state fiscal year's maintenance activity expenditures. Finally, a summary of very large over \$10 million bridge projects is provided to acquaint the reader with the extreme costs associated with very large bridges in Louisiana.

 Chapter 7 - Risk Management Analysis. This chapter reviews the various concepts of risk management, the federal requirements of risk management, and LADOTD's current implementation of risk management, including 23 CFR Part 667 requirements.

Risk management efforts include incorporating Redundancy, Robustness, and Resiliency into project management along with using risk registers throughout the asset management process including setting the budgets, prioritizing projects and revising asset management guidance.

- Chapter 8 Financial Plan and Asset Valuation. This chapter discusses the concepts
  and the federal requirements for the financial plan. Throughout this chapter, efforts
  are made to clear up the confusion about the lack of State and Federal funding
  flexibility and to identify the real dollars available for pavements and bridges.
  - The financial plan methodology is provided along with a summary of the funding sources and uses. The section examines historical funding and projected funding along with the outcomes of those projected funds. Finally, it identifies the value of the NHS pavement and bridge assets.
- Chapter 9 Investment Strategies. This chapter discusses the concept of investment strategies and identifies that without federal matching funds provided by the State Legislature, federal performance targets cannot be achieved and penalty assessments will occur.
  - This section then identifies requirements along with the current investment strategy methodology employed by LADOTD. It further explains how investment scenarios were evaluated to generate funding allocations that attempt to achieve the desired state of good repair, preserve the condition of NHS assets, achieve NHS asset condition targets and achieve the national goals of 23 U.S.C. 150(b).
- Chapter 10 –Asset Management Enhancements. This chapter defines the future improvement LADOTD will be pursuing for improving asset management going forward. It also discusses the future TAMP update cycles.

#### 1.8 TAMP OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT

LADOTD again took a lead in Asset Management by creating a full time Asset Management Engineer (AME) located in the Office of Planning. The AME has a primary responsibility for developing, implementing, maintaining and updating the TAMP including coordinating or conducting all activities necessary to maintain compliance with Congressional asset management legislation.

With active participation by the Secretary's Executive Staff, as identified via the Asset Management Business Structure detailed in Section 2.1, and the engagement of all divisions of LADOTD, the successful TAMP is owned by the Department and not by a particular division or group in the Department.

#### 1.9 SCOPE OF THE TAMP

LADOTD's TAMP focuses on the mandatory NHS pavement and bridge assets, and will consider addressing additional assets in the future. The desire has been to start with the two infrastructure assets of highest budgetary significance, and then consider a future systematic expansion to include additional assets over time. This TAMP meets the

minimum NHS pavement and bridge asset system requirements under **23 USC 119**. It addresses pavement and bridge assets as follows:

- Pavements: National Highway System (NHS)
- Bridges: National Highway System (NHS)

While there is the potential to add other NHS right-of-way assets into future asset management planning cycles, it is appropriate to note that the comprehensive data requirements to support such inclusions are currently insufficient with respect to asset management functionality. LADOTD's existing limited data sets for signals, intelligent transportation system equipment, sign trusses, guard rails, cable barriers, crash attenuators, sound walls, shoulders, high mast lighting and signs will require significant improvement to meet the comprehensive requirements to allow the addition of these other assets into future TAMPs.

The significant expense of both data gathering and ongoing maintenance of data sets should also be considered while setting priorities for adding additional assets into the TAMP.

# 1.10 SUMMARY OF AUTHORIZATION AND ALLOCATION TOTALS FROM THE 2021 LADOTD CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION

The following is a summary of the of authorization and allocation totals from the 2021 LADOTD Consistency Determination:

The annual funding allocations for bridge lettings shown in the TAMP are 10-year forecasts established to meet and sustain the condition of bridges on the National Highway System within the federally mandated bridge condition performance measures over that timeframe and were based on funding levels anticipated to be available for each year at that time. Periodically, actual construction targets are reviewed and refined as needed and are documented on annual Budget Partitions. In State Fiscal Year 2020-2021 the construction target for bridges on the Interstate System was \$52.1 million and for bridges on the non-Interstate NHS it was \$62.0 million for a total of \$114.1 million. The final construction targets were revised based on updated funding availability, but changes were made keeping the 10-year goal in mind.

While the total lettings under preservation specific programs were less than what was estimated in the TAMP for State Fiscal Year 2020-2021, improvements to bridges on the NHS totaled \$88.8 million in State Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Acknowledging that this is still less than the amount estimated in the TAMP for the year, progress toward a 10-year goal cannot be determined by the number of dollars spent in a single year. In any given year, projects can be moved into a subsequent year for a number of reasons and balance is

typically achieved over a number of years. Moving forward into the updated TAMP, investment strategies are being revised based on the lessons learned during over the life of the current TAMP.

The annual funding allocations for pavement lettings shown in the TAMP are 10-year forecasts established to meet and sustain the condition of pavements on the National Highway System within the federally mandated pavement condition performance measures over that timeframe and were based on funding levels anticipated to be available for each year at that time. Periodically, actual construction targets are reviewed and refined as needed and are documented on annual Budget Partitions. In State Fiscal Year 2020-2021 the construction target for pavement on the Interstate System was \$32.4 million and for pavement on the non-Interstate NHS it was \$83.4 million for a total of \$115.8 million. The final construction targets were revised based on updated funding availability, but changes were made keeping the 10-year goal in mind.

While the total lettings under preservation specific programs were less than what was estimated in the TAMP for State Fiscal Year 2020-2021, improvements to pavements on the NHS totaled \$140.1 million. Moving forward into the updated TAMP, investment strategies will continue to place importance on the preservation programs that are funded to make improvements to pavements on the NHS. Additionally, since the ultimate goal is to improve the condition of pavement on the NHS, improvements made through other programs will also be considered in the updated TAMP investment strategies, where feasible.

		Authorization	Allocation Totals
HPP Category		Totals	(Construction
Code	HPP Category Name	(Letting Cost)	Targets)**
PR BR	Preservation Bridge (Interstate & NHS)	70,404,094	114,100,000
PR BP	Preservation Bridge Preventive Maintenance*	4,750,162	3,000,000
PR I	Preservation Interstate (Pavement)	45,555,071	32,400,000
PR NH	Preservation National Highway System (Pavement)	54,950,649	83,400,000
PR PM	Preservation Pavement Preventive Maintenance*	1,572,047	7,500,000
Total		177,232,023	240,400,000

<sup>\*</sup>Budget allocations for the preventive maintenance categories include funding for improvements on both the NHS and non-NHS; letting totals include costs for improvements on the NHS only

Table 4: Investments (Letting Cost) by Program Category (Preservation Programs) and Construction Targets

<sup>\*\*</sup>Construction Targets are from the SFY2020-2021 Budget Partition

# 2.0 Asset Management Structure, Plans, and Tools

#### 2.1 Introduction

This section summarizes LADOTD's organizational processes supporting asset management, the relationship between the TAMP and other business plans, and provides an overview of the existing information systems and tools that support TAM.

#### 2.2 ASSET MANAGEMENT BUSINESS STRUCTURE

LADOTD has been using asset management principles throughout the years as evidenced by the mature Pavement Management System (PMS), Bridge Management System (BMS) and Maintenance Management System (MMS). Prior to the 2012 emphasis on developing a TAMP, there were many in the Department that believed asset management was simply another term for maintenance management; however, the Departmental culture has changed and now there is widespread understanding of the definition of TAM and the value that it can bring to the Department in managing assets to ensure that funds are spent efficiently and effectively.

The TAMP is considered a business plan describing stewardship responsibilities for highway infrastructure. This TAMP is owned by the Department and not by a particular division or group in the Department. It tells the story of the services the agency delivers to its customers and how it utilizes and manages the assets it has under its control for this purpose.

**Asset Management Engineer.** The TAMP is managed by the Asset Management Engineer (AME). The comprehensive role of this position is as follows:

The AME serves as LADOTD's statewide expert in matters pertaining to asset management. This involves developing, implementing, and maintaining a comprehensive asset management plan. The AME works with the managers of the Department's pavement management, bridge management and maintenance management systems to facilitate compliance with federal asset management rules. The AME uses data driven decision making processes that examines both financial and technical issues and considers asset condition, performance and risk factors to facilitate the best maintenance and improvement investments. The AME will stay abreast of changes in technology associated with asset data inventories and management systems.

The AME leads the development and implementation of the risk-based TAMP. The position coordinates among the Department's Pavement, Bridge and Maintenance Management Engineers and conducts analyses and prepares reports on current and

future asset conditions. A primary function includes working closely with Department personnel from the Executive Staff, LADOTD Districts, Design, Construction, Maintenance, Research, Budget and Finance, and Information Technology sections, as well as the Federal Highway Administration to ensure quality data availability and analysis capabilities.

The AME also recommends strategic planning preservation goals in regard to infrastructure quality, and implements directives in accordance with planning and organizational goals. Expertise is provided in the area of management system principles so as to properly correlate appropriate inventory, condition states, deterioration rates, treatment points and types and treatment costs. These analyses and reports provide strategies to optimize asset condition at the network level within a predefined budget. Data analysis and reports are also prepared for setting LADOTD's long-term, network level asset condition goals.

The AME coordinates the scheduled updates of the Risk Management Plan. The Quality and Continuous Improvement Program (QCIP) section is available to assist in ensuring that policies and procedures are updated to reflect the most recent TAMP related changes, especially with respect to project selection and risk management changes.

**Organizational Structure.** The responsibility for the management of the TAMP is located in the Data Collection and Management Systems Section, which is under the Office of Planning. The AME reports to the Section Administrator who in turn reports directly to the Deputy Assistant Secretary. The organizational chart is show in Figure 2.1.

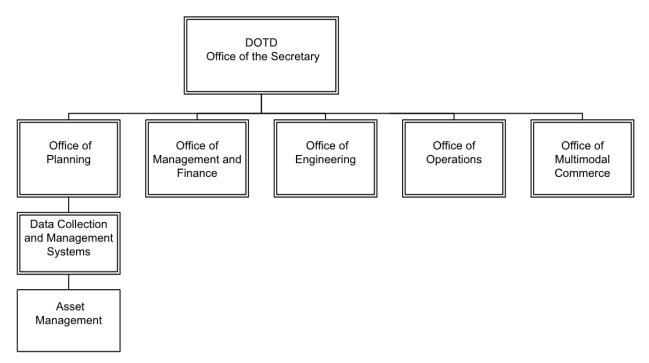
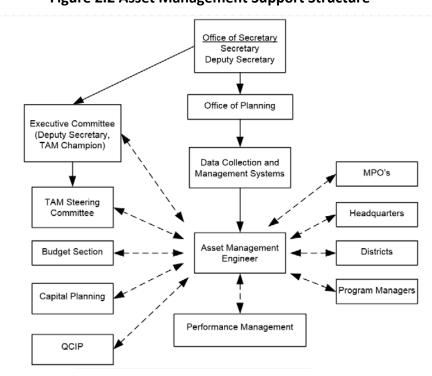


Figure 2.1 LADOTD Asset Management Organization Chart

The decision to locate the TAMP responsibilities in the Office of Planning was due to the TAMP's relationship to the other Departmental plans, most of which are developed and managed by the Office of Planning. The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the annual Highway Priority Program of projects are overseen by this office as well. Furthermore, it was logical to locate the TAMP responsibilities in the Data Collection and Management Section due to the fact that much of the TAMP depends on data and analysis from the road and bridge management systems, which are a responsibility of this section. In addition, the management of the road and bridge location reference system and GIS activities are also in this section.

Asset Management Support Structure. TAMP management is the primary duty of the AME and asset management is carried out throughout the Department (transportation planners, budget director, program managers, strategic planners, operations). The AME performs various data and technical analyses, identifies trends, identifies policy and procedural gaps and makes various TAM related recommendations to the TAM Steering Committee. That is, the AME works with the different parts of the organization and as necessary elevates relevant issues to a higher authority to seek support and resolution. In addition to the direct chain of command, the AME has other support resources such as the TAM Steering Committee and the Executive Asset Management Champion, who has direct access to the Secretary as shown in Figure 2.2.



**Figure 2.2 Asset Management Support Structure** 

As mentioned above, the AME is supported by the Executive Champion, currently the Deputy Secretary, and the TAM Steering Committee. The TAM Steering Committee is

comprised of representatives from across LADOTD and functions as a review board whose recommendations are taken to the Executive Committee made up of the Secretary and the Division Heads, which includes the Executive Champion who is also the TAM Steering Committee Chairman.

Members of the TAM Steering Committee are the Chief Engineer, the Assistant Secretary, Office of Operations and the Assistant Secretary, Office of Planning.

#### 2.3 TAM RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER BUSINESS PLANS

For many years, LADOTD has been a Department that embraces the concepts of written policies and procedures to maintain consistency and transparency. A number of plans, manuals, guides, memorandums, policy statements, standard operating procedures and design standards, along with Engineering Directives and Standards, exist to ensure adherence to this cultural philosophy.

The TAMP is a document that doesn't replace these plans, but coordinates with these plans and tells the story of the Department in relation to its mission. The TAMP, combined with the existing plan strategies and goals, guides LADOTD in its effort to most effectively manage its NHS pavement and bridge transportation assets. The various plans are referred to throughout the TAMP.

# **Existing Business Plans**

The TAMP draws from several pre-existing LADOTD plans. These plans include:

- 1. The Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan (STP) (originally developed in 1996, updated in 2003, 2008, 2015, and a current update in progress
- 2. Louisiana Freight Mobility Plan (February 2018) currently being updated
- 3. Louisiana Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) (July 2022)
- 4. Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- 5. Annual Highway Priority Program (HPP)
- 6. The Highway Project Selection Process
- 7. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Infrastructure Project Selection Guide for State Routes (September 2017)
- 8. Annual Highway Budget Partitions
- 9. Annual Operations Budget
- 10. 2021-2025 Five Year Strategic Plan (& 2024-2028 Five Year Strategic Plan)
- 11. Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)

A description of each of these plans follows:

# Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan (STP)

The 2015 Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan (STP) documents a long-range multimodal transportation strategy to meet the goals and objectives for the State's transportation and infrastructure system. The goals for Louisiana's transportation system are:

- Goal 1 Infrastructure Preservation and Maintenance: Preserve Louisiana's multimodal infrastructure in a state-of-good-repair through timely maintenance of existing infrastructure.
- Goal 2 Safety: Provide safe and secure travel conditions across all transportation modes through physical infrastructure improvements, operational controls, programs, and public education and awareness.
- Goal 3 Economic Competitiveness: Provide a transportation system that fosters diverse economic and job growth, international and domestic commerce, and tourism.
- **Goal 4 Community Development and Enhancement:** Provide support for community transportation planning, infrastructure, and services.
- **Goal 5 Environmental Stewardship:** Ensure transportation policies and investments are sensitive to Louisiana's environment, history and culture.

# Louisiana Freight Mobility Plan

The Louisiana Freight Mobility Plan is intended to serve the unique needs of the LADOTD and its partners to improve freight transportation by identifying needs, recommending policies, and devising implementation strategies. The plan considers highway, rail, aviation, and port and waterway needs. The plan also describes the pipeline system, but does not provide investment or policy recommendations for it.

The plan has a long-term, 25-year perspective on needs and issues including projects in the current Highway Priority Program (HPP), the current Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), future STIPs by reference, mega projects and other mode specific needs. There is a large gap between the available funding for freight projects and the respective need. This underscores the importance of project selection processes and programs that address the most important modal needs, provide the greatest return on investment, and that, whenever possible, promote cost-sharing among partners and beneficiaries.

# Louisiana Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)

The Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) is a major component and requirement of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) (23 U.S.C. § 148). It is a statewide-coordinated safety plan that provides a comprehensive framework for reducing highway fatalities and

serious injuries on all public roads. An SHSP identifies a State's key safety needs and guides investment decisions towards strategies and countermeasures with the most potential to save lives and prevent injuries.

The SHSP provides a framework of safety strategies and tactics for reducing fatalities and serious injuries on all roadways within the state through multidisciplinary coordination and input. LADOTD, the Louisiana State Police (LSP), the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission (LHSC), and stakeholders have focused this plan on addressing four key Emphasis Areas (EA) during the next five years:

- Distracted Driving
- Impaired Driving
- Occupant Protection
- Infrastructure and Operations

Strategies and tactics to address older drivers, older pedestrians, and young drivers involved in fatal and serious injury crashes are incorporated into each emphasis area.

# Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

The purpose of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is to provide for a fiscally sound, 4 year statewide capital improvement plan for the state's surface transportation program. The STIP is not just a document, but is part of a fully integrated process for transportation planning and transportation project selection. The STIP is revised as needed to document the results of the project selection process.

The STIP has been developed through a coordinated and cooperative process by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) involving citizens, elected officials, other state and federal agencies, each of Louisiana's eleven metropolitan planning organizations (MPO), and other interested organizations.

The STIP establishes schedules for a variety of projects, including:

- Highways and bridges;
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities;
- Highway safety;
- Congestion mitigation and air quality improvement;
- Railroad crossing safety;
- Highway operations and motorist services;
- Public transportation; and
- Capacity Expansion, etc.

The STIP must be approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) every 4 years. This multi-year and multi-modal program identifies the transportation projects that have been through an inclusive and ongoing public involvement process.

# **Annual Highway Priority Program (HPP)**

The Annual Highway Priority Program (HPP) identifies projects that are scheduled for construction letting during the year and projects which are in various stages of planning and development. The Legislative Joint Transportation, Highway, and Public Works Committee along with the Office of Planning presents the program to the public in each of the nine Districts to receive comments on the program and to take requests for future projects. The Legislative Joint Transportation, Highway, and Public Works Committee then approves the program to be included into HB2 and the program is distributed to the entire State Legislature for approval.

# The Highway Project Selection Process

**State Legislation.** In accordance with State law RS 48:229.1, the project selection teams consider the following factors in prioritizing projects for selection:

- (1) The condition of the roads, streets, and structures making up the state highway system and the relative urgency of the improvements considering in their order of general needs. For purposes of this Paragraph, "condition" shall include but not be limited to the state of repair of the existing roadway and shoulder surfaces, structures and drainage, and other factors of the roadway, such as signs, signals, markings, and barriers.
- (2) The type and volume of traffic on a particular segment of roadway, highway, or bridge.
- (3) The crash records for a particular segment of roadway, highway, or bridge.
- (4) The technical difficulties in the preparation of plans and the procurement of rights-of-way for a particular segment of roadway, highway, or bridge.
- (5) Whether unforeseeable emergencies such as floods have created an immediate need for improvement or reconstruction.
- (6) Whether capacity improvements are warranted due to population or traffic volume increases in specific geographic areas.
- (7) Whether or not the highway or bridge is or will be on an evacuation route utilized to evacuate large populations due to catastrophic events such as hurricanes or flooding.
- (8) Whether the improvement to or addition of a highway or bridge will benefit the economic development potential of the state.

The Highway Project Selection Process Manual presents the standard operating procedure that the Department uses for the Highway Project Selection Process. It includes the steps

and tasks for identification, prioritization, and selection of highway projects on the various asset classes in the State.

The manual currently identifies four categories of highway projects.

- System Preservation
- Traffic Safety
- Capacity Expansion
- System Operation

The DOTD District and the MPOs rank the projects based on technical analysis and customer input. The District then submits the suggested projects to the Project Selection Teams. The Project Selection Team makes the final selections based on District recommendations, technical analysis, customer input, available funding, performance targets identified in the TAMP and the State Long Range Plan.

Each Project Selection Team is made up of people with expertise in the type of project in their respective program. It includes LADOTD Headquarter Officials, representatives from other State Agencies, and in some cases LADOTD District Officials. Some project selection teams also request input from representatives from federal agencies and local associations.

Interstate and Non-Interstate NHS Pavements. The process for selecting pavement preservation/sustainability projects entails using the output from the Pavement Management System (PMS). With the projected budget, the PMS recommends pavement treatments, or work types, ranging from chip seal, microsurfacing, overlays including total pavement replacement by analyzing pavement condition data using appropriate Life Cycle strategies imbedded within the PMS. The output is forwarded to the Pavement Preservation Selection Team or simply the Project Selection Team (PST). While other asset classes are managed by allocating funds to the Districts by formula, funding for Interstate and Non-Interstate NHS highway pavement preservation/sustainability projects, due to the magnitude of the costs, are allocated directly to projects by the PST.

The LADOTD District personnel will receive the PMS list of Interstate and Non-Interstate project recommendations from the PST and with due consideration given to the Statewide Transportation Plan, will gather any input from the public, state and local elected officials, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO), Rural Consultation Process, regional/local planning officials, other state agencies and federal agencies.

The PST will then select the Interstate and Non-Interstate NHS projects from the PMS recommendations, with significant input from the District Administrators.

On-System Bridge Preservation Program (PRBR). The PRBR Program Manager is responsible for reviewing the state of the existing bridge inventory and identifying and recommending projects that advance the state of the inventory in accordance with the identified mission, goals, objectives, and priorities of the PRBR. Requests are also received from various sources and solicits projects needs and reviews from knowledgeable parties,

typically, Districts, Bridge Rating, and Bridge Maintenance. With the AASHTO BrM Bridge Management System (BMS) recently restored after losing an active, 20 year PONTIS system in 2016, a significant tool is in place to provide the PRBR Program Manager with a prioritized bridge project list based on Life Cycle strategies. The PRBR Project Selection Committee, chaired by the PRBR Program Manager, is responsible for reviewing and approving recommended projects to the PRBR.

It is the goal of the PRBR Program Manager to maintain enough projects for five to eight years of program funding allocation; the actual number of years will vary based on funding target changes and the amount of time elapsed since the last significant programming effort. A larger program of projects is undesirable as it may not adequately account for changing program goals; a shorter program of projects is also undesirable, due to the typical length of time necessary for project development. Projects are continuously added to the program as urgent or pressing needs arise; however, significant project programming is typically done every two to three years to preserve the targeted program time range. Occasionally, atypical circumstances, such as special funding allocations, may necessitate an additional programming cycle.

When each of the project selection teams has completed their project selection list, the final steps, shown below, are taken to determine composition of the full Highway Program.

Recommended (selected) projects assembled into proposed

Highway Program



Proposed Highway Program submitted to House & Senate

**Transportation Committees** 



Joint Transportation Committee holds public hearings throughout

State for the Highway Program and STIP



Final decision on Highway Program rests with House & Senate

Transportation Committees and ultimately full State Legislature

# Highway Safety Improvement Program Infrastructure Project Selection Guide for State Routes (HSIP)

The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is a core Federal-aid program with the goal to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, including locally owned public roads and public roads on tribal lands. The HSIP

requires a data-driven, strategic approach to improving highway safety on all public roads that focuses on crash performance which is outlined in the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP).

Implementation and management of the HSIP includes many components that can be categorized as safety planning or infrastructure focused:

- Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)
- Center for Analytics & Research in Transportation Studies (CARTS)
- Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC)
- State Highway Safety Program
- Local Road Safety Program (LRSP)
- Safe Routes to Public Places Program (SRTPPP)

# **Annual Highway Budget Partitions**

LADOTD utilizes a technique for partitioning its capital budget into categories and subcategories that are identified in the Statewide Transportation Plan and are based on a combination of historical funding levels and needs. These categories are listed below:

- Preservation/Sustainability
- Operations/Motorist Services
- Safety
- Capacity
- Miscellaneous

A copy of the SFY 22-23 budget partition, as shown in the Appendix 11.6 "LADOTD State FY 22-23 Budget Partition," also identifies the funding sources (e.g. federal or state funds, bonds, tolls, etc.).

Categories and sub-categories relevant to the TAMP relevant budget partition sub-partitions include the following:

#### **Preservation/Sustainability**

- Non-Interstate Pavement
- Non-Interstate Pavement (NHS)
- Non-Interstate Pavement (Non-Federal Aid)
- Contract Maintenance (Road)
- Interstate Pavement
- Bridge (On System)

- Bridge (On System) -NHS
- Bridge (Interstate)

#### **Operations**

• Movable Bridge Preventive Maintenance

### **Annual Operations Budget**

LADOTD Operations budget includes statewide personnel services, non-capital professional services, operating services, travel, supplies, equipment acquisitions, and interagency transfers (IAT), and other operating costs. Expenditures for maintenance and operational activities on roads and bridges are managed by the Maintenance Management System (MMS) Agile Assets which is integrated with the LAGOV Financial Management System.

The MMS tracks all repairs and maintenance performed with in-house forces. The MMS is fully configured and capable of managing planned preventive maintenance activities and the Department is in the process of implementing the MMS Level-of-Service functionality, which will be used to assess maintenance activities performed by in-house forces, within the existing operating budget. Implementing this is taking more time than anticipated, but the Roadway Maintenance Management Engineer currently provides the Pavement Management Engineer (PME) with substantial data on major maintenance activities specific to pavement. Plans for tracking of signs by the Traffic Engineering and Services Section, and one of the districts is in progress. It will take many years to capture enough sign inventory to fully manage these assets.

The operating budgets for the nine Districts and the HQ statewide maintenance sections are determined from the overall operations budget with a distribution based partly on historical budget levels and specific requests. From the District operating budgets, the expenditure of funding for both the routine (reactive) repairs and preventative (proactive) maintenance of roads and bridges is determined by knowledgeable staff, with a focus based on appropriate priorities (safety, functionality, etc.).

A key component of this effort requires the necessary adjustments relating to the immediate daily needs, of all highway and bridge assets, encountered by the district operations. The long-term lack of funding, manpower, and equipment resources severely impact the ability to perform proactive preservation activities. As funding is continually delayed the inevitable further decline in conditions results in increasing daily reactive maintenance efforts, further exasperating any chance of performing proactive preventive maintenance. See the Chapter 6 Section 6.3 for an example of the consequences of delayed preservation where the impact of this issue is quantified in terms of real dollars.

# Five Year Strategic Plan

LADOTD's latest five year strategic plan, effective through June 2025 continues to adapt and evolve to meet new federal and state policy changes and requirements that govern

transportation spending. The plan is updated on a cycle determined by the Division of Administration and currently outlines:

- Department goals
- Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats
- Strategic objectives for the Department and the associated performance indicators
- Processes to monitor and evaluate performance

# **Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)**

LADOTD has essential functions that must be performed rapidly and efficiently in a disaster or emergency involving state owned transportation infrastructure in the State of Louisiana. If the normal key staff and facilities are not available, LADOTD's Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) ensures that LADOTD's essential functions can still be performed using alternate facilities, equipment, communications, and staffing. The COOP also includes assisting local governments in the movement of citizens, pets, and critical supplies during emergencies.

The LADOTD Secretary or designated representative directs implementation of the COOP which establishes policy and guidance for the execution of essential functions. Available key leaders and staff responsible for these essential functions will work with COOP participants to implement the COOP in whole or in part depending on the situation. The COOP utilizes LADOTD alternate resources (personnel, facilities, equipment, etc.) that are immediately available and under the direct administration and management of LADOTD. Procedures are activated for alerting, notifying, activating, and deploying personnel; identifying the essential functions; establishing the alternate facilities; and identifying personnel with authority and knowledge of these functions. Personnel and resources are then relocated to an alternate facility capable of supporting operations.

COOP plan testing, and maintenance is essential to ensure that the LADOTD maintains a high level of readiness to achieve operational status no later than 12 hours after COOP implementation, and to sustain LADOTD operations for up to 30 days after a catastrophic event. If the COOP is extended past 30 days, a temporary relocation plan for non-essential functions may be activated to support normal operations. The COOP is vital to prevent disruption of LADOTD's essential functions when primary LADOTD personnel or resources are unavailable due to disaster or emergency.

#### Interaction of TAMP and Other Plans

The diagram in Figure 2.3 is a modified version of the original found in the AASHTO Transportation Asset Management Guide, A Focus on Implementation. It depicts the interrelationships between the TAMP and the other plans previously described. The TAMP

is a document which brings all of these together into a single plan which tells the story of the agency in relation to its mission.

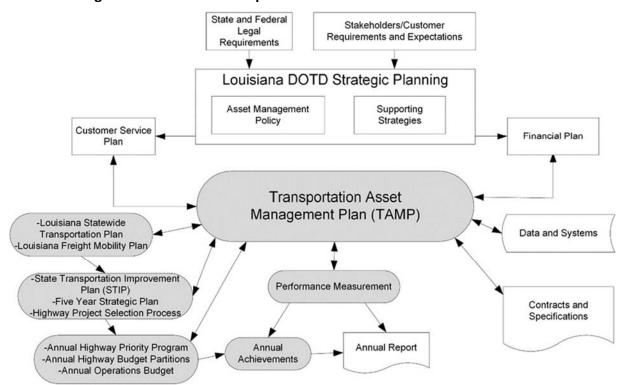


Figure 2.3 Interrelationship Between TAMP and other DOT Plans

#### 2.4 TAM Tools

Over the years, LADOTD has developed or procured a number of data systems and software solutions to support the Department's long time TAM objectives. These data systems comply with **23 CFR 515.7(g)** requiring that State DOT uses the best available data for development of the TAMP. LADOTD's early initial focus on pavement and bridge assets resulted in implementation of the following major systems:

- dTIMS (Deighton Total Infrastructure Management System) CT comprehensive asset management software used for pavement management analysis. This solution is the long-term Pavement Management System (PMS) and is a 3<sup>rd</sup> party product provided by Deighton.
- LAGOV MMS the comprehensive asset management software used as a
   Maintenance Management System (MMS) for transportation assets. Implemented
   as part of the LAGOV project, it has multiple interfaces to the financial management
   system SAP, which contains the Fleet and Facilities modules. This 3<sup>rd</sup> party solution is
   provided by AgileAssets.

- TAHI (Highway Inventory Database) A legacy system that was the custom, home grown, mainframe highway inventory database used to track various highway data requirements. This inventory database has been moved to ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute) Roads and Highways in Enterprise GIS.
- **HPMS (Highway Performance Monitoring System)** is the FHWA national level highway information system, started in 1978, that includes data on the extent, condition, performance, use and operating characteristics of the nation's highways. The HPMS is the pavement data reporting system for State DOTs.
- TAND (Highway Needs Database) A legacy system that was the custom, home grown, mainframe highway needs database used to track various details relating to the needs analysis of pavements. The Deighton's dTIMS Pavement Management System (PMS) software provides the needs analysis of pavements. AASHTOWare Bridge Management (BrM) software now provides this needs analysis of bridges.
- AASHTOWare™ BrM (previously PONTIS) the AASHTOWare Bridge Management System (BMS) software provided by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). Initially designed for component (superstructure, substructure, deck) level analysis. AASHTOWare PONTIS was the bridge management software from 1996 to 2016 with the STRM Master Structure file used previously. Upgrading to the next version called AASHTOWare™ Bridge Management (BrM) was a significant challenge due to data transfer issues from the National Bridge Inventory (NBI) program Bentley AssetWise. For now a workaround has resolved this data transfer issue allowing BrM to provide the necessary analysis for the 2022 TAMP. BrM provides for better element level (girders, decks, piles, etc.)
- Bentley InspectTech(renamed AssetWise) Bentley InspectTech (AssetWise) replaced PONTIS as the Inspection module. PONTIS was the legacy custom application for field devices used to capture both National Bridge Inventory (NBI) component inspection data and element inspection data, and was phased out in 2016.
- NBIAS (National Bridge Investment Analysis System) A model used by the FHWA
  to analyze the outcome of future investments with respect to performance
  conditions of bridges and structures. It was used for the 2019 TAMP, and has been
  replaced by the AASHTO BrM solution which is fully functional.
- NBI (National Bridge Inventory) the long-term federal bridge data reporting system for State DOTs in support of the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS). This solution currently requires State DOTs to submit both component inspection data and element inspection data. Most bridges are inspected on 2-year cycles, but in special cases, bridges could be inspected as often as every 6 months.

- **Scorecard** a custom internal application designed to track performance measures for individual sections including strategic performance measures.
- Enterprise GIS a linear referencing (map based) system solution that has allowed LADOTD to integrate data from multiple linear referencing system (LRS) networks to get a comprehensive view of roadway data. This GIS based software solution allows for location measures associated with data in different standalone silo systems to be kept current and synchronized via edits made to the linear referencing system (LRS) solution. This data interoperability and data sharing across business units, eliminates the need for duplicate data in various data silos, and consequently eliminates data inconsistencies. This solution was implemented in February 2017, linking several critical standalone silo systems, and will continue to be integrated with other data systems. ESRI Roads and Highways maintains the featured datasets in the Enterprise GIS. For example the legacy TAHI dataset is a collection of featured classes in ESRI Roads and Highways.
- Data Collection Vehicle (DCV) provides multi-function collection of pavement
  distress data and a video log of right-of-way pavement images. The DCV utilizes the
  latest 3D technology and advanced cameras to capture pavement data/images used
  for pavement condition analysis in the PMS, and other right-of-way images used for
  asset inventory data capture, i.e. guardrail, signs, etc. The change to the higher
  resolution 3D technology captures smaller cracks, captures the depth of a crack
  originating on the pavement surface, eliminates overstating of width determinations
  for damp cracks, and allows for 24-hour data collection improving the opportunity to
  eliminate low speed issues for IRI data capture in high traffic volume urban areas.
- Video Log Viewer a web application that offers synchronized viewing of data collection vehicle (DCV) collected pavement management data while allowing user to view synchronized right-of-way video log, pavement images, and the users customized choice of collected pavement management and condition data.
- LAGOV the financial management system and project management system built using SAP. LAGOV provides fleet and facilities asset management functionality and also provides AgileAssets with data for personnel and fleet resources along with costing for work orders.

## 3.0 Asset Inventory and Traffic Volumes

#### 3.1 Introduction

LADOTD's TAMP addresses the pavement and bridge assets on the National Highway System (NHS). The remaining LADOTD maintained pavements and bridges are included in the TAMP for reference and information purposes but are not made part of this asset management plan at this time.

In addition to the LADOTD maintained NHS pavements and bridges, a limited number of NHS pavements and bridges are owned by local entities and the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission, commonly referred to as "The Causeway Commission." All of these NHS assets require a state level view of the system in order to maintain and improve asset condition and to meet national and state performance goals.

This chapter summarizes the inventory, condition and age of the LADOTD maintained NHS pavements and bridges, as well as the locally owned NHS pavements and bridges. The chapter explains the issues with large outlier bridges and examines overall travel demand, or traffic volumes, on the state system. Finally, this chapter reviews LADOTD's efforts to reduce the size of the excessively large regional highway system.

### **Federal Requirement**

**23 CFR 119** requires that a state's TAMP must include the NHS pavements and bridges, including a description of asset condition. **23 CFR 515.5** defines "NHS pavements and bridges" as

"Interstate System pavements (inclusion of ramps that are not part of the roadway normally traveled by through traffic is optional); NHS pavements (excluding the Interstate System) (inclusion of ramps that are not part of the roadway normally traveled by through traffic is optional); and NHS bridges carrying the NHS (including bridges that are part of the ramps connecting to the NHS)."

## **Budget and Analysis Categories (Asset Classes)**

LADOTD maintains over 16,000 center line miles of roadway and just less than 8,000 bridges. For budgeting and analysis purposes, State owned pavement and bridge assets, along with the locally owned NHS, are now classified using the following categories, or Asset Classes:

**Interstate** - Interstate Highway System, part of the National Highway System, maintained by LADOTD, does not include Local NHS

**Non-Interstate NHS** - Non-Interstate National Highway System, maintained by LADOTD, does not include Local NHS

**Local NHS** - Local National Highway System, maintained by local governments within metropolitan areas or The Causeway Commission (not part of LADOTD budget)

**SHS (included for informational purposes, not analysis purposes)** - Statewide Highway System, maintained by LADOTD, Non-National Highway System, largely Federal Aid Eligible System

**RHS (included for informational purposes, not analysis purposes)** - Regional Highway System, maintained by LADOTD, Non-National Highway System, largely Non-Federal Aid Eligible System

#### 3.2 PAVEMENT SYSTEM SUMMARY

#### **Pavement Asset Classes**

**Asset Classes and Sub-Groups.** Interstates and Non-Interstate NHS pavements make up the relevant TAMP pavement asset classes while asset sub-groups are made up of the pavement types of Asphalt, Composite Pavements, Jointed Concrete Pavement and Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavements.

Note the federal assessment is based on only three pavement sub-groups, Asphalt, Jointed Concrete and Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavements, with composite pavements combined in the Asphalt sub-group.

## **Data Snapshots**

**PMS Data Snapshot.** LADOTD captures and updates Pavement Management System (PMS) data on a 2-year cycle. The data analysis included in the rest of this document is based on the current snapshot of pavement data for calendar years 2020 & 2021. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> calendar based 2-year cycle as all previous efforts were based on fiscal year cycles. This cycle adjustment was made to support the federal data collection and delivery deadlines.

**Federal Data Snapshot.** The federal data analysis is based on the most recent, 2020 and 2021, Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) submittals and represent inventory data captured in the 2021 and 2022 calendar years respectively. The federal data is updated on a yearly basis to meet the federal requirement, with the Interstate data submittal required by April 15th and the remaining data submittal required by June 15th.

LADOTD has elected to implement separate data collection and analysis efforts for PMS data and Federal Analysis data for a number of reasons more fully described in Chapter 4.

### **Terms used for Pavement Analysis**

**Primary Direction of Travel.** This is a designation of the original pavement inventory data capture direction dating back to the earliest paper-based pavement data collection efforts. The primary direction is generally from west to east or south to north, and matches the mile post system on the interstate.

Lane Mile. Lane miles are the number of lanes times the centerline length (in miles).

**Centerline Mile.** A centerline mile is a measure of the total length (in miles) of pavement, as measured along the roadway centerline. This is actually determined by the length of the primary direction of travel. It does not consider the number of travel lanes.

**Federal Analysis Lane Miles.** Federal analysis evaluations are based on the surface analysis of the far-right side travel lanes, in the primary direction of travel, and are reported in 0.100-mile pavement sections represented by the pavement type that comprises the majority of the length of each 0.100-mile section.

For federal reporting purposes, Federal Analysis Lane Miles are determined by multiplying the primary direction of travel length (in miles) times the total number of travel lanes in both directions for each 0.100-mile section of pavement.

**PMS Analysis Lane Miles.** The PMS Analysis Lane Miles represent the pavement surface analysis area used by the PMS. These PMS Analysis Lane Miles are comprised of data for either the far-right travel lanes in the primary direction of travel on undivided roadways, or the far-right travel lanes in both directions on divided roadways.

On divided highways, pavement sections are sometimes different in the alternate direction. For undivided highways, data analysis has proven that the extra cost to capture pavement condition data in both directions did not provide measurable gains in PMS analysis outcomes or benefits.

PMS pavement treatment recommendations are based on variable segments lengths of homogeneous, or matching, pavement sections.

## **Inventory of LADOTD Maintained Pavements**

**Pavement Asset Inventory.** The Table 3.1 State Pavement Asset Inventory provides the details for all LADOTD maintained pavement categories, or Asset Classes, and the non-LADOTD maintained Local NHS.

LADOTD has an extensive amount of total mileage that actually consists of bridge decks. These bridge deck segments are included for centerline mileage reporting. Bridge decks are excluded from both the PMS and Federal Analysis efforts.

The SHS and RHS are included for informational purposes.

**Table 3.1 State Pavement Asset Inventory** 

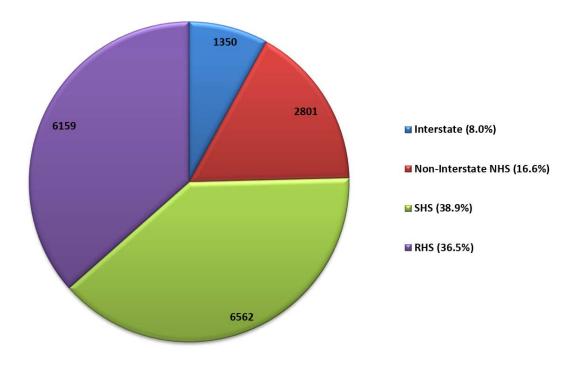
Asset Class	*Center Line Miles		**PMS Analysis Lane Miles		~Federal Analysis Lane Miles				
	Pavements	Bridges	Total	Pavements	Bridges	Total	Pavements	Bridges	Total
Interstate	675	268	943	1,350	533	1,883	2,846	1,195	4,041
Non-Interstate NHS	1,804	291	2,095	2,801	479	3,280	6,230	1,026	7,256
Local NHS	65	26	91	n/a	n/a	n/a	260	105	365
SHS	6,419	486	6,905	6,562	505	7,067	n/a	n/a	n/a
RHS	6033	523	6,556	6,159	535	6,694	n/a	n/a	n/a
Totals			16,590			18,924			11,662

<sup>\*=</sup> Center Line mileage includes bridge decks, gravel and brick surfaces; however, this mileage is excluded for both PMS & Federal Analysis

**Percentage of Lane Miles by Asset Class.** Figure 3.1 shows the breakdown of PMS analysis lane-mileage by asset classes, or highway categories. Figure 3.2 shows a similar breakdown by Federal analysis lane-mileage.

Both figures exclude mileage comprised of bridge decks, brick pavements and gravel pavements.

Figure 3.1 Percent PMS Analysis Lane-Miles by Asset Class



<sup>\*\* =</sup> PMS mileage represents the primary direction of travel for all undivided roadways and both directions for multi-lane divided roadways

<sup>~=</sup> Federal mileage represents the primary direction of travel times the number of through lanes for both directions

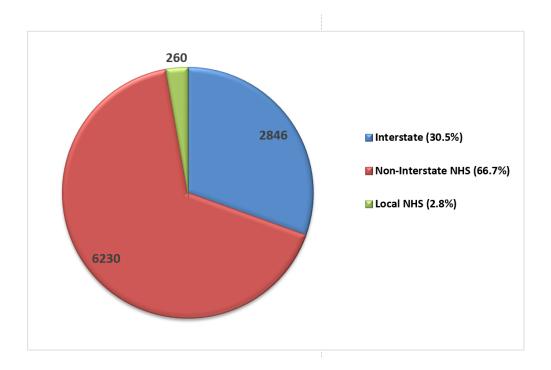


Figure 3.2 Percent Federal Analysis Lane-Miles by Asset Class

Percentage of PMS Analysis Lane Miles by Asset Sub-Group. LADOTD's PMS manages pavements using four different pavement types, or asset sub-groups, including (ASP) Asphaltic Concrete Pavements, (COM) Composite Pavements, (JCP) Jointed Concrete Pavements and (CRCP) Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavements.

The pie charts found in Figures 3.3 and 3.4 identify the current breakdown of the PMS pavement inventory by pavement type, or asset sub-groups, for the identified Asset Class.

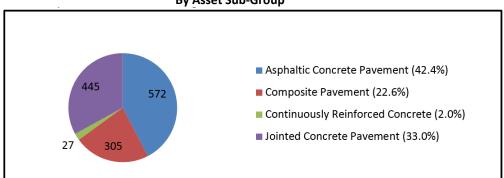


Figure 3.3 Percent of PMS Interstate Analysis Lane Mileage
By Asset Sub-Group

Asphaltic Concrete Pavement (54.2%)

Composite Pavement (24.1%)

Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement (0.6%)

Jointed Concrete Pavement (21.1%)

Figure 3.4 PMS Non-Interstate NHS Lane Mileage
By Asset Sub-Group

**Percentage of Federal Analysis Lane Miles by Asset Sub-Group.** Since the method of determining mileage for PMS and Federal Analysis are different, as noted earlier in this chapter, combining these PMS ASP and COM percentages shown below will not produce the Federal ASP percentage.

The pie charts found in Figures 3.5 and 3.6 below identify the current breakdown of the Federal Analysis pavement inventory by pavement type, or asset sub-groups, for the identified Asset Class.

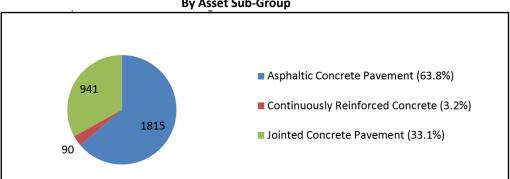


Figure 3.5 Percent of Federal Interstate Analysis Mileage
By Asset Sub-Group

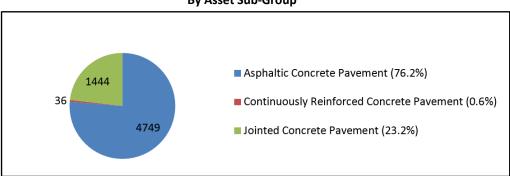


Figure 3.6 Percent of Non-Interstate NHS Analysis Lane Mileage
By Asset Sub-Group

## **Pavement Treatment Age**

The average pavement treatment age, based solely on the most recent pavement treatment and not the length of the pavement's existence, is shown in Table 3.2.

Maintenance activities and minor preservation treatments, such as chip seals, crack sealing, etc. do not reset the pavement age, but clearly extend the service life of pavements as inferred by the extended average age of pavements shown here. Pavement treatments that reset the pavement age also reset the various pavement condition indexes identified in the following section.

The analysis shows that the average pavement treatment age has decreased over the most recent 2-year cycles, and has continued to decrease in the current cycle. This positive trend for the Interstate and Non-Interstate NHS reflect budgets initiated by the investment strategy analysis performed for the TAMP effort reversing a negative trend as these increased funding levels are implemented.

**Table 3.2 Changes in Average NHS Pavement Treatment Age** 

Asset Class	TAVETAPE APE		*Average Age Current Cycle 2019
Interstate	18.3	17.7	16.7
Non-Interstate NHS	20.9	19.6	19.3

<sup>\* =</sup> Age is based on last pavement treatment reset, not time since original pavement construction

#### 3.3 Bridge System Summary

**Asset Classes and Sub-Groups.** NHS bridges, including Local NHS bridges, make up the TAMP relevant asset classes while asset sub-groups are made up of the bridge types of Prestressed Concrete, Slab Concrete, Movable, etc.

LADOTD does not own Local NHS bridges, and does not perform the TAMP analysis on those assets. The TAMP analysis is based only on the LADOTD maintained NHS bridge asset class with the Non-NHS bridges included for informational and reference purposes only.

**Federal Network Level Bridge Analysis.** Unlike the federal pavement requirements, the federal bridge network level requirements closely mirror the historical project level aspects of the component (superstructure, substructure, deck) level condition ratings and can be addressed with the BMS.

## **LADOTD Maintained Bridge Inventory**

The bridge data analysis, found in the 2022 TAMP, is based on the submittal of the federally required 2020 National Bridge Inventory (NBI) and represents inventory data collected during the 2019 calendar year. Table 3.3 identifies the TAMP relevant bridge inventory information.

National Bridge and Inspection Standards (NBIS) defines a "bridge" as: "Bridge: A structure including supports erected over a depression or an obstruction, such as water, highway, or railway, and having a track or passageway for carrying traffic or other moving loads, and having an opening measured along the center of the roadway of more than 20 feet between under-copings of abutments or spring lines of arches, or extreme ends of openings for multiple boxes; it may also include multiple pipes, where the clear distance between openings is less than half of the smaller contiguous opening." (from LADOTD EDSM IV.4.1.2).

The FHWA defines a bridge as a structure having an opening measured along the center of the roadway of more than 20 feet. In the 2020 NBI submittal, 7,914 total LADOTD maintained and Local NHS structures, representing 164,633,105 square feet of deck, met that bridge criteria. This is an extremely large amount of deck area to maintain and as a national reference, only three (3) states, California, Texas and Florida, are responsible for more bridge deck area than Louisiana per FHWA Bridge Condition by Highway System 2021.

The 3,053 NHS bridges (Interstate, Non-Interstate NHS and Local NHS) represent 79.8 percent of the combined LADOTD maintained and Local NHS bridge deck area. That equals 131,371,987 square feet of NHS deck area.

It is important to note that the Local NHS bridges include the twin 23-mile-long spans of the Lake Pontchartrain causeway toll facility. These spans comprise 8,015,774 square feet of deck area or 89.2% of the total Local NHS deck area. These two structures represent more deck area than the entire Regional Highway System (RHS).

Table 3.3 State Owned & Local NHS Bridge Asset Inventory

Asset Class	Bridge Count	Bridge Deck Area	% Total Deck Area
State NHS	2985	122,389,491	74.3%
Local NHS	68	8,982,496	5.5%
State Owned Non-NHS	4861	33,261,118	20.2%
Totals	7914	164,633,105	

Represents the 2020 NBI Submittal

#### **Age of Bridges**

Figure 3.7 shows the count of LADOTD maintained bridges, built by decade, that are still in service. Figure 3.8 shows the deck area for the same bridges.

With respect to asset management responsibilities, the information provided by a count of bridges built by decade shouldn't be compared to the information provided by the deck area of bridges built by decade. For instance, in the decade of the 60's, 549 Interstate bridges added nearly 16.5 million square feet of deck area while 945 Non-NHS bridges added only 4.4 million square feet of deck area. The deck area information clearly provides a far more accurate picture of these responsibilities.

The data shows that over 56% of all LADOTD maintained bridge deck area is already over 40 years old. Over 68% of all LADOTD maintained bridge deck area is over 30 years old. This statistic clearly indicates that a significant increasing asset management cost impact to maintain these aging assets is upon us.

The National Highway System (NHS) was not established until 1991 by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). Existing bridges and roadways were designated as NHS highways, so over 900 State and Local NHS bridges were built prior to 1991.

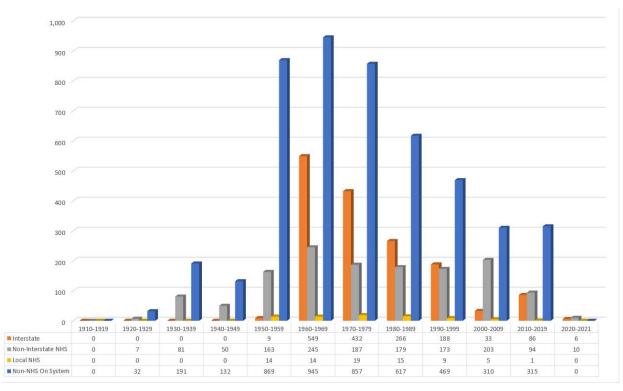
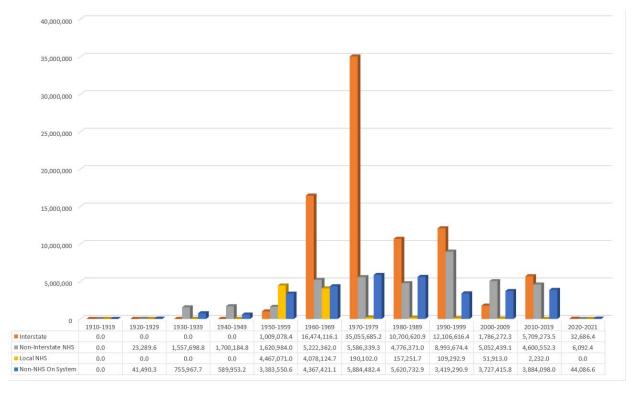


Figure 3.7 State Owned & Local NHS Count of Bridges Built By Decade





#### 3.4 Addressing Large Outlier Bridges

**Outlier Bridge Inventory.** Of the 7,914 NHS, Local NHS and Non-NHS LADOTD maintained bridges in the 2020 NBI bridge data, 129 have a deck area exceeding 175,000 square feet.

The 110 NHS and Local NHS bridges, while representing only 3.6% of the total 3,053 NHS bridges, comprise 57.5% of the total NHS bridge deck area.

 > 175,000 deck area
 Count
 Deck Area ft2

 NHS
 108
 67,558,511

 Local NHS
 2
 8,015,774

 Non-NHS
 19
 5,259,508

 Total
 129
 80,833,793

**Table 3.4 Outlier Bridge Inventory** 

Represents the 2020 NBI Submittal

The July 2012 FHWA report, HEP-12-046, "Asset Sustainability Index: A Proposed Measure for Long-Term Performance" introduces the concept of infrastructure assets defined as "Outliers". The following excerpt is taken from the report.

"These outliers could include the maintenance, preservation and repair/replacement costs of items such as aged, high-cost unique bridges, or the repair of pavements in very high-volume highways, or the replacement of structures under very-high traffic volumes. These types of assets can have much higher-than-average costs that skew the basic unit costs used in these calculations."

"One typical way to address this issue is to separately categorize and plan for these high cost facilities as a separate class of assets. States have grouped their unique and high-cost bridges and planned for them separately. Each such unique structure generally requires a more detailed engineering analysis to determine its preservation needs and costs for a long horizon, such as 10 years. By categorizing these structures and assessing them individually a more accurate planning estimate for their investment can be developed."

**Outlier Bridge Funding.** LADOTD clearly recognizes the issues that these critical large outlier bridges pose, but with the ongoing fiscal limitations, funding is simply not available to immediately deal with this looming and expensive problem.

**Worst First vs Preservation.** LADOTD will make every attempt to avoid a worst 1<sup>st</sup> approach going forward; however, the outcome of both historically limited funding, along with the significant deck area of outlier bridges, has placed LADOTD in a precarious position.

The preservation needs of these very large traffic volume, critical infrastructure bridges, continue to mount and simply cannot be ignored. They will continue to consume all necessary funding to maintain their functional purpose in a safe and effective manner. Thus, the concept of allowing a few assets to continue to decline while spending available funding on preservation of many assets simply cannot be applied in these extraordinary cases.

**Recent Outlier Expenditures.** Historically, large critical infrastructure outlier bridges have consumed significant available preservation funding.

LADOTD staff is aware of this ongoing problem caused by the advancing age of these bridges and long-term limited funding. These projects often require multiple phases, spaced out over a number of years, simply to cobble the funds necessary to accomplish the required work. Clearly this increases the overall project cost, but it is a necessary operational approach when funding is simply not available in a single year. LADOTD simply cannot spend all available funding in a given year on a single project.

Immediate funding is required to repair large outlier bridges damaged by outside agents. In 2011 it was necessary to spend \$11.7 million to repair the damaged I-10 Mississippi River Bridge Pier, and in 2012 the damaged I-210 Pier in Lake Charles required \$26.3 million in repairs. In 2018 the Sunshine Bridge was damaged twice requiring repairs totaling almost \$10 million.

**Future Outlier Funding.** The future NHS bridge funding allocation, determine by the investment scenario analysis efforts outlined in this document, should improve available funding for this issue, but it will not be an overall remedy. Significant additional funding to address this ongoing long-term issue is required.

LADOTD makes every attempt possible to provide additional dedicated funding for these outlier bridges. Each of the NHS outlier bridge assets has the potential to impact LADOTD's ability to continue achieving NHS bridge performance targets as well as their desired state of good repair and federal performance goals.

## 3.5 System Travel Demand (Traffic Volumes)

**Federal Requirement. 23 CFR 515.7(b)** identifies that "State DOT should include future changes in demand." Changes in traffic volumes are the primary method of analyzing travel demand for State DOTs pavements and bridges. The FHWA publishes yearly highway statistics, often delayed by at least a year due to compilation efforts, and this section analyzes that data to gain an understanding of the changing patterns of traffic in Louisiana.

The following sections summarize the past trends in travel demands in an attempt to gain an understanding of potential future travel demand.

#### **Urban – Rural Travel Demand Trends**

In the most recently available 2020 Federal Highway Statistics<sup>2</sup>, Louisiana's LADOTD maintained highway system experienced 29.404 billion vehicle miles of travel (VMT) while the overall total statewide traffic volume, including all local roads, was 48.374 billion VMT.

Since 2011, the overall statewide system, including all local roads, reflected a ten (10) year traffic volume growth of slightly more than 4.0% while the LADOTD maintained system saw a traffic volume increase of 1.3%. Note: the VMT data used in this section was corrected to the federal HM-50 Ownership tables to ensure accurate reporting of VMT values for appropriate pavement categories. This significant drop in traffic volume in 2020 is assumed to be associated with COVID-19.

#### **Travel Demand Trends**

**Urban Growth with Rural Decline.** Much of America has seen a surge in urban growth with an equivalent reduction in rural growth. In Figure 3.9, the 2005 and 2006 traffic volume spikes, caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, very clearly mark the turning point when urban traffic growth began to outpace the rural traffic growth in Louisiana. Urban traffic volumes have been trending steadily upward since 2000, while rural traffic volumes have never returned to pre-2005 hurricane event levels.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> VM2 "5.4.1. Vehicle-miles of travel, by functional system", October 26, 2021, https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/statistics/2020/

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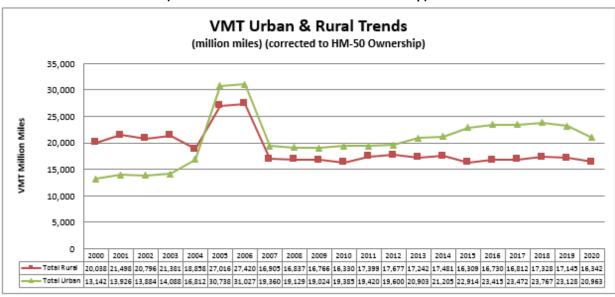


Figure 3.9 VMT Urban & Rural Trends (Million miles - corrected to HM-50 Ownership)

## **Travel Demand by Pavement Category (Asset Class)**

Figure 3.10 is provided to identify travel demand by asset class or pavement category. This data is very revealing with respect to how the general public uses the state highway system.

**Interstate Travel Demand**. Over the previous 10 years, Interstate traffic volume has increased by 2.28 billion VMT or 18.0% of the LADOTD maintained total VMT. The urban component was the most significant part of the increase, comprising 51.8% of the Interstate increase.

While the Interstate represents only 9.9% of the total lane mileage on the LADOTD maintained network, over the past 10 years it carried an average of 38.3% of the traffic volume with the 2020 VMT total reaching 40.0% or 14.92 billion VMT on the LADOTD maintained system.

**Non-Interstate NHS Travel Demand.** Over the previous 10 years, Non-Interstate NHS traffic volumes have decreased 1.219 billion VMT or 11.8%. The growing urban trend continued with the urban component comprising 77.6% of the Non-Interstate NHS decrease. This significant drop in traffic volume in 2020 is assumed to be associated with COVID-19.

The Non-Interstate NHS represents 17.3% of the LADOTD maintained lane miles, carried a 10-year average of 27.4% of the traffic volume, and carried 24.4% or 9.092 billion VMT in 2020.

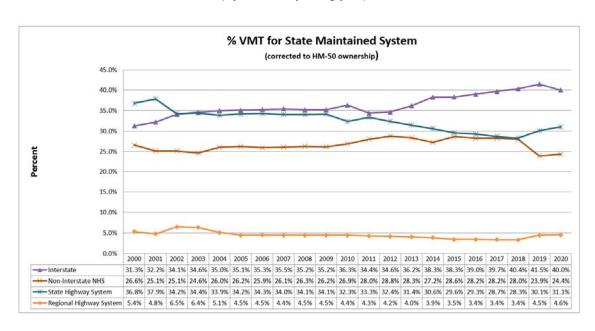


Figure 3.10 Percent VMT for LADOTD Maintained System (by federal reporting year)

**State Highway System (SHS) Travel Demand.** In contrast, over the previous 10 years, SHS traffic volumes have decreased 0.688 billion VMT or 5.6%. The urban component actually increased by 0.954 billion VMT but the rural component decreased by 1.642 billion VMT, resulting in the net loss and again highlighting the urban growth phenomenon.

The SHS represents 37.4% of the LADOTD maintained lane miles, carried a 10-year average of 30.5% of the traffic volume, and carried 31.1% or 11.588 billion VMT in 2020. While the Non-Interstate NHS and the SHS are currently very similar in traffic demand, the Non-Interstate VMT is experiencing a slow and steady increase, the SHS, since 2011, has experienced a recent rapid decline.

Regional Highway System (RHS) Travel Demand. The RHS, which represents minor collectors and LADOTD maintained local roads of a mostly rural composition, represents 36.5% of the total lane mileage on the LADOTD maintained network, but in 2020 carried only 4.6% of the total LADOTD maintained traffic volume, constantly trending downward from a high of 6.5% in 2002. This is clearly another indicator of the declining component of rural statewide traffic demand. The travel demand analysis shows that since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, traffic increases continue in urban areas while the rural traffic is in constant decline. The Governor Huey P. Long era created Regional Highway System (RHS) can no longer be supported without significant additional funding going forward.

#### 3.6 ONGOING SYSTEM ASSET INVENTORY REDUCTION

The cyclical economic downturns over the past few decades have clearly sent the message that the past concept of infrastructure expansion, as a primary tool for future economic development and prosperity, is no longer sustainable. This approach must give way to an understanding that the overall life cycle cost of an asset is the focal aspect of asset management and is the only sustainable methodology going forward.

LADOTD recognized these hard facts years ago and has led to ongoing efforts to change the culture and inform stakeholders of this move away from capacity projects towards a focus on preservation along with a reduction in the Regional Highway System inventory. This life cycle planning based approach is further substantiated by the federal requirements of this TAMP.

## **Addressing Regional Highway System Issues**

Beginning with Governor Huey P. Long, and continued by those that followed him, a significant number of local roads were converted to LADOTD maintained roads. LADOTD maintains an unsustainable 27 percent of the public road mileage in Louisiana (FHWA Highway Statistics 2020 Table HM-10). The national average public road mileage is approximately 19 percent (FHWA Highway Statistics 2020 Table HM-10). Once again, the unsustainability of this system is borne out by the fact that the RHS represents 36.5% of the total LADOTD maintained lane mileage but carries only 4.6% of the total LADOTD maintained VMT.

The State Legislature and the general public must understand that these assets will always be the last to receive the very limited available funding, and generally do not receive any preservation funding, and only limited maintenance repair funding, during times of funding constraints. This is clearly manifested in the declining condition of these assets.

**Road Transfer Program.** One of the most innovative efforts in the country to reduce this unsustainable percentage of public roads in Louisiana is the Road Transfer Program (RTP) described in the April 2013 policy document "Right-Sizing the State Highway System: A Voluntary Road Transfer Program." The goal of the RTP is to right-size the overall State Highway System to achieve the national average of 19 percent state ownership of public road mileage.

LADOTD has identified approximately 5,000 miles of State roads that do not comply with the State's highway network responsibilities. The program involves transferring ownership of these roads to local governments. This opportunity is viewed as a way to reduce the size of LADOTD regional assets while rectifying the inequities in the distribution of State highway miles among parishes, and empowering local governments through the right-sizing of the State highway system.

Participation in the program is voluntary. Roads are repaired prior to transfer and the receiving local governments are credited for 40 years of routine and capital maintenance,

which can be applied to any highway capital project(s). The program has so far appealed to those parishes and municipalities that have the capacity for additional day-to-day road maintenance, but lack the resources for capital improvements.

**Status of RHS Reduction.** As of September 2022, LADOTD has transferred 202.64 centerline miles of Regional Highway System routes, along with the 48 bridges on those roadways, to local governments. Additionally, LADOTD has cooperative endeavor agreement contracts in place to transfer 170.89 additional centerline miles as soon as repairs are completed on these pavements. LADOTD is negotiating to transfer another 105.13 miles through this program.

## 4.0 Asset Condition Measures & Data

#### 4.1 Introduction

This chapter identifies both the Federal and Pavement Management System (PMS) pavement performance metrics and assessment criteria and then outlines the difference between the approaches. Next the chapter outlines how the new pavement data to support the Federal analysis is being acquired and how historical pavement data deficiencies prevent the historical federal condition assessment for that data.

In the final part of the pavement section of this chapter, an attempt is made to correlate the pavement performance index (PPI) which the PMS can project, with the Federal Good, Fair and Poor measures, which the PMS cannot project. This initial attempt to project future Federal conditions is required to project federally mandated 2-year and 4-year targets.

The bridge section of this chapter identifies that there are no significant issues or differences between the Federal requirements and the current Bridge Management System approach. Bridges that are considered unsafe for any reason are immediately closed until they can be repaired or replaced.

#### 4.2 PAVEMENT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

#### **Federal Performance Metrics**

The FHWA has selected four pavement performance metrics to determine the network level pavement condition of the NHS pavements. The pavement data, supporting these measures, will be reported to the Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS). The four 23 CFR Part 490 measures are calculated using quantitative data based on the following metrics:

- **Pavement roughness**, an indicator of discomfort experienced by road users traveling over the pavement, is measured using the International Roughness Index (IRI).
- **Rutting** is quantified for asphalt pavement by measuring the depth of ruts along the wheel path. Rutting is commonly caused by a combination of high volume traffic and heavy vehicles.
- **Cracking** is measured in terms of the percentage of cracked pavement surface. Cracks can be caused or accelerated by excessive loading, poor drainage, frost heaves or temperature changes, construction flaws or simply from an aging surface.
- **Faulting** is quantified for jointed concrete pavements. Faulting occurs when adjacent pavement slabs are misaligned. It can be caused by slab settlement due to loading, curling, and warping.

#### **Federal Condition Assessment Criteria**

Federal Condition Criteria and Ranges. The data collection of the federal IRI, Rutting, Faulting and Cracking Percent pavement condition metrics identified here captured in the right most lane of travel in the primary direction on pavements.

In order to accurately extrapolate the data across the lanes and to

Federal Pavement Condition Criteria 23 CFR Part 490.313(b)						
Metric	Good	Fair	Poor			
IRI (inches/mile)	<95	95 - 170	>170			
Cracking (%)						
- Asphalt	<5	5 - 20	>20			
- Jointed Concrete	<5	5 - 15	>15			
- Continuously Reinforced Concrete	<5	5 - 10	>10			
Rutting Asphalt (inches)	<0.20	0.20-0.40	>0.40			
Faulting Jointed Concrete (inches)	<0.10	0.10-0.15	>0.15			

eliminate inappropriate data on bridge structures, the federal requirements specifically identify that state DOTs shall report three HPMS inventory data elements; (1) Through Lanes which identifies the number of lanes designated for through-traffic, (2) Surface Type which designates the pavement surface type on a given section, and (3) Structure Type which identifies the bridges and tunnels. These historically reported inventory elements now gain additional quality control significance as reporting errors for these items could impact a state DOT's ability to make significant progress toward achieving targets.

**Federal Pavement Sections.** An individual 0.100-mile section is rated as being in good overall condition if all of the metrics are rated as good, and poor when two or more are rated as poor. All other combinations are rated as fair. The lane miles in good, fair and poor condition are tabulated for all sections to determine the overall percentage of pavement in good, fair and poor condition.

## **Pavement Management System (PMS) Condition Metrics**

Since 1995, LADOTD has been collecting project level pavement condition data on a variety of pavement distress types, or metrics. The condition metrics listed below form the basis for the Pavement Management System to assess current and projected pavement conditions.

- **Rutting** the longitudinal depressions in the wheel paths of an asphalt pavement surface.
- **Faulting** the vertical misalignment of pavement joints, in the right wheel path, on jointed concrete pavements.
- International Roughness Index (IRI) the most commonly used worldwide pavement roughness measure of surface deviations associated with vehicle dynamics and ride quality.

- **Longitudinal Cracking** the cracks in pavements that are predominantly parallel to the direction of traffic and are not defined as Fatigue Cracks.
- **Transverse Cracking** the cracks in pavements that are predominantly perpendicular to the direction of traffic and are not defined as Fatigue Cracks.
- Fatigue (Alligator) Cracking the cracking located in both 36 inch wheel paths on Asphalt Pavements (ASP) only.
- Patching An area of pavement surface that has been repaired, with the addition of new material to correct an irregularity in the pavement surface, that has not been performed as part of the original construction.
- Texture Macro texture is a property related to friction, and is used to identify
  potential locations for pavement skid resistance testing. This measure is captured
  for the Highway Safety Section and is not currently used by the PMS for condition
  assessment or condition forecasts but is informally used by the PMS engineer as a
  reference check in assessment outcomes.
- Friction this measure is captured on an as needed basis using a pavement skid
  resistance testing system fully identified in ASTM E274. This measure is captured for
  the Highway Safety Section and is not currently used by the PMS for condition
  assessment or condition forecasts but is informally used by the PMS engineer as a
  reference check in assessment outcomes.

#### **PMS Condition Assessment Criteria**

**Pavement Condition Assessment Indexing.** Pavement management systems require an equitable analysis of the various pavement condition data. For instance, cracking and patching are each captured with low, medium and high severity levels representing different non-compatible data ranges and values. There are also units of measure issues between various pavement condition measures.

To address these different pavement distress data ranges, values and units of measure, various pavement condition indices were created and calculated for the various distresses. These indices, shown below, are based on a scale from 1 to 100, with 100 being perfect. Various combinations of these pavement condition indices are then used to generate a composite pavement performance index for the four different pavement types, or asset sub-groups, identified earlier.

- Alligator Cracking Index
- Random Cracking Index
- Patching Index
- Rutting Index
- Roughness Index
- Transverse Cracking Index
- Longitudinal Cracking Index

PMS uses all of these pavement condition index data to assess the overall condition of these asset sub-groups via an overall pavement performance index (PPI) and then uses this information to identify the optimum pavement treatments.

For instance, on flexible (Asphalt) pavements, various treatment triggers are based on the Alligator, Random, Patching, Rutting, and Roughness indices. These treatment trigger values will also vary depending on the different asset classes or highway systems. In other words, interstate treatment triggers are not the same as the ones for other LADOTD maintained highway systems.

**PMS Pavement Sections.** LADOTD analyzes homogeneous pavement sections to assess the overall condition of various pavements and then uses this information to identify the optimum pavement treatments for each homogeneous segment of roadway.

#### Federal and PMS Differences

**PMS Project Level and Federal Network Level Analysis.** The Federal assessment of pavements is a network level assessment and is used to identify the overall performance of pavements for the different NHS asset classes.

The LADOTD PMS assessment is a project level assessment and is used to identify the optimal project treatments, or work types, necessary to maintain or improve the asset conditions.

The different approaches are incompatible and there are a number of different reasons LADOTD's PMS implementation simply cannot adopt the federal data in project treatment analysis and selection.

**Other PMS and Federal Differences Enumerated.** While LADOTD's PMS analysis uses the same descriptive metrics, IRI, Cracking, Faulting and Rutting required by the FHWA, the federal data capture and reporting requirements are somewhat different from those employed for PMS activities.

**Cracking Extent and Severity.** First and foremost, while both approaches require cracking extents, or linear measure of cracking, the PMS effort additionally incorporates crack width severity to aid in determining the pavement various treatment selections such as a chip seal for low severity cracks and an overlay for high severity cracks. The PMS effort also evaluates cracking both inside and outside of the wheel path, whereas the federal analysis is confined to the wheel path.

**Asset Sub-Groups Differences.** The federal assessment also joins Composite Pavements, generally comprised of an asphalt overlay on an older concrete pavement, into the asset sub-class with Asphalt pavements, or basically what is the visible surface of the pavement. For a network level approach, this is completely reasonable and acceptable.

For a project management approach, these different pavement types, or asset sub-classes, are separated in the PMS and use a completely different combination of index values to

assess and project their conditions. Often these two different pavement types have different deterioration modalities that generate different treatment requirements.

Wheel Path Dimension Differences. Additionally, the federal "wheel path" dimension was designated as 39 inches wide. LADOTD has historically used a "wheel path" dimension of 36 inches in the PMS analysis. Any potential switch in wheel path dimensions would require a complete change not only in the current PMS methodologies but also a reanalysis of historical data to ensure that both historical pavement performance index data and historical deterioration curve data would be reasonably similar, and not rendered useless for future efforts.

**Section Length Differences.** A final difference between the federal analysis and the PMS analysis is based on the use of homogeneous, or matching pavement sections within the PMS verses the requirement for 0.100 mile pavement sections for the federal analysis. This difference is impactful on two separate levels.

First, the current analysis of interstate pavements is based on 521 homogeneous Interstate pavement segments. While the software solution should theoretically run any number of pavement sections, multiple attempts to run the analysis on the over 7,000 tenth (0.100) mile Interstate sections, could never be completed before the dedicated computer crashed or the PMS solution stopped due to internal limitations. Some might suggest getting a more powerful computer; however, the second level of impact eliminates the need to do this.

The second level of impact is that contracted project work could never be assigned based on 0.100 mile segments. The contractor mobilization cost alone would completely overwhelm and supersede any potential benefit from working on the poor or fair condition 0.100 miles segments spread around a given area.

#### 4.3 PAVEMENT DATA COLLECTION

#### **Federal Data Collection**

**Federal Data Collection Requirements.** The mandated timeline for data collection of these 23 CFR Part 490 metrics began on January 1, 2018. Federal condition data must be captured prior to December 31<sup>st</sup> of a given year to be considered valid data.

LADOTD preemptively captured this federal data, prior to the 2018 timeline requirement, in an attempt to gain an early start on resolving the potential issues that could arise in performing a new data collection, data quality assurance, and data analysis. LADOTD also shifted all future data collection cycles to begin in the month of January to allow for as much time as possible to capture this very important data.

Federal Interstate condition data must be captured every year, while Non-Interstate NHS data can be captured every other year. Currently, LADOTD captures federal data, for both Interstate and Non-Interstate NHS, on a yearly basis and intends to continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

**Federal Pavement Condition Reporting Option.** 23 CFR Part 490.309 (1)(iii), allows the state to choose if they want to capture and report the network level federal Interstate pavement data metrics (IRI, rutting, faulting, and Cracking Percent) in both directions.

LADOTD currently captures PMS condition data in both directions if the pavement is an Interstate or a multi-lane divided Non-Interstate NHS pavement. Only the primary direction is captured for undivided Non-Interstate NHS pavements. LADOTD also captures the federal condition data in the same manner.

An analysis of the data reveals no significant differences in the data for opposing directions, so the HPMS submittal currently provides only the primary direction of travel, eliminating the need to capture both directions for undivided Non-Interstate NHS pavements.

### **Local NHS Pavement Information and Assumptions**

**Local Data Federal Requirement.** In **23 CFR 515.7(f)** we find that "The processes established by State DOTs shall include a provision for the State DOT to obtain necessary data from other NHS owners in a collaborative and coordinated effort."

**Approach for Local NHS Pavement Data.** To ensure data collection on the Local NHS pavements is captured in the same manner as other NHS pavements, LADOTD has agreed to extend, and manage, the existing pavement data capture effort to include the Local NHS pavement data for the Louisiana MPOs. LADOTD will provide both the required federal data and the PMS data to the Local NHS owners and also use this data to generate the required Local NHS data analysis.

**Local NHS Update.** In 2012, the FHWA moved all existing "principal arterials" into the NHS classification. This initially resulted in an increase of the total mileage the non-LADOTD maintained NHS (Local NHS) system.

This change led to a review of the existing and "enhanced" Local NHS which resulted in a number of "principal arterials" being reclassified as Local "minor arterials", and subsequently removed from the NHS classification in some MPO areas.

For the remaining Local NHS roadways, LADOTD has created a new separate analysis category called "Local National Highway System" or Local NHS. PMS and BMS forecasts cannot be performed for Local NHS, since no budget category exists for these roadways not owned by LADOTD.

Local NHS Pavement Assumptions. LADOTD has inspection and inventory data for all Local NHS pavements within the state. LADOTD has captured 3 cycles of pavement data for the Local NHS system, but this additional data has not proven sufficient for predicting performance. Until enough data is collected to support performance prediction, LADOTD will continue to assume that Local NHS will perform similar to the Non-Interstate NHS. For the remainder of this document, this assumption will be a matter of record and readers should assume the Non-Interstate NHS data analysis, charts, tables and figures represent the Local NHS system as well.

**Faulting developments over the past 5 years.** Before 2017 faulting was measured as 2D, providing a profile view of faulting over the length of the road. This was not necessarily at a joint and sometimes potholes got mixed in with the faulting. Algorithms were used to predict faulting and FHWA's ProVal software was used to run the Automated Joint Fault (AFM) Measurement analyses to estimate and input joint spacing. Data was summarized to a tenth of a mile.

In 2017 measuring Federal Faulting began for performance measures. Federal Faulting is defined as the absolute value of any fault which is 0.01 inches or greater, and data is only collected in the right wheel path. LADOTD did not measure faults prior to 2017 until they attained a value of 0.2 inches or greater while collecting faulting data in both the left and right wheel path.

The data collection vendor began measuring faulting across the length of the road with laser scanners in 2020 summarizing data into 5 or 6 locations.

The Louisiana Transportation Research Center (LTRC) began looking at Federal Faulting values on NHS pavements in 2021, and developed a prediction model of failure based on Faulting Goodness values for the TAMP as it relates to performance measures.

Currently the data collection vendor takes a transverse profile section every inch with 3D technology, and verifies and marks joint locations with the help of LADOTD's QA/QC team. This method quantifies faulting on joints in the left and right wheel path plus other locations.

LADOTD will continue to work with LTRC to utilize and incorporate new data into Faulting measures.

#### 4.4 Assessing Historical Federal Performance

**Federal Data Requirements.** The requirement of **23 CFR 515.7(g)** is that State DOTs shall use the best available data to develop their asset management plans.

The FHWA's HPMS data submittal requirements, with respect to the federal measure and legislation, were formalized in 2017 to eliminate the extensive individual state interpretations in historical submittals.

For instance, previously states could calculate cracking percentage in any way the state felt was appropriate. A state could use the entire lane, or some various wheel path dimension to make the calculation. These adjustments and formally defined calculation methods will ensure consistently comparable nationwide future data submittals.

This section provides details with regards to pavement data collection for this updated federal requirement.

## **Missing Historical Federal Data**

**Historical Federal Data Issues.** LADOTD has been collecting pavement condition data since 1995 for a variety of pavement distress conditions; however, it does not have historical data relevant to the Federal measures for faulting or cracking.

**Faulting Issue.** There is simply no historical faulting data available based on the federal faulting condition measures. The federal Poor faulting condition measure begins at 0.15 inches. LADOTD never required the data collection vendor to keep the faulting data below a 0.2 inch threshold, based on the fact that joint repair treatment projects were triggered in the PMS for joints exceeding faulting thresholds of 0.4 inches.

**Cracking Issue.** While the Federal cracking data might technically be made available if LADOTD's data collection vendor provides the conversion of the raw historical data into the Federal measures. LADOTD decided not to pursue this course of action for several cost-related reasons:

**First**, the costly conversion of historical 2D data could be incompatible with the new 3D data being captured.

**Second**, LADOTD did not want to complicate the transition from 2D to 3D data already underway. This proved to be prophetic as the very complex analysis and conversion was still ongoing months after completion of the data collection effort.

**Third**, the cracking conversion would have been costly. LADOTD uses a 36-inch wheel path in the PMS analysis while the Federal cracking measure calls for a 39-inch wheel path. In addition, the Composite pavements would have to be completely reanalyzed using the new federal Asphalt protocols, so the conversion would not be a trivial effort and the significant cost would have been difficult to justify.

**Fourth**, with the missing faulting measures, the data would still be incomplete in determining how effective LADOTD was historically.

**Finally**, as noted in the previous section, the issue only becomes relevant if LADOTD is approaching the penalty situation of not maintaining the Interstate pavement in excess of the minimum threshold of 5% in poor condition. The PMS analysis at the time of the decision clearly indicated that LADOTD would not threaten the minimum threshold in the foreseeable future.

#### 4.5 Bridge Condition Data

**Federal Data Requirements.** The requirement of **23 CFR 515.7(g)** is that State DOTs shall use the best available data to develop their asset management plans.

**Local Data Federal Requirement.** In **23 CFR 515.7(f)** we find that "The processes established by State DOTs shall include a provision for the State DOT to obtain necessary data from other NHS owners in a collaborative and coordinated effort."

## **Bridge Condition Data Collection**

**Federal NBI Bridge Inspections and Reporting.** LADOTD is responsible for federal mandated inspections on all bridges in Louisiana, including Local NHS bridges. Bridge inspections capture both the federal National Bridge Inventory (NBI) component (superstructure, substructure, deck) level data along with the FHWA expanded data collection and reporting requirements that include element (girders, decks, piles, etc.) level data.

For consistency and accuracy, LADOTD chose to capture component level and element level data via inspection efforts rather than to use the BMS to provide for a software conversion from the component items to the element items.

LADOTD is fully compliant with both of these data requirements.

## **Bridge Performance Measures**

**Closing Unsafe Bridges.** Bridges that are considered unsafe for any reason are immediately closed until they can be repaired or replaced. If funding for extensive repairs or replacement does not appear to be available in a reasonable time, complete removal of these unsafe bridges may be the correct option.

**LADOTD Bridge Performance Measure.** LADOTD adopted the performance measure of percent structurally deficient (poor condition), as it was previously defined by deck area after the 2005 hurricane events in Louisiana significantly impacted bridges.

# 5.0 Targets, Performance and Gap Analysis

#### 5.1 Introduction

It is noted once again that this document is a performance-based document, not a needs document. This document is focused on NHS Pavement and Bridge asset performance assessments and outcomes. Capacity needs are not considered or discussed in this document.

The methodology for setting performance targets is reviewed followed by different sections that identify the federal performance penalty assessments that occur with failure to achieve minimum federally defined pavement and bridge conditions. The Desired State of Good Repair (DSGR) is formally defined and a Gap Analysis is identified for the DSGR. A discussion of federal performance targets follows along with issues identified with projecting targets. The DSGR, Gap Analysis and performance targets are all federally mandated. The mandated targets are then identified.

#### 5.2 FEDERAL FUNDING MATCH

**Federal Match Shortfalls.** The use of federal funds requires a state to provide a matching amount of funds. As it stands today, state funds generated from state gas tax revenues are insufficient to meet the federal funding match. One-time state funds have been provided in recent years to meet the federal match requirements; however, this is not a sustainable funding source. Act 486 was enacted during the 2021 regular legislative session and provides LADOTD with the first sustainable revenue increase in over 30 years. This legislation will appropriate funds to LADOTD from vehicle sales taxes annually beginning in State Fiscal Year 2024. LADOTD estimates it will receive \$161 million the first year, \$325 million the second year and \$300 million annually thereafter. Of these amounts 75% is dedicated to four megaprojects and a number of smaller capacity projects listed in the legislation, leaving 25% for the preservation programs. While this is a good start, a shortfall still exists.

This analysis assumes that the State Legislature will provide appropriate funding for federal match; however, if the State Legislature does not provide the federal matching funds, LADOTD will not accomplish the DSGR or achieve the performance targets, and will experience a penalty assessment in the near future.

#### **5.3** Method for Setting Performance Targets

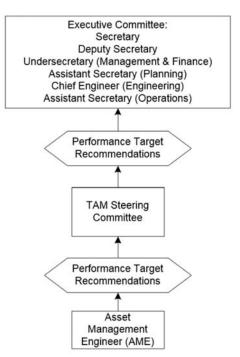
LADOTD's strategic plan, effective through June 2025, sets forth agency performance targets including performance targets for all pavement and bridge conditions. This strategic effort is a responsibility of the Executive Committee and is updated on a cycle determined by the Division of Administration. This past strategic plan target setting methodology, with respect to pavement and bridge conditions, relied strictly on historical performance.

Going forward, approved NHS pavement and bridge performance targets will drive the agency's TAMP related asset management efforts.

**Target Setting Methodology.** As shown in the flow chart, the Asset Management Engineer (AME) will identify provisional data driven performance targets for NHS pavements and bridges that will represent investment strategy forecasts based on life cycle centered analysis.

The AME will recommend these provisional performance targets to the TAM Steering Committee, led by the Executive Champion. The TAM Steering committee will evaluate the AME provisional recommendations and then make its final recommendations to the Executive Committee.

All final performance targets will continue to be approved by the Executive Committee which is comprised of the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, the Undersecretary of Management and Finance, the Assistant Secretary of Planning, the Chief Engineer, the Assistant Secretary of Operations, and the Commissioner of Multimodal Commerce.



#### 5.4 FEDERAL PAVEMENT PERFORMANCE PENALTY

It is the intent of LADOTD to ensure that every possible step is taken to avoid a pavement penalty assessment.

The funding outcome of a penalty assessment is that other federal aid eligible State Highway System (SHS) routes will lose a significant source of funding as these funds would be mandated to be spent on the NHS pavement assets until compliance with the minimum requirements is once again obtained. It should also be noted that in a penalty situation, Regional Highway System (RHS) funding would also then be diverted to the SHS to replace the NHS reassigned SHS funding within legal constraints

**Federal Requirement. 23 CFR Part 490.315(a)** establishes that the percentage of lane-miles of Interstate System in Poor condition shall not exceed 5.0 percent.

**Federal Requirement. 23 CFR Part 490.317** establishes the penalty for exceeding the 5.0 percent minimum.

- "(1) Obligate, from the amounts apportioned to the State DOT under 23 U.S.C. 104(b)(1) (for the NHPP), an amount that is not less than the amount of funds apportioned to the State for Federal fiscal year 2009 under the Interstate Maintenance program for the purposes described in 23 U.S.C. 119 (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of the MAP-21), except that for each year after Federal fiscal year 2013, the amount required to be obligated under this clause shall be increased by 2 percent over the amount required to be obligated in the previous fiscal year; and
- (2) Transfer, from the amounts apportioned to the State DOT under 23 U.S.C. 104(b)(2) (for the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP)) (other than amounts suballocated to metropolitan areas and other areas of the State under 23 U.S.C. 133(d)) to the apportionment of the State under 23 U.S.C. 104(b)(1), an amount equal to 10 percent of the amount of funds apportioned to the State for fiscal year 2009 under the Interstate Maintenance program for the purposes described in 23 U.S.C. 119 (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of the MAP-21)."

**2022 Pavement Penalty Assessment Calculation.** In 2013, the relevant apportioned funding was \$92.2 million to Louisiana. So, increasing that total by 2% compounded annually since 2009 yields a 2022 NHPP obligation total of \$121.7 million. The additional transfer of \$9.2 million from the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) would create the 2022 total penalty of \$130.9 million if it would be assessed. Note that the 2% compounding total never ends, so this total would increase each year going forward should LADOTD incur a future penalty assessment.

## 5.5 DESIRED STATE OF GOOD REPAIR (DSGR) REQUIREMENT

**Federal Requirement. 23 CFR 515.9(d)(1)** identifies the minimum content for the TAMP asset management objectives with respect to achieving and sustaining the "State of Good Repair":

Asset management objective should align with the State DOT's mission. The
objectives must be consistent with the purpose of asset management, which is to
achieve and sustain the desired state of good repair over the life cycle of the assets
at a minimum practicable cost.

## 5.6 GAP ANALYSIS REQUIREMENTS

**Federal Requirement. 23 CFR 515.7(a).** The TAMP must describe a methodology, with regard to the physical condition of the assets, for:

- Identifying gaps affecting the State DOT targets for the condition of NHS pavements and bridges as established pursuant to **23 U.S.C.150(d)**.
- Identifying deficiencies hindering progress toward achieving and sustaining the desired state of good repair (as defined by the State DOT).

• Developing alternative strategies that will close or address the identified gaps.

The TAMP must describe a methodology for analyzing gaps in the performance of the NHS that affect NHS bridges and pavements regardless of their physical condition to:

- Identify gaps in the effectiveness of the NHS in providing safe and efficient movement of people and goods. (23 CFR 515.7(a)(2)).
- Identify strategies to close or address the identified gaps affecting the physical assets. (23 CFR515.7(a)(3)).

#### 5.7 PAVEMENT DESIRED STATE OF GOOD REPAIR DEFINED

**DSGR Defined.** LADOTD defines the desired state of good repair as maintaining NHS pavements at or near the current condition state over the life cycle of the asset.

Pavements. The goal of the DSGR is to not allow the Good percentage to decrease nor the Poor percentage to increase based on the latest complete data Good/Fair/Poor performance measurements. Current Performance is based on the 2022 Baseline based on the 2020 Good/Fair/Poor performance measurements. The 10 Year Projected Performance is based on the dTIMS model results for different Interstate and Non-Interstate NHS recommended annual budgets in Figure 5.1 and 5.2.

## 5.8 PAVEMENT DSGR ASSESSMENT AND GAP ANALYSIS

**DSGR Methodology.** LADOTD performed the Gap Assessment, detailed in Chapter 9, "Investment Strategies", for the DSGR over the 10-year TAMP analysis period. The analysis of existing funding levels identified that the 10-year DSGR outcome would be deficient with significant gaps for both Interstate and Non-Interstate NHS pavements.

As a result, LADOTD investigated a number of investment scenarios to identify the proper funding necessary to achieve the DSGR.

**Interstate DSGR Outcome.** This investment strategy analysis led to the Interstate pavement funding recommendations of \$50 million per year.

This investment strategy analysis effort afforded LADOTD with a preemptive opportunity to remedy the DSGR performance gap issues found with the existing funding level, allowing

Interstate Pavements	Good	Fair	Poor	
Desired State of Good Repair	22.0%	76.3%	1.7%	
10-Year Projected Performance	69.2%	28.2%	2.6%	
10-Year Projected Performance Gap	-47.2%		0.9%	

LADOTD to maintain these pavements at or near their current condition for the 10-year analysis period.

These projections assume federal matching funds will be available.

**Non-Interstate NHS DSGR Outcome.** This investment strategy analysis led to the pavement funding recommendations of \$90 million per year for Non-Interstate NHS.

Again, LADOTD was able to preemptively remedy the DSGR performance gap issues found with the existing funding level, allowing LADOTD to maintain these pavements at or near

Non-Interstate NHS Pavements	Good	Fair	Poor
Desired State of Good Repair	15.9%	72.2%	11.9%
10-Year Projected Performance	50.6%	42.7%	6.7%
10-Year Projected Performance Gap	-34.7%		-5.2%

their current condition for the 10-year analysis period.

These projections assume federal matching funds will be available.

#### Interstate and Non-Interstate NHS Pavement Forecast.

The current funding recommendation for Interstate pavement has a projected 10-Year Projected Performance Gap of 0.9% Poor at the current \$50 million annual budget with a 97.4% Fair or Better rating.

The current funding recommendation for Non-Interstate NHS pavement has a projected 10-Year Projected Performance Gap of -5.2% Poor at the current \$90 million annual budget with a 93.3% Fair or Better rating.

For both the Interstate and Non-Interstate NHS, the current budgets have no 10 Year Projected Performance Gaps (negligible for Interstate).

Figure 5.1 illustrates the Interstate Budget % Fair or Better after 10 years for different annual budgets. The current budget and breakeven budget are marked.

Figure 5.2 illustrates the Non-Interstate NHS Budget % Fair or Better after 10 years for different annual budgets. The current budget and breakeven budget are marked.

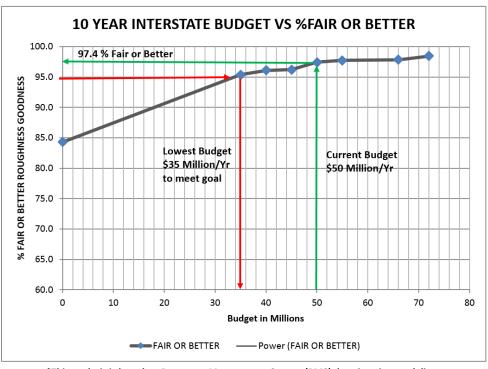
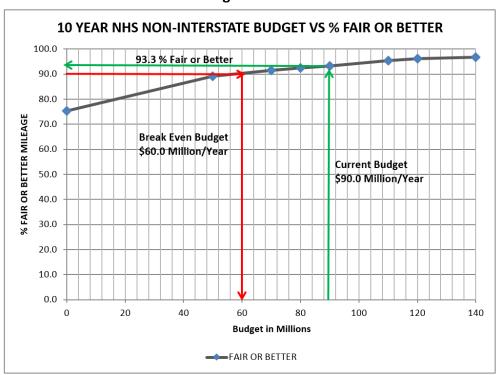


Figure 5.1\*

<sup>\*</sup>This analysis is based on Pavement Management System (PMS) deterioration modeling.



**Figure 5.2 \*** 

<sup>\*</sup>This analysis is based on Pavement Management System (PMS) deterioration modeling.

## **5.9 FEDERAL PERFORMANCE TARGET REQUIREMENTS**

**Federal Requirement. 23 CFR Part 490.105(e)(4)(iii)** requires that State DOTs shall establish 2-year targets that reflect the anticipated condition/performance level at the midpoint of each 4-year performance period for the condition of pavements on the Interstate System, the condition of pavements on the NHS (excluding the Interstate) and for the condition of bridges on the NHS.

Additionally, **23 CFR Part 490.105(e)(4)(iv)** requires that State DOTs shall establish 4-year targets that reflect the anticipated condition/performance level at the end of each performance period for the same measures.

#### **5.10** Projecting Federal Pavement Performance

#### **Other Target Setting Factors**

Identified External Factors and Unknowns. Currently a group of significant external factors, outside the agency's control, are affecting target setting. These external factors include, the loss of buying power due to the inflation eroded

External Target Setting Factors		
Traffic	Modal Shares	
Weather	Zones of Disadvantaged Populations	
Gas Prices	Land Use Characteristics	
Economy	Peer Agency Targets	
Legislative Requirements	Vehicle Characteristics	
Population	Driver Behavior	
Vehicle Registration	Politics	
Demographic Shifts		

Transportation Trust Fund dollars, a political climate that does not suggest immediate additional funding and most importantly, if the State Legislature does not provide the federal matching funds, LADOTD simply cannot achieve the performance targets identified here, and will experience a penalty assessment in the near future. LADOTD has made the reasonable assumption that the current projected funding levels, while currently valid, might be strained even further in the future.

Missing Data. As previously noted, LADOTD was unable to convert historical data into federal data, and struggled to find a satisfactory correlation between the Federal performance measures, and State performance measures. Additional sets of federal data have currently been taken which have not proven sufficient for projecting the 2 year and 4 year pavement targets and 10 year Projected Performance and 10 Year Projected Performance Gaps. For this reason the State Performance measures have been used. When the State and Federal Performance measures are compared the State Performance measures are consistently very conservative by a significant margin.

**Federal Data Requirements.** The requirement of 23 CFR 515.7(g) is that State DOTs shall use the best available data to develop their asset management plans.

**Conservative Targets.** With the significant number of potentially impactful financial external factors LADOTD took a very conservative approach with the initial Interstate pavement federal targets.

**Future Target Adjustment.** Per **23 CFR Part 490.105(e)(6)**, State DOTs did not adjust the established 4-year target in the Mid Performance Period (MPP) Progress Report, which was submitted on October 1, 2020. The 4-year targets were to be adjusted in the Baseline Performance Period (BPP) Report due on October 1, 2022, but delayed due to HPMS system issues.

#### 5.11 2022 FEDERAL NHS PAVEMENT TARGETS

The following represents the 2022 Interstate and Non-Interstate NHS pavement targets.

Based on all the factors enumerated here, LADOTD took the approach that declining targets would be the proper choice. Should federal match funding not be secured, then even these conservative declining targets will not be achieved.

2022 Fed	2022 Federal Measure Pavement Targets			
Interstate	2022 Baseline	2-Year	4-Year	
Good	22.0%	16.9%	13.5%	
Poor	1.7%	2.1%	2.4%	
Non-Interstate NHS	2022 Baseline	2-Year	4-Year	
Good	15.9%	9.8%	5.7%	
Poor	11.9%	14.3%	15.9%	

**Table 5.1 2022 Federal NHS Pavement Targets** 

# **Federal NHS Pavement Data Update**

**2022 Data Update.** LADOTD has now captured a second set of federal NHS pavement performance data. The following LADOTD maintained NHS pavement tables show a trend in a positive direction with respect to Good Interstate pavement conditions, but is at this point trending in a negative direction for Poor Interstate pavement conditions, based on federal measures.

**Table 5.2 Interstate Pavement Conditions** 

% by Condition Measure	Federal Baseline	*2018 All Fed Measures	^2019 All Fed Measures	+2020 All Fed Measures
Good	None	16.5	21.0	22.4
Poor	None	1.1	1.7	2.9

<sup>\* = 2018</sup> HPMS submittal, data captured in 2017

**Table 5.3 Non-Interstate NHS Pavement Conditions** 

% by Condition Measure	Federal Baseline	*2018 All Fed Measures	^2019 All Fed Measures	+2020 All Fed Measures
Good	None	18.4	18.8	16.9
Poor	None	10.2	12.3	12.6

<sup>\* = 2018</sup> HPMS submittal, data captured in 2017

**Local NHS Pavement Data.** To ensure data collection on the Local NHS pavements is captured in the same manner as other NHS pavements, LADOTD performs the data capture effort and provides the Local NHS pavement data to their respective Louisiana MPOs.

A positive trend is observed for Good Local NHS pavement along with a positive trend for Poor Local NHS pavements.

**Table 5.4 Local NHS Pavement Conditions** 

% by Condition Measure	<b>Federal Baseline</b>	*2018 All Fed Measures	^2019 All Fed Measures
Good	None	1.9	2.9
Poor	None	25.3	20.6

<sup>\* = 2018</sup> HPMS submittal, data captured in 2017

# **5.12** FEDERAL BRIDGE PERFORMANCE PENALTY

It is the intent of LADOTD to ensure that LADOTD takes every possible step to avoid a penalty assessment.

**Federal Requirement. 23 CFR Part 490.413(a)** defines the penalty for exceeding 10.0 percent of total deck area in poor condition on NHS bridges for a consecutive 3-year period as:

<sup>^ = 2019</sup> HPMS submittal, data captured in 2018.

<sup>+ = 2020</sup> PMF MPP (Full Distress +IRI) data.

<sup>^ = 2019</sup> HPMS submittal, data captured in 2018.

<sup>+ = 2020</sup> PMF MPP (Full Distress +IRI) data.

<sup>^ = 2019</sup> HPMS submittal, data captured in 2018

- "(1) During the fiscal year following the determination, the State DOT shall obligate and set aside in an amount equal to 50 percent of funds apportioned to such State for fiscal year 2009 to carry out 23 U.S.C. 144 (as in effect the day before enactment of MAP-21) from amounts apportioned to a State for a fiscal year under 23 U.S.C. 104(b)(1) only for eligible projects on bridges on the NHS.
- (2) The set-aside and obligation requirement for bridges on the NHS in a State in paragraph (a) of this section for a fiscal year shall remain in effect for each subsequent fiscal year until such time as less than 10 percent of the total deck area of bridges in the State on the NHS is located on bridges that have been classified as Structurally Deficient as determined by FHWA."

**2022** Bridge Penalty Assessment Calculation. In 2009, the 23 USC 144 Bridge Program apportioned approximately \$201 million to Louisiana, so 50% of that total would result in an approximately \$101 million penalty. 23 USC 104(b)(1) is the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP), so this means that a minimum of approximately \$101 million of NHPP funds would have to be set aside for eligible bridge projects on the NHS, in the year following the determination that Louisiana was not maintaining the minimum level bridge condition for (3) three consecutive years. This penalty would continue until the NHS bridge percentage of Poor Condition Deck Area level, was below 10 percent.

**Penalty Assessment Time Frame.** It is important to note that the penalty is assessed after exceeding the 10.0 percent poor deficient deck area for (3) three consecutive years. This 3-year time was based on a number of factors including the lag time in both planning and performing bridge preservation work.

The impact of a penalty assessment effectively removes LADOTD's flexibility to apply these funds to other Federal Aid eligible SHS bridges redirecting the penalty level of funds to NHS bridges only.

**Current Penalty Determination.** Per 23 CFR 490.413(b), the FHWA made the first bridge penalty determination by October 1, 2016, and will annually compute the percentage of NHS bridges classified as Poor Condition.

This annual determination will be based on all NHS bridges, which includes Local NHS bridges.

It appears that the condition of the Local NHS bridges, particularly the Pontchartrain Causeway Bridge, is currently aiding the overall condition of the NHS bridges in Louisiana. These years represent the data captured in the preceding year.

### 5.13 Bridge Desired State of Good Repair Defined

**DSGR Defined.** LADOTD defines the desired state of good repair as maintaining NHS bridges at or near the current condition state over the life cycle of the asset. The goal of the DSGR is

to not allow the Good percentage to decrease nor the Poor percentage to increase, based on values determined by the 2022 baseline.

**Bridge Management System (BMS).** For the 2022 TAMP the AASHTO BrM contractor Mayvue assisted LADOTD in preparing BrM 6.6 to analyze the performance condition of LADOTD bridges. LADOTD BrM 6.6 includes the benefits from the specific projects planned for the next 4 years from the Highway Priority Program (HPP), and the current Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in its analysis which is a relatively new improvement.

The latest BrM 6.6 has new Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA) capability. This can be used to provide Life Cycle Plans (LCP) for individual bridges which will be critical for the 129 outlier bridges over 175,000 ft2 area. Developing LCP's for the 129 outlier bridges is planned to assess the scope and timing of preservation and rehabilitation projects for these large structures. Bridge Design and Bridge Maintenance has been working with the Bridge Management Engineer (BME) to begin planning standard frequencies for these project activities as a basis for LCPs.

#### 5.14 Bridge DSGR Assessment and GAP Analysis

**DSGR Methodology.** The following Gap Analysis is based on the current BrM 6.6 analysis which follows the previous June, 2019 NBIAS BMS analysis, and earlier AASHTOWare™ PONTIS analyses.

Due to the slow deterioration of bridges, a 20-year analysis period was used. The bridge Gap Assessment is reported for both a 10-year TAMP analysis period and a 20-year analysis period. The updated, 2022 Baseline DSGR values are based on 2020 Good and Poor NBI values.

A DSGR Good Gap will occur when the Good values decrease from the 2022 DSGR Good condition and DSGR Poor Gap will occur when the Poor values increase from the 2022 DSGR Poor condition. In both cases, a negative value indicates no Gap and a positive value indicate a Gap exists.

**BrM Bridge DSGR Outcome.** This investment strategy analysis, using the previous BMS PONTIS, led to the NHS bridge funding recommendations of \$101 million per year, with an

actual NHS bridge budget of \$134 million which was set to begin in SFY 2020-21.

This investment strategy analysis effort initially appeared to have

NHS Bridges	Good	Fair	Poor
Desired State of Good Repair	38.3%	55.0%	6.8%
10-Year Projected Performance	34.0%	59.8%	6.2%
10-Year Projected Performance Gap	4.3%		-0.6%
20-Year Projected Performance	15.5%	59.4%	25.1%
20-Year Projected Performance Gap	22.8%		18.3%

**Excludes Local NHS Bridges** 

afforded LADOTD with a preemptive opportunity to remedy the DSGR performance gap issues found with the existing funding level. However, the NBIAS analysis finalized in June, 2019 did not agree with that earlier conclusion. The 2019 NBIAS analysis indicated the earlier PONTIS projection of \$134 million annual budget would not allow LADOTD to achieve the DSGR with respect to Poor conditions in either the 10 year or 20 year analysis, but did achieve the DSGR with respect to Good conditions. In Figure 5.4, the current BrM 6.6 analysis also indicates these budgets are insufficient to keep the LADOTD NHS bridges below the 10% poor NHS bridge performance threshold beyond 2032 (after 3 consecutive years over 10% Poor bridges).

In a limited funding situations impacts to the Poor condition bridges may seem appropriate, but proven Life Cycle planning methodology indicates a superior LCP outcome will focus on maintaining as many assets as possible in Good and Fair condition. These projections assume federal matching funds will be available.

**DSGR Poor Outcome Causes.** As noted earlier, large outlier bridges can potentially have a significant impact on bridge conditions; however, in this particular case, large outlier bridges are not primarily responsible for this increasing percentage of poor condition NHS bridges. This large spike in Figure 5.4 poor condition bridges in the 2032 to 2034 timeframe can be attributed to the advanced age of a significant number of bridges, as shown earlier in Figure 3.7 "Count of Bridges Built by Decade", and Figure 3.8 "Deck Area of Bridges Built by Decade."

## **Alternative Strategies for Closing Identified Gaps**

**More Funding.** In Figure 5.5, BrM 6.6 has projected that even with significant levels of additional funding over the \$135 million per year base budget, LADOTD is likely to enter into a long term bridge penalty assessment after 3 consecutive years over 10% Poor bridges with the first year over 10% Poor projected to start in 2032. These levels of funding will require a significant infusion of additional funds from the State Legislature.

**New National Funding Trend.** We note once again, LADOTD is operating with the budget confines originally established in 1984. The recent national trend identifies that a significant number of state legislatures have been fiscally prudent by increasing funding for pavement and bridge assets to ensure appropriate budgets are available to maintain these existing multi-billion dollar investments.

**Public/Private Partnerships (Toll Bridges).** In some states Toll Authorities take over vast stretches of roads and bridges. Again, this is simply a way to provide more funding. In nearly every case, the Toll Authority is lauded for the accomplishments the DOT could not achieve; however, in every case, significant additional funds are available to the Toll Authorities that were never available to the DOT. Tolls are nothing more than taxes applied to the specific asset user.

**Redirection of Funding.** LADOTD would have to redirect even more funding to the NHS bridge assets requiring the budgets for other LADOTD maintained bridges to be further decimated resulting in an ever increasing number of bridge closures across the state.

**NHS Bridge Closures.** The only other alternative will be to close more and more NHS bridges as the conditions deteriorate.

Figure 5.3 BrM 6.6 Historical NHS Bridge Condition Good, Fair, & Poor by Deck Area (Excluding Local NHS Bridges)

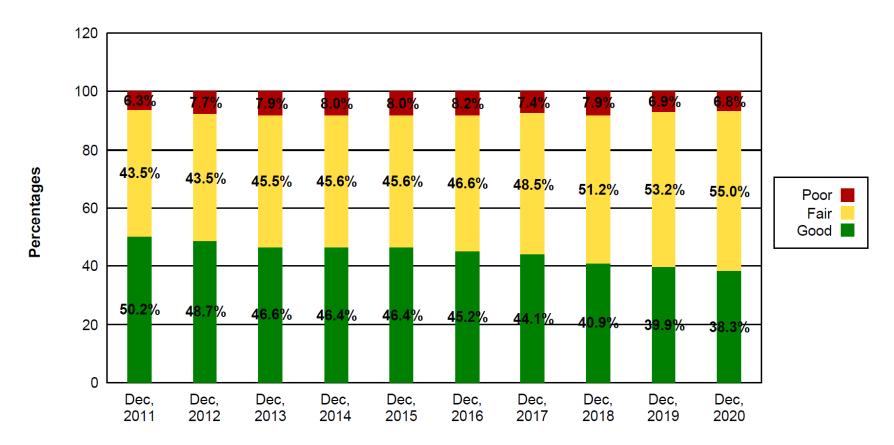
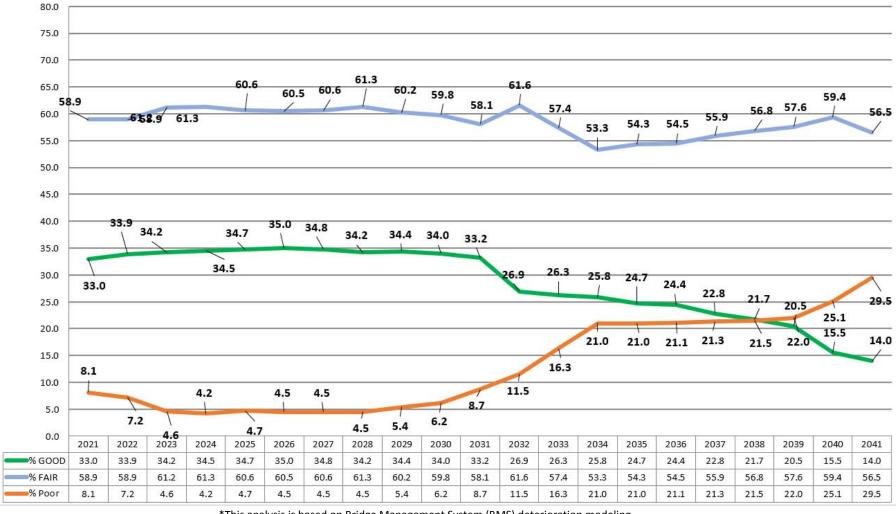


Figure 5.4\* BrM 6.6 Forecasted \$135MM/year Basis NHS Bridges Good, Fair & Poor Condition by Deck Area (Excluding Local NHS Bridges)

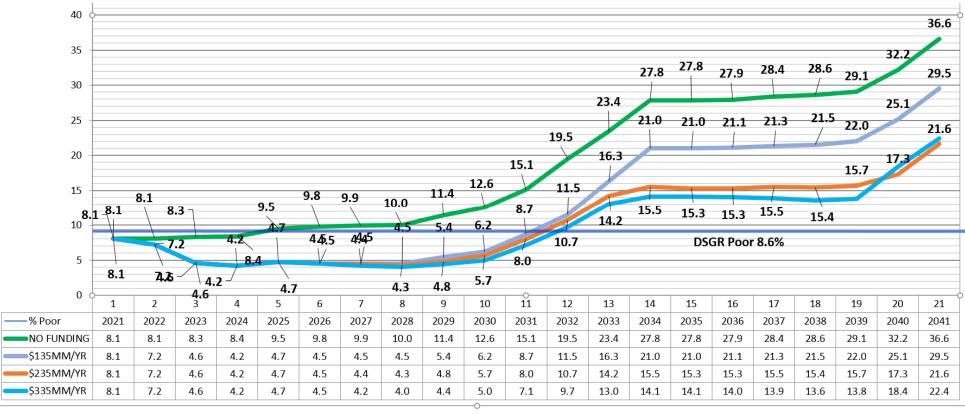


<sup>\*</sup>This analysis is based on Bridge Management System (BMS) deterioration modeling.

Figure 5.5\* BrM 6.6 Forecasted \$135MM/year Basis %Poor Condition NHS Bridges by Deck Area at Different Budgets

(No Funding, \$135MM/year Basis, Base+\$100MM/year, Base+\$200MM/year)

(Excluding Local NHS Bridges)



<sup>\*</sup>This analysis is based on Bridge Management System (BMS) deterioration modeling.

#### 5.15 Projecting Federal Bridge Performance

Methodology. In contrast to pavement, LADOTD can review historical bridge performance and also reasonably predict bridge performance based on the federal measure for the NHS bridge asset class.

Bridge inspections identify values for Deck, Substructure and Superstructure or Culverts based on a 0-9 rating scale where 9 represents a rating of excellent condition while 0 represents a failed condition. Again, any structure or culvert greater than 20 feet in length along the roadway is considered an NBI bridge.

Federal Bridge Condition Criteria - 23 CFR Part 490.409(b)		
Metric	Range	
Good	9 - 7	
Fair	6 - 5	
Poor	4 - 0	

Applies to Deck, Substructure, Superstructure and Culvert NBI Items

If all 3 measures are in the Good range, the bridge is in Good condition. If any measure is in the Poor range, the bridge is in Poor condition. All other bridges are in Fair condition. For the individual culvert measure, the value directly determines the condition.

# **Bridge Target Setting Factors**

**NBI Rating Analysis.** It is important to understand how the national bridge inventory inspection (NBI) ratings values are assigned to bridges.

**Good Ratings.** To be classified in overall Good condition, bridges are required to have each of the deck, substructure and super structure components within the NBI ratings ranges of 9 to 7. A value of 9 is only possible for a new bridge, not for a rehabilitated bridge. Values of 8 are also very difficult to accomplish and maintain for bridges without very significant funding, so a value of 7 is the normal value for a bridge in Good condition. In almost all cases, rehabilitated bridges end up with ratings no higher than 7.

**Fair Ratings.** Fair values range from 6 to 5, and an overall Fair condition assignment is given to a bridge when it has only a single component, either the deck, substructure or super structure rated with a value of 6 or 5. A bridge can often move relatively quickly from 7 (Good) to 6 (Fair) due to the single component rating process.

**High Good Percentage of Outlier Bridges.** Currently a higher Good condition NHS bridges is attributed to the results of the I-10 Twin Span emergency replacement, other 2005 hurricane damaged bridge emergency replacements, the new LA 1 bridge from Leesville to Port Fourchon, the US 90 Huey P. Long rehab project, the replacement and widening of

most of the I-12 bridges between Baton Rouge and Hammond in preparation for future pavement widening, and TIMED program projects. Each of these efforts resulted in the rehabilitation, replacement or new construction for a significant amount of NHS bridge deck area.

Identified External Factors and Unknowns. Currently a group of significant external factors, outside the agency's control, are affecting target setting. These external factors include the loss of buying power due to the inflation eroded Transportation Trust Fund dollars, a political climate that does not suggest immediate additional funding and most importantly, if the State Legislature does not provide the federal matching funds, LADOTD simply cannot achieve the performance targets identified here, and will experience a penalty assessment in the near future. LADOTD has made the reasonable assumption that the current projected funding levels, while currently valid, might actually be strained even further in the future.

**BrM 6.6 NHS Bridge Forecast.** As shown in Figures 5.4, BrM 6.6 projections indicate that a budget of \$134 million per year will breach the 10% Poor NHS bridge performance threshold in 2032, and will not return below that value for the entire 20 year analysis period. This would likely force LADOTD into a bridge penalty assessment with these values only representing State NHS bridges, and not Local NHS bridges. With the Local NHS bridges added in the actual percentages will be affected, but there is no current method for projecting Local NHS bridge conditions. It is hoped that the Local NHS bridge conditions will continue to aid in improving the overall NHS bridge conditions.

Even with significant increases in funding illustrated in Figures 5.4 and 5.5, the LADOTD 10% Poor NHS bridge performance threshold will still likely be breached in the 2032 timeframe.

#### 5.16 2022 FEDERAL NHS BRIDGE TARGETS

The following represent the 2022 NHS Bridge targets based on BrM 6.6. Should federal match funding not be secured, then these targets will not be achieved.

**Table 5.5 2022\* Federal NHS Bridge Targets** 

202	2022 Federal Measure Bridge Targets			
NHS Bridges	2022 Baseline	2-Year	4-Year	
Good	38.3%	34.2%	34.7%	
Poor	6.8%	4.6%	4.7%	

<sup>\*</sup>Based on Bridge Management System (BMS) deterioration modeling.

#### BrM 2 Year and 4 Year Federal Measure Bridge Performance Targets.

Two(2) BMS models were developed to be certain a functioning BMS was available to help determine 2 year and 4 year bridge targets, DSGR, and Gap. The Agile Assets Structures Analyst (AASA) was the first of the two BMS models developed with the assistance of a contractor. The AASHTO BrM 6.6 model was also developed with the assistance of a contractor. Both provided similar 2 year and 4 year bridge targets, but AASHTO BrM 6.6 was capable of handling the LADOTD programmed bridge program projects, and also to handle the delay of benefits on bridge projects caused by construction. So BrM 6.6 was used to set the 2022 Federal Measure Bridge Performance Targets (refer to Figure 5.4, Figure 5.5, and Table 5.5).

LADOTD has redirected as much funding as possible to positively impact this significant and growing need.

# 6.0 Life Cycle Planning

## **6.1** Introduction

This chapter defines the concepts of worst first and preservation first and then introduces the concepts of life cycle planning (LCP). Next it presents a synopsis of the consequences of delayed preservation on both project costs and maintenance costs followed by an explanation of the LCP methodology.

It defines the Pavement and Bridge Management System requirements followed by the LCP requirements. LADOTD's approach for achieving these requirements follows with discussion of analysis methods, preservation programs, project selection processes and deterioration modeling methods.

This section then describes LADOTD's LCP strategies and defines work type crosswalks for the TAMP work types, along with the FHWA pavement and bridge improvement work types. A summary of historical project authorizations based on these work types is provided along with a summary of the current state fiscal year's maintenance activity expenditures. A summary of bridge projects that exceed \$10 Million is provided to acquaint the reader with the extreme costs associated with bridges in Louisiana (Table 6.14).

#### **Worst First to Preservation First**

One of LADOTD's primary goals is to drive treatment strategies away from a "Worst First" towards a "Preservation First" approach. There is a significant amount of literature that very clearly establishes and substantiates the fact that a "Preservation First" strategy is the most cost-effective strategy for pavement and bridge assets. In fact, over the life of an asset, various research efforts have documented that well-timed preservation activities can cut life cycle costs by as much as one-half when compared to a policy where no preservation is performed.

A "Worst First" treatment strategy involves spending most of the available funding on the worst conditioned assets in an effort to revive the nearly extinguished asset. This usually amounts to a replacement or major rehabilitation of the asset. The outcome of this approach is that a very limited number of assets are improved, while a large number of assets continue to decline in condition.

A "Preservation First" strategy effectively results in a spending approach that uses the very limited available funding on many more assets, essentially preserving these assets in as close to their current condition as possible, and not spending the money replacing a small number of assets in far worse condition.

One of the tools to accomplish this is Life Cycle Planning (LCP). LCP is a relatively new network level approach, that is an adaptation of the existing basic principles of the project level life cycle cost analysis (LCCA) approach.

# **6.2** LIFE CYCLE PLANNING CONCEPT

Federal Requirement. Per 23 CFR Part 515, life cycle planning (LCP) is defined as:

"A process to estimate the cost of managing an asset class, or asset sub-group over its whole life with consideration for minimizing cost while preserving or improving the condition."

The basic, underlying principle of LCP is that timely investments in an asset, via the best sequence of maintenance, preservation, and rehabilitation treatments, result in an improved overall condition, a longer life span, and lower long-term costs. An optimum mix of treatments is best determined by advanced pavement and bridge management systems, using predictive modeling along with a fundamental understanding of the costs, benefits, and service life extensions for different treatment types. LCP also instills a focus on a proactive preservation approach and works to eliminate a reactive, fix it after the fact, maintenance approach to maintaining assets.

**Life Cycle Planning at LADOTD.** Like many State DOTs, LADOTD in the past engaged in a "Worst First" strategy. Despite that fact, LCP has also been intuitively practiced at LADOTD, even if not been formally applied on an agency-wide basis or in a policy driven manner.

For instance, LADOTD currently designates a very limited number of bridge replacement types as older bridge types are removed from service and replaced. Historically, bridges were designed in a one-off manner, with very few bridges using the same design. That led to LADOTD currently having over sixty (60) different types of bridges on the LADOTD maintained system.

The construction of the Interstate system was the beginning of the end for that practice. The Interstate bridge designs changed the focus to both longevity and the minimization of maintenance requirements. From that point on, these repeatable LCP type strategies became imbedded at LADOTD. LADOTD limits the number of different generalized replacement bridge types. The majority of replacements are very low maintenance prestressed concrete girders or slab span bridges.

LCP has also replaced historical construction decisions that only consider the immediate costs of a project, with the more impactful decisions that consider the long-term maintenance, preservation and operations cost, eliminating those historical decisions that would rarely provide the best value for an asset.

Following that rationale, consider the fact that LADOTD currently constructs most of the small fixed bridges using concrete and does not use timber anymore, even though the initial cost of a timber bridge would be a fraction of a concrete bridge cost. It is well known that timber bridges experience truck load limit issues, wear out quickly, and require almost

continuous maintenance. To reach the life span of a simple, but initially much more expensive concrete bridge, there would be a need to rebuild the timber bridge a number of times.

LCP factors in all the down time, user detour and delay costs, material cost, labor cost, replacement cost, life expectancy, etc. to help determine that the prestressed or slab span concrete bridges are the superior long-term LCP cost benefit choice over timber bridges. In this case, sound agency project decisions embrace the LCP concept.

While this simple bridge example illustrates the concept, in reality, the decisions are not always that simple, plus they need to be applied against many asset choices via an in-depth analysis.

**LCP Embraces Preservation over Worst First.** Figure 6.1 shows that optimal expenditures, early in the life of a pavement asset, are relatively inexpensive and will maintain the asset at, or near, excellent condition while effectively extending the life of the asset significantly, with the most efficient life cycle cost. By the same token, the "do nothing" approach does not even allow the asset to reach its expected life as it encounters the consequence of very rapid deterioration. A worst first approach would focus on addressing these end of life assets before applying preservation dollars on Good and Fair condition assets.

It should also be noted that these less expensive pavement preservation treatments have a "limited window of application opportunity". These treatments are only effective if applied in the appropriate deterioration timeframe. Applying treatments past their appropriate opportunity window is counterproductive and is generally a waste of money; and as such, they become completely inefficient in terms of the asset's life cycle costs.

To illustrate this, we examine the proper time to apply the relatively inexpensive chip seal on an asphalt pavement. Proper timing requires this treatment to be applied when small cracks are beginning to show up on the pavement surface. These smaller cracks should be sealed to both prevent water infiltration and further deterioration into larger cracks which will require a more expensive overlay treatment. When a chip seal is delayed, and the cracks get larger, the chip seal is no longer an effective treatment. Applying a chip seal on these larger cracks is often a bad investment.

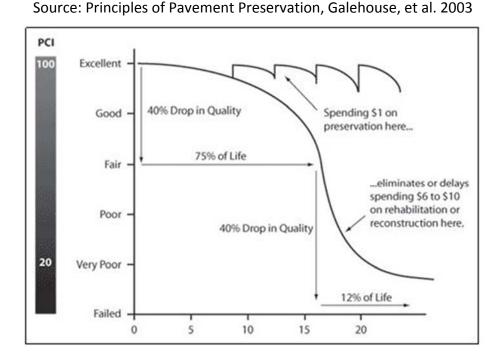


Figure 6.1 Life Cycle Cost and Preservation Intervals

# **6.3** Consequences of Delayed Pavement Preservation Treatments

As noted earlier, preservation treatment benefits assume proper treatment selection and application within the appropriate time or condition range for the treatment. Preservation treatment delays are primarily caused by a lack of, or limited funding and the lack of human resources due to the long-term downsizing of the state workforce, both of which can result in delays in project scheduling.

**External Factors.** In other special cases, external factors, such as repeated heavy loads from overweight truck traffic, including operation of agricultural, logging, wet trash removal and fracking vehicles, can cause rapid and abnormal deterioration to localized pavements.

The PMS analysis data collection effort captures NHS pavement condition data annually.

When damage occurs as a result of these special cases, an upgrade of the prescribed PMS preservation treatment is often required. Refer to the earlier discussion that treatments have a limited window of application. A district may be required to completely scrap a treatment when the extra funding required for the more comprehensive treatment is not available.

**Research Findings.** NCHRP Report 859 quantified the consequence of delayed maintenance or preservation, clearly identifying that the result are degraded pavement conditions, more advanced and costly treatments, and a reduction in Level of Service (LOS). In addition, NCHRP Report 859 adds the following additional consequences for delayed maintenance or preservation:

"... highway assets that perform below the expected LOS have been perceived to generate user discomfort, increase exposure to accidents, increase fuel usage, and increase damage to vehicles (Setyawan et al. 2015). Environmentally, air pollution increases with greater traffic congestion. Furthermore, poorer pavement condition can affect vehicle fuel emissions (e.g., CO, CO2, HC, NOx) (Chang et al. 2016). Also, without proper maintenance, materials deterioration also can affect the environment negatively (Setyawan et al. 2015)."

### **Actual Consequences of Delayed Bridge Preservation**

**Delayed Preservation, Huey P. Long - O.K. Allen Bridge in North Baton Rouge.** One of the best examples of the consequences of delay preservation leading to more extensive damage and escalated costs can be found in the project to restore the condition of the US 190 bridge in north Baton Rouge.

This bridge was opened in August of 1940 and cost \$8.4 million to construct. The rail and highway bridge structures, including the railroad viaduct structures, which are owned by LADOTD, are subject to an original 1930s right of use agreements with both the Kansas City Southern Railway Company and the Union Pacific Railroad Company which was renegotiated with UP(1945) and KCS(1947).

This bridge had last been painted in the mid-1960s and in the early 1980s needed relatively minor repairs and painting. Efforts began in the 1980s to secure an update to the cost share agreement with KCS and UP to perform the work. At that time the cost estimate was \$30 million dollars to repair and paint the bridge. Due to the downturn in the national economy in the mid-1980s, funding became an issue for all parties and an agreement could not be reached.

Efforts to perform this work continued at various times over the years to no avail and the structure continued to deteriorate. As the delays continued, the deterioration was progressing to the point where the bridge would eventually receive a load rating restriction that could have prevented the railroads from fully using the bridge.

An October 2012 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) provided for rehabilitation of the bridge and viaducts. As a consequence of the delayed bridge preservation, the final cost had escalated to \$130 million.

## 6.4 LIFE CYCLE PLANNING METHODOLOGY

**LCP Methodology.** This chapter details LADOTD's life cycle planning efforts for the NHS pavement and bridge assets. LADOTD's existing LCP strategies and practices are based on the long-term use of the PMS that processes NHS data collected annually to generate projected conditions and the BMS that processes the annual NBI inspection data to generate projected condition ratings.

Both management systems use sophisticated deterministic deterioration modeling, based on strategies developed over years of condition data collection and treatment history data, to identify future conditions for any number of various funding options. Using a number of defined treatments, or work types, programmed into the management systems, the actual project treatment recommendations focus on providing the most appropriate life cycle cost over the analysis period.

The condition outcomes of these different scenarios are then evaluated against both federal and state condition targets, to identify appropriate issues and gaps that will prevent the agency from reaching those targets, and providing a preemptive opportunity to remedy these issues and gaps going forward.

**Federal Requirement.** In response to **23 CFR 515.7(b)**, requiring "A State DOT shall establish a process for conducting life cycle planning for an asset class or asset sub-group at the network level".

**Asset Classes.** Interstates and Non-Interstate NHS pavements make up the TAMP pavement asset classes.

LADOTD maintained NHS bridges make up the TAMP bridge asset class.

LADOTD has included, for informational purposes only, the SHS and RHS pavement asset classes and the Non-NHS bridge asset class in the TAMP.

**Asset Sub-Groups.** With respect to asset sub-groups, the LADOTD PMS performs analyses for the (4) four pavement types of Asphalt, Composite, Jointed Concrete and Continuously Reinforced Concrete.

Note the federal performance assessment is based on only (3) three pavement sub-groups, Asphalt, Jointed Concrete and Continuously Reinforced Concrete, with composite pavements included in the Asphalt sub-group.

For bridges, the asset sub-groups include mostly different types of concrete bridges, steel bridges, movable bridges and a few other types of bridges.

**Local NHS Pavement Condition Data.** Pavement condition data has not been historically captured by the Causeway Commission or Local MPOs. LADOTD now captures pavement inventory data on the Local NHS for both the MPOs, Causeway Commission, and the Local NHS. Both the data capture and data processing are performed by the same team which improves data quality and accuracy.

**Local NHS Bridge Inspection Data.** LADOTD now obtains bridge inspection data from the Causeway Commission and has always performed all statewide bridge inspections, including those for the Local MPOs.

**Local NHS Asset Assumptions.** For the current analysis, LADOTD makes the assumption that the Causeway Commission will use toll revenues to continue to maintain their NHS pavement and bridge assets in their current steady state condition.

LADOTD also makes the assumption that the Local NHS pavement and bridges will respond in the same manner as the LADOTD Non-Interstate NHS assets. These assumptions will remain in effect until appropriate data becomes available, from the asset owners, to analyze these assets separately.

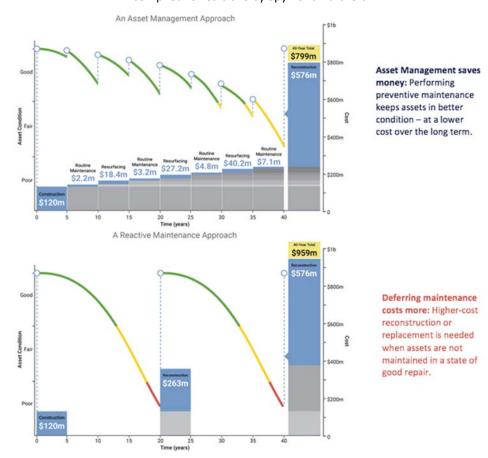
**Excluded Asset Sub-Groups.** Using this assumptive approach, LADOTD will not exclude any asset sub-groups in the overall pavement analyses. For the bridge analysis, culverts that are classified as bridges are excluded. Culverts have very long lives and do not negatively impact the Agency's life cycle analysis.

**Management Strategies.** Typical management strategies will be identified in this chapter as well. As identified before, LCP helps an agency to move from a "Worst First" approach to a "Preservation First" approach. Figure 6.2 clearly shows the life cycle cost benefit of moving to a "Preservation First" approach.

Figure 6.2 Proactive Preservation vs. No Preservation

Source: RIDOT – based on an analysis published by TXDOT,

compiled for Caltrans by Spy Pond Partners



## 6.5 MANDATED MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

**23 CFR 515.17** mandates that State DOTs implement both Pavement and Bridge Management Systems. Essentially, Congressional legislation now mandates data driven decisions for all aspects of Asset Management. Table 6.1 is provided to summarize how LADOTD addresses these requirements.

**Overall Management Systems Concept.** This federal mandated concept of "Management Systems" refers to the overall comprehensive process used to make data driven, life cycle based, project selection decisions, and does not refer to the individual software pavement and bridge management solutions.

**Table 6.1 Mandated Management System Requirements** 

23 CFR 515.17 Requirements	PMS	BMS
Collecting, processing, storing, and	A data collection contractor	LADOTD Inspection Crews collects data consistent with NBI bridge and element-level requirements
updating inventory and condition data for all NHS pavement and bridge assets	collects, processes, stores and updates pavement condition data meeting the HPMS requirements	The bridge inspection collection tool (1) processes, stores and updates data consistent with NBI bridge and element-level requirements before transfer to the bridge management tool(2)
Forecasting deterioration	dTIMS predicts change in pavement performance index (PPI) by pavement section	Mayvue BrM predicts change in condition by bridge deck, substructure and superstructure elements
Determining the benefit-cost over the life cycle of assets to evaluate alternative actions (including no action decisions)	dTIMS identifies the most cost- effective treatments	The bridge management tool(2) identifies the most cost-effective treatments for each bridge element over its life cycle
Identifying short- and long-term budget needs for managing condition	dTIMS identifies budget needs in its simulation model	The bridge management tool(2) identifies budget needs in its simulation model
Determining the strategies for identifying potential projects that	dTIMS identifies the most cost-	The bridge management tool(2) identifies the most cost-effective projects within constraints in its simulation
maximize overall program benefits within the financial constraints	effective projects within constraints in its simulation	NBI data analysis identifies bridges that are Good approaching Fair & Fair approaching Poor
	Input from District Staff	Input from District Staff
Recommending programs and implementation schedules to manage condition within policy	dTIMS recommends programs and program years within constraints in its simulation	The bridge management tool(2) recommends programs and program years within constraints in its simulation
and budget constraints	Project Selection Staff analyze all data and options to select projects for program	Project Selection Staff analyze all data and options to select projects for program

 $<sup>(1)</sup> Bentley \ Asset Wise \ software \ is \ currently \ used \ as \ the \ NBI \ bridge \ inspection \ tool.$ 

<sup>(2)</sup> Mayvue BrM software is currently used as the bridge management tool.

Pavement Management System (PMS). LADOTD implemented Deighton's dTIMS Pavement Management System (PMS) in 1991. This very mature PMS was implemented to analyze the now over 30 years of pavement data which has been captured using data collection vehicles (DCV). The pavement condition data that is collected is then analyzed to forecast long-term and short-term funding needs, evaluate existing conditions, prioritize treatments along with projects, accumulate historical data to evaluate performance, and supply the research section with such data.

The PMS allows LADOTD to evaluate a series of budget scenarios to determine the ability of each budget scenario to achieve targets and desired states of good repair. It is also used to aid in identifying the most appropriate LCP strategies that will improve the performance, planning, design, construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of all LADOTD maintained highways.

To meet LADOTD's goal of optimizing the use of available funding, the PMS performs a comprehensive life cycle benefit-cost analysis to identify the most appropriate treatments to use for the available funding. It then performs a heuristic optimization analysis based on a 20-year analysis period with a 10-year treatment period for deterministic deterioration modeling (see Figures 5.1 and 5.2). This approach allows LADOTD to maximize benefits within funding constraints.

**Bridge Management System (BMS).** LADOTD implemented the AASHTO PONTIS Bridge Management System in 1996, and it has been updated to the newer AASHTO BrM BMS after technical support for PONTIS was discontinued in 2016.

BrM is now used to store the federal National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) inspection data for bridge inspections along with the bridge inventory data. When this solution is completed, it will be expected to manage potential treatments, or work types that will be used on bridges, and to provide life cycle cost analysis (LCCA) and benefit/cost analysis via deterministic deterioration modeling for various analysis efforts to categorize bridge health indexes, risk indexes, etc.

For the 2019 TAMP, the AASHTO BrM BMS implementation was not yet complete. LADOTD acquired analysis data using the National Bridge Investment Analysis System (NBIAS), which is a solution used by the FHWA, to analyze the outcome of future investments with respect to performance conditions of bridges and structures. This data analysis was performed by a contractor and was completed in June 2019.

For the 2022 TAMP, two(2) BMS models were developed to be certain a functioning BMS was available to help determine 2 year and 4 year bridge targets, DSGR, and Gap. The Agile Assets Structures Analyst (AASA) was the first of the two BMS models developed with the assistance of a contractor. The AASHTO BrM 6.6 model was also developed with the assistance of a contractor. Both provided similar 2 year and 4 year bridge targets, but AASHTO BrM 6.6 was capable of handling the LADOTD programmed bridge program projects, and also to handle the delay of benefits on bridge projects caused by construction.

#### 6.6 PAVEMENT LIFE CYCLE PLANNING

# **Life Cycle Planning Analysis**

**Federal Requirement.** We find in **23 CFR 515.7(b)(1)** that a life cycle planning process shall, at a minimum, include the following:

"Incorporating the State DOT targets for asset condition for each asset class or asset sub-group into the analysis."

Life Cycle Planning Analysis. The Pavement Management System (PMS) is the heart of pavement LCP at LADOTD and was established to analyze pavement condition data for use in improving the performance, planning, design, construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of the State highway network. The PMS is fundamentally a comprehensive life cycle cost and deterioration modeling tool designed to meet LADOTD's goal of optimizing the use of available funding. Data collected on the highway network, pavement conditions and highway inventory are analyzed to forecast long-term and short-term funding needs, evaluate existing conditions, accumulate historical data to evaluate performance, prioritize projects, and supply research with such data.

The PMS also allows LADOTD to evaluate a series of budget scenarios to determine the ability of each budget scenario to achieve targets and the desired state of good repair. Finally, the PMS is used to analyze the actual projected budget for the analysis period to determine if those targets and desired state of good repair will actually be achieved.

**Asset Classes.** Interstates and Non-Interstate NHS pavements make up the TAMP pavement asset classes.

**Asset Sub-Groups.** With respect to asset sub-groups, the LADOTD PMS performs analyses for the (4) four pavement types of Asphalt, Composite, Jointed Concrete and Continuously Reinforced Concrete.

Note the federal performance assessment is based on only (3) three pavement sub-groups, Asphalt, Jointed Concrete and Continuously Reinforced Concrete, with composite pavements included in the Asphalt sub-group.

# **Pavement Preservation Program**

The FHWA approved the 2013 LADOTD policy document, "Selection of Treatments and Projects for Pavement Preservation", which outlines the adoption of a LCP approach for use in the Preservation/Rehabilitation/Replacement Program (PPR) and specifically the Pavement Preservation (Road Preventive Maintenance) (PRR-PM) ancillary program.

Please note that this policy document focuses only on a small part of the pavement preservation budget partition but is included here primarily to reference the existence of this germane LCP policy document. This document also states that the Highway Project Selection Process Manual was expanded in 2015 to include, via this policy document, data

driven processes to select pavement preservation projects and treatments to ensure selections are cost effective and meet the goals of the program.

# **Pavement Project Selection Process**

**TAMP Related Adjustment.** To facilitate the TAMP effort, LADOTD has created a separate budget category for the Non-Interstate NHS pavements. Further, the treatment selection process for the Non-Interstate NHS pavements was moved away from the Districts to Headquarters, to match the current Interstate project selection process. The size and cost of these projects were the major determining factors in this decision.

This major operational change provides for the opportunity to more practically facilitate all of the federal NHS asset requirements necessary for a compliant TAMP and for future consistency determinations.

**Interstate and Non-Interstate NHS Project Selection.** The PMS analysis produces a list of prioritized pavements and their recommended treatments, to be applied within the next five-year period. This list is provided to each District annually for their review and comments. Included in the package is the information used in the project identification along with current and past distresses for comparison.

In cases where the District's identify the need for a treatment contrary to the PMS recommendation, the District must justify and document the issues relevant to the situation.

When this does occur, it is generally due to the difference between the time of the data collection cycle and the current field conditions. PMS data could be up to two years old and actual field conditions could have significantly changed due to any number of factors noted earlier. Also as noted before, the PMS uses fixed, or deterministic deterioration methodology that in some cases simply does not match the actual pavement deterioration. The documented factors that could justify an engineering judgment override of the PMS recommendation are as follows:

- Other funding sources included in project, for example safety, emergency relief (ER), drainage, etc.
- One treatment selection vs. various PMS recommendations for the project length
  - In this case, the project length exceeds the homogeneous section length of the PMS recommendation or includes multiple sections. The project level scope is adapted to meet the needs of multiple PMS sections.
- Variations in observed data vs. PMS data (PMS data can be up to 2 years old and may not reflect conditions as they currently exist)
- Maintenance Costs
- Physical constraints (curb & gutter, numerous driveway entrances, overpasses, etc.)

- Environmental issues (geographic location, residential areas, high traffic, % trucks very high, etc.)
- Land usage change

The DOTD District and the MPOs rank the projects based on technical analysis and customer input. The District then submits the suggested projects to the Project Selection Teams. The Project Selection Team makes the final selections based on District recommendations, technical analysis, customer input, available funding, performance targets identified in the TAMP and the State Long Range Plan.

The System Preservation Category is divided into seven subcategories. Three of the subcategories, pavement preservation of non-interstate roads on the NHS system, pavement preservation of the interstate and preservation of state owned bridges, are directly related to the performance targets identified in the TAMP. However, projects in other programs, such as the Capacity program, can help us achieve the performance targets identified in the TAMP.

Each Project Selection Team is made up of people with expertise in the type of project in that program. It includes DOTD Headquarter Officials, representatives from other State Agencies, and in some cases DOTD District Officials. Some project selection teams also request input from representatives from federal agencies and local associations. During the project selection team meeting, the project selection committees review the Project Level risks and consider these risks when prioritizing the projects so that the program will efficiently and effectively appropriate the funding to meet the Department's performance targets

The Preservation Selection Committee, as defined in the "Highway Project Selection Process Manual", makes the final Interstate and Non-Interstate NHS project selections.

# **Pavement Condition Deterioration Modeling**

**Federal Requirement. 23 CFR 515.7 (b)(2)** requires that a life cycle planning process shall, at a minimum, include the following:

"Identification of deterioration models for each asset class or asset sub-group"

**Pavement Deterioration Modeling.** LADOTD uses dTIMS® CT software, developed by Deighton Associate, for comprehensive life cycle cost analysis of our pavement network. Using the most current pavement condition data available, the dTIMS® CT's data analysis will forecast future expenses for each asset, establish priorities, and investigate the various array of strategies or treatments based on defined budgets or resources.

The LADOTD implementation of dTIMS® CT utilizes a heuristic optimization analysis based on a 20 year analysis period with a 10 year treatment period for deterioration modeling. Given a discount rate and inflation rate, dTIMS® CT optimizes pavement strategies using an Incremental Benefit Cost Ratio technique to compare different potential network strategies. This is accomplished via a comprehensive analysis of the various pavement condition

indexes, and their use as triggers, identifying the most timely preservation or rehabilitation treatments that enhance and maximize potential life cycle cost benefits.

dTIMS® CT sorts all strategies in descending order of incremental benefit cost for each pavement segment. Strategies are selected from this order based on whether funding is available for each year to cover the yearly cost of the particular strategy intended for the particular road segment. The available budget is then reduced in the respective category by the annual yearly costs of the treatments for the selected strategy. The optimization process continues whereby a strategy replaces another if the subsequent strategy provides superior benefit and the budget remains available. The analysis progresses until all strategies are exhausted or funding is depleted. These recommended treatments are only valid for a fixed time span since the pavement deterioration continues over time. dTIMS® CT can be configured to apply this analysis to either asset groups or asset sub-groups.

Most of the extensive pavement distress data, used in dTIMS® CT, is currently collected by a data collection vendor, over a two-year cycle using the multi-function data collection vehicle (DCV). The Interstate and Non-Interstate NHS pavement data is currently captured every year.

#### **Pavement Treatments (Work Types)**

**Federal Requirement. 23 CFR 515.7 (b)(3)**. A life cycle planning process shall, at a minimum, include the following:

"Potential work types across the whole life of each asset class or asset sub-group with their relative unit cost"

**Work Types and Treatments.** The TAMP pavement work types are identified in Table 6.2 along with their matching counterparts within the FHWA Improvement Types and the appropriate pavement treatments used by LADOTD.

**Table 6.2 TAMP Pavement Work Type Crosswalk Details** 

TAMP Work Type	FHWA Improvement Type	LADOTD Pavement Treatment
Initial Construction	01-New Construction Roadway	Not a Pavement Program Treatment Type
Maintenance	Not Elizible Federal France & Astivities	Seal Joints & Cracks
iviaintenance	Not Eligible Federal Funded Activities	Polymer Surface Treatment
		Microsurfacing
Dunnamakian		Thin Overlay
Preservation	05-4R Maintenance Resurfacing	Medium Overlay
		In Place Stabilization
		Structural Overlay
Rehabilitation	06-4R Maintenance	Minor Rehab
	Restoration/Rehabilitation	Major Rehab
	03-4R Reconstruction - Added Capacity /	Rubblize and Overlay
Reconstruction	04-4R Reconstruction - No Added Capacity/	Reconstruction
	07-4R Relocation	Unbonded Concrete Overlay

**Pavement Treatment Types.** Tables 6.3 through 6.6 identify the PMS pavement treatment options for Asphalt Pavements, Composite Pavements, Jointed Concrete Pavements and Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavements. The PMS actual pavement treatment (work types in **23 CFR 515.7(b)**) unit costs shown in these tables are averages determined from the LADOTD "Unit Bid Prices".

It is important for the reader to see the real consequences, of the actual escalating costs, when limited funding requires LADOTD to defer preservation activities. An investment in a timely lower cost treatment produces a real benefit to the pavement, in the form of reduced distresses and a reduction in the rate of pavement condition deterioration.

Please note, from the national perspective, Microsurfacing includes "crack sealing" activities, but for LADOTD almost all "crack sealing" actions are performed as maintenance operations, not with capital expenditures that the following information portrays.

All maintenance operations are managed by the LAGOV Maintenance Management System. See Appendix 11.4 "LADOTD Pavement Treatment Details" which includes a list of non-PMS pavement treatment work types. This appendix also includes a "TAMP only" table of the MMS activity codes.

**Table 6.3 Asphalt Pavement Treatment Type Descriptions and Costs** 

ASPHALT PAVEMENT TREATMENT DESCRIPTION	COST PER MILE FOR 2 LANES	COST PER MILE FOR EXTRA LANES	
*Microsurfacing - Arterial/Collector	76,000	35,000	
Polymer Surface Treatment - Collector	92,000	37,000	
Thin Overlay - Collector	225,000	93,000	
Thin Overlay - Interstate/Arterial	290,000	134,000	
Medium Overlay - Collector	411,000	172,000	
Medium Overlay - Interstate/Arterial	560,000	215,000	
In Place Stabilization - Collector	611,000	231,000	
Structural Overlay - Arterial	1,035,000	314,000	
Structural Overlay - Interstate	1,277,000	381,000	

<sup>\*</sup> Microsurfacing not currently used on Interstate

**Table 6.4 Composite Pavement Treatment Type Descriptions and Costs** 

COMPOSITE PAVEMENT TREATMENT DESCRIPTION	COST PER MILE FOR 2 LANES	COST PER MILE FOR EXTRA LANES
*Microsurfacing - Arterial/Collector	76,000	35,000
Thin Overlay - All	267,000	123,000
Medium Overlay - All	565,000	218,000
Structural Overlay - Arterial/Collector (Curb & Gutter)	436,000	231,000
Structural Overlay - Arterial/Collector (Non-Curb & Gutter)	907,000	316,000
Structural Overlay - Interstate	907,000	316,000
~Rubblize and Overlay - Arterial/Collector	802,000	155,000

<sup>\*</sup> Microsurfacing not currently used on Interstate

**Table 6.5 Jointed Concrete Pavement Treatment Type Descriptions and Costs** 

JOINTED CONCRETE PAVEMENT TREATMENT DESCRIPTION	COST PER MILE FOR 2 LANES	COST PER MILE FOR EXTRA LANES
*Seal Joints and Cracks - Arterial/Collector	36,000	17,000
Minor Rehab - All	139,000	65,000
Major Rehab - All	409,000	195,000
~Rubblize and Overlay - Arterial/Collector	1,033,000	289,000
~Rubblize and Overlay - Interstate	1,274,000	356,000
Reconstruct - Interstate (Non-Curb)	3,256,000	2,008,000
Reconstruct - Interstate (Curb)	6,512,000	2,008,000

<sup>\*</sup> Seal Joints and Cracks not currently used on Interstate

<sup>~</sup> Only used on Non-curb & Gutter applications

<sup>~</sup> Only used on Non-curb & Gutter applications

Table 6.6 Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement
Treatment Type Descriptions and Costs

CONTINUOUSLY REINFORCED CONCRETE PAVEMENT	COST PER MILE FOR	COST PER MILE FOR	
TREATMENT DESCRIPTION	2 LANES	EXTRA LANES	
Minor Rehab - All	722,000	230,000	
Major Rehab - All	2,054,000	209,000	
Reconstruct or Unbonded Concrete Overlay-All (Non-Curb)	3,256,000	2,008,000	
Reconstruction or Unbonded Concrete Overlay - All (Curb)	6,512,000	2,008,000	

#### **Pavement LCP Strategies**

**Federal Requirement**. **23 CFR 515.7 (b)(4).** A life cycle planning process shall, at a minimum, include the following:

"A strategy for managing each asset class or asset sub-group by minimizing its life cycle costs while achieving the State DOT targets for asset condition for NHS pavements and bridges under 23 U.S.C. 150(d)."

**LCP Strategy Defined.** FHWA's interim guidance on using lifecycle planning to support asset management defines a life cycle planning strategy as

"a collection of treatments that represent the entire life of an asset class or subgroup."

**Pavement Life Cycle Strategies.** LADOTD has the pavement life cycle strategy of deploying the right treatment, at the right time, to gain the maximum possible life, at the most economical cost, from a pavement. Treating pavement assets long before they reach a poor condition shortens the impact to the motoring public, yields a higher level of pavement condition over time and also improves the image of the state.

The ultimate goal of asset management would be to continue to use the various treatments to extend the use of the asset indefinitely. Following initial construction of the pavement, ongoing treatments would be applied at various times to renew the surface. Early on some type of crack sealing and minor repairs would occur, these could be repeated prior to a more advanced treatment being required such as a minor overlay or minor rehab depending on the asset sub-group. Crack sealing and minor repairs might then be applied again. As time goes on, medium or structural overlays, or major rehab options would need to be employed. Eventually a structural replacement would be required and the cycle would start all over again.

The PMS identifies the actual collection of treatments, or strategies, for an asset class (Interstate or Non-Interstate NHS) and an asset sub-group (Asphalt, Composite, Jointed Concrete, Continuously Reinforced Concrete), to be employed in any given year while

maximizing the life cycle cost benefit decisions in the process. Again, the current collection of treatments are identified in Tables 6.3 through 6.6.

The PMS performs this treatment analysis separately for each homogeneous pavement section made of the same pavement asset sub-group or surface type. This analysis involves identifying the current pavement condition which then uses different condition index trigger points for each asset class to identify the appropriate treatments for these asset classes.

For instance, if we consider the Asphalt pavement sub-group, five (5) condition indices, Alligator, Random, Patch, Rut and Roughness, are used to trigger various treatment types. These various triggered treatments are generally different for different asset classes. For instance, LADOTD does not use the same condition index trigger points or even trigger the same treatment types for low volume rural pavements as it does for Interstate pavements.

In summary, the PMS fully meets the federal strategy requirements identified in this section.

# **Analysis of Historical Pavement Projects**

In Table 6.7, we identify the historical breakdown of pavement improvements on the LADOTD maintained NHS, by TAMP Work Type.

This table demonstrates that funding for pavement reconstruction improvements indicates that a significant number of pavement assets had reached the end of their useful life condition.

Table 6.7 NHS Pavement Investments (Letting Cost) by Year and by TAMP Work Type
(Authorizations are extracted from LADOTD Project Systems (PS) data)

Project SFY	Initial Construction	~Maintenance	Preservation	Rehabilitation	Reconstruction	Total
2019	76,110,628	0	42,341,565	32,507,798	49,557,632	200,517,623
2020	115,390,957	0	100,158,698	75,115,080	191,938,258	482,602,993
2021	19,080,500	0	57,501,382	40,048,390	23,491,017	140,121,289

**Excludes Local NHS assets** 

# **Analysis of Pavement Maintenance Activities**

In Table 6.8, we identify the LAGOV Maintenance Management System TAMP pavement maintenance activities from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. This includes the count of pavement related work orders and total expenditures which include all labor, material and equipment costs. This analysis is for all state pavements and is not specific to Interstate or Non-Interstate NHS pavements.

<sup>~ =</sup> FMIS Maintenance Work Types Crosswalk to FHWA TAMP Preservation Work Types, Not Maintenance Work Types

For SFY 2021, LADOTD had a total expenditure of \$51,038,144 for Pavement Maintenance Activities.

**Table 6.8 Pavement MMS Maintenance Expenditures** 

SFY 2021 Pavement Maintenance	Amount	Expenditures
400-00 CRACK SEALING - HAND METHOD (LF - Linear Foot)	570,805	486,351
400-01 CRACK SEALING - MACHINE METHOD (LF - Linear Foot)	134,709	123,496
400-02 POTHOLE PATCHING - HAND METHOD (EA - Each)	767,507	12,652,565
400-03 POTHOLE PATCHING - MACHINE METHOD (EA - Each)	101,960	4,158,966
400-04 FULL DEPTH PATCHING (YD2 - Square Yard)	90,876	5,107,675
400-05 LEVELING - HAND METHOD (YD2 - Square Yard)	69,550	1,872,594
400-06 LEVELING MOTOR GRADER (LF - Linear Foot)	155,806	1,291,570
400-07 LEVELING HOT MIX OVERLAY (MI - Mile)	6,700	15,884,707
400-08 CHIP SEAL (YD2 - Square Yard)	6	4,278
400-09 LEVELING PAVER SPOT PATCHING (LF - Linear Foot)	116,870	1,680,663
400-10 GRINDING BUMPS (EA - Each)	9,535	2,396,351
400-13 CURB REPAIR - ASHPALT (LF - Linear Foot)	2,088	16,594
400-14 MILL OUT PATCHING - ASPHALT LEVELING/PATCHING (MI - Mile)	443	2,176,713
400-15 MILL OUT (YD3 - Cubic Yard)	11,127	734,333
400-99 OTHER BITUMINOUS SURFACE MAINTENANCE (H - Hours)	652	86,114
410-00 PATCHING SURFACE - HAND METHOD (YD2 - Square Yard)	726	56,885
410-01 PATCHING SURFACE - MACHINE METHOD (YD2 - Square Yard)	570	37,185
410-02 MINOR SURFACE PATCHING - RAPID SET MATERIAL (YD2 - Square Yard)	26	57,071
410-03 PRE-MIX PATCHING (HAND METHOD) (EA - Each)	187	57,941
410-04 PRE-MIX PATCHING MACHINE METHOD (MOTOR GRADER/ASPHALT PAVER) (YD2 - Squar	553	60,662
410-06 BLOWUP REPAIRS (EA - Each)	199	309,496
410-07 ROADWAY JOINT REPAIR (LF - Linear Foot)	703	13,690
410-08 EXPANSION JOINT REPAIR (LF - Linear Foot)	48	1,460
410-09 CURB REPAIR - CONCRETE (LF - Linear Foot)	494	31,382
410-99 OTHER CONCRETE SURFACE MAINTENANCE (H - Hours)	117	18,669
420-00 AGGREGATE SURFACE ROAD MAINTENANCE (MI - Mile)	12,195	1,341,848
425-00 MUD JACKING (EA - Each)	174	378,885
Grand Total		51,038,144

Source: LADOTD MMS, July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

## 6.7 Bridge Life Cycle Planning

# **Life Cycle Planning Analysis**

**Federal Requirement. 23 CFR 515.7(b)(1)** A life cycle planning process shall, at a minimum, include the following:

"Incorporating the State DOT targets for asset condition for each asset class or asset sub-group into the analysis."

**LADOTD Life Cycle Planning Analysis.** Similar to the PMS, the Bridge Management System (BMS) is the heart of bridge LCP at LADOTD. When a new bridge is built, the State commits itself not only to the initial construction costs, but also to the future costs to maintain that bridge. In many cases the future costs will exceed the initial construction cost during the life of a bridge asset.

The BMS analyzes each bridge to predict needs for that bridge. Then the BMS identifies the most appropriate repair treatment at the right time providing the lowest lifecycle cost over time. The AASHTO BrM BMS keeps LADOTD fully compliant with this requirement.

The BMS is also a comprehensive life cycle cost and deterioration modeling tool supporting LADOTD's goal of optimizing the use of available funding. Bridge data are analyzed to forecast long-term and short-term funding needs, evaluate existing conditions, accumulate historical data to evaluate performance, prioritize projects, and supply research efforts.

The BMS also allows LADOTD to evaluate a series of budget scenarios to determine the ability of each budget scenario to achieve targets and the desired state of good repair. Finally, the BMS is used to analyze the actual projected budget for the analysis period to determine if those targets and desired state of good repair will actually be achieved.

Asset Classes. LADOTD maintained NHS bridges make up the TAMP bridge asset class.

**Asset Sub-Groups.** For bridges, the asset sub-groups include mostly different types of concrete bridges, steel bridges, movable bridges and a few other types of bridges.

**Louisiana LCP Bridge Issues.** A benefit of LCP is that it identifies bridges that are not yet in poor condition and supports the planning of relatively inexpensive projects that can prevent those bridges from entering a state of deficiency, which thus extends their lives. This approach can be used to address more bridges, which more significantly reduces the number of deficient bridges. In the long-term, this saves money and keeps the inventory in better condition.

It appears that "Common Sense" must also prevail in this matter. If an agency has received insufficient funding for any significant period of time, the agency must defer preservation strategies for some structures. In the case of Louisiana, this problem is further exasperated by not only a significant number of very large bridges, but also, a high number of bridges in general. In this case, LADOTD must balance between preservation strategies as much as practically possible, but can never eliminate major rehabilitation and replacement projects, which could be rightly considered "worst first" projects. These "worst first" projects will be required because there are many critical bridge structures that can absolutely never be completely removed from service.

# **Bridge Preservation Program (PRBR)**

The Bridge Preservation Program was implemented to preserve structurally sound crossings at existing on-system structure locations. It has the primary goals of making data driven project selections while improving the condition ratings and load capacities for existing structures. PRBR has a number of established objectives designed to guide this effort.

The Bridge Preservation Program predates the TAMP requirements and is another example of the existence of a germane LCP approach.

#### **Bridge Project Selection Process**

**Bridge Project Selection Methodology.** The following steps are used by the Bridge Preservation Project Selection Team in the selection of bridge projects for inclusion in the Highway Program:

- 1. The Bridge Design Section and Planning Section work together to identify projected funding for the eight-year Bridge Program. The appropriate program investment is determined to fulfill program needs.
- 2. A network analysis is performed based on the core elements for various projected outcomes using the Bridge Management System (BMS). Previously programmed structures are removed to perform the network analysis which queries data for selected criteria in order to determine a potential candidate list for repair, preventive maintenance, and rehabilitation, and replacement projects. The analysis is based on a specified bridge element list and criteria for each type of project, which is set by the Program Manager.
- 3. The candidate selection focuses on the following:
  - Removing Poor Condition Bridges from Enhanced NHS routes to meet MAP-21 performance goals.
  - Repair, Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation projects that will improve or extend the service life of the structures.
  - Return poor condition structures to a non-deficient condition.
  - Remove posted bridges from established truck routes.
  - Remove deficient timber bridges.
- 4. The potential candidate list is distributed to the Districts and Bridge Maintenance Section requesting the following:
  - A District priority list of candidate structures based on the potential candidate list provided, Legislative and MPO input, and other needs not identified within the potential candidate list.

- Stage 0 Structural Site Survey forms prepared for candidate structures to be considered for action.
- Prioritization of recommended candidate structures.
- The District submits a prioritized list of structures for consideration, and a Stage 0 Structural Site Survey form for each structure.
- 6. The Program Manager prepares a list of projects composed of structures recommended by the Districts. A Stage 0 Parametric Cost Estimate is then prepared for each project. Additional work and structures may be added to projects to complete a section of roadway or complete a scope of work.
- 7. The Program Manager prepares a short list of proposed projects based on available funding. The short list is re-evaluated by the Bridge Management Unit to validate the recommendations by the Program Manager.
- 8. A meeting is held with the Bridge Preservation Project Selection Committee to discuss and select the final list of projects for the Bridge Preservation On-System Program, and the Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program which includes Historic Bridges.
- 9. Once the final selections are made, a transmittal of the final selections is sent back to the Districts to inform them which projects are being proposed for inclusion in the Highway Bridge Program.
- 10. The Program Manager orders project numbers and estimates funding requirements for the various phases of work to be performed on the project. This information is submitted to the Planning Section for inclusion in the Preliminary Highway Program. The Preliminary Highway Program for the upcoming fiscal year is submitted to the Joint Transportation Committee. The Preliminary Highway Program is used to present the program to the public during the annual October Road Show.
- 11. During the Legislative Session, the Highway Program is submitted to the Joint Transportation Committee for review and approval with changes from the Preliminary Highway Program noted. Approval of this document solidifies our program commitments to the State Legislature.
- 12. Once projects are selected by the Bridge Preservation Project Selection Committee, the Project Manager assigned to the project may refine the alignment or concept, and then completes the other documentation. The Stage 0 Feasibility Study is submitted to the Program Manager for review and approval to move to Stage 3 Design.

Projects with (EA) Environmental Assessment or (EIS) Environmental Impact Statement are usually selected after a more detailed Stage 0 Feasibility Study is conducted. Often these projects will continue through Stage 1 Environmental before they are added to the Highway Program.

**Supporting Documentation.** Additional details on the Bridge Preservation Project Selection Process including the Bridge Preservation Off-System Program, and the Local Public Agency (LPA) can be found in the current edition of the "LADOTD Bridge Design and Evaluation Manual."

**BMS Project Selection Support.** The current configuration of BrM 6.6 with LCCA capabilities supports bridge project selection activities.

The deck, substructure and superstructure NBI ratings data is used to identify NHS bridges that would make the best use of preservation funding to keep these bridges in the desired state of good repair.

The BrM 6.6 update with LCCA capability can produce Life Cycle Plans (LCPs) which will assist the Project Selection Committee by generating a BMS network analysis for potential programmed bridge projects.

#### **Bridge Condition Deterioration Modeling**

**Federal Requirement. 23 CFR 515.7(b)(2)**. Deterioration models are required for TAMP assets. A life cycle planning process shall, at a minimum, include the following:

"Identification of deterioration models for each asset class or asset sub-group, provided that identification of deterioration models for assets other than NHS pavements and bridges is optional"

**Bridge Deterioration Modeling.** AASHTOWare BrM is used for maintaining inventory and inspection data, and to model bridge investment needs.

The basis of LCP is a deterioration model. BrM contains deterministic deterioration models for each structural element on a bridge, including the bridge deck, superstructure elements such as girders and beams, and substructure elements such as columns and pier walls. The condition of each element is described using a set of condition levels, and a deterioration model is specified by describing the likelihood of transition from one condition state to another in a given year. These models were developed through a combination of historical analysis and expert judgment.

**Deterministic Model.** In the deterministic model method, the deterioration would automatically implement a drop of some fixed amount over a period of time. As with all modeling efforts, using medians, averages and fixed deteriorations will generally predict the deterioration of bridge groupings, but won't always match reality for individual bridges. Different items, or sub-groups of bridge assets deteriorate at different rates and those deteriorations are not straight lines as more deterioration occurs as bridges age. A number of potential circumstances contribute to deterioration of individual bridges such as growth in truck traffic volumes for a particular bridge, potential scour issues, structural issues, age, dated designs, etc. With this in mind, along with the negative consequences of projecting deterioration incorrectly, expert engineering judgment leans to the conservative side when developing these deterioration estimates.

**BrM Methodology.** Once the bridge inventory has been established, BrM predicts maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation needs along with functional improvement investment needs. It then allocates a given budget to the bridge inventory over time with the objective of maximizing user benefits and minimizing agency costs. When performing an analysis, BrM executes a series of simulations for different annual budgets. BrM presents a series of reports that allows for comparing results between different budget scenarios.

#### **Bridge LCP Strategies**

**Federal Requirement**. **23 CFR 515.7(b)(4)**. A life cycle planning process shall, at a minimum, include the following:

"A strategy for managing each asset class or asset sub-group by minimizing its life cycle costs while achieving the State DOT targets for asset condition for NHS pavements and bridges under 23 U.S.C. 150(d)."

**LCP Strategy Defined.** FHWA's interim guidance on using lifecycle planning to support asset management defines a lifecycle planning strategy as

"a collection of treatments that represent the entire life of an asset class or subgroup."

**Life Cycle Strategies.** Similar to pavements, LADOTD has the bridge life cycle strategy of deploying the right treatment, at the right time, to gain the maximum possible life, at the most economical cost.

**AASHTO BrM.** The LCP approach first determines what treatments are most cost effective for each individual bridge element by optimizing the treatments that, if performed, will minimize life cycle costs of maintaining the bridge element over time. Table 6.9 is an example of a Tasks and Frequencies plan for a typical prestressed (P/S) concrete girder bridge.

LCCA is a cost-centric approach used to select the most cost-effective alternative that accomplishes a preselected project at a specific level of benefits that is assumed to be equal among all the project alternatives being considered.

The LCCA costs for each case are estimated by BrM based on cost data inputted from the LADOTD Bridge Design and Evaluation Manual Appendix D Parametric Cost Estimation Guidelines.

Table 6.10 is an example of a life cycle strategy developed using this approach, in this case for a typical prestressed (P/S) concrete girder bridge defining the LCCA actions and costs. These three cases for (1) Bridge Preservation and Rehabilitation, (2) Bridge Rehabilitation without any Preservation, and (3) Bridge Replacement only which is the "do nothing" action in which treatment is deferred.

The benefit of performing a recommended treatment is that, in the long term, it saves money relative to deferring action.

The BrM program simulation model is now used to determine what work should actually be performed in a given year considering the available budget, the optimal element-level life cycle strategy, and options for replacing or making functional improvements to a bridge. The objective of this model is to maximize total agency cost savings and user benefits, given a budget and other constraints.

In this model, multiple project alternatives are considered for each bridge, including doing nothing, performing the recommended element-level preservation work, and making a functional improvement to the bridge. Functional improvements considered by the system include widening existing lanes and shoulders, raising the bridge, strengthening the bridge, or replacing the bridge. The functional improvements yield savings through improving bridge conditions and also yield additional user benefits. Widening existing lanes and shoulder is predicted to reduce crash costs, while raising or strengthening a bridge is predicted to save truck travel time and operating costs through reducing detours. Replacing a bridge potentially yields all of these benefits.

To determine what work to perform given a limited budget, BrM uses the incremental benefit cost heuristic (IBC), to determine the best set of projects to perform to maximize benefits subject to a budget constraint. With this approach the incremental benefit cost ratio (IBCR) for each project alternative for a bridge is calculated by comparing the alternative to the next-cheapest alternative, dividing the difference in benefit by the difference in cost between the alternatives. Prior to performing the IBCR calculation, inefficient alternatives are filtered out. The remaining alternatives thus form the "efficient frontier" of feasible project alternatives.

When simulating allocation of funds, BrM orders the list of alternatives in decreasing order of IBCR, combining results for all bridges, and then selects projects until funds are expended. The selection of alternatives is influenced by available funds and when limited funds are the issue, either lower level preservation actions, or a Do Nothing action are selected over rehab or higher actions. The process of generating and selecting alternatives is repeated for each year of the analysis period. The end result of the model is a simulated set of project alternatives that maximizes overall agency and user benefits given the available budget.

Table 6.9 BrM P/S Concrete Girder Bridge Example Tasks and Frequencies

TASK DESCRIPTION	FREQUENCY	COMMENTS
WASH BRIDGE	Every 6 years	
CLEAN SUBSTRUCTURE		Clean tops of caps
CLEAN SUPER & DECK		Clean bearings and joints
CLEAN DRAINAGE SYSTEM		
BRIDGE PRESERVATION	25 years	
STRUCTURAL CONCRETE PATCHING		
REPLACE JOINT SEALS		
RESET BEARINGS		
REESTABLISH CIP PAVEMENT RELIEF JOINTS		If applicable
BRIDGE REHABILITATION	50 years	
SUPERSTRUCTURE/SUBSTRUCTURE REHABILITATION		
REPLACE JOINT SEALS		
DECK OVERLAY		
REESTABLISH CIP PAVEMENT RELIEF JOINTS		If applicable
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT	85 years	

Table 6.10 BrM P/S Concrete Girder Bridge Life Cycle Strategy Example Actions and Costs

				Cost	
Year#	Year	Action(s)	2022 \$	Inflated \$	PV \$
25	2046	Bridge Preservation	\$991,237.50	\$2,014,981.75	\$1,252,757.45
50	2071	Bridge Rehabilitation	\$1,982,475.00	\$8,437,848.63	\$3,197,593.95
86	2107	Bridge Replacement	\$6,343,920.00	\$78,256,748.18	\$14,538,084.80
				Subtotal	\$18,988,436.20
		75 years until next replacement	Residual Value ((Remain	ing Life=75)/(Service Life=86))	(\$14,393,012.36
				Total Life Cycle Costs	\$4,595,423.85

			Bridge Replacement Only		
				Cost	
Year #	Year	Action(s)	2022 \$	Inflated \$	PV\$
50	2071	Bridge Replacement	\$6,343,920.00	\$27,001,115.60	\$10,232,300.64
				Subtotal	\$10,232,300.64
		3 years until next replacement	Residual Value ((Remai	ning Life=3)/(Service Life=57))	(\$868,630.92
			<del>10</del> 1	Total Life Cycle Costs	\$9,363,669.72

		Brid	ge Rehab (35yrs) w/o Preservation		
				Cost	
Year#	Year	Action(s)	2022\$	Inflated \$	PV \$
35	2056	Bridge Rehabilitation	\$1,982,475.00	\$5,415,933.95	\$2,762,278.86
70	2091	Bridge Replacement	\$6,343,920.00	\$48,767,018.24	\$12,436,963.24
				Subtotal	\$15,199,242.10
		75 years until next replacement	Residual Value ((Remain	ing Life=75)/(Service Life=86))	(\$10,057,117.38)
				Total Life Cycle Costs	\$5,142,124.72

Figure 6.3 BrM P/S LCCA Performance, and Figure 6.4 LCCA Timing illustrate graphically the three Concrete Girder Bridge Example cases for (1) Bridge Preservation and Rehabilitation, (2) Bridge Rehabilitation without any Preservation, and (3) Bridge Replacement which is the "do nothing" action in which treatment is deferred.

Figure 6.3 BrM P/S Concrete Girder Bridge Example LCCA Performance

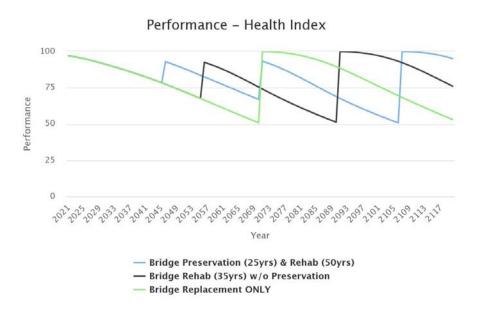
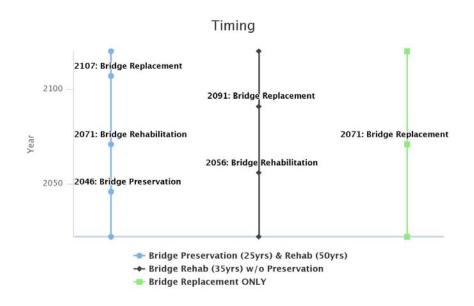


Figure 6.4 BrM P/S Concrete Girder Bridge Example LCCA Timing



## **Bridge Treatments (Work Types)**

**Federal Requirement**. **23 CFR 515.7(b)(3)**. A life cycle planning process shall, at a minimum, include the following:

"Potential work types across the whole life of each asset class or asset sub-group with their relative unit cost"

**Work Types and Treatments.** The TAMP Bridge work types are identified in Table 6.11 along with their matching counterparts with the appropriate FHWA Improvement Types and the bridge treatments used by LADOTD.

**Primary PRBR Bridge Improvement Types**. The following outlines the various bridge improvement types, treatments or work types used for the PRBR program.

**Replacement**. This completely removes and replaces an existing structure with a new structure that functionally serves the same purpose at or near the location of an existing structure. A new structure may have additional width and/or length to meet current design requirements, but cannot provide additional capacity as a part of this improvement type.

**Rehabilitation.** This comprehensively addresses the overall condition of a structure, which is typically in fair or poor condition. The purpose is to significantly extend the service life, improve the condition rating, and/or improve the load posting of an existing structure. When the Rehabilitation improvement type is used, often many other improvement types are part of the rehabilitation effort as noted in Additional Bridge Improvement Types.

**Table 6.11 TAMP Bridge Work Type Crosswalk Details** 

TAMP Work Type	FHWA Improvement Type	LADOTD Bridge Treatment
Initial Construction	08-Bridge New Construction	Not a Bridge Program Treatment Type
Maintenance	Not Eligible Federal Funded Activities	Maintenance Activities in Maintenance Management System
Preservation	40-Special Bridge; 47-Bridge Preventive Maintenance; 48-Bridge Protection; 59-Bridge Deck Resurfacing	Repair/Restore specific elements; Address localized, isolated element conditions; Painting (structural steel); Deck (overlay, sealing, surface improvements); Scour Mitigation (rap, slope stabilization, helper bent); Cleaning, Refurbishing, or Replacing limit life service elements (joint material, bearings, protective coating)
		Extends Service Life, Improves NBI Condition Rating, Improves and/or Removes Load Posting Restrictions  Address Overall Structural Conditions;
Rehabilitation	13-Bridge Rehabilitation - Added Capacity; 14-Bridge Rehabilitation - No Added Capacity	Re-Decking (total replacement); Widening (only in conjunction w/ roadway widening project); Painting (structural steel) with Major Structural Steel Repairs; Scour Mitigation with Major Substructure or Other Major Bridge Work
Reconstruction	10-Bridge Replacement - Added Capacity; 11-Bridge Replacement - No Added Capacity	Remove and Replace Existing Structure; Remove Existing Structure (no replacement structure); Replace Existing Structure (only in conjunction w/ roadway widening project)

**Repair.** This is limited to localized, isolated conditions on a structure, which may be in any condition state. The purpose of a repair is to restore specific elements to an improved condition state. Though it may affect the overall condition rating or load rating of a structure, its purpose is not to comprehensively address the overall needs of a structure.

**Preventive Maintenance**. This is used when cleaning, refurbishing, or replacing limited service life elements such as joints, bearings, and protective coatings. The purpose of preventative maintenance is to prevent the accelerated deterioration of a structure due to the poor condition of limited service life elements.

**Removal**. This results in the removal but not the replacement an existing structure. The purpose of a removal is to demolish an existing structure and replace it with something that does not meet the CFR §650.305 definition of a bridge. Using funds to reconstruct an interchange, stream crossing, rail crossing, etc., or to restore a site to natural conditions as necessary after the removal of an existing structure is consistent with the mission of the PRBR; therefore, activities are eligible under this improvement type.

**Additional Bridge Improvement Types.** The following bridge improvement types don't apply to the PRBR program, but are provided as appropriate for TAMP related treatments.

**New Structure.** This provides new lane capacity for a crossing that does not currently exist. This improvement type is not consistent with the mission of the PRBR.

**Widening.** Widening of an existing structure to provide additional lane capacity for a crossing is not consistent with the mission of the PRBR; however, in conjunction with a widening project, Bridge Improvement Types that are consistent with the mission of the PRBR may be performed. In this case those activities are eligible under Rehabilitation Bridge Improvement Type.

**Painting.** Painting is no longer identified as a separate Bridge Improvement Type for the purposes of program level tracking. Cleaning and painting may be performed under a Preventive Maintenance, Repair, or Rehabilitation Bridge Improvement Type.

**Re-Decking.** Bridge Re-Decking has not been identified as a separate Bridge Improvement Type for the purposes of program level tracking. Bridge re-decking may be performed under a Rehabilitation Bridge Improvement Type.

**Scour Mitigation.** Scour Mitigation is no longer identified as a separate Bridge Improvement Type for the purposes of program level tracking. Scour mitigation would typically be performed under a Preventive Maintenance, Repair, or Rehabilitation Bridge Improvement Type.

## **Analysis of Bridge Projects Since 2019**

In Table 6.12, we identify the breakdown of bridge improvements on the LADOTD maintained NHS, by TAMP Work Type since 2019.

This table demonstrates that over time, LADOTD has applied the highest total authorizations to Rehabilitation and Reconstruction improvements. The extent of Reconstruction improvements most likely coincides with the advanced age of bridges, as shown in Figure 3.7 "Count of Bridges by Decade", and figure 3.8 "Decade Area of Bridges Built by Decade"; however the very significant Rehabilitation effort is partly due to underfunding for Preservation activities over the life cycle of these assets, again a consequence of a past Worst First approach.

Table 6.12 NHS Bridge Investments (Letting Cost) by Year and by TAMP Work Type

Project SFY	Initial Construction	~Maintenance	Preservation	Rehabilitation	Reconstruction	Total
2019	29,680,449	0	2,994,300	52,940,831	36,103,523	121,719,103
2020	11,489,166	0	1,045,194	56,163,336	242,749,667	311,447,364
2021	1,500,000	0	4,750,162	7,911,610	74,605,260	88,767,032

**Excludes Local NHS assets** 

## **Analysis of Bridge Maintenance Activities**

In Table 6.13 we identify the LAGOV Maintenance Management System bridge maintenance activities from July 1, 2020 to June 5, 2021. This includes the count of bridge related work orders and total expenditures which include all labor, material and equipment costs. This analysis is for all state bridges and is not specific to NHS bridges.

For SFY 2021, LADOTD has a total expenditure of \$17,219,979 for Bridge Maintenance Activities.

<sup>~ =</sup> FMIS Maintenance Work Types Crosswalk to FHWA TAMP Preservation Work Types, Not Maintenance Work Types

Table 6.13 Summary of Bridge Maintenance Activities for SFY 2021

SFY 2021 Structures Maintenance	Amount	Expenditures
460-00 PAINTING BRIDGE (FT2 - Square Foot)	7,773	\$6,074
460-01 SPOT PAINTING BRIDGE (TOUCH UP) (FT2 - Square Foot)	381,949	\$158,004
460-02 BRIDGE JOINT REPAIR (LF - Linear Foot)	16,535	\$206,744
460-03 MOVABLE BRIDGE LUBRICATION (EA - Each)	4,798	\$673,253
460-04 MOVABLE BRIDGE REPAIR - MECHANICAL (EA - Each)	2,352	\$952,407
460-05 MOVABLE BRIDGE REPAIR - ELECTRICAL (EA - Each)	10,808	\$1,399,771
460-99 OTHER BRIDGE MAINTENANCE (H - Hours)	1,428	\$622,825
465-00 CLEAN STRUCTURAL MEMBERS (EA - Each)	8,246	\$44,304
465-01 CLEAN DECK & DRAIN (LF - Linear Foot)	1,057,959	\$1,533,482
465-03 STRINGER MAINTENANCE (LF - Linear Foot)	2,166	\$192,998
465-04 PILE REPAIR - TIMBER (EA - Each)	774	\$1,448,109
465-05 CHANNEL REPAIR & PROTECTION (FT2 - Square Foot)	496	\$66,613
465-06 FENDER REPAIR (LF - Linear Foot)	202	\$284,108
465-07 BRIDGE DECK REPAIR (YD2 - Square Yard)	1,972	\$381,238
465-08 GUARDRAIL REPAIR (LF - Linear Foot)	23,534	\$1,042,529
465-09 CRASH ATTENUATOR REPAIR (EA - Each)	10	\$22,238
465-10 TUNNEL REPAIR - MECHANICAL (EA - Each)	85	\$54,850
465-11 TUNNEL REPAIR - ELECTRICAL (EA - Each)	126	\$64,088
465-12 TUNNEL MAINTENANCE/CLEANING (EA - Each)	162	\$337,187
465-17 REMOVE DRIFT (EA - Each)	3,756	\$1,131,149
465-18 REPAIR / REPLACE BRIDGE CAP (EA - Each)	127	\$463,621
465-19 REPAIR / REPLACE TIMBER DECK (FT2 - Square Foot)	6,268	\$189,318
465-20 REPAIR / REPLACE ABUTMENT & OR REVETMENT (FT2 - Square Foo	5,565	\$358,162
465-21 STRUCTURAL CONCRETE REPAIR (FT2 - Square Foot)	282	\$66,337
465-25 BRIDGE TENDER HOUSE REPAIR (EA - Each)	3,737	\$330,966
465-30 PILE REPAIR - STEEL (EA - Each)	134	\$198,150
465-31 PILE REPAIR - CONCRETE (EA - Each)	4	\$2,899
465-32 PILE DRIVING (EA - Each)	156	\$615,227
465-99 OTHER STRUCTURE MAINTENANCE (H - Hours)	682	\$329,249
470-99 OTHER FOUNDATION REPAIR (H - Hours)	231	\$80,313
620-04 BRIDGES (OVER 20' LENGTH) CONSTRUCTION (LF - Linear Foot)	3,347	\$3,963,765
Grand Total		\$17,219,979

Includes: Bridges & Tunnels

Source: LADOTD MMS, July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

## **Costly NHS Bridge Rehabilitation Projects**

**Costly Project Analysis.** In Table 6.14, we investigate a little further to identify the projects that have captured the lion's share of the funding totals since 2012. This very clearly illustrates that major critical NHS bridges will still require a worst first approach when it is appropriate to do so. These critical bridges simply must remain in service.

What this does identify is that a very significant increase in funding has been required for some time, and will continue to be required, to maintain the aging bridge infrastructure.

LADOTD's administration has responded to the federal requirements, and potential penalties, with a renewed vigor by significantly redirecting funding levels to address NHS bridge needs going forward; however, as previously noted these funds will not stop most NHS bridges from falling into the Poor condition range. It is very important to also note that the significant addition of funds for NHS bridges will result in significant underfunding of Non-NHS bridges, unless additional funding is provided by the State Legislature.

Table 6.14 NHS Bridge Projects Greater Than \$10 Million

Year	NHS Bridge Projects Greater Than \$10 Million	Project Cost
2012	H.000343 US190:MS RIV BR CLEAN,PAINT & REPAIR PHASE 1	74,849,999
2012	H.009104 LA 70: MISSISSIPPI RIVER BRIDGE - PHASE II REPAIR, CLEANING & PAINTING	25,137,643
2013	H.009480 I-20 OUACHITA RIVER BRIDGE REHABILITATION	31,198,032
2014	No Projects > \$10 Million	
2015	H.009479 LA 1 WEST LAROSE VERTICAL LIFT BRIDGE REHABILITATION	24,147,108
2015	H.010498 I-310: LULING REMOVE/REPLACE BRIDGE DECK OVERLAY & STRUCTURAL REPAIRS	24,558,799
2015	H.010636 US 90-Z OVER MISS RIVER (GNO2) BRIDGE REPAIRS, CLEANING & PAINTING	17,696,500
2016	H.000517 US 165 BRIDGES NEAR FENTON BRIDGE REPLACEMENT	11,764,362
2016	H.011482 US 90 HUEY P. LONG BRIDGE CLEAN & PAINT STEEL NOT PART OF THE WIDENING	19,776,915
2016	H.003003 LA 176, I-10 I-10: E. JCT. I-49 TO LA 328 WIDENING AND REHABILITATION	38,439,209
2017	H.003014 I-10: LA 347 TO ATCHAFALAYA FLDWY BRIDGE REHABILITATION	12,016,819
2017	H.009461 I-10 ATCHAFALAYA FLDWY CLEAN & PAINT	18,464,550
2018	H.010916 I-210 PRIEN LAKE RE-DECK & SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS REHABILITATION	27,362,813
2018	H.000428 LA 12 BRIDGES (NEW)	24,239,899
2018	H.011494 US 90: ATCHAFALAYA RIVER BRIDGE CLEANING, PAINTING & STRUCTURAL REPAIRS	11,964,750
2019	H.012739 I-20 MRB AT VICKSBURG OVERLAY & REHABILITATION	27,711,842
2019	H.010601 I-10: LA 328 TO LA 347 INTERSTATE WIDENING AND REHABILITATION	11,489,166
2019	H.011152 I-12: US 190 TO LA 59 ROADWAY WIDENING/OVERLAY, BRIDGE WIDENING/REPLACE	15,802,576
2019	H.004791 LA 23: BELLE CHASSE BRIDGE & TUNNEL(HBI) REPLACEMENT	152,126,000
2020	H.010018 I-10: NO EAST DRAIN CANAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT	28,813,338
2020	H.003184 I-10: TEXAS STATE LINE-E. OF COONE GULLY WIDEN TO 6 LANES	39,444,336
2020	H.013897 I-10 & I-12 COLLEGE DR NEW FLYOVER RAMP AND EXIT TO COLLEGE	12,500,000
2021	H.001234 LA 1:PORT ALLEN CANAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PHASE 1	57,666,023

## 7.0 Risk Management Analysis

#### 7.1 Introduction

This chapter reviews the various concepts of risk management, the federal requirements of risk management, and LADOTD's current implementation of risk management, including 23 CFR Part 667 requirements.

Risk management efforts include incorporating Redundancy, Robustness, and Resiliency into project management along with using risk registers throughout the asset management process, when setting the budgets, prioritizing projects and revising asset management guidance.

## **Risk Management Concepts**

The international standard ISO 31000 defines risk as "the effects of uncertainty on objectives." In its simplest form, risk is anything that could be an obstacle to the achievement of goals and objectives. However, risks are more than just threats. Risks can be anything that may impede an objective or create a new opportunity. These risks may include, but are not limited to:

- Threats
- Variability
- Change
- Uncertainty
- Opportunity

Risks may include, but are not limited to threats to transportation assets, variability in forecasted travel behavior, changes in rules and regulations, uncertainty of extreme weather conditions, and opportunity for increased or decreased financial support for assets.

These risks can affect many aspects from budget allocations to retrofitting the design of a bridge for extreme weather threat mitigation. All levels of risks should be considered throughout the process in order to manage an agency's assets with the most efficient and effective strategies and methods.

While risk management is a formal requirement for the TAMP, as a general rule, risk management is a common formal management method used worldwide in nearly every field of business.

#### **Existing Risk Management at LADOTD**

LADOTD is no exception to this general rule, with a number of formal risk controls in place in a number of different areas. Risk management is one of the compelling factors that led to the implementation of pavement and bridge management systems and is a primary reason for conducting National Bridge Inventory (NBI) bridge safety inspections.

**Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).** LADOTD has essential functions that must be performed rapidly and efficiently in a disaster or emergency involving state owned transportation infrastructure in the State of Louisiana. If the normal key staff and facilities are not available, LADOTD's Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) ensures that LADOTD's essential functions can still be performed using alternate facilities, equipment, communications, and staffing. The COOP also includes assisting local governments in the movement of citizens, pets, and critical supplies during emergencies.

**Project Risk Management.** LADOTD has implemented a number of procedures, measures and software solutions to manage project risk. This ranges from digital design standards and the software solutions to validate project design compliance with these standards, to software solutions that provide the ability for the review of existing project item bids against historical and predicted bid item costs. Tools are also in place to evaluate contractor bids to identify any anomalies.

**Operational Risk Management.** Maintenance superintendents are required to ride all the roads in their jurisdiction, at a minimum of every (2) two weeks, to inspect for any safety related or condition situations that warrant action. These could include activities such as replacing missing or damaged signs, pothole repair, guardrail or crash attenuator damage, shoulder edge drop-offs, and many other potential issues. In fact, field crews carry a supply of stop signs in their vehicles to immediately replace missing or damaged signs when they are encountered. To support ongoing maintenance risk management efforts, LADOTD replaced an old home-grown work order management system with a comprehensive third-party Maintenance Management System.

With respect to guard rail and crash attenuator repairs, LADOTD has contracts in place to allow for immediate notification and rapid response to repair or replace these critical safety features.

**Procedural Risk Management.** Other examples of risk management would include the Approved Materials List, various design manuals, the maintenance manual, and pavement condition protocols that support the pavement data collection QA/QC program, etc.

**Emergency Operations Risk Management.** Prior to hurricane Katrina, LADOTD had created a dedicated Emergency Operations Section. Currently, all Emergency Ops staff members of this section are FEMA (Department of Homeland Security) trained and certified via National Incident Management System (NIMS), Incident Command System (ICS) and other FEMA specialty courses as appropriate. All other staff that are or may be engaged in response or recovery activities are also required to have certain FEMA/DHS course certifications as well.

This staff is qualified to manage all aspects of emergency operations management and response for LADOTD.

Emergency Operations Preparedness. LADOTD, along with many other Louisiana state agencies, conducted numerous simulated hurricane risk management exercises in order to gain expertise to allow for the most efficient management of the emergency requirements of large scale events. This led to the most efficient possible evacuation of the New Orleans residents, who chose to leave the city prior to hurricane Katrina's arrival. It included numerous risk management contracts that were activated to allow for contracted evacuation buses, Amtrak trains, and other support services.

As an example of adapting to risk requirements, contra flow traffic control measures were in place for Hurricane's Katrina and Rita, essentially a lesson learned from an earlier New Orleans evacuation effort of a minor storm that turned away and did not hit the city.

Another example of a lesson learned was the creation of evacuation assistance options that allowed pet owners to take their pets along with them. LADOTD came to the realization that many pet owners simply would not evacuate if they were required to leave their pets behind.

**Downsizing.** Another broader risk management issue is LADOTD's ongoing requirement to cut costs. The only method available to management has been to cut staff resources or to reduce materials and services used to maintain assets which has led to a further reduction in asset condition. All other expenditures are mandated by either state or federal legislative requirements.

## **Downsizing**

In the mid-1980's, LADOTD had over 7,500 employees. Currently LADOT has just under 4,000 employees.

LADOTD has been one of the very few Louisiana state government agencies that has been downsized over the years. The mantra of "doing more with less" has been the mandatory operating approach for a significant number of years. LADOTD has reduced the work force from a high of over 7,500 employees in the mid-1980's to just under 4,000 employees at present. There is simply nothing left to cut.

## **Risk Management Analysis Requirements**

Federal Requirement. (23 CFR 515.7(c)). The TAMP must describe a methodology for:

 Identifying risks that can affect the condition of NHS pavements and bridges, and the performance of the NHS, including the risks listed in 23 CFR 515.7(c)(1).  Assessing the identified risks in terms of the likelihood of their occurrence and their impact and consequence if they do occur.

The State DOT's process must include methods to explain how the risks were identified and describe what issues were considered for risk identification. The process must also include the following good practice elements:

- Evaluating and prioritizing the identified risks.
- Developing a mitigation plan for addressing the top priority risks that involve potentially negative consequences.
- Developing an approach for monitoring top priority risks.
- Including in the analysis, and considering, a summary of the results of the 23 CFR
  Part 667 evaluations of facilities in the State repeatedly damaged by emergency
  events, including at a minimum the results relating to NHS pavements and bridges.

#### 7.2 LEVELS OF RISK MANAGEMENT

LADOTD has identified formal risk registers for (3) three levels of risk including Department Level risks, Program Level risk and Project Level risk. Figure 7.1 below identifies the concepts behind these three risk levels.



Figure 7.1 Levels of Risk

**Department Level.** Department level risks affect the achievement of the Department's strategic objectives and are represented by items such as funding issues or changes in regulatory policies. The resulting changes in design standards required after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita is an example of risk mitigation effort for risk level. Executives must manage departmental risks in a manner that optimizes the success of the organization. The mitigation actions, or strategies to manage these risks, would best be accomplished by optimizing strategic level policies, procedures and management methods.

**Program Level.** Program level risks affect the different funded programs in the Department such as the pavement or bridge preservation program or the safety program. These risks could include funding, lack of personnel for program delivery, or rapid deterioration of the pavement or bridge asset. The mitigation actions, or strategies to manage these risks, would best be accomplished by optimizing the programs efficiency and effectiveness.

**Project Level.** Project level risks are generally unique to a specific project. In addition to the project examples provided in the introduction section of this chapter, further examples of project level risks include environmental clearance issues, geotechnical issues, right-of-way acquisition delays or outside interference in proper project selection. The mitigation actions, or strategies to manage these risks would be accomplished via continuing efforts to optimize the projects efficiency and effectiveness.

#### 7.3 RISK METHODOLOGY

#### **Initial Risk Assessment**

The TAMP requirements identify that an extensive, integrated, formal risk management program is required at LADOTD. To address the initial formal risk management program requirements, a FHWA contractor led a series of Risk Management Workshops in 2014 that resulted in the February 2015 Pilot Draft TAMP. LADOTD was one of the FHWA's (3) three DOT's chosen to develop pilot TAMPs. The workshops included stakeholders from throughout the Department and local FHWA.

The Department's initial risk registers were developed via the following steps:

- Risk Education Participants separated into working groups for the three risk levels (Department, Program, and Project). A brief training exercise followed with working groups being informed about the concept of risk registers including how to create them and how they will be used by the Department.
- Risk Identification Additional workshops were held with the three working groups
  to identify the potential risks for their assigned risk level. The workshop participants
  also determined the proper description for each risk and identified possible causes
  of each risk.
- Risk Analysis Workshop participants then assessed the relative likelihood of occurrence and impact of each risk, using a risk matrix similar to the one in Figure 7.2, to evaluate each risk in terms of a risk rating consequence scale of "low impact" to "critical."

Likelihood of Occurrence **Risk Matrix with Impact** Unlikely Likely **Very Likely** and Likelihood Definitions Several Times Potential formultiple deaths & Catastrophic Medium Medium High Critical Critical injuries, substantial public & private costs Potential formultiple injuries, substantial public or private Major Low Medium High High Critical costs and/orfoils agency objectives mpact Risk Rating Potential for injury, property damage, increased agency co-and/or impedes agency Moderate Medium High Low Low High objectives Potential for moderate agency Minor Medium Medium cost and impact to agency Low Low Low Potential impact low and manageable with normal agency practices Insignificant Low Low Low Low **Risk Rating** 

Figure 7.2 Risk Matrix

Risk Evaluation, Risk Mitigation, and Risk Finalization - A smaller core team then
reviewed each risk register. The core team combined risks, when the same risks
were duplicated in multiple categories (Department, Program, and/or Project Level)
and then also finalized the risk rating consequence for each risk.

The core team also reviewed the proposed mitigation actions, or strategies to manage the risks identified by each team, to determine if mitigation strategies could impact and reduce other risks. Finally, the team performed a prioritization of the risks and finalized the risk registers.

#### **2022 Updated Risk Assessment**

**Update Methodology.** In early 2022, LADOTD conducted another risk management workshop to review and update these initial risk registers and to gain compliance with the final federal requirements.

This update effort included a consideration of current and projected infrastructure conditions, along with potential funding issues, environment issues and geotechnical issues. In addition, staffing issues and potential loss of expertise were considered. Finally, changes in assets due to other programs (e.g., freight, safety, congestion) and other factors (e.g., climate change, extreme weather) were considered.

Over the course of this update workshop, participants revised the risk registers including identifying additional risk not originally considered and identifying risk that could be removed from consideration.

For all new risks, a qualitative risk assessment, based on likelihood of occurrence and the potential risk impact was conducted in order to identify the potential consequence should the risk occur. This risk assessment was based on the risk matrix shown above in Figure 7.2. The participants then identified the proposed mitigation actions/ strategies to manage the new risk.

Next, the participants reviewed existing risks to determine if the past assessment still held true. When updates to impact and likelihood were made, new risk ratings were assessed. Next, the existing proposed mitigation actions/strategies to manage the risk were reevaluated and adjusted as necessary.

## **Top-Rated Risks**

**Update Methodology.** The participants then used the proposed mitigation actions to aid in further identifying the Risk Mitigation Plan details for the risk rated as Critical or High. The mitigation plan efforts identified the Risk owners, the first step to take to begin to mitigate the risk and where appropriate, a projected implementation date.

Following this effort, the team identified the necessary information to generate a Risk Monitor Plan for these top-rated risks. Potential methods to accomplish the monitoring effort along with the frequency of monitoring the risk and who would perform the monitoring effort were established.

## **7.4 2022 RISK REGISTERS**

Tables 7.1 through 7.3 are LADOTD's updated risk registers with the top priority risk identified. Note that the Risk Numbers are not in a sequential order due to the fact that this is not the first risk assessment and the risk ratings for these risks have been updated.

Table 7.1

	2022 Departmer	nt Level Ri	isk Registe	r
Risk #	Risk Description	Impact	Likelihood	Risk Rating
D4	Insufficient match for federal funds	Major	Certain	Critical
D12	Increased truck weights increase deterioration rates of existing infrastructure.	Major	Certain	Critical
D2	Loss of experienced staff (Repeated all RR's)	Major	Certain	Critical
D6	Bridge Closure	Major	Almost Certain	Critical
D1	Lack of operating funding	Major	Very Likely	High
D5	Weather events (Hurricanes, Floods, Ice Storms, etc.) (Hurricanes, Floods, Ice Storms, etc.)	Moderate	Very Likely	High
D7	Adverse legislative actions to priority programs	Major	Likely	High
D12	Very large bridge becomes Structurally Deficient	Major	Likely	High
D13	23 CFR part 667 Repeated Damage to pavement or structures due to Emergency Events (ER funding)	Major	Unlikely	Medium
D14	Penalty Assessment due to Certification / Recertification Issue	Major	Unlikely	Medium
D15	Penalty Assessment due to Consistency Determination Issue	Major	Unlikely	Medium
D16	Non-compliant Pavement data leads to funding penalty	Major	Unlikely	Medium
D3	Cut in federal funding	Major	Unlikely	Medium
D8	Negative public opinion	Moderate	Likely	Medium
D9	Changes in regulatory policy	Moderate	Likely	Medium
D17	Non-compliant Bridge data leads to funding penalty	Moderate	Unlikely	Low
D10	Continuity of operations	Major	Rare	Low
D11	Terrorist/criminal acts	Catastrophic	Rare	Low

Table 7.2

	2022 Program Level Risk Register					
Risk #	Risk Description	Impact	Likelihood	Risk Rating		
PM2	Increased truck weights increase deterioration rates of existing infrastructure.	Catastrophic	Almost Certain	Critical		
PM1	Lack of reliable traffic loading data decreases confidence and effectiveness of pavement design	Major	Likely	High		
PM4	Public demand for low construction impacts increases costs and decreases quality	Moderate	Almost Certain	High		
PM5	Lack of experienced personnel for program delivery (Repeated all RR's)	Moderate	Certain	High		
PM10	Political pressure for suboptimal projects	Moderate	Almost Certain	High		
PM3	Unexpected sustained revenue decreases	Major (pavement) Catastrophic (bridge)	Unlikely	Medium (pavement), Medium (bridge)		
PM6	Emerging technologies improve efficiencies	Moderate	Likely	Medium		
PM7	Diversion of work force to other activities (e.g., storm response)	Minor	Very Likely	Medium		
PM9	Unexpected revenue increase in program level that cannot be covered by projects on the shelf	Moderate	Unlikely	Low		
PM8	Increased lane miles increases long term preservation costs	Moderate	Unlikely	Low		

Table 7.3

	2022 Project Level Risk Register					
Risk #	Risk Description	Impact	Likelihood	Risk Rating		
PJ1	Railroad Agreement (or lack thereof) can delay project	Major	Almost certain	Critical		
PJ15	IT System Ownership causes insufficient support	Major	Certain	Critical		
PJ2	Scope creep on projects that increase cost	Major	Very Likely	High		
PJ3	Contractor quality	Major	Very Likely	High		
PJ5	Lack of experience of project delivery staff (Repeated all RR's)	Major	Certain	High		
PJ6	ROW acquisition problem or delay	Major	Likely	High		
PJ7	Utility relocation problem or delay	Major	Likely	High		
PJ8	Environmental document and permitting delays	Major	Likely	High		
PJ14	Lack of DBE Subcontractor availability increase cost	Moderate	Very Likely	High		
PJ4	Public Involvement delays/kills the project	Major	Unlikely	Medium		
PJ9	Overworked project delivery staff decreases efficiency	Moderate	Likely	Medium		
PJ10	Large change orders increase cost	Moderate	Likely	Medium		
PJ11	Lack of contractor availability increase cost	Major	Unlikely	Medium		
PJ12	Lack of control of Design- Build projects (quality- issue)	Moderate	Unlikely	Low		
PJ13	Inaccurate estimates	Minor	Unlikely	Low		

#### 7.5 RISK MITIGATION AND MONITORING PLAN

**Risk Mitigation Plan.** Agencies are now required to develop a Risk Mitigation Plan for the top-rated risk identified in the risk registers. This involves identifying either the mitigation actions or strategies to manage the risk, identifying the risk owner, providing for an implementation date and identifying the initial step to get these actions, or strategies, started.

**Methodology.** During the 2022 risk workshop, participants reviewed and updated the proposed mitigation actions, or strategies to manage the risks. They then identified the owners of the individual risks, identified a realistic implementation date for these actions and strategies, and identified the first step required to initiate the mitigation plan.

**Risk Monitoring Plan.** Also, agencies are now required to monitor the top-rated risk identified in the risk registers. LADOTD began this workshop activity by identifying the method used to accomplish the monitoring effort, this includes, but is not limited to, taking corrective actions, performing data analysis, using various legal activities, conducting meetings, updated or new policy/procedural changes, reports, etc.

**Methodology.** Next participants defined the frequency the individual would be monitored and who would be responsible for the monitoring activity.

The mitigation and monitoring results are show in Tables 7.4 through 7.6.

Table 7.4 Departmental Level Risk Mitigation & Monitoring Plan

2022 Top Priority Risks			2022 Department Level Mit			Plan	Monitoring Top Priority Risks		
Risk#	Risk Description	Risk Rating	Mitigation Action or Strategy to Manage Risks	Owner(s)	Projected Implementatio n Date	First Step	Method To Accomplish	Frequency	Who Performs
D4	Insufficient match for federal funds	Critical	Restructure State highway program to allow for maximum funding for match to the federal program.  Cut the following programs: - Port and Flood Control - Parish Transportation Fund - LADOTO Operating Budget Existing Toll Credits exhausted, but new toll oredits antiopated from Belle Chasse. Capital Outlay funds & bonds received in tecent years. Possible reduction in the level of service.	Executive Staff	As Necessary	Annual Finance Forecast & Analysi:	Policy - Update	As Necessary	Statewide Planning
D12	Increased truck weights increase deterioration rates of existing	Critical	Stationary Veight Enforcement moving staff and facilities to DOTD.	State Office of Operations	July, 2022	Move Staff and Facilities back to DOTD	Other	ıs Necessar	State Legislature
	Loss of experienced staff (Repeated all RR's)	Critical	Continue succession planning strategies to keep productive employees and focus on recruiting to attract new employees.	HB	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Procedure - Update	Ongoing	Section Head/DA
D2			Continue to cross train employees for the ability to continue delivering services when key employees retire or resign.	Section Head/DA	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Training	Ongoing	Section Head/DA
			Continue to employ the workforce development program and structured training to advance the ability of our workforce.	Curriculum Council	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Training	Ongoing	Section Head/DA
			Outsource when necessary to fill void of reduced staff.	Section Head/DA	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Contracting	As Necessary	Section Head/DA
	Bridge Closure	Critical	Continue to strictly control the issuance of truck permits to control overweight trucks.	Truck Permits	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Procedure - Existing	Ongoing	Truck Permits
D6			Focus funding on bridge preservation.  Continue to operate a comprehensive bridge	Bridge Project Selection Team Section 51	Annually Ongoing	Data Analysis  Maintain Current Actions	Procedure - Existing  Procedure - Existing	Ongoing Ongoing	Bridge Project Selection Team District
	Lack of operating funding	High	inspection program. Educate elected officials on funding needs.	Secretary	Continuously/	Maintain Current Actions	Meeting(s)	Ongoing	Inspectors Secretary
D1			Employ strategic thinking and continuous improvement for efficiency within the Department.	Executive Staff	Annually Continuously	Maintain Current Actions	Meeting(s) / Procedure - Update	Ongoing	QCIP
			Elimination of low priority services.	Executive Staff	As Necessary	Annual Budget Review	Corrective Action(s)	As Necessary	Executive Staff
			Possible reduction of staff. Implement design standard changes and	Executive Staff	As Necessary	Annual Budget Review	Other	As Necessary	Executive Staff
	(Hurricanes, Floods, Ice	High	infrastructure hardening to mitigate possible damages and improve resiliency.	Chief Engineer	As Necessary	Post Event Assessment to Identify Need	Policy & Procedure - Existing	As Necessary	Design Sections
D5	(Hurricanes, Floods, Ice Storms, etc.)		Dedicated and fully functional emergency preparedness program & staff while maintaining comprehensive disaster recovery plan.	Assistant Secretary of Operations	Continuously	Maintain Current Actions	Procedure - Existing	Ongoing	Emergency Operations
			Fully support the local levee districts and flood control programs.	Public Works	As Necessary	Event Based	Procedure - Existing	As Necessary	HQ & District Staff
	Adverse legislative actions to priority programs	High	Continue to implement a transparent project selection process.	Assistant Secretary of Planning	Annual	Maintain Current Actions	Procedure - Existing	Annually	Transportation Planning Section
D7			Encourage the continuance of strong statutory controls.	Secretary	Continuously	Maintain Current Actions	Meeting(s)	Ongoing	Secretary
			Continue active liaison efforts and legislative education/outreach.	Secretary	Continuously	Maintain Current Actions	Meeting(s)	Ongoing	Legislative Liaison/Secretar
D12	Very large bridge becomes Structurally Deficient	High	Repair with emergency action	Executive Staff	As Necessary	Determine Corrective Action	Allocate Funds	As Necessary	Office of Engineering
			BMS for Significant Bridges	Assistant Secretary of Planning	Continuously	Work with Bridge Project Selection Team to build Bridge Program	Develop LCP Plans first for Significant Bridges.	As Necessary	Transportation Planning Section

Table 7.5 Program Level Risk Mitigation & Monitoring Plan

2022 Top Priority Risks			2022 Prog	Monitoring Top Priority Risks					
Risk #	Risk Description	Risk Rating	Mitigation Action or Strategy to Manage Risks	Owner(s)	Projected Implementation Date	First Step	Method To Accomplish	Frequency	Who Performs
	Increased truck weights increase deterioration rates of existing infrastructure.	Critical	The Department shall aggressively communicate implications to infrastructure.	Secretary	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Meeting(s) / Multi-Media Options	Continuously	Secretary
PM2			Educate legislature on impact to the pavement and bridge system.	Secretary	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Meeting(s) / Multi-Media Options	Continuously	Secretary
			Stationary Weight Enforcement moving staff and facilities to DOTD.	Secretary	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Meeting(s) / Multi-Media Options	As Necessary	Secretary
PM1	Lack of reliable traffic loading data decreases confidence and effectiveness of pavement design	High	Collect permanent WIM data at 20 locations across the State which will determine regional loading factors that can be used for design.	Assistant Secretary Planning	Ongoing	Advertise Consulting Contract	Contracting	Ongoing	Section 21 Data Collection
PM4	Public demand for low construction impacts increases costs and decreases quality	High	Educate legislature and public on the cost impacts of mitigating construction project schedules in order to minimizes impacts to users.	Secretary	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Meeting(s) / Multi-Media Options	Ongoing	Secretary / Public Information Office
			Consider Constructability during Project Development	Secretary	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Meeting(s) / Multi-Media Options	Ongoing	Secretary / Public Information Office
	Lack of experienced personnel for program delivery (Repeated all RR's)	High	Continue succession planning strategies to keep productive employees and focus on recruiting to attract new employees.	HR	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Procedure - Update	Ongoing	Section Head/DA
PM5			Continue to cross train employees for the ability to continue delivering services when key employees retire or resign.	Section Head/DA	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Training	Ongoing	Section Head/DA
			Continue to employ the workforce development program and structured training to advance the ability of our workforce.	Curriculum Council	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Training	Ongoing	Section Head/DA
			Possible outsourcing needed to fill void of reduced staff.	Section Head/DA	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Contracting	As Necessary	Section Head/DA
	Political pressure for suboptimal projects	High	Educate legislature on impact to infrastructure level of service.	Secretary	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Meeting(s) / Multi-Media Options	Ongoing	Secretary
PM10			Educate legislature about Federal Laws, Requirements, etc.	Secretary	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Meeting(s) / Multi-Media Options	Ongoing	Secretary
			Enforce statute that requires project selection to follow the annual highway priority process.	Assistant Secretary Planning	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Procedure - Existing	As Necessary	Assistant Secretary Planning

Table 7.6 Project Level Risk Mitigation & Monitoring Plan

2022 Top Priority Risks			2022 Pro	Monitoring Top Priority Risks					
Risk #	Risk Description	Risk Rating	Mitigation Action or Strategy to Manage Risks	Owner(s)	Projected Implementation Date	First Step	Method To Accomplish	Frequency	Who Performs
PJ1	Railroad Agreement (or lack thereof) can delay project	Critical	Start working with railroad early.	Project Managers	As Necessary	Maintain Current Actions	Procedure - Existing	As Necessary	Railroad Agreements Engineer
			Work on developing better relationships with the railroad companies.	Commissioner of Multimodal Commerce & DOTD Rail Safety	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Meeting(s)	Ongoing	Freight and Passenger Rail Director
PJ15	IT System Ownership causes insufficient support	Critical	Regain control of critical DOTD systems	Undersecretary	Ongoing	Identify Critical Systems	Meeting(s) / Multi-Media Options	As Necessary	Undersecretary
	Scope creep on projects that increase cost	High	Improved scoping skills of the project managers.	Curriculum Council	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Training	As Necessary	LTRC
PJ2			Continue to improve communication among groups within the department.	Project Managers	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Meeting(s)	Ongoing	Project Managers
			Enforcement of existing policies.	Project Managers	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Policy - Enforcement	As Necessary	Project Managers
PJ3	Contractor quality	High	Continue to improve enforcement of specifications.	HQ Construction, PMs, DAs,Project Engineers	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Policy - Enforcement	As Necessary	Project Engineers
P15			Supplement DOTD Staff with consultant inspectors	HQ Construction, PMs, DAs,Project Engineers	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Policy - Enforcement	As Necessary	Project Managers
	Lack of experience of project delivery staff (Repeated all RR's)	High	Continue succession planning strategies to keep productive employees and focus on recruiting to attract new employees.	HR	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Procedure - Update	Ongoing	Section Head/DA
PJ5			Continue to cross-train employees for the ability to continue delivering services when key employees retire or resign.	Section Head/DA	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Training	Ongoing	Section Head/DA
			Continue to employ the workforce development program and structured training to advance the ability of our workforce.	Curriculum Council	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Training	Ongoing	Section Head/DA
			Possible outsourcing needed to fill void of reduced staff.	Section Head/DA	Ongoing	Maintain Current Actions	Contracting	As Necessary	Section Head/DA
PJ6	ROW acquisition problem or delay	High	Start working with Right-of-Way section earlier.	Project Managers	As Necessary	Access Need	Procedure - Existing	As Necessary	Real Estate Section
			Seek to manage ROW acquisition.	Project Managers	As Necessary	Access Need	Procedure - Existing	As Necessary	Real Estate Section
PJ7	Utility relocation problem or delay	High	Work with utility companies early to try and mitigate any issue.	Project Managers	As Necessary	Access Need	Procedure - Existing	As Necessary	Road Design Utility Unit
			Seek to manage ROW acquisition.	Project Managers	As Necessary	Access Need	Procedure - Existing	As Necessary	Road Design Utility Unit
PJ8	Environmental document and permitting delays	I High	Start working with environmental section earlier.	Project Managers	As Necessary	Access Need	Procedure - Existing	As Necessary	Environmental Section
rjo			Seek to manage number of permits necessary.	Project Managers	As Necessary	Access Need	Procedure - Existing	As Necessary	Environmental Section
PJ14	Lack of DBE Subcontractor availability increase cost	High	Recruit & Develop new DBE Subcontractors	Compliance Section	Ongoing	Continue Recruitment	Meeting(s) / Multi-Media Options	Ongoing	Compliance Section

# 7.6 FACILITIES IN THE STATE REPEATEDLY DAMAGED BY EMERGENCY EVENTS

**Federal Requirement. 23 CFR Part 667.1.** Each State, acting through its department of transportation (State DOT), shall conduct statewide evaluations to determine if there are reasonable alternatives to roads, highways, and bridges that have required repair and reconstruction activities on two or more occasions due to emergency events.

Reasonable alternatives include options that could partially or fully achieve the following:

- (1) Reduce the need for Federal funds to be expended on emergency repair and reconstruction activities;
- (2) Better protect public safety and health and the human and natural environment; and
- (3) Meet transportation needs as described in the relevant and applicable Federal, State, local, and tribal plans and programs. Relevant and applicable plans and programs include the Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan, Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP), Metropolitan Transportation Plan(s), and Transportation Improvement Program(s) (TIP) that are developed under part 450 of this title.

**Definition.** Repair and reconstruction means work on a road, highway, or bridge that has one or more reconstruction elements. The term includes permanent repairs such as restoring pavement surfaces, reconstructing damaged bridges and culverts, and replacing highway appurtenances, but excludes emergency repairs as defined in 23 CFR 668.103.

#### 23 CFR Part 667.5 Data time period, availability, and sources:

- (a) The beginning date for every evaluation under this part shall be January 1, 1997. The end date must be no earlier than December 31 of the year preceding the date on which the evaluation is due for completion. Evaluations should cover a longer period if useful data is reasonably available. Subject to the timing provisions in § 667.7, evaluations must include any road, highway, or bridge that, on or after January 1, 1997, required repair and reconstruction on two or more occasions due to emergency events.
- (b) State DOTs must use reasonable efforts to obtain the data needed for the evaluation. If the State DOT determines the necessary data for the evaluation is unavailable, the State DOT must document in the evaluation the lack of available data for that facility.
- (c) A State DOT may use whatever sources and types of data it determines are useful to the evaluation. Available data sources include reports or other information required to receive emergency repair funds under title 23, other sources used to apply for Federal or nonfederal funding, and State or local records pertaining to damage sustained and/or funding sought.

#### 23 CFR Part 667.7 Timing of evaluations:

- (a) Not later than November 23, 2018, the State DOT must complete the statewide evaluation for all NHS roads, highways and bridges. The State DOT shall update the evaluation after every emergency event to the extent needed to add any roads, highways, or bridges subject to this paragraph that were affected by the event. The State DOT shall review and update the entire evaluation at least every 4 years. In establishing its evaluation cycle, the State DOT should consider how the evaluation can best inform the State DOT's preparation of its asset management plan and STIP.
- (b) Beginning on November 23, 2020, for all roads, highways, and bridges not included in the evaluation prepared under paragraph (a) of this section, the State DOT must prepare an evaluation that conforms with this part for the affected portion of the road, highway, or bridge prior to including any project relating to such facility in its STIP.

#### 23 CFR Part 667.9 Consideration of evaluations:

- (a) The State DOT shall consider the results of an evaluation prepared under this part when developing projects. State DOTs and metropolitan planning organizations are encouraged to include consideration of the evaluations during the development of transportation plans and programs, including TIPs and STIPs, and during the environmental review process under part 771 of this title. Nothing in this section prohibits State DOTs from proceeding with emergency repairs to restore functionality of the system, or from receiving emergency repair funding under part 668 of this title.
- (b) The FHWA will periodically review the State DOT's compliance under this part, including evaluation performance, consideration of evaluation results during project development, and overall results achieved. Nothing in this paragraph limits FHWA's ability to consider the results of the evaluations when relevant to an FHWA decision, including when making a planning finding under 23 U.S.C. 134(g)(8), making decisions during the environmental review process under part 771 of this title, or when approving funding. The State DOT must make evaluations required under this part available to FHWA upon request.

## Part 667 Methodology

**Initial Methodology.** LADOTD's initial effort to provide for this requirement involved seeking assistance from the local office of the FHWA to analyze Fiscal Management Information System (FMIS) data to identify projects that would include highways or bridges that have required repair and reconstruction activities on two or more occasions due to emergency events. These projects would use federal emergency relief (ER) funds. LADOTD assumed that this was the best available data to meet this requirement.

While a number of projects existed that used federal ER funds, no FMIS projects meeting this "repeatedly damaged" requirement were found. It was understood that LADOTD would

monitor these assets going forward to ensure efforts were made to prevent a "repeat" event from happening if possible.

**Methodology Update.** LADOTD recently came to a new understanding of this requirement, noting that it also included state declared emergencies, not just federal declared emergencies. Additionally, after November 23, 2020, LADOTD must prepare an evaluation for all STIP road, highway, and bridge projects, which will basically add the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) non-federal aid covered roads and bridges. LADOTD also notes the additional federal requirements listed above.

**Ongoing Investigation.** As a result, an investigation to identify all potential LADOTD maintained pavements and bridges that could have also been included in these additional criteria. This involved investigating all potential data, maps, 511 calls, declarations of emergency, etc. to produce the best available data for a more comprehensive assessment.

This investigation led to the discovery of project management tracking spreadsheets based on FHWA Detailed Damage Inspection Reports (DDIRs) created by the Maintenance Division. These working spreadsheets tracks both emergency and permanent repairs.

The Part 667 effort to assess DDIRs for those storms will take considerable time based on both the naming convention used and the fact that the DDIRs are scanned pdf versions of the original paper DDIRs. The current understanding of this effort indicates that every one of the thousands of DDIRs will need to be reviewed to determine if they should be included in the Part 667 analysis. Dedicated staff resources to accomplish this task are currently not available, so this part-time effort could take considerable time to accomplish.

**MSAR (FHWA) Program of Projects.** LADOTD has used the MSAR (Mobile Solution for Assessment & Reports) developed by FHWA in 2016 for several years to replace the existing paper DDIR's (Detail Damage Inspection Reports) system.

A Part 667 Damaged Asset List has been created and maintained per Figure 7.3. Evaluations of these assets will be performed before they are added to the STIP.

The outcome of this ongoing investigation, when finalized, will be reported to the TAM Steering Committee and the Executive Champion. This effort could result in additional policy and procedure updates, as well as potential risk management updates.

Part 667 Tracking Solution. The initial tracking effort is based on spreadsheets, but it is the desire that LADOTD will be able to create a "Part 667" tracking solution within the department's Enterprise GIS solution. If this effort can be successfully implemented in this manner, the Enterprise GIS solution will provide easy access to all staff required to evaluate these assets in the development of transportation plans and programs, including TIPs and STIPs, and during the environmental review process under 23 CFR Part 771. An implementation of this type will ensure that LADOTD remains compliant with all Part 667 requirement going forward.

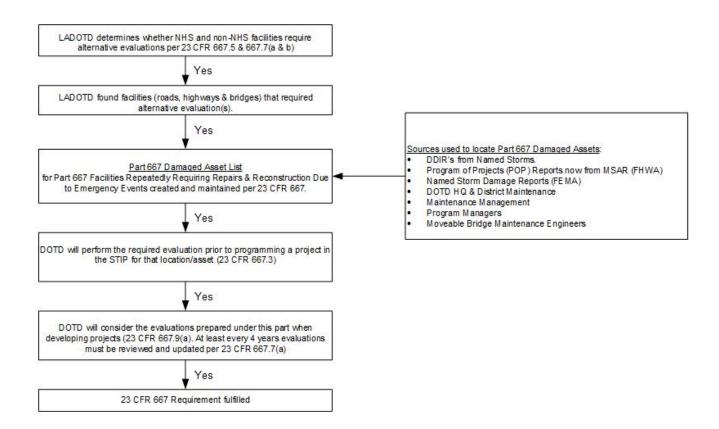


Figure 7.3 Periodic Evaluations of Facilities Repeatedly Requiring Repairs and Reconstruction Due to Emergency Events (23 CFR Part 667)

## **Part 667 Active Program**

It is noted that, while the part 667 requirement is for the agency to conduct statewide evaluations to determine if there are reasonable alternatives to roads, highways, and bridges that have required repair and reconstruction activities on two or more occasions due to emergency events, flooding is almost always the predominate emergency event in Louisiana.

## **Roadway Flood Mitigation Program**

In addition to the project management tracking spreadsheets mentioned above, LADOTD already has a Roadway Flood Mitigation Program in place.

"The purpose of the Roadway Flooding Program is to alleviate roadway flooding through practical and cost-effective solutions to minimize any adverse effect on the roadway, traveling public, local population and environment. It should reduce future risks in all of these areas as well."

While this existing program does not fully meet all of the requirements of Part 667, it does provide a substantial starting point in addressing "reasonable alternatives to roads, highways, and bridges" damaged due to emergency events.

This program is funded out of the Capital budget.

Roadway Flood Mitigation Program. Any time flooding occurs on a section of highway, the road is subject to closure. This can result in significant adverse economic and social impacts (disrupting commerce and daily life). Further, safety concerns also arise during these occurrences, particularly in times of emergency such as hurricane evacuation. Roadway drainage projects are intended to alleviate roadway flooding. Examples of projects qualifying for the program are roadway flooding due to undersized cross drain pipes and roadway overtopping due to inadequate roadway grade.

These projects are distinguished from periodic routine maintenance of roadside drainage systems (i.e., ditches, etc.) which will be addressed as part of pavement preservation projects or by state forces.

Projects not covered by the Program include projects consisting: solely of cleaning existing drainage structures, solely of measuring problems with existing structures (video, etc) and replacement of worn out or damaged drainage structures where flooding does not occur.

**Roadway Flood Mitigation Project Selection**. The process for selecting roadway drainage projects is illustrated in Figure 7.4. The process starts near the end of the fiscal year when the Districts are asked to provide potential projects for the Roadway Flooding Program. Input may come from various sources including, but not limited to, District maintenance personnel, local municipalities, complaints from citizens and known areas of repeated or extreme flooding.

**Project Selection.** The Project Selection Team is comprised of the Traffic Engineering Division Administrator, the Transportation Planning Administrator, the Road Design Engineering Administrator, and the Roadway Flooding Program Manager.

The principal performance indicator selected for roadway drainage projects is user costs per year, primarily the costs associated with increased travel in detouring around a closed section of highway, although some safety benefits may also be applicable. In making the final selection of projects, the Program Selection Criteria listed below will be considered.

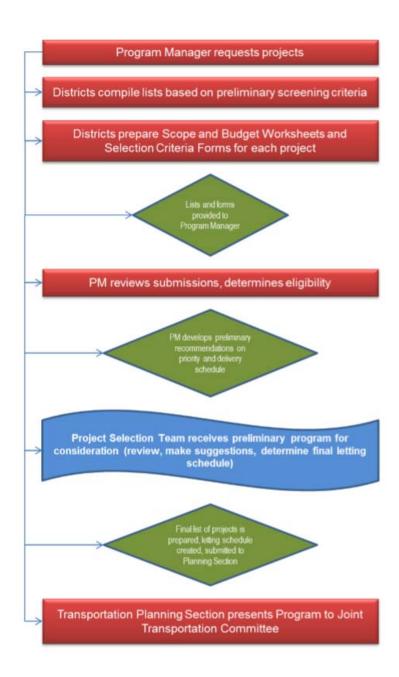
**Program Selection Criteria.** Some of the factors considered when selecting projects include:

- Flooding
  - Frequency (average number of years between flood events)
  - Depth (inches and location)
  - Duration of flooding or road closure (average hours per event)
  - Detour length (miles)
  - o ADT

- Damage to roadway (description of damage)
  - Existing
  - o Potential
- Disruption in emergency services and/or critical facilities made inaccessible (list types of facilities)
  - Disruption in emergency services may occur due to the road being impassible because of flooding. In some cases, rural communities may be cut off from fire, police or ambulance for a period of time.
  - Access to facilities along the roadway that need to be operational during or after a major storm event may be blocked due to flooding. These facilities may include, but are not limited to, hospitals, schools, shelters, oil refineries, major ports, air fields, mechanical bridge stations, navigable waterway control structure stations and floodgate stations.
- Property Damage
  - The Project Selection Team has the ultimate responsibility for selecting projects. The final list of projects is forwarded by the Program Manager to the Highway Program Engineer in the LADOTD Highway Programs Section with copies sent to the LADOTD Districts and MPOs.

**Finalizing the Project List.** Once a list of potential projects is compiled, the cause of the flooding is identified and a preliminary determination is made regarding whether or not each situation qualifies for the Program and whether it falls within the budget constraints of the program.

The list of projects is finalized, in priority order, based on the Program's selection criteria. For each project, a completed Scope and Budget Worksheet and Selection Criteria Form are also developed.



**Figure 7.4 Flood Mitigation Project Selection** 

## 7.7 THREE R'S - REDUNDANCY, ROBUSTNESS, RESILIENCY

Asset Management is not a complete answer to addressing the threats to physical transportation assets but it can serve as an important component of the Three R's, particularly in making assets robust and agencies' asset-repair practices resilient in times of crisis.

An agency may not be able to plan for every threat; however, by creating a transportation network that includes redundancy, robustness and resiliency, the agency will be more able to cope with a wide and unpredictable range of threats. This general preparedness has been called an "all hazards" approach that suggests that planning for one kind of hazard or threat can increase an agency's or a community's ability to deal with others.

LADOTD intends to make every effort to implement the Three R's going forward as the TAM effort matures under the ongoing TAMP implementation. This will be especially true for critical at-risk bridge structures.

#### Three R's

**Redundancy** can be defined as duplicative or excess capacity that can be used in times of emergency. Adding redundant highway capacity generally falls outside the practice of asset management. However, sound management of the assets on detour and emergency evacuation routes increases a highway system's redundancy.

**Robustness** can be defined as the capacity to cope with stress or uncertainty. Asset management focuses upon optimizing the conditions of assets with available revenues. Well-maintained assets generally are better able to withstand the stresses of storm events and other disasters better than weakened and poorly maintained ones.

**Resiliency** has been defined as the ability to prepare and plan for, absorb, recover from, and more successfully adapt to adverse events. Enhanced resilience allows better anticipation of disasters, better planning to reduce disaster losses and faster recovery after an event.

A risk-based asset management program contributes strongly to all three, particularly robustness and resiliency.

#### 3 R Practices

- 1. Providing accurate inventories of assets and their condition assists with identifying which assets are at risk for given types of events such as floods, hurricanes, or earthquakes.
- 2. Sound maintenance practices within an asset management regime "hardens" assets. Well maintained drainage structures are better able to withstand floods. Sound high-mast lights and overhead signs are more wind-resistant. Bridges with well-maintained wing walls, bank protection and scour protection are more robust during high water. Pavements with cleaned under drains and catch basins drain more quickly and perform longer.
- 3. The hierarchal prioritization of critical assets conducted in a risk-based asset management program provides priorities for asset repair after events.
- 4. Asset management staffs become competent at asset management scenario planning, which is critical when developing a post-event recovery plan.
- 5. Sound asset inventories and good unit-cost data assist with estimating recovery costs.

Report 5: Managing External Threats Through Risk-Based Asset Management; FHWA March 2013

- 6. Asset mapping and GIS capability assists with identifying assets and prioritizing their coordination with evacuation planning.
- 7. Complete and accurate inventories of traffic control devices, signs, guardrail and culverts allows the faster development of contract plans immediately after a flood or hurricane. Contractors can be instructed to restore the assets that existed before the event.
- 8. Risk-management capability provides not only critical before-event prioritization but also is useful in post-event recovery allocation of resources.

#### 7.8 Role of Risk Management in the Asset Management Process

All three of LADOTD's risk registers will be used throughout the asset management process, when setting the budgets, prioritizing projects and revising asset management guidance. The following describes how each of the risk registers will be used in the process:

- Department and Program Level Risks The Executive Staff meets once a year to set the Departments goals and objectives and to set the funding appropriations for the various programs. During this meeting, the Departmental risks, which are the global level risks, are considered when setting the funding levels for the various programs in a manner that the Department can most effectively meet our asset performance targets.
- Project Level Risks As per the Department's Highway Project Selection Process
  Manual, there are project selection committees for each of the funded programs.
  These selection committees meet once each year to prioritize the projects for the
  next year's program of projects. During this meeting, the project selection
  committees will review the Project Level risks and then consider these risks when
  prioritizing the projects so that the program will efficiently and effectively
  appropriate the funding to meet the Department's performance targets.

Existing policies and procedures will be adjusted, and if necessary, new policies will be generated to support this requirement. The roles of the risk management and risk registers will help the Department become more efficient in managing transportation assets.

#### 7.9 FUTURE RISK REGISTER UPDATES

In the first quarter of each calendar year, LADOTD's Asset Management Engineer will conduct workshops to identify any changes needed in the working risk registers via the procedures outlined in the Risk Methodology section of this chapter. Over the course of these future workshops, participants will review and update the existing risks, identify and process any new risks and remove risks that no longer apply.

# 7.10 INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA), AKA BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL)

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Public Law 117-58, also known as the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law" was signed into law On November 15, 2021.

In Louisiana this infrastructure package will rebuild roads and bridges, increase access to high-speed internet, strengthen our electric grid, add levee protection, and improve flood resiliency.

Louisiana will benefit from the hundreds of billions to rebuild America's transportation infrastructure, including approximately \$110 billion for roads and bridges. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act includes approximately \$46 billion for resiliency that will go in part to rebuild Louisiana's eroded coastlines and waterways, and approximately \$65 billion to bolster American energy and strengthen the electrical grid from disaster. The bill will also invest approximately \$65 billion in broadband to expand internet access to tens of thousands of Louisianans who currently do not have access.

Source: https://www.cassidy.senate.gov/infrastructure-investment-and-jobs-act

LADOTD is updating Louisiana's transportation infrastructure including roads and bridges using the principles and policy of resiliency specifically to address extreme weather events. Through the years of experiencing hurricanes and other extreme weather events, LADOTD has learned how to improve the transportation system's resiliency. Better preparation for storms and extreme events means quicker recovery when these events occur. Lessons learned have helped make our transportation system inherently resilient in many ways.

#### 7.11 RESILIENCY POLICY

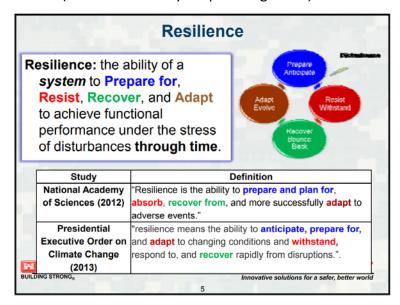
LADOTD's Resiliency Policy is summarized as follows:

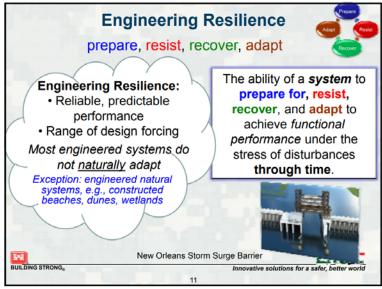
- The ability to prepare for, withstand, recover, and adapt to changing conditions to achieve functional performance under the stress of disturbances through time.
- Identify risks particularly related to extreme weather events:
  - Hurricanes (& tornadoes)
  - o Floods
  - Ice Storms
  - Sea Level Rise
- Assess potential impacts.
- Develop and employ strategies to avoid, mitigate, reduce, or eliminate impacts.

#### 7.12 Principles of Resiliency

- Prepare
- Withstand
- Recover
- Adapt to changing conditions

Figure 7.5 Resilience & Engineering Resilience (Source: U.S Army Corps of Engineers)





#### 7.13 RISKS OF EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS

The major extreme weather events in Louisiana are hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, ice storms, and sea level rise. LADOTD and its predecessor agencies have been dealing with most of these since its inception. This is well documented by Secretary Dr. Shawn D. Wilson, PhD in the recent "Celebrating a Century of Progress and Achievements 1921-2021" program available online.

## 7.14 HURRICANES (& TORNADOES)

Louisiana and Florida have had most of the major (Category 3-5) hurricane landfalls in the U.S over the past 20 years (see Figure 7.6). Hurricanes are often accompanied by tornadoes. Louisiana has had over 35 hurricane and tropical storm landfalls in the past 20 years with a brief listing of major hurricanes as follows:

- 2005 Hurricane Katrina was a Category 5 hurricane that made landfall in Waveland, Mississippi, but topped the levee system in New Orleans, and destroyed the I-10 Twin Spans between New Orleans East and Slidell.
- 2005 Hurricane Rita was a Category 5 hurricane that made landfall at Johnson's Bayou, Louisiana three weeks after Hurricane Katrina.
- 2020 Hurricane Zeta was a Category 3 hurricane that made landfall at Cocodrie, Louisiana,
- 2020 Hurricane Delta was a Category 3 Hurricane that made landfall at Creole, LA.
- 2020 Hurricane Laura and 2021 Hurricane Ida were Category 4 hurricanes that tied with the 1856 Last Island hurricane as the strongest hurricanes on record to make landfall in Louisiana measured by maximum sustained winds. Hurricane Laura made landfall at Cameron, Louisiana, and Hurricane Ida made landfall at Port Fourchon, Louisiana.

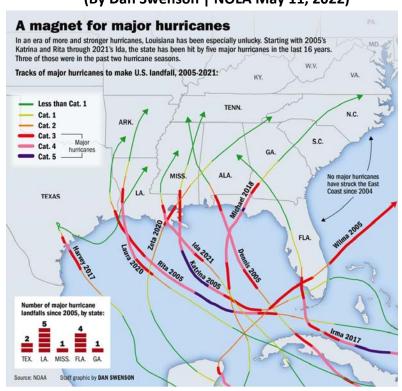


Figure 7.6 Major Hurricanes Landfalls in the U.S., 2005-2021 (By Dan Swenson | NOLA May 11, 2022)

Photo 7.1 I-10 Twin Span Bridge New Orleans & Slidell Reconstruction after Hurricane Katrina



 The \$1.1B Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC) Lake Borgne Surge Barrier was built by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) at the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW)/ Mississippi River Gulf Outlet (MRGO) to help bring the standard of flood defense to the 1% level (2013 Eastern New Orleans). It is part of the \$14.45B HSDRRS funded by Congress for southeast Louisiana (details below).

#### Figure 7.7a IHNC-Lake Borgne Surge Barrier

(Source: U.S Army Corps of Engineers)



# **IHNC-LAKE BORGNE SURGE BARRIER**

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Public safety is the Corps of Engineers' top priority. Congress has fully authorized and funded the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) for southeast Louisiana. The \$14.45 billion HSDRRS includes five parishes and consists of 350 miles of levees and floodwalls; 73 non-Federal pumping stations; 3 canal closure structures with pumps; and 4 gated outlets.

#### **Project Summary**

The 1.8-mile-long Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC)-Lake Borgne Surge Barrier is located at the confluence of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) and the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet (MRGO), about 12 miles east of downtown New Orleans. The surge barrier works in tandem with the Seabrook Floodgate Complex, which is being constructed at the north end of the IHNC (also known locally as the Industrial Canal) near Lake Pontchartrain. The projects reduce the risk associated with a storm surge that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year, or a 100-year storm surge, for some of the areas hardest hit by Hurricane Katrina, including New Orleans East, metro New Orleans, Gentilly, the Ninth Ward and St. Bernard Parish. The total construction value for the IHNC-Lake Borgne Surge Barrier is an estimated \$1.1 billion.

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#### Project Features

The IHNC-Lake Borgne Surge Barrier is the largest design-build civil works project in the history of the Corps. The concrete barrier wall stretches for 1.8 miles across the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet and the Golden Triangle Marsh. It also consists of a bypass barge gate and a flood control sector gate (each 150 feet wide) at the GIWW and a 56-foot-wide vertical lift gate at Bayou Bienvenue. The surge barrier has floodwall tie-ins to the New Orleans East risk reduction system on the north end and the St. Bernard risk reduction system on the south end. The entire structure is at an elevation of 25 and 26 feet above sea level.

The Bayou Bienvenue gate will allow recreational boats to pass to and from Lake Borgne, while the sector gate at the GIWW will be the main passage route for shallow draft navigation. The barge gate currently serves as the temporary passage route for shallow draft navigation on the GIWW while the sector gate is under construction.

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#### Figure 7.7b IHNC-Lake Borgne Surge Barrier

(Source: U.S Army Corps of Engineers)



# **IHNC-LAKE BORGNE SURGE BARRIER**

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#### Project Status

All major construction efforts are complete. There are minor items and adjustments that will be completed over the next several months. The structure is fully functional and capable of defending against a 100-yr storm surge.





Barge Gate and Sector Gate at the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway



Vertical Lift Gate at Bayou Bienvenue

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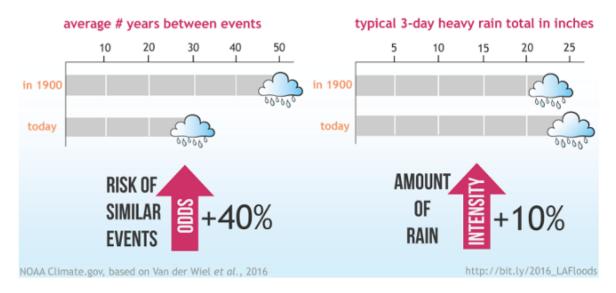
#### **7.15** FLOODS

Flooding is almost always the predominate emergency event in Louisiana.

- Flooding is a major consideration in the Highway Project Selection Process detailed in Chapter 2 for improvement or reconstruction or whether or not the highway or bridge is or will be on an evacuation route utilized to evacuate large populations due to catastrophic events such as hurricanes or flooding.
- The best example of flooding may be the 2016 flood in Baton Rouge which was historic
  and involved many communities in the Capitol area with a declared a state of
  emergency. With over 20 inches of rainfall many rivers and waterways including the
  Amite and Comite rivers, reached record levels, and rainfall exceeded 20 inches in
  multiple parishes.
- The LADOTD Roadway Flood Mitigation Program (HMGP) is managed by LADOTD Section 32 Hydraulics as detailed in Chapter 7.
- LADOTD Section 32 Hydraulics also manages flood resiliency projects using Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding through the Office of Community Development's (OCD's) Disaster Recovery Unit.

Figure 7.8 2016 Gulf Coast Heavy Rains Events (Source: NOAA)

How has global warming affected HEAVY RAIN EVENTS like the one along the Gulf in mid-August?



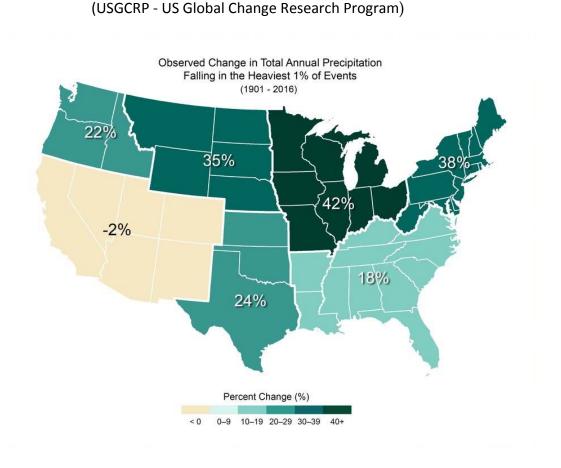


Figure 7.9 US Annual Precipitation Change 1901-2016

#### 7.16 ICE STORMS

Louisiana often has ice storms in both north and south Louisiana.

• The most recent example is February 2021 when Louisiana was hit with unusually cold winter weather. Rain and freezing temperatures caused most major corridors in Louisiana to be closed due to ice on the roadways. In preparation, LADOTD had salting equipment and supplies ready to be dispatched. Crews continuously monitored roadway conditions throughout the state and kept roads open as long as it was safe to do so. When sleet and ice accumulation was too much for safe travel, LADOTD had barricades and warning signs ready to be placed. In total, crews used 5,281,854 lbs. of salt and 166,732 lbs. of brine on state roadways during the icy weather. Through MyDOTD press releases, social media, and the 511 website/app, LADOTD kept the public advised of roadway closures in real time. Multiple advisories for the public to avoid all

unnecessary travel were released. Once weather conditions improved, LADOTD prioritized the maintenance and opening of routes based on traffic volumes.

On January 20, 2018, I-110 in Baton Rouge was the last area interstate to reopen after authorities successfully removed ice from all other major highway systems. I-10 and I-12 were reopened before 4 p.m., and traffic was able to navigate from Lafayette to Baton Rouge to New Orleans and into Mississippi. I-110 had remained closed for most of the day finally opening after 8 p.m. although authorities had expected most of the road to be closed because of ice for another day. Crews had been sent Baton Rouge area from all parts of the state to help deal with the issues that plagued the area interstates for 3 days with no traffic allowed due to the freeze. The primary focus was reopening the I-10 Mississippi River Bridge in downtown Baton Rouge using salt, sand and brine plus heavy equipment.







Photo 7-3 Ice at the Baton Rouge I-10/I-110 split 2018

#### 7.17 SEA LEVEL RISE

- Louisiana has almost 400 miles of coastline making it one of the Top 5 states measured by coastline exposure.
- NOAA states that about 2 feet of sea level rise along the U.S. coastline is increasingly likely between 2020 and 2100 because of emissions to date. Failing to curb future emissions could cause an additional 1.5 - 5 feet of rise for a total of 3.5 - 7 feet by the end of this century.
- With the sea rise over such an extended period of time the population will likely move away from the lower coastal areas without levee protection. It is expected that the road and bridge infrastructure will follow this population pattern over time. Heavier populated areas with levees will likely better adjust for this increase in sea level and continue. This will require much additional study over time, and review of plans and responses by other states, & likely guidance from AASHTO. Rhode Island has extensive coastline, and plans to abandon at least one town by 2035.

- In 2005 Louisiana established the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) which has a mandate to develop, implement, and enforce a comprehensive coastal protection and restoration Master Plan. For the first time in Louisiana's history, this single state authority is integrating coastal restoration and hurricane protection by marshaling the expertise and resources of the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Transportation and Development and other state agencies, to speak with one clear voice for the future of Louisiana's coast.
- CPRA s is established as the single state entity with authority to articulate a clear statement of priorities and to focus development and implementation efforts to achieve comprehensive coastal protection for Louisiana. CPRA's mandate is to develop, implement, and enforce a comprehensive coastal protection and restoration Master Plan. This integrates coastal restoration and hurricane protection by marshaling the expertise and resources of the CPRA, Department of Natural Resources, LADOTD, and other state agencies. CPRA works with federal, state and local political subdivisions, including levee districts to establish a safe and sustainable coast for Louisiana.
- The impact of the ongoing land loss catastrophe in Louisiana is considered every time hurricanes approach the coast. Louisiana is aggressively responding to this crisis having identified specific projects through CPRA that address the root causes of land loss. Since 2007, the state has substantially increased its financial commitment to the coast resulting in a tremendous amount of progress. The CPRA has:
  - ✓ Built or improved approximately 315 miles of levees.
  - ✓ Benefited over 46.058 acres of coastal habitat.
  - ✓ Secured approximately \$21.4 billion in state and federal funding for protection and restoration projects.
  - ✓ Identified and used dozens of different federal, state, local and private funding sources for projects.
  - ✓ Moved over 150 projects into design and construction.
  - ✓ Constructed projects in 20 parishes.
  - ✓ Constructed 60 miles of barrier islands and berms.

Figure 7.10 2022 Possible Pathways for Future Sea Level Rise (Source: NOAA)

7 high
6 intermediate-high
2 observed trend intermediate-low low

2060

2080

2100

adapted from Sweet et al., 2022

NOAA Climate.gov,

Possible pathways for future sea level rise

### 7.18 ASSESS POTENTIAL IMPACTS

2000

LADOTD assesses the following after a major weather event:

Bridge Scour issues (post-storm inspections)

2020

- Bridge Debris issues (post-storm inspections)
- Road Flooding damage/washout/shoulder loss (post-storm inspections)

2040

year

- Contraflow
- Debris management
- Damage assessment on state routes
- Emergency repairs to the transportation infrastructure

# 7.19 DEVELOP AND EMPLOY STRATEGIES TO AVOID, MITIGATE, REDUCE, OR ELIMINATE IMPACTS

LADOTD has historically developed and employed strategies to avoid, mitigate, reduce or eliminate impacts which have changed over time.

#### 7.20 TAMP RISK REGISTER UPDATES

Risk Registers were reviewed to determine if any changes were needed to our risk planning efforts and to make sure these risk priorities are reflected in our planning and design policies, procedures, manuals, and guidelines to serve as mitigation strategies. The following in the Risk Register are IIJA/BIL specific more will be added as determined:

- Assets are Damaged or destroyed by hurricanes, tornadoes, floods or other weather events.
- Bridges or roadways are damaged or destroyed due to flooding, sea level rise, or other weather events.

#### 7.21 INHERENT RESILIENCY

Some specific examples are:

- Since 2009 traffic signals have been installed with mandatory mast arms in all the southern parishes to increase resiliency by minimizing the damage caused by hurricanes, and other high wind events (LADOTD EDSM IV.7.1.5).
- Pavement Markings continue to improve over time.
- Roundabouts are one-way, circular intersections that are inherently resilient, do not
  require signals or signs, and can be fully functional as soon as debris is cleared after a
  weather event. Greater safety is achieved primarily by slower speeds eliminating more
  severe crashes. Currently over 50 roundabouts have been built in Louisiana since 2007
  with over 100 additional proposed.
- High mast lighting poles along the interstate are intrinsically resilient designs.
- Stormwater and drainage design procedures assure evaluation, and systems are engineered to convey the design event to minimize damage to our facilities.
- Interstate signage in clear zones is designed to fail with breakaway bolts to improve safety from vehicle impacts. This also provides an added benefit of rapid, low cost repair after hurricanes or other high wind events.

# 7.22 LADOTD EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC)

This is the structure of the LADOTD Emergency Operations Center (EOC):

- Call center
- Information center
- Traffic and transportation team
- Public works and engineering team.
- Stations to monitor weather.
- Monitors all modes of transportation including marine, rail, airports, and highways.
- Monitors the roadways for possible flooding.

#### 7.23 LADOTD EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

LADOTD emergency response to hurricanes & floods is extensive:

- District response to bridge scour inspection, debris inspection)
- District response to road (inspection for flooding, debris, and damage to reopen ASAP.
- Prior to the start of the hurricane season, LADOTD personnel participate in and conduct virtual state and department-wide hurricane readiness and response exercises meetings to review and discuss evacuation, and contraflow operations.
- Annual Mississippi/Louisiana contraflow meetings with representatives from LADOTD, Louisiana State Police, Mississippi Department of Transportation, Mississippi Highway Patrol, and Florida Highway Patrol discuss effective operation plans in the event of contraflow activation.
- LADOTD decentralized many of its response activities to the district level to maximize response efforts including vehicle staging areas for emergency evacuation efforts and debris management.
- LADOTD refined its emergency response plans to include response efforts for multiple hazardous threats and the incorporation of emergency operation response preparedness into normal day-to-day operations.
- In an emergency, LADOTD is responsible for assisting parish emergency operations personnel with transporting people who can't transport themselves.
- Since 2005, LADOTD has developed a process to assist parishes with moving people without transportation from at risk areas.
- During emergencies, LADOTD managers remain in frequent contact with parish emergency operation directors throughout the impacted regions, assessing local needs and immediately responding with buses.

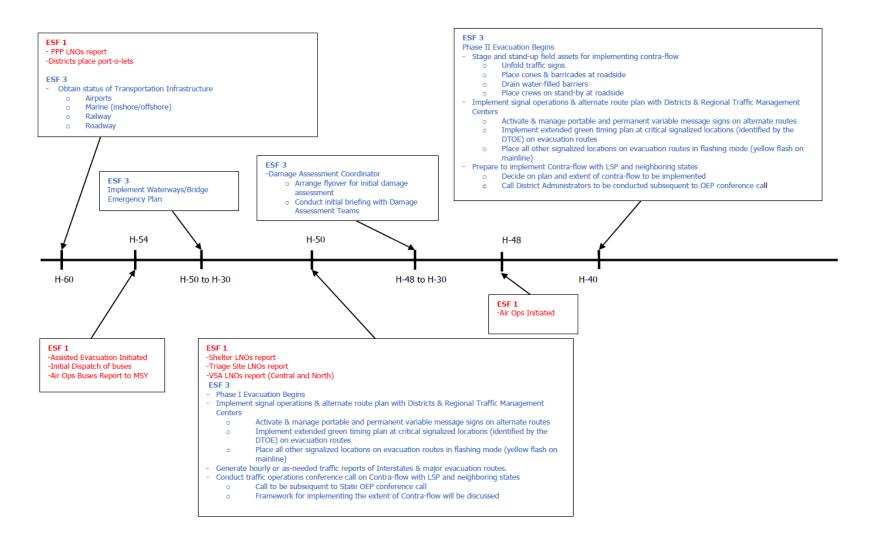
- LADOTD is also responsible for public works and engineering functions on the state infrastructure system such as contraflow, debris management, damage assessment on state routes, and emergency repairs to the transportation infrastructure.
- LaDOTD also established a fully equipped Emergency Operations Center, which includes a call center, an information center, a traffic and transportation team, and a public works and engineering team.
- The information center includes stations to monitor weather and all modes of transportation (marine traffic, rail, airports, and highways).
- If the possibility of heavy rain, tropical storm force winds, and flooding is forecast, LADOTD monitors the roadways for possible flooding, to remove fallen trees from the roadway, and to close any roads as needed.
- LADOTD operates Vehicle Staging Areas for buses in each LADOTD district. An example
  would be the upgraded LADOTD District 03 Lafayette US-90 (future I-49) bus staging
  area and support facility adjacent to the Lafayette Airport (LFT) with capacity for over
  100 buses.
- LADOTD supports operation of Parish Pickup Points (Parish OEP).
- LADOTD supports operation of Medical Special Needs (MSN) Parish Pickup Points (Parish OEP).
- LADOTD supports operation of Shelters (DCFS).
- LADOTD supports operation of Point to Point Shelters (Parish OEP).
- LADOTD supports operation of Pet Shelters (LDAF).
- After the emergency events LADOTD Program Managers and Specialists assist Local Public Agencies (LPA's) in getting reimbursements for disaster recovery work for transportation facilities and assets.

# Figure 7.11a H-120 to H-66

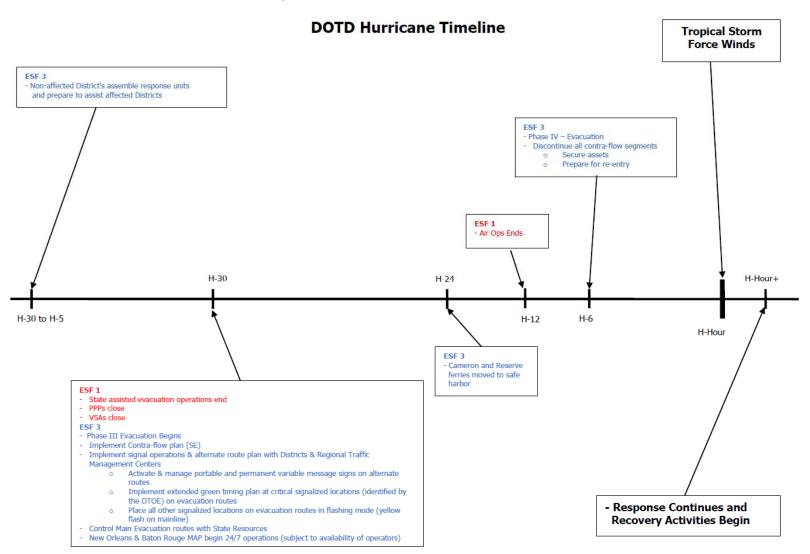
#### **DOTD Hurricane Timeline** ESF 1 Monitor Storm - Review Plans and Procedures - Alert EOC Staff -Taskforce Bus Operational ESF 3 -Request additional school buses, if needed, for Air Evacuation mission at MSY - Monitor Storm -ESF-7 drops commodities at VSA - Review Plans and Procedures -DOTD Host State LNOs deployed - Alert Districts -Districts order port-o-lets for rest areas - Activation of Contra-flow and Damage Assessment Plans -VSA (s) Operational o Contra-flow Plan Deploy traffic control devices (cones, barricades, variable message signs) at roadside from Maintenance Unit/Staging -Activate Taskforce Bus -ESF-1 Cell Operational with Support Stage permanent & portable variable message signs at roadside locations & test units for operability Agencies (DOE, DCFS, DHH, Vendor) · Stand up portable signs at predefined locations -Comms Check with VSA(s) Activate electronic signs -DOTD Host State LNOs alerted Activate/test DOTD ITS & GIS system interface at State Police TCC ESF 3 Place DOTD statewide and district forces on 24/7 stand-by & test radio communications - Monitor Storm Contra-flow conference call (DOTD, LSP and EOC)- Call to be conducted subsequent to - EOC initial manning the EOC conference call - Coordinators on Alert Staff LSP TCC (24/7) Contra-flow Place MAP Contractor on stand-by Waterway/Bridge o Damage Assessment o Debris Notify team members to report to DOTD HQ at H-48 for initial briefing and deployment coordination. H-102 H-72 to H-48 H-66 H-72 to H-30 H-120 to H-96 H-72 H-96 - Place all support agencies on ALERT Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism -Field LNOs alerted to report PPP LNOs Department of Environmental Quality Department of Health and Hospitals Shelter LNOs Triage Site LNOs Department of Natural Resources ESF 1 Division of Administration VSA LNOs - Activate Bus Contract Louisiana National Guard - Coordinate Tasforce Bus (LANG/DOE) Debris Coordination - Action Request Form (ARF) for Air Support Ensure debris contractor has been put on notice - Activate VSA(s) (Staff and wrap around Districts execute Emergency Plans services) o fill fuel tanks -Activate ESF-1 Cell EOC Staff o prepare debris clearing equipment -Notify VSA site Representatives o preposition assets -Notify ARC, SA, and ESF-7 o contractor to clear all lanes in construction projects o notify essential employees

# Figure 7.11b H-66 to H-30

#### **DOTD Hurricane Timeline**



# Figure 7.11c H-30 to H-Hour



# 8.0 Financial Plan and Asset Valuation

#### 8.1 Introduction

This chapter discusses the concepts and the federal requirements for the financial plan. Throughout this chapter, efforts are made to clear up the confusion about the lack of State and Federal funding flexibility and to identify the real dollars available for pavements and bridges.

The financial plan methodology is provided along with a summary of the funding sources and uses. The section examines historical funding and projected funding along with the outcomes of those projected funds. Finally, it identifies the value of the NHS pavement and bridge assets.

#### **Financial Plan Concepts**

A financial plan provides the link between an agency's strategic objectives and the improvement programs that identify projects. The federally required TAMP has elevated the importance of the 10-year financial plan. This has strengthened the link between the financial plan and the improvement programs for physical assets such as pavements and bridges. Individuals involved in asset management are now more aware of the need for long-term financial planning and its impact on agency goals and funding allocations.

The overall investment strategies used to generate the financial plan must tie into LADOTD's mission to provide a safe and reliable multimodal transportation and infrastructure system. This enhances mobility and economic opportunity. LADOTD's primary asset classes are roads and bridges. This means the investment strategies must enhance quality of life and economic growth by enabling individuals and businesses to efficiently and effectively travel the State's system in a safe manner. In doing so, LADOTD will accomplish its mission. Chapter 9, "Investment Strategies", details the efforts used to identify the NHS asset budgets.

The financial components in the TAMP also provide an opportunity for the agency to convey to outside stakeholders that it is being accountable in managing assets effectively using preservation strategies that help to maintain asset conditions.

## **Financial Plan Development**

**Federal Requirement. 23 CFR 515.7(d)** requires the TAMP to describe a methodology for producing a financial plan that:

- Covers at least a 10-year period.
- Includes the estimated cost to implement the investment strategies by State fiscal year and work type.

- Includes the estimated funding levels that are expected to be reasonably available, by fiscal year, to address the costs of implementing the investment strategies, by work type.
- Identifies anticipated sources of available funding.
- Includes a summary asset valuation for the State's NHS pavement and bridges, including the investment needed on an annual basis to maintain the asset value.

#### 8.2 FINANCIAL PLAN

## Methodology

LADOTD uses a number of financial strategies, documented in this chapter, to advise the future budget projections outlined in the budget partitions that are generated into the future for a number of years. This 10-year plan allows for more precise needs-based analysis than is possible within the 30-year horizon of the Statewide Transportation Plan. Based on projected funding sources, and federally and state legislative constrained funding uses, LADOTD identifies the available funding that can be applied to pavements and bridges.

Using the PMS and BMS predictive capabilities, LADOTD is able to analyze any number of various long-term funding scenarios to identify the resulting effect on pavement and bridge condition. These analyses are informed by the various treatments, or work types, along with the associated costs to implement each work type. Life Cycle Planning (LCP) methodologies are employed to ensure that limited funding resources are used in the right place, at the right time, to produce the largest return for the given investment.

If there is insufficient funding to meet performance targets, a cross-asset resource allocation analysis strategy is performed. This cross-asset resource allocation strategy results in a funding mix change for one or more of the other pavement or bridge asset classifications, until there is a consensus that the adopted funding scenario will be the best solution to achieve the Department's mission, and federal requirements, within the available budget.

In a significant funding shortfall, the strategy must then focus on doing everything possible to minimize the decline of assets into an unusable state. This is accomplished by limiting capacity projects and focusing the available funding on scenarios that attempt to keep critical assets, with the most traffic, functional and safe. For the lower traffic volume facilities, bridges become the point of focus as you can't cross a closed bridge, while roads could unfortunately revert back to gravel and still be serviceable.

For the remainder of this chapter, the following financial plan elements are provided:

- Financial resources
- Budget allocation
- Historical funding levels for pavement and bridge

- Forecasted funding and condition levels for pavement and bridge
- Asset valuation methodology

#### 8.3 Overall Financial Resources

The funding that LADOTD has available for pavement and bridge preservation is part of the overall annual funding allocation that it receives from the Congress and the State Legislature. There are many revenue sources that make up the overall annual operating and capital budgets. Figure 8.1 shows the sources of the SFY 2022-2023 overall funding which totals \$3.2 billion.

#### **Funding Sources**

**Funding Information.** A detailed description of each funding source can be found in the Appendix 11.2, "LADOTD Revenue and Budget Allocation Descriptions" while the projected pavement and bridge funding for the next ten years is included in the Appendix 11.5, "LADOTD 10 Year Pavement & Bridge Projected Budget."

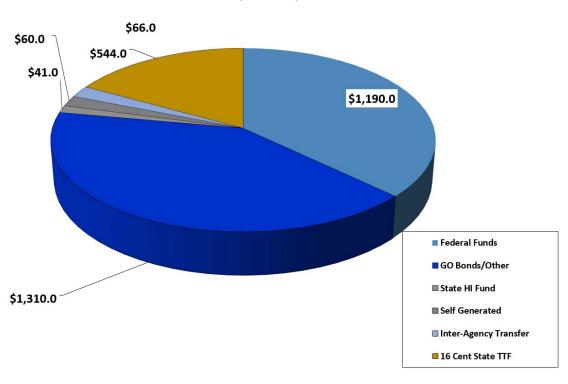


Figure 8.1 LADOTD SFY 2022-2023 \$3.2B Funding Sources (millions)

#### 8.4 Overall Budget Allocation Process

The Financial Plan Development Process begins with a forecast of federal and state funding. The Statewide Transportation Plan includes a 30 year revenue forecast based on four scenarios which are level funding, reduced federal funding, moderate growth and robust growth.

The TAMP ten-year financial plan utilizes some of the assumptions in the Statewide Transportation Plan financial forecast, but first starts off by utilizing the five year State forecast from the State Revenue Estimating Conference. This group is composed of the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Commissioner of Administration and an economist from Louisiana State University (LSU). The Legislative Fiscal Office economist and the Division of Administration economist both present their five year forecasts to the Conference members at meetings conducted a minimum of twice per year and the selected forecast becomes the official forecast revenue for the State as well as the TAMP.

Once the revenue forecasts for the next ten years are agreed upon by LADOTD's Executive Committee, LADOTD's Budget Office goes through an iterative process whereby the funding needed for the operating budget (personnel services, professional and consulting contracts, supplies, equipment, etc.) is funded first and then the remaining amount is deemed available for the other programs and the constitutionally permitted uses of the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF). The resulting document is the TTF Distribution Worksheet which is maintained by LADOTD's Budget Director.

The current TTF Distribution Worksheet identifies the actual revenues and expenditures for SFY 20-21, the projected revenues and expenditures for the current SFY 21-22 and the revenues and expenditures for SFY 22-23 through SFY 25-26. See the attached Appendix 11.3, "LADOTD Transportation Trust Fund Distribution."

The capital program for highways and bridges is called the Highway Priority Program. The funding available for the Highway Priority Program, determined by the previous step combined with a projection of federal funds, is partitioned into categories and subcategories based on the different types of assets and/or needs of the system. This effort is performed by the Transportation Planning Section in the Office of Planning with Executive Committee oversight and uses inputs from the pavement and bridge management systems to model budget impacts on systems. This document is called the Budget Partition and is maintained by the Office of Planning. The Budget Partition for SFY 22-23 can be found in the Appendix 11.6, "LADOTD State FY 22-23 Budget Partition."

## Confusion about State & Federal Funding Use Flexibility

**Legislative & Federal Mandates.** There is often confusion, when the total funding dollar amount is discussed, as the general public believes that LADOTD can do what it wants with the funding. That couldn't be further from the truth.

LADOTD has legislatively mandated funding responsibilities for Aviation, Port, Flood Control, and Safety Programs. Federal programs require large percentages of federal funding be allocated to Non-Discretionary programs such as Transportation Alternatives Projects, Urban Areas, Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality, federal earmarks, etc.

It must be noted that a significant portion of the Federal Funding dollars are simply not available for pavements and bridges. The actual available Pavement and Bridge funding is reviewed later in this chapter.

#### **Funding Uses**

**Funding Breakdown.** The funding levels available for pavement and bridges are broken down into the four classifications of highways. The funding levels are set based on available funding, historical funding levels, and goals of the Statewide Transportation Plan, TAMP requirements, investment strategies and performance targets. Once the budget partitions are set and the capital funding available for the different subcategories of the Budget Partition are known, the projects in the annual Highway Priority Program are determined using the process set forth in LADOTD's Highway Project Selection Process Manual.

The allocation of these funds for SFY 22-23 totals \$3.2 billion, and is shown in Figure 8.2. A detailed description of each budget allocation can be found in the Appendix 11.2 "LADOTD Revenue and Budget Allocation Descriptions."

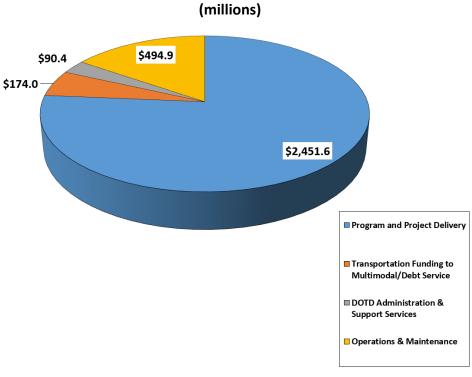


Figure 8.2 LADOTD SFY 2022-2023 \$3.2B Funding Uses (millions)

#### 8.5 HISTORICAL FUNDING LEVELS

In Table 8.1 we find the historical program budgets, for the previous six fiscal years and see the various funding amounts, along with the percentage each of these represent in the total budget partition funding. These totals include preconstruction and CE&I costs, but not indirect costs. The green highlighted sub-partitions, included in Table 8.1, are the items relevant to the TAMP.

**LCP Approach.** For a number of years, LADOTD has been moving toward a sustainable life cycle planning approach (preservation, rehabilitation & reconstruction) with capacity projects receiving only very limited funding.

**Historical Analysis.** The overall percentage of the total budget for the Preservation/Sustainability category (which includes the TAMP work types preservation, rehabilitation and replacement of assets) has averaged 50.0% of the total budget partition for the past six years, with a high of 61.3% in SFY 2020-21 and a low of 41.5% in SFY 2021-22.

For the past six years, Operations has averaged 8.8% of the total budget, Safety 9.1% and Non-Discretionary Programs 21.6% of the total budget.

The Capacity budget has averaged 10.5% over this same time timeframe, with 0% allocated in SFYs 2019-20 and 2020-21. As it stands capacity projects are limited to those receiving special appropriations or discretionary grant funding.

**Mandated & Non-Discretionary Funding.** As mentioned earlier, not only does LADOTD have legislatively mandated Aviation, Port, and Flood Control funding responsibilities, along with Safety responsibilities, a percentage of federal funding is allocated to Non-Discretionary programs via federal requirements, so a significant portion of the Federal Funding dollars are simply not available for pavements and bridges. The funding totals and percentage of the total budget are detailed in Table 8.1.

Table 8.1 Summary of Historical Budgets (by state fiscal year)

(by state libeal year)												
	SFY 16-17 SFY 17-18		7-18	SFY 18-19 SF		SFY 1	SFY 19-20		SFY 20-21		SFY 21-22	
		% of		% of		% of		% of		% of		% of
	Budget	Grand	Budget	Grand	Budget	Grand	Budget	Grand	Budget	Grand	Budget	Grand
Program*	(millions)	Total	(millions)	Total	(millions)	Total	(millions)	Total	(millions)	Total	(millions)	Total
Non-Interstate Pavements - NHS					38.4	4.9%	68.2	9.7%	90	11.8%	93.9	6.7%
Non-Interstate Pavements - SHS	69.1	9.3%	62.6	8.4%	38.4	4.9%	50.4	7.2%	58.9	7.7%	92.5	6.6%
Non-Interstate Pavements - NFA	65.6	8.8%	47	6.3%	47	6.1%	41.4	5.9%	36	4.7%	37.5	2.7%
Road Preventive Maintenance	8.1	1.1%	8.1	1.1%	8.1	1.0%	8.1	1.2%	8.1	1.1%	9.6	0.7%
Interstate Pavement	84.2	11.3%	84.2	11.2%	36.6	4.7%	82.1	11.7%	35	4.6%	38.8	2.7%
Bridge Interstate	33.2	4.5%	32.8	4.4%	56.1	7.2%	30.3	4.3%	67	8.8%	86.2	6.1%
Bridge NHS							36	5.1%	67	8.8%	58.4	4.1%
Bridge On-System (Non-NHS) (2)	86.9	11.7%	93.6	12.5%	91	11.7%	93.4	13.3%	94	12.3%	103	7.3%
Bridge Off System (1)	12	1.6%	12	1.6%	20.2	2.6%	12	1.7%	12	1.6%	65.4	4.6%
Preservation/Sustainability Total	359.1	48.1%	340.3	45.5%	335.8	43.3%	421.9	60.1%	468	61.3%	585.3	41.5%
Roadway Flooding	4	0.5%	4	0.5%	4	0.5%	3.9	0.6%	4	0.5%	4	0.3%
Movable Bridge Rehab/Preventive Maintenance	2	0.3%	2	0.3%	2	0.3%	2	0.3%	2	0.3%	2	0.1%
Operations Total	74	9.9%	73.6	9.8%	74.9	9.7%	57	8.1%	66.5	8.7%	90.2	6.4%
Safety Program Total (1)	74.8	10.0%	74.8	10.0%	71.7	9.2%	70.7	10.1%	71.7	9.4%	82.4	5.8%
Capacity Program Total	70.3	9.4%	65.1	8.7%	118.1	15.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	421.3	29.9%
**Non-Discretionary Program Total (1)	167.7	22.5%	194.9	26.0%	175.4	22.6%	152.4	21.7%	156.7	20.5%	231.9	16.4%
Grand Total	745.9		748.7		775.9		702		762.9		1411.1	

<sup>(1)</sup> Does not include local funds

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<sup>(2)</sup> Includes \$3 million for bridge preventive maintenance

<sup>\*</sup>Programs highlighted in green are TAMP specific programs

<sup>\*\*</sup>Non-Discretionary Programs include Transportation Alternatives, Recreational Trails, Urban System, CMAQ, Demand Management, Electric Vehicles, Intermodal Connectors, Earmark Projects, TIMED and Road Transfer

#### 8.6 PROJECTED FUNDING LEVELS

The projected funding levels going forward have been significantly impacted by the investment strategy analysis, outlined in Chapter 9 "Investment Strategies".

In Figure 8.3, we see LADOTD's continuing trend of focusing as much future funding as possible on the Preservation/Sustainability programs, outside of the Capacity program which is mostly funded with one time monies.

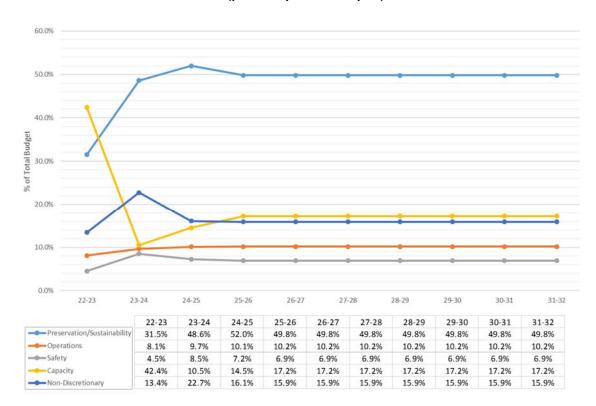


Figure 8.3 Projected Budget Partition Percentages (percent by state fiscal year)

## **Federal Funding Match**

**Federal Match Shortfalls.** The use of federal funds requires a state DOT to provide a matching amount of funds. As it stands today, state funds generated from state gas tax revenues are insufficient to meet the federal funding match. One-time state funds have been provided in recent years to meet the federal match requirements; however, this is not a sustainable funding source. Act 486 was enacted during the 2021 regular legislative session provides LADOTD with the first sustainable revenue increase in over 30 years. This legislation will appropriate funds to LADOTD from vehicle sales taxes annually beginning in State Fiscal Year 2024. LADOTD estimates it will receive \$161 million the first year, \$325

million in the second year, and \$300 annually thereafter. Of these amounts 75% is dedicated to four (4) megaprojects and a number of smaller capacity projects listed in the legislation, leaving 25% for the preservation programs. While this is a good start, a shortfall still exists.

This dire federal funding match shortfall situation has been stated often and repeatedly to the member of the State Legislature for a number of years and the day of reckoning is now upon us.

The State Legislature now must somehow provide appropriate funding for the federal match; however, if the State Legislature does not provide the federal matching funds, LADOTD will not accomplish the Desired State of Good Repair (DSGR) or achieve the performance targets, causing the penalty assessment to be triggered in the very near future.

#### 8.7 TAMP RELEVANT FUNDING

**TAMP Pavement Funding Levels.** Table 8.2 provides the projected Preservation funding over the 10-year TAMP analysis period. The funding was determined by investment strategy analysis efforts, as further described in Chapter 9 "Investment Strategies".

Beginning in SFY 2024-25, the budgets, provide for steady state funding on Interstate and Non-Interstate NHS pavements allowing LADOTD to retain its desired state of good repair for these asset classes. These funding levels will also allow LADOTD to achieve the federal performance targets for both pavement asset classes as well as remain above minimum Interstate pavement standards, remaining outside of a penalty assessment for Interstate pavements.

Interstate pavement funding levels are set at \$64.1 million in SFY 2024-25 and beginning in SFY 2026-27, will increase by 2% per year. Non-Interstate NHS funding pavement levels are set at \$102.7 million in SFY 2024-25 and beginning in SFY 2026-27, will increased by 2% per year.

**TAMP Bridge Funding Levels.** LADOTD recognizes that bridges are the most critical infrastructure items in the statewide transportation network and funding levels have been adjusted is support of that determination.

Investment strategy analysis efforts, chapter 9 "Investment Strategies", have also identified funding levels required to maintain NHS bridges in a steady state condition, or desired state of good repair and allow LADOTD to achieve both the federal performance targets as well as remain above minimum NHS bridge standards, remaining outside of a penalty assessment for NHS bridges.

Table 8.2 also illustrates that projected funding levels for NHS Bridges. NHS Bridge funding is set at \$161.3 million starting in SFY 2024-25, and increases by 2% per year beginning in SFY 2026-27.

This significantly increased NHS bridge funding level actually exceeds the potential NHS bridge penalty assessment of approximately \$101 million.

Table 8.2 10-Year Preservation Budget Projections^
(millions)

	Current	10-Year Preservation Budget Projections									
Budget Category	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	31-32	32-33
Non-Interstate Pavements - NHS	95.5	99	102.7	106.4	108.5	110.7	112.9	115.2	117.5	119.9	122.3
Interstate Pavement	43.2	48.6	64.1	59.5	60.7	61.9	63.1	64.4	65.7	67	68.3
Bridge Interstate	68	83.7	85.5	86.9	88.6	90.4	92.2	94	95.9	97.8	99.8
Bridge NHS	59	74.3	75.8	76.8	78.3	79.9	81.5	83.1	84.8	86.5	88.2

<sup>^ =</sup> Includes Preconstruction and Construction, Engineering, Inspection (CE&I) totals

#### 8.8 ASSET VALUATION

#### **GASB 34**

For financial reporting, LADOTD calculates asset value based on the standard depreciation approach described in GASB Statement 34. This calculation is performed at an aggregate level using historic cost data and assuming straight-line depreciation.

The GASB 34 calculation, though performed in a manner consistent with financial reporting requirements, is of extremely limited value in asset management when a straight-line depreciation approach is used.

NCHRP Report 608, published in 2008, reviews transportation agency experience implementing GASB Statement 34 and concludes that absent significant changes to the calculation approach, asset valuation results developed based on the GASB 34 standard approach are unlikely to play substantial role in asset management and decision making. That report identifies a number of reasons for this conclusion. It also states that "GASB 34 was created to address financial reporting only; GASB never intended that its accounting standards would determine asset management policies and procedures."

NCHRP Report 898 Chapter 6 "Asset Valuation" further supports this conclusion.

#### Asset Valuation Method

While a number of options can be used to determine asset valuation, LADOTD has decided, at this time, to use the asset replacement cost to identify the value of the TAMP NHS assets.

#### **Pavement Asset Valuation**

**Interstate Pavement Replacement Costs.** The PMS replacement treatments, or work types, for Interstate pavements are a structural overlay on Asphalt pavements, a structural treatment on Composite pavements, a reconstruction for both curb and non-curb on Continuously Reinforced pavements and a reconstruction for both curb and non-curb on Jointed Concrete pavements.

The cost of these treatments, or work types, used by the PMS are identified in the "Pavement Treatments (Work Types)" section of Chapter 6. There are different costs associated with curb and non-curb projects, so these values are averaged to determine the value to use in this calculation.

An average cost per lane mile is identified for each treatment and then multiplied by the total number of lane miles for that pavement type. Table 8.3 identifies the valuation for each Interstate pavement type along with a total Interstate pavement valuation of \$1.29 billion dollars.

**Table 8.1 Interstate Asset Valuation** 

Interstate Asset Valuation					
Pavement Type Replacement Cost					
Asphaltic Concrete Pavement	\$227,128,056				
Composite Pavement	\$101,021,871				
Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement	\$72,085,216				
Jointed Concrete Pavement	\$894,323,040				
Total Replacement Costs	\$1,294,558,183				

Based on 2020-2021 PMS data cycle & July 2021 cost data

**Non-Interstate NHS Pavement Replacement Costs.** The PMS replacement treatments, or work types, for Non-Interstate NHS pavements are a structural overlay on Asphalt pavements, a rubblize and overlay treatment on Composite pavements, a reconstruction for both curb and non-curb on Continuously Reinforced pavements and a rubblize and overlay on Jointed Concrete pavements.

The cost of these treatments, or work types, used by the PMS are identified in the "Pavement Treatments (Work Types)" section of Chapter 6. There are different costs associated with curb and non-curb projects, so these values are averaged to determine the value to use in this calculation.

An average cost per lane mile was identified for each treatment and then multiplied by the total number of lane miles for that pavement type. Table 8.4 identifies the valuation for

each Non-Interstate NHS pavement type along with a total Non-Interstate NHS pavement valuation of \$1.57 billion dollars.

**Table 8.2 Non-Interstate NHS Asset Valuation** 

Non-Interstate NHS Asset Valuation					
Pavement Type Replacement Cost					
Asphaltic Concrete Pavement	\$817,227,624				
Composite Pavement	\$319,982,211				
Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement	\$44,478,488				
Jointed Concrete Pavement	\$388,147,620				
Total Replacement Costs	\$1,569,835,942				

Based on 2020-2021 PMS data cycle & July 2021 cost data

#### **Bridge Asset Valuation**

As noted above, LADOTD has decided to use the asset replacement cost to identify the value of the TAMP assets.

Historically, as noted in Chapter 5, bridges were designed in a one-off manner, with a limited number of bridges using the same design. As a result, LADOTD has a total of sixty-five (65) different types of bridges on the LADOTD maintained system. Currently, LADOTD considers seven (7) different generalized bridge types when replacing these bridges, with 90% of all replacements consisting of prestressed concrete girders or slab span bridges.

**Bridge Replacement Costs.** LADOTD maintains the replacement type and replacement cost in the BMS for each existing bridge on the LADOTD maintained system. Table 8.5 summarizes the seven (7) replacement types and the asset valuation for those bridges that they would replace. The total replacement cost for NHS bridges, excluding Local NHS bridges, would be \$61.6 billion dollars, clearly identifying that bridge assets comprise the most valuable asset maintained by LADOTD.

Table 8.3 NHS Bridge Asset Valuation

NHS Bridge Asset Valuation						
Bridge Replacement Type	Replacement Cost					
Culverts	\$228,710,360					
Large Plate Girders	\$197,630,142					
Movable	\$6,623,095,873					
Plate Girders	\$8,188,768,974					
Prestressed Concrete Girders	\$41,396,837,667					
Heat-Curved Rolled Beams	\$248,706,007					
Slab Span	\$2,132,478,981					
Cable Stayed	\$2,535,760,866					
<b>Total Replacement Costs</b>	\$61,551,988,869					
Represents 2020 NBI Submittal; Excludes Local NHS Bridges						

# 9.0 Investment Strategies

#### 9.1 Introduction

This chapter introduces the concept of investment strategies and identifies that without federal matching funds provided by the State Legislature, federal performance targets cannot be achieved and penalty assessments will occur.

This section then identifies requirements along with the current investment strategy methodology employed by LADOTD. It further explains how investment scenarios were evaluated to generate funding allocations that attempt to achieve the desired state of good repair, preserve the condition of NHS assets, achieve NHS asset condition targets and achieve the national goals of 23 U.S.C. 150(b).

## **Investment Strategy Concepts**

The FHWA defines an investment approach as "a set of strategies that result from evaluating various levels of funding to achieve state DOT targets for asset condition and system performance effectiveness at a minimum practicable cost while managing risk" (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act 2016).

Investment strategies begin with a thorough understanding of projected funding and with estimates of the preservation and renewal activities that can be accomplished within funding constraints. The development of various investment strategies for an organization is an iterative process that is best served using the predictive capabilities of the pavement and bridge management systems. The outcome of investment strategies will lead to identifying if performance targets will be met.

Comprehensive investment strategies are directly influenced by life cycle planning, gap analysis and risk analysis. The strategies also consider changes in factors such as growth trends, technology, design and construction.

In the 2019 NCHRP Research Report 898, "A Guide to Developing Financial Plans and Performance Measures for Transportation Asset Management", we find guidance on how to finalize a financial plan and its investment strategies in Chapter 5, "Investment Strategies and Scenarios".

## **Federal Funding Match**

**Federal Match Shortfalls.** The use of federal funds requires a state to provide a matching amount of funds. LADOTD had recently been using toll credits to meet the federal match requirement, but toll credits are no longer available. The existing state funds are either obligated or insufficient to meet the federal funding match.

This analysis assumes that the State Legislature will provide appropriate state funding for federal match; however, if the State Legislature does not provide the federal matching funds, LADOTD will not accomplish the DSGR or achieve the performance targets, and will experience a penalty assessment in the near future.

#### **Investment Strategy Requirements**

**Federal Requirement. 23 CFR 515.7(e).** A State DOT shall establish a process for developing investment strategies meeting the requirements in **23 CFR 515.9(f)**. This process must result in a description of how the investment strategies are influenced, at a minimum, by the following:

- (1) Performance gap analysis required under 23 CFR 515.7 (a);
- (2) Life cycle planning for asset classes or asset sub-groups resulting from the process required under 23 CFR 515.7 (b);
- (3) Risk management analysis resulting from the process required under 23 CFR 515.7 (c); and
- (4) Anticipated available funding and estimated cost of expected future work types associated with various candidate strategies based on the financial plan required by 23 CFR 515.7(d).

Per **23 CFR 515.9(f)**, an asset management plan shall discuss how the plan's investment strategies collectively would make or support progress toward:

- (1) Achieving and sustaining a desired state of good repair over the life cycle of the assets,
- (2) Improving or preserving the condition of the assets and the performance of the NHS relating to physical assets,
- (3) Achieving the State DOT targets for asset condition and performance of the NHS in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 150(d), and
- (4) Achieving the national goals identified in 23 U.S.C. 150(b).

#### 9.2 Overall Investment Strategies

In Louisiana, the annual Highway Budget Partitions provides the projected funding for the investment strategies that serve as the link to the agency's tactical plans that are represented in the annual Highway Priority Program. The Office of Planning projects highway budget partitions out for ten years.

LADOTD incorporates several overall strategies, including life cycle planning strategies, into its process when allocating funding for pavements and bridges including:

 Preservation funding will be the primary funding focus for various asset classes with the focus on minimizing the "worst first" strategy. Note "worst first" strategies

- cannot be totally eliminated as some assets simply cannot be removed from the system.
- Interstate and Non-Interstate NHS pavements now have their own funding categories to better manage asset condition and aid in addressing performance gaps. Project selection for these asset classes now both match the existing Interstate project selection process.
- Capacity funding will be relegated to non-traditional means such as Grant
  Anticipation Revenue Vehicles (GARVEE) bonds, State General Obligation bonds,
  State General Fund Surplus, federal INFRA grants, federal BUILD grants, and
  specifically where new lanes are needed to maintain traffic while the existing asset is
  reconstructed.
- Perform risk management assessments, including 23 CFR Part 667 repeat damage from emergency event evaluations, for asset classes.
- Maximize the life cycle performance of asset classes, via cross-asset resource
  allocation analysis, on a priority basis with the goals of achieving the desired state of
  good repair for asset classes and addressing performance gaps.
- Perform iterative PMS and BMS analysis using various budget scenarios on the different asset sub-groups to identify the most compelling funding for each asset class using actual treatments (work types in 23 CFR 515.7(b)).
- Select the most opportune "cross-asset resource allocation" budget for each asset class based on various priorities outlined here.
  - Allocate funding to various bridge asset classes in the following order, NHS bridges, SHS bridges, RHS bridges.
  - Allocate funding to various pavement asset classes in the following order, Interstates, Non-Interstate NHS, SHS and RHS.
  - On all assets, bridges take the priority over pavements for funding when funding constraints are encountered. The concept here is that gravel roads can be used, but closed bridges cannot.
  - o Provide sufficient funding to NHS assets to remain penalty free with respect to targets for asset condition and performance of the NHS in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 150(d).
- Identify and address performance gaps due to insufficient funding or other reasons.

#### 9.3 Investment Strategy Program Development

Annually, LADOTD's Secretary and the Executive Committee meet to review the investment strategies that have been, and will be, used to update the annual budget partitions that are

projected for the next ten years. The process includes a review of the following information:

- Past performance of the system
- Pavement and bridge needs
- Available funding
- Policies and procedures supporting a life cycle based asset management approach
- Asset inventories
- Pavement and bridge investment funding scenario forecasts
- Level of service targets

Using this information and considering the recommendations of the Asset Management Engineer and the TAM Steering Committee, the Secretary and the Executive Committee will consider whether or not to adjust the investment strategies. The final set of investment strategies are communicated to LADOTD's personnel via the annual Highway Budget Partitions and the project selections within the annual Highway Priority Program.

#### 9.4 Investment Scenario Approach

NCHRP Report 898 provides guidance in developing life cycle focused investment scenarios to define how to allocate asset management funds to the identified uses. The remainder of this section, based on the guidance found in that report, describes how to finalize a financial plan and its investment strategies, which requires defining a set of scenarios and detailing projected spending by year for asset management-related uses.

When a list of funding sources and uses has been identified, as well as the 10-year forecast for revenues and non-asset management uses, investment scenarios can then be investigated to evaluate investment scenarios in compliance with 23 CFR 515.7 and 515.9 requirements.

#### **Defining Investment Scenarios**

Beginning with the current available funding for asset management activities, the question must next be how could that change in the future? The federal requirements for state DOT TAMPs call for the development of at least the following three scenarios.

**Scenario 1: Funding that is estimated to be reasonably available.** 23 CFR 515.7(d)(1) states that the financial plan process shall produce, "The estimated funding levels that are expected to be reasonably available, by fiscal year, to address the costs of future work types". So, the initial funding scenario is based on expected funding levels.

**Scenario 2: Funding required to achieve federal performance targets.** Based on the NHS pavement and bridge targets, this funding scenario provides the funding levels necessary to achieve those targets.

**Scenario 3: Funding required to maintain asset value.** 23 CFR 515.7(d)(4), requires that the financial plan process shall produce, "An estimate of the value of the agency's NHS pavement and bridge assets and the needed investment on an annual basis to maintain the value of these assets". So, this funding scenario identifies the necessary funding to maintain the asset value of the pavement and bridge assets.

NCHRP Report 898 also identifies the following additional scenarios for consideration.

**Current funding level.** This scenario assumes that funding levels will stay the same indefinitely without inflation adjustments. This usually results in the decline of the asset as assets age and deterioration increases while costs continue to rise. In many cases, this will equate to Scenario 1 described above.

**Funding required to maintain current asset conditions and performance.** This scenario describes the funding required to maintain the status quo. As most state DOTs have a backlog of investment needs, maintaining current asset conditions is generally a less ambitious goal than achieving aspirational targets. In many cases this scenario may be the same as the scenario to maintain asset value.

**Alternative funding levels.** If there is a great deal of uncertainty in future funding levels, it may be a good idea to have scenarios that outline a variety of funding levels. When using a management system, this scenario provides a great approach to identify the necessary funding required to achieve Scenario 2 and 3 above.

This particular alternative funding level scenario was used by LADOTD to identify the appropriate funding levels for the investment analysis.

**Consideration of selected risks.** When uncertainty exists regarding specific risks, then it may be important to test the impact of selected risks. For instance, an agency may wish to test a scenario in which asset deterioration rates are accelerated due to a reduction of funds, or a no funds scenario. This can be used to show the very quick demise of assets not properly maintained.

#### 9.5 LADOTD INVESTMENT SCENARIOS

**Historical Approach.** In the past, LADOTD set budgets based on historical levels and adjusted those levels based on explicit needs of assets facing critical issues or mandates. This approach often aided and abetted the "worst-first" approach.

## **Investment Scenario Analysis Update**

**Updated Approach.** This analysis began with a dTIMS and an AASHTOWare™ BrM evaluation of the outcome of the previous budget level, using the estimated cost of expected future work types to assess future conditions of pavement and bridge assets. Then using the processes described below, funding was adjusted to determine the annual funding required to achieve the desired state of good repair, and meet state performance targets. The final outcome is a proposed budget that maximizes the life cycle of the various NHS asset classes.

**Initial Current Funding Scenario Evaluations.** Starting with the previous budget allocations, the management systems were used to assess the future conditions of the pavement and bridge assets.

It was immediately apparent that these previous funding levels could not achieve the pavement or bridge condition targets and would result in significant performance gaps, as well as condition states above the minimum Interstate Pavement or NHS Bridge requirements, leading to future penalty assessments. The existing budget allocations could not maximize the life of these assets.

**Alternative Funding Scenario Evaluations.** Following that realization, a number of different funding scenarios were then evaluated against both federal goals, state condition targets and steady state or state of good repair goals, to identify appropriate issues and performance gaps that could prevent LADOTD from reaching those targets.

**Interstate.** In the 2019 TAMP, an evaluation of different investigative funding scenarios by the PMS led to the conclusion that a funding scenario of \$33 million per year would lead to

steady state funding, or desired state of good repair funding, for Interstate pavements over the 10-year analysis cycle. The planned Interstate budget of \$35 million was set for SFY 2020-21 with a 2% per year increase beginning in 2023 including Preconstruction and Construction, Engineering, Inspection (CE&I) funding.

The current PMS analysis indicates a significantly higher budget is required to succeed in achieving the maximum

3FT 2	022-23 TAMP B (millions)	audgets
Asset Class	^Budget Totals	Management System Analysis Funding
	*NHS Pavemen	ts
Interstate	43.2	50
Non-Interstate NHS	95.5	90
	*NHS Bridges	
State NHS	127	135

<sup>\* =</sup> Excludes Local NHS Pavements & Bridges

life cycle for these assets. Increasing the budget to \$50 million per year will be required to allow LADOTD to achieve both the federal performance targets as well as remain above minimum Interstate pavement standards, and remain out of a penalty assessment for Interstate pavements over the 10-year analysis cycle.

**Non-Interstate NHS.** In the 2019 TAMP the PMS analysis indicated a similar funding scenario analysis for Non-Interstate NHS pavements of \$140 million per year would lead to steady state funding, or desired state of good repair funding over the 10-year analysis cycle, and achieve federal performance targets for Non-Interstate NHS pavements. There is no penalty assessment for Non-Interstate NHS pavements. The planned Non-Interstate NHS budget of \$90 million was set in SFY 2020-21 increasing at 2% per year including Preconstruction and CE&I funding to succeed in achieving the maximum life cycle for these assets. The current PMS analysis indicates this budget allocation will succeed in achieving the maximum life cycle for these assets.

NHS Bridges BMS Funding Scenario Issues. LADOTD migrated from the former AASHTOWare™ PONTIS to the new AASHTOWare™ BrM solution in 2016. Since the BrM solution was not fully implemented, the initial funding scenario analysis was performed using the AASHTOWare™ PONTIS solution. In 2019 the National Bridge Investment Analysis System (NBIAS) was used to ensure full compliance with the federal management systems requirement.

Earlier BMS Funding Scenario Conclusions. In the 2019 TAMP, the BMS analysis for the NHS bridges used a funding scenario analysis similar to pavements; however, a 20-year analysis period was used due to the slow deterioration of bridges. This earlier PONTIS analysis led to a funding recommendation of \$101 million that appeared to lead to steady state funding, or desired state of good repair funding, and appeared to allow LADOTD to achieve both the federal performance targets as well as remain above minimum NHS bridge standards, remaining outside of a penalty assessment for NHS bridges. Using National Bridge Investment Analysis System (NBIAS) in June 2019, LADOTD confirmed that a bridge budget of \$134 million would achieve steady state funding, or (DSGR) desired state of good repair funding with respect to bridges in Good condition; however, it would not achieve a DSGR for Poor Condition Bridges.

The planned NHS bridge budget of \$134 million for SFY 2020-21 increasing at 2% per year included the Preconstruction and CE&I funding. Based on the earlier PONTIS & NBIAS analysis, the budget allocation appeared to succeed in achieving the maximum life cycle for these assets, but in the 2019 TAMP it was not expected to allow LADOTD to achieve either the Good or Poor federal 2-year or 4-year performance targets, nor remain above minimum NHS bridge standards, thus incurring a penalty assessment for NHS bridges.

#### New BrM BMS Conclusions.

A successful BrM upgrade was completed with significant help from the AASHTO BrM contractor. LADOTD has not been successful with BrM as a BMS since Pontis support was discontinued in 2016. The latest BrM version with more advanced capabilities indicates the Good and Poor federal 2-year or 4-year performance targets can be met with the current \$135 million/year range budgets. This achieves the minimum NHS bridge standards avoiding a penalty assessment for NHS bridges. The BrM analysis for the 10 year and 20 year % Poor and %Good still indicates the same major aging NHS bridge system issue

approaching, but in 2032. This latest, more advanced BrM evaluation delays the accepted, impending NHS bridge system issue of exceeding 10% Poor more than previous BMS analysis. BrM also indicates that significant increases like even doubling the budget won't resolve the issue once 10% Poor federal threshold is exceeded after 2032.

# **Investment Strategies Accomplish 23 CFR 515.9(f) Requirements**

**Funding Scenario Outcome.** Based on these extensive funding evaluations, LADOTD was afforded a preemptive opportunity to set pavement budget levels that not only achieved the funding required to achieve federal performance targets (scenario 2) but also the funding required to maintain asset value, which is LADOTD's defined state of good repair. (scenario 3).

The position is also being taken that this funding will be reasonably available (scenario 1) as long as the State Legislature is able to provide sufficient state funds to make the required federal match.

This updated investment strategy approach will continue to be the approach going forward with respect to NHS pavement and bridge assets. This methodology was also used for Non-NHS pavement and bridge assets.

LADOTD is working to integrate the TAMP with the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and the Louisiana Freight Mobility Plan to further coordinate project selection strategies ensuring that there are no gaps in the effectiveness of the NHS in providing safe and efficient movement of people and goods.

# **Complexities of Transportation Projects**

Implications on Scenario Planning. NCHRP Report 898 clearly identifies that there is a complexity to transportation projects that is difficult to convey. Often generalized explanations lead to an over simplified understanding by many who have not had the experience of dealing with these project efforts. As such, the following is copied from the report for reference.

"Transportation projects are often complex undertakings. The reality is that they often involve multiple types of work on multiple physical assets over a period of months or years. Paying for these projects often utilizes multiple funds or revenue streams, and the decisions concerning when and how to fund a project may need to be adjusted over the life of a project, particularly if the project budget fluctuates. While transportation agency staff are accustomed to this complexity, it is important not to take this for granted in defining scenarios and determining how best to allocate resources. At a minimum the inherent complexity of transportation projects has the following implications on scenario planning:

• Humans, not management systems, drive transportation projects and make final decisions concerning project timing and funding.

- A significant amount of effort is involved in project development. Thus, it is imperative that guidance related to asset management practice, such as an agency's preferred life cycle strategies for maintaining assets, be incorporated early in the development stage to avoid rework and/or suboptimal decisions.
- Given the effort involved in developing projects, it may be difficult to justify the effort to define a large number of candidate projects that are unlikely to be funded simply to support scenario analysis."

## **Project Selection**

**NHS Pavements.** With respect to Interstate and Non-Interstate NHS pavements, the primary source of information for future project selection will be the recommendations created through this effort using the PMS.

The recent adoption of the headquarters-based Interstate project selection methodology for the Non-Interstate NHS project selection will ensure that a consistent TAM LCP based approach will be used going forward for these two asset classes.

**NHS Bridges.** With respect to NHS bridges, the historical and projected bridge NBI condition data will be used as a guiding source of information for future project selections. The intent will be to focus on keeping fair bridges in fair condition and good bridges in good condition.

This will allow project selection efforts to ensure a more TAM LCP based approach going forward, which will help to ensure that the "looming wave of aging bridge assets" will be addressed in the most appropriate manner with the limited available funds.

As bridge management system capabilities are enhanced, future evaluations will determine if these improvements can be incorporated into bridge project selection efforts.

It is noted here that the initial process used to define the NHS bridge budget going forward actually resulted in a budget allocation that exceeds the defined penalty funding assessment.

# **10.0** Asset Management Enhancements

#### **10.1** Introduction

Asset management is never complete so the TAMP is essentially an ongoing Asset Management Process improvement program. As such LADOTD will endeavor to make continual improvements in all areas that the TAMP touches to further enhance asset management.

The initial Pilot TAMP of 2015, the 2018 TAMP, and the 2019 TAMP identified a number of potential enhancements to LADOTD tools and business processes that could substantially improve the effectiveness of the asset management process. Many of these tools and business processes were modified or implemented since then and the steps taken to make those changes have yielded clear benefits over the ensuing years.

The updated investment strategies in chapter 9, based on guidance from 2019 NCHRP Research Report 898, replace the initial descriptive efforts which were a summary of many of the asset management enhancements that were a direct result of this continuous asset management improvement process. All of these prior descriptive investment strategies were a direct result of the TAMP related asset management improvement process.

The ongoing effort to make continuous improvements in asset management related endeavors is enhances by a directional road map, pun intended, going forward. The following sections provide for some of that direction.

## 10.2 ASSET MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORTS

# **TAMP Maturity Analysis**

**Initial Maturity Analysis.** As part of the pilot TAMP effort, LADOTD conducted a Transportation Asset Management Self-Assessment Survey using the approach outlined in the Transportation Asset Management Guide (NCHRP Project 20-24(11)). The survey was designed to answer four primary questions.

- How does policy guidance benefit from improved asset management practices?
- Do resource allocation decisions reflect good practices in asset management?
- Are appropriate program delivery processes that reflect industry good practices, being implemented?
- Do information resources effectively support asset management policies and decisions?

In summary, 55 questions were scored by staff and management across the agency with answers based on Strongly Disagree, Disagree, Agree, and Strongly Agree. The results are summarized below with the percent showing the average combined score of Agree and Strongly Agree.

- 11 Policy Guidance questions 80.0% average (agree & strongly agree)
- 13 Resource Allocation Decision questions 82.1% average (agree & strongly agree)
- 11 Program Delivery questions 84.0% average (agree & strongly agree)
- 20 Information Resource questions 80.1% average (agree & strongly agree)

The survey results very clearly reflect the outcome one would expect from an agency that long ago established a cultural philosophy that focuses on a policy and procedural driven transportation asset management (TAM) approach based on appropriate data. While there may have been some confusion with regard to the actual status of TAM, there was no confusion that efforts to continue to enhance and improve the concepts outlined were accepted and expected by the respondents.

**Maturity Analysis Update.** Since the initial survey, efforts by AASHTO have provided a more comprehensive and detailed self-assessment analysis process and NCHRP research project 08-90A Phase 1 has developed a TAMP Maturity Gap analysis spreadsheet tool to aid in the performance of this analysis.

The tool breaks down the analysis into six major areas each with a number of elements and criteria supporting the analysis effort.

- Policy Guidance
- Planning and Programming
- Program Delivery
- Information and Analysis
- Life Cycle Management and TAM
- Legislative Compliance

**Future TAM Maturity Analysis.** Going forward, LADOTD will once again conduct a Maturity Analysis to both assess the knowledge of the current staff, many have retired since the initial survey, and to identify gaps that could lead to improvements in every phase of asset management.

The TAMP Maturity Gap analysis process will then be used to create the step by step methodology to expand and enhance LADOTD's TAMP maturity level. It will essentially form the basis of the TAMP Improvement Plan.

The maturity gap analysis cycle will be repeated as necessary with the intention of performing the analysis every three to five years just prior to the strategic planning effort.

#### 10.3 Additional Planned Enhancements

In addition to the investment strategies outlined in chapter 9, this section summarizes LADOTD's plans for future improvements related to the asset management program and the TAMP.

## Consistency Determination & FHWA TAMP Work Types

In addition to the TAMP certification requirement, each year the FHWA will conduct a consistency determination. This is a basic analysis the FHWA uses to determine if a State DOT has implemented an asset management plan. Failure to achieve either an initial TAMP certification or the ongoing yearly consistency determination will result in a federal 515.15(a) penalty assessment applied to the entire year.

515.15 (a) Penalties. "...the maximum Federal share for National Highway Performance Program projects and activities carried out by the State in that fiscal year shall be reduced to 65 percent for that fiscal year."

The FHWA has identified (5) five newly minted work types including Initial Construction, Maintenance, Preservation, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction. Agencies are required to project budgets and report project expenditures with respect to these work types.

LADOTD current budget information, budget projections and the project management system do not use or easily match these work types. With the assistance of the Local FHWA office, crosswalk tables have been developed that identify the relevant federal Fiscal Management Information System (FMIS) work types as well as the relevant LADOTD treatments for both pavements and bridges.

In an effort to allow the consistency determination compliance to be easily documented, LADOTD will endeavor to incorporate these new work types in a manner that facilitates the TAMP requirements, with respect to matching these work types to projected budget categories. FMIS data will be the data source for work type expenditures.

# **Cross-Asset Resource Allocation Analysis**

LADOTD's long term asset management goal is to accomplish comprehensive cross-asset resource allocation between pavements, bridge, maintenance, safety and freight requirements.

The intent of cross-asset resource allocation analysis is to allow maximum benefit to be gained, at the most appropriate spending levels, across various asset types, while incorporating various requirements including life cycle planning and risk management.

LADOTD actually performed a limited cross-asset resource allocation analysis, based on investment strategies, in developing the funding allocations to support the state of good repair, or steady state funding for Interstate pavements, Non-Interstate NHS pavements and NHS bridges outlined in this TAMP.

The 2015 NCHRP Report 806, "Guide to Cross-Asset Resource Allocation and the Impact on Transportation System Performance" provides the most comprehensive summary of requirements and opportunities to accomplish this cross-asset resource allocation analysis goal. Going forward, LADOTD will endeavor to implement the detailed concepts outlined in NCHRP Report 806. This will not be a trivial effort and will require enhancements and improvements to both data and management systems.

# **Bridge Management System (BMS)**

As identified throughout this TAMP, LADOTD has migrated away from the older AASHTO PONTIS BMS solution, and has implemented the AASHTOWare™ Bridge Management software (BrM). BrM is designed to consider not only life cycle cost, but also mobility, safety, risk and other performance concerns. LADOTD has developed two (2) BMS models AASHTO BrM, and Agile Assets Structures Analyst (AASA). AASHTO BrM serves as the primary model as it has much greater functionality, and fully replaces the National Bridge Investment Analysis System (NBIAS) used in the 2019 TAMP.

# **Maintenance Management System (MMS)**

LADOTD has implemented a set of "level of service" and "maintenance performance indexes" within its LAGOV Maintenance Management System (MMS), one of the "TAM Tools" identified in chapter 2.4. This effort introduced performance measures with the intent to improve field staff performance. It also provides more detailed maintenance information, as noted in chapter 6 "Consequences of Delayed Preservation on Maintenance Costs" for LCP efforts.

The data used to generate the relevant TAMP pavement and bridge maintenance activities from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 found in chapter 6, "Analysis of Pavement Maintenance Activities" and "Analysis of Bridge Maintenance Activities" are provided via the MMS.

The next step will be to determine how to incorporate the relevant TAM related maintenance activities that support pavement and bridge preservation into the overall cross-asset resource allocation strategies. All of these efforts will inevitably help to maintain the condition of LADOTD assets in a state of good repair

#### **Additional Asset Classes**

LADOTD's AME will coordinate the investigation into which asset classes could be added to the future TAMP efforts. The non-NHS pavements and bridges will be considered along with culverts, signals, intelligent transportation system equipment, sign trusses, guard rails, cable barriers, crash attenuators, sound walls, shoulders, high mast lighting, dams and signs.

#### **Data Improvement Strategies**

**Federal Requirement. 23 CFR 515.7(g)** requires the use of the best available data and bridge and pavement management systems to develop the TAMP.

**LADOTD Data Strategy.** LADOTD understands the value of good data and is continually working to ensure that all TAMP related data is both accurate and timely. Data quality assurance is a never-ending effort that requires diligent focus and perseverance.

LADOTD will continue to investigate state of the art, emerging field data collection solutions in an effort to significantly expand and improve, in a cost effective manner, the asset inventory data collection and associated inspection capabilities. The goal will always be to significantly increase the available capabilities for inventory and inspection without requiring extensive technical skills of available staff.

Data Process and Practice Guidance. The FHWA Office of Safety under contract DTFH61-10-D-0002 prepared a Roadway Data Improvement Program (RDIP) report for LADOTD designed to help improve the quality of their roadway data to better support safety and other engineering initiatives. The RDIP focused on the process and practices used by LADOTD for collecting, managing, and utilizing roadway data. While this investigation was specific to improving safety related data, safety data often overlaps into other areas so the RDIP included a review of transportation asset related data as well.

As a result of the RDIP report and the TAMP requirements, LADOTD has made significant TAM data improvements with respect to:

- Roadway Data Collection LADOTD has implemented the most advanced pavement
  data collection technology, including new 3D data collection, in the most recent data
  collection contract, adjusted the data collection cycles to the calendar year instead
  of the fiscal year to aid in meeting NHS pavement data capture deadlines. This new
  contract allowed LADOTD to capture the new Federal performance measures a full
  year ahead of the required deadline to do so.
- Data Analysis Tools and Uses LADOTD is currently updating the Bridge
   Management System and is also investigating commercial 3<sup>rd</sup> party Safety
   Management solutions; the new 3D pavement data has allowed for a further
   reduction in manual pavement condition data ratings and analysis; LADOTD has also
   instituted a process that identifies JCP pavement joints prior to processing faulting
   data which has provided for very significant improvement in data accuracy.
- Data Sharing and Integration LADOTD has implemented an Enterprise GIS solution to provide both greater and easier access to data. LADOTD will continue to integrate additional existing solutions, or move these solutions into the Enterprise GIS solution. This effort is now eliminating data silos and redundant data.
- Data Management and Governance LADOTD has comprehensively documented and formalized it's Pavement Data Quality Assurance and Quality Control Program

which was nationally recognized as a leading benchmark effort for other states to emulate in the FHWA's 2013 "Practical Guide for Quality Management of Pavement Condition Data Collection."

**Local NHS Pavement Data Collection.** To ensure data collection for the Local NHS pavements is captured in the same manner as other NHS pavements, LADOTD has extended the existing pavement data capture and condition analysis effort to include the Local NHS pavement data for the Louisiana MPOs.

LADOTD has not previously captured pavement data for the Local NHS routes and will include both the required federal data and the pavement distress data so that data can be included in LADOTD's PMS. After (3) three data cycles have been captured LADOTD, will be able to create deterioration curves, which with appropriate funding identified by the Local NHS owners, could then be used to identify future valid performance targets.

**Emerging Technology.** LADOTD intends to leverage emerging technology going forward to improve the asset management process. For instance, existing field crews could be trained to inspect culverts, embankments, slopes, and retaining walls, while using handheld technology tools, such as iPads or cell phones, that facility condition data capture beneficial to the asset management process. This same approach can be applied to other assets such as guide rails, attenuators, etc. This could include using drone technology to enhance the safety of bridge inspectors performing the mandated bridge inspections.

**Future Data Strategies.** LADOTD will continue to further these data improvement strategies going forward. This will include ongoing strategic identification; collection sharing/repurposing; coordination; updating knowledge, information, and data needed for policy; and costs, risks, performance, and other forms of analysis that support data resiliency efforts.

# **Risk Management Strategies**

As a result of the TAMP, LADOTD has instituted a Risk Management Program and will begin to modify the Interstate and Non-Interstate NHS pavement and bridge project selection procedures to ensure that Risk Assessment will be used throughout the asset management process, when setting the budgets, prioritizing projects and revising asset management guidance.

As LADOTD advances its competency in Risk Management, additional policy and procedural changes could be implemented to further embed risk management as a fundamental operational function of LADOTD. This includes the ongoing effort to both capture and use data in support of the Part 667 requirements.

**Expand Risk Assessment of Structures.** LADOTD has identified the most critical at-risk bridge structures and developed a short document outlining the approach that was used in the process.

As part of the Risk Management program, LADOTD intends to review this analysis procedure, and to formally incorporate the three R's, Redundancy, Robustness and Resiliency into the risk analysis process for these bridges going forward.

## **Policy and Procedural Support**

The AME, with the assistance of (QCIP) Quality and Continuous Improvement Program and the Executive Champion/Committee, will update all appropriate policies and procedures as necessary to ensure that all TAMP related requirements will be implemented throughout LADOTD. This includes, but is not limited to, setting of investment strategies and budgets, LCP based prioritization and selection of projects and implementation of risk management.

A list of existing project management, life cycle planning, risk management and asset management related policies will be identified and each existing policy will be reviewed for TAMP compliance. It is expected that the TAMP compliance review process will be accomplished within 1 year of the final TAMP publication. Then the required policy updates, and development of any identified new policies, will occur over the remaining 3-year time frame, with completion expected to occur prior to the required 4-year TAMP update.

# **Life Cycle Planning Strategies**

LADOTD will continue to work to further implement the life cycle strategy of deploying the right treatment, at the right time, to gain the maximum possible life, at the most economical cost, for pavement and bridge assets. The ultimate goal is to use the most effective treatments to renew and extend the use of the asset as long as possible at the most economical life cycle cost.

#### **Communication Plan**

LADOTD will work to further enhance its existing communication strategy by making the best use of the TAMP data and analysis results to communicate the implications of asset management decisions to stakeholders and the public. In particular, these asset management capabilities will enable Department officials to be more proactive in providing detailed information to the State Legislature and other external stakeholders to optimize funding and foster a clear understanding of the linkage between funding and performance.

LADOTD plans to develop an "Executive Summary" TAMP document upon completion of the FHWA review and acceptance of this TAMP. This document will focus on the most important concepts for the State Legislature and the general public and will make use of as many graphical tools as possible to convey these concepts. The LADOTD Communications Director and his staff will provide significant assistance in developing both this plan and the Executive Summary.

#### **10.4 TAMP UPDATE PROCESS**

Transportation asset management, and the processes, procedures and details outlined in the TAMP, clearly show that a sustained and ongoing effort will be required by LADOTD.

The maturity gap analysis cycle, or some similar effort, will be repeated as necessary with the intention of performing the analysis every three to five years just prior to the strategic planning effort.

With this in mind, LADOTD intends to update the TAMP in conjunction with the strategic planning effort, or no less than the mandated 4 year update requirement. This planned schedule will certainly be modified if appropriate reasons to do so become evident.

The update cycles will be concurrent with the work outlined in the TAMP, meaning that the actual work of TAM will continue non-stop for the foreseeable future, with the TAMP providing the roadmap to success.

# 11.0 Appendices

## 11.1 TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

AME – Asset Management Engineer; LADOTD's full time staff person primarily responsible for implementing, maintaining and updating the TAMP

ARRA - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funding; one-time federal stimulus funding

BIL - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law recently enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Pub. L. 117-58 (Nov. 15, 2021). State departments of transportation (State DOT) are required to consider extreme weather and resilience as part of the life-cycle planning and risk management analyses within a State asset management plan (TAMP) resulting from Section 11105 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) changes to Title 23, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 119(e)(4) that took effect on October 1, 2021.BMS - Bridge Management System

COOP - Continuity of Operations Plan, ensures that LADOTD's essential functions can still be performed after a disaster

DDIR - Detail Damage Inspection Reports used for damage inspection reporting after a disaster

DQM - Data Quality Management

DSGR - Desired State of Good Repair, a new federal designation of asset condition

FAST ACT - Fixing America's Surface Transportation; the federal law issued in 2015

FHWA - Federal Highway Administration

GARVEE - Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles bonds

HPP - Annual Highway Priority Program, identifies projects that are scheduled for construction letting during the year and projects which are in various stages of planning and preparation

HSIP - Highway Safety Improvement Program, a core Federal-aid program with the goal to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads

HSIP – Highway Safety Improvement Program; the federally mandated safety program

LADOTD – the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

LCCA - Life Cycle Cost Analysis, performed on individual projects

LCP - Life Cycle Planning, the general concepts of LCCA performed on a system basis

LTRC – Louisiana Transportation Research Center

MAP-21 - Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act; the federal law issued in 2012

MMS - Maintenance Management System

MPO – Metropolitan Planning Organization; a federally mandated and federally funded transportation policy-making organization in the United States that is made up of representatives from local government and governmental transportation authorities

MSAR - Mobile Solution for Assessment & Reports system which is an electronic, mobile application developed by FHWA in 2016 to replace the existing paper assessment and inspection reporting processes including DDIR's.

NBI - National Bridge Inventory federal bridge inspection and data reporting requirements

NHPP - National Highway Performance Program; a FHWA funding category

NHS - National Highway System; created by the ISTEA legislation, encompasses both the Interstate and Non-Interstate System sometimes referred to as National Highways of Significance which are both federal aid eligible.

PMS - Pavement Management System

POP - Program of Projects

QCIP - Quality and Continuous Improvement Program

SHSP – Strategic Highway Safety Plan, provides a framework of safety strategies and tactics for reducing fatalities and serious injuries on all roadways within the state through multidisciplinary coordination and input.

SNBI - Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory

STIP - Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan, provides a fiscally sound, capital improvement plan for the state's surface transportation program

STP - Statewide Transportation Plan, documents a long-range multimodal transportation strategy to meet the goals and objectives for the State's transportation and infrastructure system

TAM – Transportation Asset Management

TAMP – Federal NHS Transportation Asset Management Plan; a NHS highway and bridge asset management plan mandated by the MAP-21 and FAST Act legislation

TIMED - Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic Development; a 1989 voter approved, constitutionally dedicated set of projects, created from the collection of a 4 cent per gallon motor fuel excise tax.

TTF - State Transportation Trust Fund; a 1984 voter approved, dedicated transportation fund, created from the collection of a 16 cent per gallon motor fuel excise tax.

VMT - Vehicle Miles of Travel

#### 11.2 LADOTD REVENUE AND BUDGET ALLOCATION DESCRIPTIONS

The TTF distribution table that follows in the Appendix 11.3, "LADOTD Transportation Trust Fund Distribution" identifies the financial plan for State revenue. The table includes the projection of the revenues as well as the budgeted expenditures. The TTF distribution table includes the past two completed years, the current year, and the requested budget for three future years. A description of the contents of the TTF Distribution line items is as follows:

#### Revenue

- State Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) This includes the 16 cent per gallon motor fuel excise tax. The State constitutionally permitted uses of TTF include: the construction and maintenance of the state owned highways; the Port Priority Program; the Flood Control Program; the Parish Transportation Fund; transit; and State police for traffic control. The amount used for programs other than the construction and maintenance of the state highway system cannot exceed 20%.
- Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic Development (TIMED) TTF This
  includes the collections from the 4 cent per gallon motor fuel excise tax. This
  revenue stream is now dedicated to debt service for the 16 projects listed in the
  constitution.
- Vehicle License Tax This is generated from vehicle registration fees.
- Aviation Fuels This is a sales tax on these fuels
- Interest, Fees and Fines This includes toll revenue from Statewide ferries, oversized/overweight truck permits, overweight truck fines, outdoor advertising/junk yard sign permits, and right of way permits.
- Transfer from DS1 bonds paid off by CCCD state highway fund # 2
- State Highway Improvement Fund (SHIF): This includes the registration fees
  collected on trucks and trailers that operate in the State. The revenue can only be
  used for projects on the State owned system that are not eligible for federal funds.
- Undesignated Fund Balance from prior years: These are obligated funds for multiyear projects that are carried over into the next fiscal budget from a prior year.
- Interagency Transfers from Office Motor Vehicles: This was previously known as the Debt Recovery Fund.

# **Expenditures**

Regular Operating – State funding allocated to the operating budget

- Aviation Operating State aviation tax revenue allocated to the aviation operating budget
- Highway Program Matching funds current year match required for current year
   FHWA funding
- Highway Program Matching funds out year match required for designated FHWA funding on multi-year projects
- Highway Program State funded and other State funding on projects not funded with FHWA funds
- Take up projects funds available for miscellaneous close-out items.
- Retainer Contracts funds for contracts that span many projects and are Statewide in nature
- Hot Mix, Pipe, Bridge Materials funds for materials used in capital projects handled by district personnel
- Secretary Emergency Fund funds for emergency projects such as critical movable bridge mechanism failure, culvert failure, etc.
- Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic Development (TIMED) Program -\$0.04 tax – Debt service on TIMED program bonds paid from \$0.04 tax
- TIMED Debt Service paid from \$0.016 cent tax debt service on TIMED program bonds paid from \$0.16 tax
- Non-Fed Eligible (NFA) Roads funding from the State Highway Improvement Fund (SHIF) (registration fees on trucks and trailers) on assets that cannot receive federal funding
- Off System Bridges funding for state bridges that are maintained by various local authorities
- Flood Control Program funding for the Flood Control Program.
- Port Priority Program funding for the Port Priority Program
- Airport Priority Program Aviation fuel sales tax funding for the Aviation Priority Program
- Facilities Major Repair funding for major repairs to LADOTD buildings, pump stations, etc.
- Ferry Repairs funding for capital repairs to ferries
- Deficit Reduction this was a mid-year budget cut exercised to help balance the state budget
- State Police funding for State Police for traffic control purposes
- Capital Outlay Parish Transportation funding for the Parish Transportation Fund (parish road fund, transit fund and off-system bridges match program)

# 11.3 LADOTD TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND DISTRIBUTION

# TTF Distribution - Detail with History

#### TTF DISTRIBUTION (Updated 09/14/2022 bca)

	1.34%	-1.05%	7.45%	5.70%	0.20%
REVENUES	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
REVENUES	ACTUAL	REC 5/09/22	REC 5/09/22	REC 5/09/22	REC 5/09/22
16¢ Tax	496.9	493.0	502.5	505.3	507.7
4¢ Tax (TIMED)	124.2	123.3	125.6	126.3	126.9
Vehicle License Tax	55.1	52.5	55.0	55.4	59.9
Aviation Fuels	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8
Interest, Fees, and Fines	29.9	29.8	29.5	29.5	29.5
Vehicle Sales Tax (Construction SubFund)			40.3	81.3	74.9
Transfer from DS1 (bonds paid off by CCCD - State Hwy Fund				1	
#2)(918)	4.6	4.4	4.7	4.7	5.3
TOTAL TTF	740.6	732.8	787.4	832.3	834.0
Highway Improvement Fund	41.4	34.0	38.4	38.8	43.9
Undesignated Fund Balance from prior years	9.6	41.5	18.0	3 3	8
TOTAL REVENUE	791.6	808.3	843.8	871.1	877.9
EXPENDITURES					
Operating					
Regular Operating *1	397.6	432.0	448.1	473.7	474.6
Aviation Operating	1.6	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.0
TOTAL OPERATING	399.2	433.7	450.0	475.7	476.6
Capital Outlay - Highways			200000		A 0001100
Highway Program - Matching Funds Current Yr	15.0	7.9	41.3	8.0	8.0
Highway Program - State Funded & other	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Hot Mix, Pipe, Bridge Maintenance Materials	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Secretary Emergency Fund	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Total Capital Outlay - Highways	30.5	23.4	56.8	23.5	23.5
TIMED				5 3	
TIMED Program - 4¢ tax	124.2	123.3	125.6	126.3	126.9
TIMED Debt Service - paid from 16¢ tax	17.0	36.5	35.8	40.3	42.3
Capital Outlay - NFA Roads/Off Sys Bridges/Const Subfund					
Non-Fed Eligible (NFA) Roads - Capital	36.4	29.0	33.4	33.8	38.9
Non-Fed Eligible (NFA) Roads - Operating	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Capital Outlay - Non-Highways	į.			2 3	
Flood Control Program	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Port Priority Program	39.4	39.4	39.4	39.4	39.4
Airport Priority Program	28.2	28.0	27.9	27.8	27.8
Facilities Major Repair	5.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Ferry Repairs	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	307.3	310.2	347.4	319.6	327.3
STO Adjustment					9
Deficit Reduction (Mid Year Cut)			45.		
Capital Outlay - Parish Transportation	43.6	46.4	<u>46.4</u>	<u>46.4</u>	46.4
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	750.0	790.3	843.8	841.7	850.3
Undesignated Fund Balance at FYE *3	41.5	18.0	0.0	29.4	27.6

Prior year's balance minus of

#### 11.4 LADOTD PAVEMENT TREATMENT DETAILS

# Additional Explanation of Pavement Treatments (Work Types) Including Non-PMS Activities

This section is included to provide a more descriptive explanation of the information chapter 6. It also provides a few details of maintenance activities provided by district, or contract, staff that are tracked by the Maintenance Management System (MMS).

A copy of the MMS Activity Codes, containing only TAMP related activity codes, is included below.

## **Emergency Repair**

This describes work activities generally necessary to return a pavement back to a minimum level of service following a significant event. These treatments could be performed by department or contract forces and are tracked by the MMS. Examples could include:

- Concrete Blowups
- Road Washouts

#### **Corrective Maintenance**

This is maintenance performed once a deficiency occurs in the pavement. These treatments are typically performed by Department forces and are tracked by the MMS. Examples could include:

- Pothole Filling
- Spall Repair

#### **Pavement Preservation**

This is a defined program employing a network level, long-term life cycle cost strategy that enhances pavement performance by using an integrated, cost-effective set of practices that extend pavement life and improve pavement surface conditions. Pavement Preservation activities would not be classified as structural enhancements.

#### **Routine Maintenance**

This is defined as repair work typically performed by Department forces that is planned and carried out on a scheduled basis to maintain the pavement in serviceable condition. These treatments are tracked by the MMS. Examples could include:

- Spot Leveling
- Pothole Patching

- Bump Grinding
- Machine Leveling

#### **Preventive Maintenance**

This maintenance is a planned strategy of cost-effective, non-structural treatments to existing pavements that preserve the current condition and retard future deteriorations. These could be performed by department or contract forces. When performed by department forces, these treatments are tracked in the MMS. Examples could include:

- Micro-Surfacing includes Single or Multiple Course Micro Surfacing, Thin Asphaltic Concrete (<1.5"), or an Open Grade Friction Course</li>
- Polymer Surface Treatment includes Single or Multiple Lift Chip Seal, Slurry Seal, Cape Seal, Fog Seal, or Ultrathin Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete Wearing Course (e.g. NovaChip®)
- Joint Resealing
- Crack Sealing
- Ultra-Thin Overlay (<1.5")
- Thin Overlays (>1.5" and <2")</li>

#### **Light Minor Rehabilitation**

This consists of non-structural improvements or repairs made to existing pavement sections to address pavement distresses. When performed by department forces, these treatments are tracked in the MMS. These could be performed by department or contract forces. Examples could include:

- PCC Pavement Patching
- Asphaltic Pavement Patching
- Asphaltic Concrete Single Lift Overlays (≤2")
- Pavement Grooving/Grinding
- Load Transfer Restoration

#### Minor Rehabilitation

This consist of single lift Overlays ( $\leq$ 2"), with cold planed and/or patching pavement preparation, and are not qualified as structural overlays. These are typically performed by contract forces. Examples could include:

- Patching with Single Lift Overlay (≤2")
- Cold Plane with Single Lift Overlay (<2")</li>

# **Major Rehabilitation**

This consists of structural enhancements that improve the load carrying capacity and extend the service life of the existing pavement. These pavements would generally be designed for a minimum of 10-15 years design life within the existing crown. These are typically performed by contract forces. Examples could include:

- Rubbilization & Overlay
- Bonded Concrete Overlay
- Whitetopping
- Single or Multi Lift Asphaltic Concrete Overlay– includes Medium Overlays (>2" to 4") or Structural Overlays (>4")
- In-Place Recycling
- In Place Stabilization Base Rehabilitation (stabilized or treated) and Overlay (>2")
- Geometric Changes to Alignment
- Addition and/or Lengthening of Turn Lanes and Ramps

# Replacement

This is the replacement of the entire existing pavement structure by the placement of an equivalent or increased pavement structure generally within the existing crown. These pavements would typically be designed for a 20-year life. These are typically performed by contract forces. Examples could include:

- Concrete Pavement Reconstruction
- Full Depth Asphaltic Concrete Pavement

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	Concrete	Aggregate	Miscellaneous	Bridge	& Structure Main	tenance	Force
ice	Surface	Surface					Construction
400-09	410-00	420-00	425-00	460-00	465-03	465-17	620-04
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(EACH)	Patching			Touch Up	(EACH)	Each	620-08
400-11	Surface -			(SQ FT)	465-05	465-19	Base &
Scarifying &	Machine Method			460-02	Channel	Repair / Replace	Surface
Remixing	(SQ YD)			Bridge Joint	Repair	Timber Deck	Construction
(MILE)	410-02			Repair	& Protection	(SQ FT)	(LF)
400-12	Minor Surface			(LF)	(SQ FT)	465-20	
Mixing Material	Patching -			460-03	465-06	Repair / Replace	
with Stabilizer	Rapid			Movable	Fender	Abutment and/	
(SQ YD)	Set Material			Bridge	Repair	or Revetment	
400-13	(SQ YD)			Lubrication	(LN FT)	(SQ FT)	
Curb Repair -	410-03			(EACH)	465-07	465-21	
Asphalt	Pre-Mix			460-04	Bridge	Structural	
(LF)	Patching -			Movable Bridge	Deck	Concrete Repair	
400-14	Hand Method			Repair -	Repair	(SQ FT)	
Mill Out Patching	(EACH)			Mechanical	(SQ YD)	465-25	
(leveling/Patching)	410-04			(EACH)	465-08	Bridge Tender House	
Asphalt	Pre-Mix			460-05	Guardrail	Repair	
(MILE)	Patching			Movable Bridge	Repair	(EACH)	
400-15	Motor Grader/			Repair -	(LF)	465-30	
Mill Out	Asphalt Paver			Electrical	465-09	Pile Repair - Steel	
(CY)	(SQ YD)			(EACH)	Crash	Each	
400-20	410-06			460-99	Protection	465-31	
Bleed	Blowup			Other	Repair	Pile Repair - Concrete	
Through	Repair			Bridge	(EACH)	(EACH)	
Repair	(Each)			Maintenance	465-10	465-32	
(LN FT)	410-07			(Hour)	Tunnel	Pile Driving	
400-99	Roadway			465-00	Repair -	(EACH)	
Other Bituminous	Joint			Clean	Mechanical	465-99	
Surface	Repair			Structural	(EACH)	Other	
Maintenance	(LF)			Members	465-11	Structure	
	410-08			(EACH)	Tunnel	Maintenance	
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# 11.5 LADOTD 10 YEAR PAVEMENT & BRIDGE PROJECTED BUDGET

(millions)

	Current	*10-Year Preservation Budget Projections														
Budget Category	SFY 22-23	SFY 23-24	SFY 24-25	SFY 25-26	SFY 26-27	SFY 27-28	SFY 28-29	SFY 29-30	SFY 30-31	SFY 31-32	SFY 32-33					
Non-Interstate Pavements - NHS	88.4	91.6	95.1	98.5	100.5	102.5	104.6	106.7	108.8	111	113.2					
Interstate Pavement	40	45	60.1	55.1	56.2	57.3	58.4	59.6	60.8	62	63.2					
Bridge Interstate	55.6	70.1	71.7	73	74.5	76	77.5	79.1	80.7	82.3	83.9					
Bridge NHS	54.6	68.8	70.2	71.1	72.5	74	75.5	77	78.5	80.1	81.7					
* Does Not Include Preconstruction and (CE&I	) Construct	tion, Engine	eering, Ins	pection To	tals											

# 11.6 LADOTD STATE FY 22-23 BUDGET PARTITION (2 PAGES)

#### THIS IS NOT AN ACCOUNTING DOCUMENT. IT IS TO BE USED FOR PROGRAMMING PURPOSES ONLY.

PROPOSED REVISED BUDGET PARTITION FY 22-23 (INCLUDING IIJA FUNDS) 3/14/2022- UPDATED 6/6/2022

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	SUB-CATEGORY		FED FUNDS													FE	DERAL F	UNDS							GRAND TOTAL
		Formula	TIFIA/ ARP-A/ COVID	Exempt	FUNDS	NFA	BONDS	LOCAL	SUB-TOTAL	FED FUNDS	STATE FUNDS	NFA	BONDS	SUB- TOTAL	ENGR	R/W	UTIL	IND.	SUB-TOT FEDERAL	STATE FUNDS		BONDS	LOCAL		
	NON-INTERSTATE PAVEMENT (NHS)	70.7			17.7				88.4	6.7	1.4			7.1				9.6	9.6	0.0				9.6	105.1
	NON-INTERSTATE PAVEMENT (8H8)	62.4	7.4		13.1				72.8	4.2	1.0			6.2				7.1	7.1	0.0	0			7.1	85.2
	NON-INTERSTATE PAVEMENT (NFA)	12.0			0.0	23.2			35.2	1.0	0.0	1.8		2.8				1.6	1.6	0.0				1.6	39.7
	CONTRACT MAINTENANCE (ROAD)	8.0			1.6				7.6	0.5	0.1			0.6				0.8	0.8	0.0				0.8	8.9
	INTERSTATE PAVEMENT	38.0			4.0				40.0	2.8	0.3			3.2				4.8	4.8	0.0				4.8	48.1
	BRIDGE (INTERSTATE) (4)	60.0			5.6				66.8	4.0	0.4			4.4	4.6	1.8	0.8	7.7	14.9	0.0	8			16.7	75.7
SUSTAINABILITY	BRIDGE (ON SYSTEM) - NHS	43.7			10.9				64.8	3.5	0.9			4.4				5.8	6.9	0.0				6.8	64.9
	BRIDGE (ON SYSTEM)(1) (4)	67.0	21.6	29.3	20.4	1.2			129.4	6.9	1.6	0.1		8.8	4.0	1.6	0.8	12.6	18.9	1.6	В			20.6	158.5
	BRIDGE (OFF 8Y8TEM)	10.4		8.4	1.8			2.6	21.0	1.3	0.1			1.4	0.8			2.4	3.2	0.0			1.	2 4.4	26.8
	BRIDGE (OFF 8Y8TEM) 100%	66.6							66.8	4.4	0.0			4.4				7.6	7.6	0.0				7.6	67.5
	GARVEE DEBT SERVICE	63.0							63.0	0.0	0.0			0.0				0.0	0.0	0.0				0.0	53.0
	SUB-TOTAL	448.8	28.9	36.7	74.8	24.4	0.0	2.6	813.2	34.4	6.8	2.0	0.0	42.2	9.3	3.4	1.7	80.0	74.4	2.4	4 0.	0.	0 1.	.2 78.0	733.4
	ITS (REGULAR)	10.9			1.9				12.8	0.9	0.2			1.1	0.9			1.6	2.6	0.1	2			2.7	16.6
	TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES	17.1			0.0				17.1	1.4	0.0			1.4				2.3	2.3					2.3	20.8
	INTERSTATE LIGHTING	2.6			0.3				2.8	0.2	0.0			0.2	0.4			0.4	0.8	0.1	1			0.8	3.9
	TSM	7.3			3.8				11.1	0.6	0.3			0.8				1.0	1.0	)				1.0	13.0
	ROADWAY FLOODING	4.4			1.1				5.6	0.4	0.1			0.6				0.8	0.8	3				0.6	6.6
OPERATIONS/ MOTORIST	WEIGH STATIONS	0.4			0.1				0.6	0.0	0.0			0.0	0.4			0.1	0.6	0.1	1			0.6	1.1
SERVICES	REST AREAS	0.0			0.0				0.0	0.0	0.0			0.0	0.4			0.1	0.6	0.1	1			0.6	0.6
	MOVABLE BRIDGE PM	1.6			0.4				1.8	0.1	0.0			0.1				0.2	0.2	2				0.2	2.2
	FERRIES/MAJOR REPAIRS (4)	1.8	31.6		5.1		22.5		81.1	0.2	0.4			0.8				0.3	0.3	3				0.3	62.0
	ACCESS MANAGEMENT	11.7			1.3				13.0	0.9	0.1			1.0	0.8			1.7	2.6	0.1	2			2.7	16.7
	ADA COMPLIANCE	1.8			0.4				2.2	0.1	0.0			0.1	0.4			0.3	0.7	0.1	1			0.8	3.1
	SUB-TOTAL	69.6	31.6	0.0	14.4	0.0	22.6	0.0	128.0	4.8	1.1	0.0	0.0	6.8	3.3	0.0	0.0	8.6	11.9	0.0	0.	.0 0.	0 0.	.0 12.7	7 146.6
	HWY. PROGRAM	66.0			2.8				67.8	4.4	0.2			4.6	2.4	2.4	1.8	8.3	16.0	0.4	4			16.4	77.9
	LOCAL ROAD SAFETY	2.6						0.3	2.8	0.2	0.0			0.2	0.2			0.0	0.2	2			0.	.0 0.2	3.3
SAFETY	SAFE ROUTES TO PUBLIC PLACES	2.6						0.3	2.8	0.2	0.0			0.2	0.2			0.0	0.2	2			0.	.0 0.2	3.3
	RR GRADE SEPARATIONS	3.2							3.2	0.3	0.0			0.3				0.4	0.4					0.4	3.9
	RR CROSSING UPGRADES	8.2			0.2			0.6	8.9	0.7	0.0			0.7	0.1			1.1	1.2	2			0.	.0 1.2	10.8
	SUB-TOTAL	71.8	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	76.8	6.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	6.0	2.8	2.4	1.8	9.8	17.0	0.4	4 0.	.0 0.	0 0.	.0 17.4	99.2
	REGULAR PROGRAM(4)	20.1			5.0	0.2			25.3	1.8	0.4	0.0		2.0	2.0	0.8	0.8	3.2	8.8	0.0	9			7.7	35.0
CAPACITY	MEGAPROJECTS(4)	1.7	304.2	30.0	0.4		459.0	680.1	1355.4	2.5	0.0			2.6				4.3	4.3	3				4.3	1362.2
	SUB-TOTAL	21.8	304.2	30.0	5.4	0.2	459.0	580.1	1,380.7	4.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	4.6	2.0	0.8	0.8	7.6	11.1	0.0	0.	.0 0.	0 0.	.0 12.0	1,397.2
	FED ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS	10.8						2.7	13.3	0.8				0.8	0.8			1.6	2.3	3			0.	2 2.6	16.6
	FEDERAL TRAILS	1.4						0.4	1.8	0.1				0.1				0.0	0.0	)				0.0	1.9
	URBAN SYSTEMS (INCL. CARB REDUX)	84.1		2.2	5.9			10.7	82.9	6.3	0.6			6.8	2.8	4.8	4.0	0.0	11.6	3			2	.9 14.6	103.2
	CMAQ (URBAN TRANSIT, FLEET CONV.)	6.3			0.4			0.9	8.8	0.4	0.0			0.4				0.0	0.0	)			0.	2 0.2	7.2
	DEMAND MANAGEMENT	0.4						0.1	0.6	0.0				0.0				0.0	0.0	)				0.0	0.5
	ELECTRIC VEHICLE	11.8						3.0	14.8	0.9	0.0			0.9				1.6	1.6	3				1.6	17.3
	INTERMODAL CONNECTORS(4)	30.4			2.6				32.9	2.4	0.2			2.6				4.1	4.1					4.1	39.6
	FED EARMARKS (DEMO, ETC.)	14.0			3.0				17.0	1.1	0.2			1.3				1.9	1.9					1.8	20.2
MISC.	TIMED PROGRAM(S)	29.9							29.9	0.0				0.0				0.0	0.0	)				0.0	29.9
	TOLLS, LOCAL, OTHER(2)	11.1	3.1		2.8				17.0	0.9	0.2			1.1				1.6	1.6	5				1.6	19.6
	ROAD TRANSFER	35.8			7.0	6.2			48.0	2.8	0.6	0.6		4.0				4.8	4.8	2.0	2.	8		8.4	62.4
	SECRETARY'S EMERGENCY FUND	0.0			3.2				3.2	0.0	0.3			0.3				0.0	0.0	)				0.0	3.5
	TIMED DEBT SERVICE	0.0							0.0	0.0				0.0				0.0	0.0	34.0	3			34.8	34.8
	TAKE UP PROJECTS	0.0							0.0	0.0				0.0				0.0	0.0	1.0				1.0	1.0
	HOT MIX, PIPE, BRIDGE MATERIALS	0.0							0.0	0.0				0.0				0.0	0.0	6.0				6.0	5.0
	A/C CONVERSION	89.6							89.6	0.0				0.0				0.0	0.0	)				0.0	_
	PLANNING, TRAINING, RESEARCH	0.0							0.0	0.0				0.0	30.0			0.0	30.0	)				30.0	30.0
	SUB-TOTAL	314.3	3.1	2.2	24.8	6.2	0.0	17.8	368.4	14.8	2.0	0.6	0.0	17.3	33.6	4.8	4.0	15.4	57.8	42.8	2.	6 0.	0 3		
	GRAND TOTAL	914.0	367.8	67.9	122.5	30.8	481.5	581.6	2,566.1	63.9	9.5	2.5	0.0	75.9	51.1	11.4	8.4	101.3	172.2	47.3	2.	0.0	0 4.	5 226.6	2,868.6

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Formula & Exempt Fede	eral Funds: \$ 1,201.	0 \$	1,11	8.5 Reg. Program (Federal)	3 Total State Funds: \$ 215.2	TOLLS/LOCAL: \$	586.1
TIFWARF	P-A/COVID: \$ 367.	8 \$	2	3.6 COVID	NFA6: \$ 35.9	BONDS (GARVEE & G.O.) \$	481.5
FEDERAL DEN	MO FUNDS: \$ 8.2	3		12.5 Exempt	Ferries/Major Repairs 6: \$ 5.5		
TOTAL	FEDERAL: \$ 1,577.	1 \$	29	H.1 ARPA	TIMED Debt Service 6: \$ 34.8		
		\$	5	3.1 TIFIA	Secretary's Emergency Fund 6: \$ 3.5		
①Includes \$3 million for inspections & \$3 million for preventive maintenance		_\$		8.3 DEMO	Hot Mix, Pipe, Bridge Maintenance Materials 6: \$ 5.0		
②Includes \$5 million for ancillary highway components	To	taAvailable:	1,57	7.1	Take Up Projects: \$ 1.0		
③Available Regular Federal Funds assumes \$20 million additional obligation limitation will be received as a result of August Redistribution					State Funds Required: \$ 129.5		
See attached project list							
(§) Remaining AC balance from I-12 to Bush Segments 2 & 3							
⑥From TTF Distribution Sheet updated 1/12/2022 (REC 1/11/2022)						TOLL CREDITS USED: \$ -	

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		112022-2023																
Program Category	Project Number	Project Title	Letting Date	Total Estimate (\$ millions)	GARVEE	COVID	ARP- 2021	_	ARP-A 2022	TIFIA	State Bonds	Tolls	NFA	DEMO	Vehicle Sales Tax	Regular Program*	Regular Program (100% Federal/ Exempt)	Regular Program (AC)
Reg. Capacity	H.002424	LA 70: SUNSHINE BRIDGE - LA 22	8/10/2022	\$ 25.3	\$ -	\$ -	\$	- [	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.1	\$ -	\$ -
MegaProjects	H.001779	ЛІММІЕ DAVIS BRIDGE (LA 511)	FY22-23	\$ 123.4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10	0.0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23.4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bridge Pres.	H.001779	ЛІММІЕ DAVIS BRIDGE (LA 511)	FY22-23	\$ 26.6	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26.6	\$ -	\$ -
MegaProjects	H.003931	I-10: CALCASIEU RIVER BRIDGE**	4/4/2023	\$ 825.2	\$ -	\$ 30.0	\$ 5	0.0	\$ 100.0	\$ -	\$ 85.0	\$ 412.4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 147.8	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bridge Pres.	H.003931	I-10: CALCASIEU RIVER BRIDGE	4/4/2023	\$ 35.0	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35.0	\$ -	\$ -
MegaProjects	H.004100	I-10: LA 415 TO ESSEN ON I-10 AND I-12	FY22-23	\$ 649.1	\$ 350.6	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 298.5
MegaProjects	H.011137	I-12: LA 1077 to LA 21	10/12/2022	\$ 38.3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3	8.0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.3	\$ -	\$ -
MegaProjects	H.014646	I-20: US 165 - E. OF GARRETT RD	4/12/2023	\$ 18.0	\$ -	\$ 16.2	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.8	\$ -	\$ -
ICP	H.005967	NELSON RD EXT & BRIDGE	8/10/2022	\$ 47.7	\$ -	S -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	S -	S -	\$ -	\$ 38.0	\$ -	\$ 9.7
DEMO	H.005967	NELSON RD EXT & BRIDGE	8/10/2022	\$ 18.1	\$	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8.3	\$ -	\$ 9.8	\$ -	\$ -
Ferry Program		NEW FERRY BOAT/CAMERON FERRY CROSSING	8/10/2022	\$ 54.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1	2.6	\$ -	\$ 19.0	\$ 22.5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Pavement Preservation	H.012936	LA 78: US 190 - LA 1	2/8/2023	\$ 3.2	\$ -	\$ 2.9	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	S -	\$ -	\$ 0.3	\$ -	\$ -
Pavement Preservation	H.013736	LA 16: LIVINGSTON PL - LA 63	2/8/2023	\$ 5.0	\$ -	\$ 4.5	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.5	\$ -	\$ -
Bridge Preservation	H.013948	LA 1183: TURNER CANAL BRIDGE	8/10/2022	\$ 1.2	\$ -	\$ -	\$	- T	\$ -	\$ 0.6	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.6	\$ -
Bridge Preservation	H.013949	LA 1226: BAYOU CHEVREUILLE BRIDGE	8/10/2022		\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 0.7	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.6	\$ -
Bridge Preservation	H.013955	LA 961: SANDY CREEK BRIDGE	8/10/2022	\$ 1.5	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 0.8	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.7	\$ -
Bridge Preservation	H.001961	JOES BAYOU & CARRAWAY LAKE BRIDGES	8/10/2022	\$ 3.9	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 2.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.8	\$ -
Bridge Preservation		LA 9:MIDDLE FORK BAYOU AND CREEK BRIDGES	9/14/2022	-		\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 4.0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3.5	-
Bridge Preservation	H.009498	LA 121: CALCASIEU RIVER BRIDGE	10/12/2022	\$ 25.9	\$ -	\$ -	\$	- 1	\$ -	\$ 13.3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12.6	\$ -

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<sup>\*\*</sup>assumes 4 years of funding from the Megaprojects Leverage Fund