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ABSTRACT

Effective May 20, 2017, the National Performance Management Measures; Assessing Pavement Condition for the National Highway Performance Program and Bridge Condition of the National Highway Performance Program Final Rule established performance measures for State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) to use in managing pavement and bridge performance on the National Highway System (NHS). On Tuesday October 16th and Wednesday October 17th, 2018 a Performance Management Reporting Peer Exchange was held at the Hall of States in Washington D.C. The goal of the Peer Exchange was to help state DOTs explain their measures and how they relate to the Federal measures. Participants included state DOT and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) staff members, representing expertise in pavement performance measures, performance management in general, and communications. The research and Peer Exchange revealed that states have long used state-specific pavement performance measures and have been developing excellent communication material. The outcome of this effort is a toolkit of communication ideas to help explain the difference between state and Federal pavement performance measures along with a set a talking points to help establish a consistent narrative around the topic.

INTRODUCTION

The NCHRP 20-24 Task 124 Performance
Management Reporting Peer Exchange was held
on Tuesday October 16th and Wednesday October
17th at the Hall of States in Washington D.C.
Representatives from 18 state DOTS, the Federal
Highway Administration (FHWA), the American
Association of State Highway and Transportation
Officials (AASHTO) and the Transportation Research
Board (TRB) attended. Participants were subject
matter experts in performance management,
pavement management and communications.

The goal of the Peer Exchange was to help DOTs develop a toolkit and strategies for communicating the difference between state and Federal pavement performance in a consistent narrative. While this Peer Exchange focused on pavement performance, the process can be used as a framework to develop strategies to help states communicate other performance measures.



PARTICIPANTS

The following DOTs and FHWA staff members, representing expertise in pavement performance measures, performance management in general, and communications participated in the Peer Exchange:

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In addition the following representatives from AASHTO and TRB also attended and participated in the peer exchange:

- Andrew Lemer, Transportation Research Board
- Matthew Hardy, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
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UNDERSTANDING THE PROBLEM

Effective May 20, 2017, the National Performance Management Measures; Assessing Pavement Condition for the National Highway Performance Program and Bridge Condition of the National Highway Performance Program Final Rule established performance measures for State DOTs to use in managing pavement and bridge performance on the NHS. The final rule requires DOTs to calculate and report four pavement and two bridge performance measures (i.e., the PM2 measures).

For years State DOTs have been collecting data and calculating state-specific performance measures of highway pavement and bridge condition. Their assessments have been used to help communicate needs and overall system condition to legislators, Governors, Chief Executive Officers (CEOs), Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), local governments, the media and the general public. Many states have different ways of calculating their statewide measures, setting different thresholds for what is considered to be good, fair and poor condition. These performance measures are sometimes set in state statute, and may include state-owned facilities in addition to Federal facilities.

With the new Federal measures, many state DOTs have found that the FHWA assessment of pavement performance do not match their historical assessments. Factors that contribute to the different metrics and measures being used across the country may include: how often pavement data is collected, how many lanes/directions of pavement data is collected, on what networks, or what ride quality metrics are used to calculate pavement performance and the formula used to create a pavement index. In some cases the difference simply stems from the mathematics of how condition levels are defined. Given the addition of new measures, states are in need of a concise and consistent way to explain their measure, its crosswalk to the Federal measure, and a reason why they use different measures for different purposes.



RESEARCH APPROACH

The objective of the research and Peer Exchange is to develop an effective approach to presenting and explaining differences between state and FHWA reports of pavement and other asset condition information. The first step was to develop and distribute an electronic survey to all state DOT asset management, performance management, bridge, pavement and communication leads. The goal of this survey was to develop an understanding of the range of performance measures and metrics used by the state DOTs along with the communication strategies and techniques being deployed and the challenges arising. Based on the survey results, four states, Minnesota, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, were interviewed to help provide more detailed and nuanced account of the context and conversation within the state regarding the Federal measure. The results were synthesized and used to inform the structure and content of the in-person Peer Exchange.

The Peer Exchange workshop was designed to utilize a wide range of creative engagement techniques to maximize engagement and hands-on problem solving. The agenda called on a process of generating solutions, storyboarding and testing solutions. The Peer Exchange began by helping participants learn and define the problem. An overview of relevant issues and results from the pre-workshop survey were shared. Participants

then broke into three groups to refine their understanding of the problem and sketch solutions for communicating the different measures. All participants reviewed the sketched solutions and voted for ideas that resonated. Using the feedback collected, the breakout groups developed a more fleshed out version of one of the solutions that integrated the most compelling components of their earlier work. Completed storyboards were presented to the group and collected as an output of the Peer Exchange.

The second day of the Peer Exchange focused on building upon the themes and outputs of the first day and gathering additional thoughts on three key issues:

- The common purposes of the Federal and state pavement performance measures
- Why the measures are different, and
- The implications of the Federal and state measures

The results of the discussion were used to frame a unified message for both the state DOTs and FHWA regarding why the measures are different and the value of both for communicating the condition and need of our pavement and our bridge assets.

KEY THEMES

After reviewing the survey results, follow-up phone calls and the content discussed by the participants at the Peer Exchange, a number of key themes began to emerge. These key themes illustrate a common set of challenges facing the state DOTs and also highlight critical elements that must be addressed when crafting an effective communication strategy.

State pavement measures are important and Institutional

The state pavement performance measures...

- Represent performance of what often is the largest program
- Have been around for a long time (decades)
- Have been used to plan and make investment decisions

States don't yet have confidence in the Federal measure

States...

- Often see different performance using the Federal measure compared to the state's own measure
- Do not have a history using the Federal measure
- Do not yet have predictive models for the Federal measure
- Cannot yet use the Federal measure to make investment decisions

Communication Is Key

States worry that stakeholders will...

- Believe the pavement has physically changed
- Believe that states misled the public and Legislature
- Question whether the states need the extra funds they say
- Perceive that state effectiveness has diminished.



LESSONS LEARNED

Using the content of the Peer Exchange discussions as a guide, the following three areas have been identified as "Lessons Learned" and are notable and significant components of a successful communication approach. These three areas complement each other and draw upon the previously presented key themes. While each lesson learned is significant in its own right, used together these messages are stronger and more cohesively address the range of challenges facing a state DOTs.

What are the common purposes of Federal and state performance measures?

The common purposes of Federal and state performance measures include...

- To enable transparency
- To enable an agency to monitor and report condition
- To support performance based planning and programming
- To promote the effective use of funds
- To make effective investment strategies
 - Federal: Broad programmatic strategies
 - State: Detailed investment strategies
- To enhance quality of life (provide the best outcome given limited resources)
- To create dialogue and engagement on pavement performance
- To ensure accountability

Why are Federal and state measures different?

The Federal and state performance measures are different because...

- FHWA needs to collect consistent Federal measures across all states while states need to collect measures tailored to state needs
- States need more detailed data to make more tactical decisions and to program specific projects
- FHWA needs to collect data on the NHS and states need to collect data on state owned roads
- States sometimes have statutory requirements for data collection and reporting

What are the implications of having different Federal and state measures?

The implications of having different Federal and state measures include...

- The need to explain the differences between the two sets of measures
- Possibility of confusion or distrust with stakeholders
- The need for FHWA and states to acknowledge and accept the difference
- The impact on credibility and the perception of what is needed
- The opportunity for engagement





COMMUNICATIONS NARRATIVE

Throughout the Peer Exchange it was discussed that a consistent narrative for how best to discuss pavement performance measures should be developed and agreed upon by all partners. In response, a communications narrative, including some specific talking points, has been drafted and can be found in the insert, "State DOT and Federal Communications Narrative". If used by all partners this tool will help minimize confusion and improve credibility with outside stakeholders and the general public.

STATE DOT COMMUNICATIONS MESSAGING

PAVEMENT CONDITIONS

EXAMPLE

Our Shared Goal

Transportation departments at the federal, state and local levels all share the same goal: We work every day to deliver an efficient, effective, and safe transportation system for you.

Power in Data:

To assess our progress toward that shared goal, we measure our roadways and bridges. We identify where the pavement is cracked, or potholes are emerging. We monitor the steel on bridges and the roadbed under our highways. Our state has been collecting data on our streets, highways and interstates for years. It has helped us to make better decisions on where to invest your tax dollars to keep our transportation system working safely and efficiently for everyone. Recently, the Federal government established a standard to evaluate our national highway system's pavement conditions across the country.

The common measures contribute to a view of the overall health of the nation's transportation system. These new measures are different, in some ways, to how our state has assessed the system in the past, but they have the same goal.

Indicates key word/phrase

- These message points are deceptively simple. They could be augmented to add more state specific information and graphics.
 However, part of the tactic deployed here is to limit conflict and promote an approach that decreases that chances of a negative news story or public perception.
- In many cases, state DOT data is far more extensive and often represents decades of collection work which has improved decision making. This frame helps to align US DOT's data goals with the work the states are already doing. National and state agencies working together is what the public expects.



State specific data could be used here to illustrate the differences. The public should not be expected to be pavement condition or data collection experts. The general outlines of what is being collected and why they may be different are enough.

The intent is to frame the new measures as a common-sense approach.

Of course, states are different and would need to be standardized for a national apples-to-apples comparison.

is a team effort. Remember,
this is all about serving the
tax-payers in a way that
respects their expectations
for a well-functioning
system. Making these talking
points about tax-payers
rather than the nuance of
policy, increase the likelihood
they will be well received.

In some places, the new measures may report better condition --- in others worse. These differences are not a function of our road conditions changing overnight, but rather reflect the differences in how the data is being collected and analyzed. We will work to combine the new federal measures with our local understanding of our system to continue to deliver a high-quality transportation system for our state.

State Flexibility:

We understand from a national perspective, getting pavement data collected in the same way from each state is the only way to get a complete picture of the condition of the national transportation system. But we also know each state has different weather, traffic patterns, and maintenance plans and we have been measuring pavement performance for years. This is a way for the national system assessment to learn from the decades of work conducted at the state level.

The Federal government is interested in making progress toward a national goal—each state is responsible for contributing to that progress in a way that serves our citizens.

Even though the national goal is the same, the means and funding decisions may differ state-to-state. The impact these new national measures will have on our state's Federal transportation funding allocation is still unfolding.

Delivering on the Promise:

We know better data will lead to better decisions. As we have for decades, we will continue to collect data across our system to help make the right investments for the future of our state.

Along with our local partners, we will work with Federal authorities to provide the information they need, while delivering on our promise to the citizens to use tax dollars in a wise and effective way, now and in the future.





Federal DOT COMMUNICATIONS MESSAGING

PAVEMENT CONDITIONS

EXAMPLE

Our Shared Goal

Transportation departments at the Federal, state and local levels all share the same goal: We work every day to deliver an efficient, effective, and safe transportation system for the American people.

Power in Data:

To assess our progress toward that shared goal, state DOTs measure the condition of our roadways and bridges. They work hard to identify where the pavement is cracked, or potholes are emerging. They monitor the steel on bridges and the roadbed under our highways. In many cases, states have worked with their Federal counterparts to collect data on our streets, highways, and interstates for years. Condition trends have helped make better decisions on where to invest your tax dollars to keep our transportation system working for everyone. To get a better picture of our national transportation network, Federal agencies established a standard to evaluate our national highway system's pavement conditions.

The national measures contribute to a view of the overall health of the nation's transportation system. These new measures are different, in some ways, from how states have assessed their own system in the past, but they have the same goal.

It's somewhat like measuring something in English and metric units; the distance is not changing but the numbers are different. These differences are not a function of our roads changing overnight, but rather reflect the differences in how the data is being collected and analyzed. We will work to meld the new Federal measures with the state DOT's local understanding of our system to continue to deliver a high-quality transportation system for our nation.

Indicates key word/phrase

While many of the state data collecting requirements were born out of US DOT policies, messaging that gives the states credit for their hard work will reduce the natural tension in this story, and decrease the perception of conflict.

A side-by-side comparison graphic could be used here to illustrate the differences.

The public should not be expected to be pavement condition or data collection experts. The general outlines of what is being collected and why they may be different are enough.



From a national perspective, getting pavement data collected in the same way from each state is the only way to get a complete picture of the condition of the national transportation system. But we also know each state has different weather, traffic patterns, and maintenance plans and they have been measuring pavement performance for years. This is a way for the national system assessment to learn from the decades of work conducted at the state level.

The Federal government is interested in making progress toward a national goal—each state is responsible for contributing to that progress in a way that serves their citizens and the entire nation.

Even though the national goal is the same, the means and funding decisions may differ state-to-state. It is unclear, at this point, what impact these new national measures will have on each state's Federal transportation funding allocation. Congress and Federal transportation agencies are working together to make funding decisions in the years to come.

Delivering on the Promise:

We know better data will lead to better decisions. As we have for decades, we will work alongside our transportation partners to improve our transportation system. These new data collection efforts will assist in making the right investments for the future of America's transportation needs.

Along with our local and state partners, we will work use the data we collect to improve the system's performance while delivering on our promise to the citizens to use tax dollars in a wise and effective way, now and in the future.

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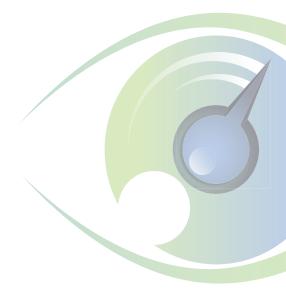
EXAMPLES

To complement the messaging provided in the State DOT and Federal Communications Narrative, it was decided that each state DOT may need to develop state specific materials to help convey their unique challenges. As it has been suggested, simplicity is key, and will help limit conflict and reduce the change of a negative news story or public perception. With that in mind the following Federal and state DOT communication examples have been collected and are being offered here as a range of best practices that could be adopted or modified to fit an agency's unique perspective.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

FHWA described how to rate the condition of pavements using the Federal pavement measure.

	PAVEMENT TYPE			
	Asphalt and Jointed Concrete	Continuous Concrete		
Overall Section Condition Rating	3 metric ratings (IRI, cracking and rutting/faulting)	2 metric ratings (IRI and cracking)		Measures
Good	All three metrics rated "good"	Both metrics rated "good"	>	Percentage of lane-miles in "good" condition
Poor	≥ 2 metrics rated "poor"	Both metrics rated "poor"		Percentage of lane-miles in "poor" condition
Fair	All other combinations	All other combinations		

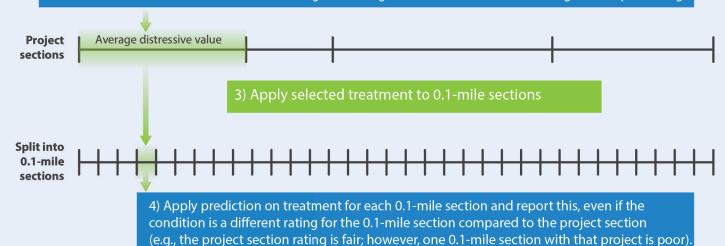


ARIZONA

Arizona described how to relate the project sections they have been using to predict pavement condition and how that relates to the Federal sections.

1) Apply prediction on weighted average distress value per project section.

2) Select treatment for project sections based on current and predicted condition. Decision Tree: select treatment based on weighted average? or select treatment based on good/fair/poor rating?



CALIFORNIA

California described how the state considers more assets than the Federal rules require. It also described how the state considers only state-owned roads while the Federal rule requires it to consider local roads on the NHS.

Owner	System	Asset Classes				
		Pavement	Bridges	Culverts	ITS	Supplemental Assets
Local	NHS		wirements			
State	NHS	Federal Rec		quirements		
State	Non-NHS		State Re	<u></u> _		

California described how the IRI threshold on arterials (e.g. Wilshire Blvd.) can essentially limit the condition of the faculty to poor or fair condition.



KANSAS

Kansas described how it considers the severity of cracks while the Federal measure does not. It also described how different types of cracking (e.g. longitudinal and transverse) are represented differently in the state and Federal measure.



MASSACHUSETTS

FHWA

Massachusetts describe how their state measure has different thresholds and different distresses than the Federal measure.

EXCELLENT PAVEMENT AS A WHOLE IS... RIDE QUALITY IRI SURFACE **DEFORMATIONS ALLIGATOR CRACKING** CRACKING LONGITUDINAL CRACKING TRANSVERSE CRACKING RAVELING SURFACE **DEFECTS** FLUSHING

PSI

MICHIGAN

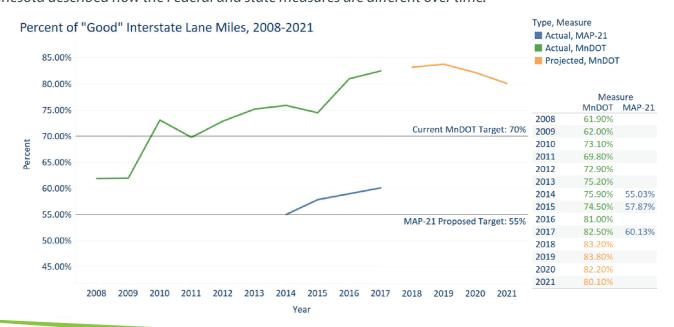
Michigan described how the Federal and state measures are different by geography.



- RSL is the Michigan measure
- · PCM is the Federal measure
- The segments in red are those where RSL is poor and PCM is Fair/Good

MINNESOTA

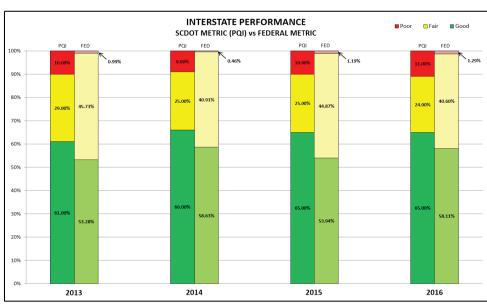
Minnesota described how the Federal and state measures are different over time.



SOUTH CAROLINA

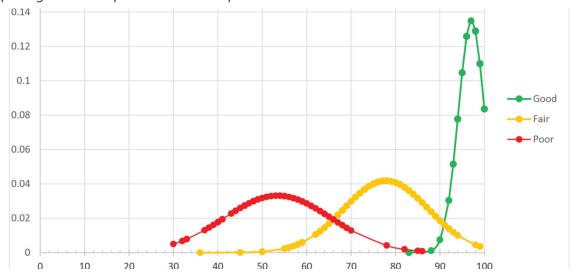
South Carolina described how the Federal and state measures are different over time and included detail on the breakdown of good/fair/poor conditions.





RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island described how the Federal and state measures are different using a sampling technique. For example, the green line represents measures in good condition in the Federal measure; the points along the x-axis that make up the green line represent the states pavement condition index.

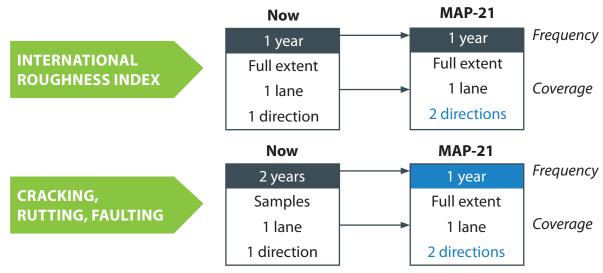


WASHINGTON

Washington described how it would change its data collection efforts to meet Federal requirements.

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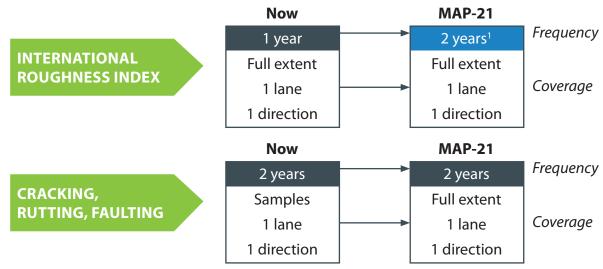
INTERSTATE PAVEMENTS



Source: Federal Highway Administration.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

NON-INTERSTATE NHS PAVEMENTS



Source: Federal Highway Administration.

¹ Beginning collection in 2020/2021 and reported in 2022.



NEXT STEPS/ROADMAP

In order to build upon the success of the Performance Management Reporting Peer Exchange, there are a number of next steps that can be taken to help all partners address this unique challenge. The steps indicate the recommended action and suggest what agency might be in the best position to lead the effort. Each of the recommendation can be advanced independently or through a larger more comprehensive effort.

1

Step 1: Gather Consensus on Common Messaging Strategy

Using the talking points presented in the State DOT and Federal Communications Narrative, gather consensus from FHWA and AASHTO (on behalf of the state DOTs) that the approach is consistent with their point of view and needs. Ensuring and collecting buy-in from all parties will be critical to promoting a strong and consistent message to the outside public, and therefore help to limit any confusion.

2

Step 2: Distribute the Message to all Partners

Once all parties have agreed to a common narrative. AASHTO should send the material to all states to help them engage and educate stakeholders. Distributing the material to all parties will help to strengthen the message of how the measures support a common purpose.

NEXT STEPS/ROADMAP (CONTINUED)

3

Step 3: Develop a National Performance Measures Website

Develop a website, or web content to communicate and expand upon the performance measures talking points.

Using the AASHTO TAM Portal as a successful example of this approach, a website should be created and to function as a shared resource and valuable repository of effective communication messages. In a similar manner to the TAM Portal, the new website should have the means to expand and grow as needs evolve. Ultimately serving as an easy to access resource, a web-based portal is critical to the effective dissemination and on-going sharing of resources beyond the Peer Exchange.



Potential website storyboard created by Peer Exchange participants.



Step 4: Develop Communication Templates

Expanding upon the idea of making relevant and useful
resources more accessible to all partners, the development of
customizable communication temples would further assist and
aide state DOTs in effectively delivering and sharing a consistent and clear
message. An easily customized template would be an incredibly helpful tool
as resource limited state DOTs strive to find messages that connect with the
public while remaining respectful to FHWA partners and their shared goals.



Step 5: Create Videos to Help Explain Pavement Condition

Central to all effective messaging is a simple yet accurate understanding of pavement and the work that state DOTs do to preserve, maintain and rehabilitate the roads across the country. While performance measures remain an effective tool for telling part of the story, the reality is that most stakeholders are not engineers and therefore don't know the ins and outs of pavement, road conditions or how decisions at a state DOT are made. Developing standard and effective videos to help educate the public and promote a greater understanding of pavement condition tools could further promote a consistent and clear understanding of the good work being performed at the state and Federal level.



CONCLUSION

The Performance Management Reporting Peer Exchange was a successful first step in helping states DOTs and FHWA develop tools and strategies for communicating the national-level performance measures in conjunction with state and local performance measures. (Review the Peer Exchange presentation and pre-exchange survey in Appendix A and Appendix B). Looking forward it would help to secure an agreement from all parties regarding the talking points presented. There also remains a significant amount of uncertainty from the state and local perspective regarding what the performance measures may do to the Federal conversation and how resources may be allocated differently in the future. While it is not possible to predict what may happen in the future, the Performance Management Peer Exchange did set a successful example of state DOTs and the FHWA coming together to understand each other's point of view and develop solutions and approaches that are mutually beneficial. Using this experience as a foundation for future conversations and dialogue will go a long way in maintaining a positive and productive partnership between all parties.

The examples and process followed as part of this Peer Exchange provide insights on how to understand and manage other complicated communication issues for state and federal agencies. It also provides a template for how state DOTs and FHWA could work together to communicate other performance measures.





APPENDIX A: Peer Exchange PowerPoint Slides





Day 1

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Welcome and Introductions

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The Day

Lance Neumann, Cambridge Systematics



Why Are You Here?

- To craft a customizable toolkit of communication ideas to help explain the difference between your state pavement performance measure and the Federal pavement performance measure
- To apply your expertise as communication, pavement, and performance management experts

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- The Day
- Understanding the Problem
- Key Issues

- Sketch Communication Ideas
- Improve Communication Ideas
- Storyboard
- Present Storyboard



Ground Rules

We are here to **COLLABORATE**

We are here to **PRODUCE**

We are **NOT** here to revise the Federal measure



Briefing Book





Understanding The Problem

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Nathan Higgins, Cambridge Systematics





Background: Why...

MAP-21 / FAST Act

- "...efficient investment of Federal transportation funds..."
- "...refocusing on national transportation goals..."
- "...increasing the accountability and transparency..."
- "...improving project decisionmaking through performance-based planning and programming." Source: 23 U.S.C. §150(a)





Background: Why...

MAP-21 / FAST Act

- Mational Goal (2):
- "INFRASTRUCTURE CONDITION. To maintain the highway infrastructure asset system in a state of good repair"

Source: 23 U.S.C §150(b)(2)





§ 23 CFR 490 Subpart C

- Performance Measures 23 U.S.C. 150(c)(3)(A)(ii)
- Data Requirements 23 U.S.C. 150(c)(3)(A)(iv)
- Minimum Standard for Interstate Pavements 23 U.S.C. 150(c)(3)(A)(iii)
- Data Quality Management Plan 23 U.S.C. 150(c)(3)(A)(iv)
- Reporting Mid-Period and End-of-Period Progress toward Targets 23 U.S.C. 150(e)(1)&(3)





MAP-21/FAST Act Changes

- Size of National Highway System (NHS) (23 CFR § 470.107(b))
- Data Requirements (23 CFR § 490.309)
- Pavement Management Requirements (23 CFR § 515.17)
- Metropolitan Planning Involvement (23 CFR § 450.300)
- Asset Management Requirements (23 CFR § 515.70)
- Target Setting/Reporting (23 CFR § 490.105)





Process

Planning

• State Infrastructure Investment Plan

• Long Range Transportation Plan

Asset

Management

Performance

Management

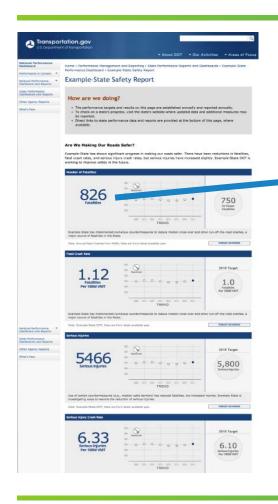
- Investment Strategies
- Financial Plan
- Set Performance Targets
- Report & Evaluate

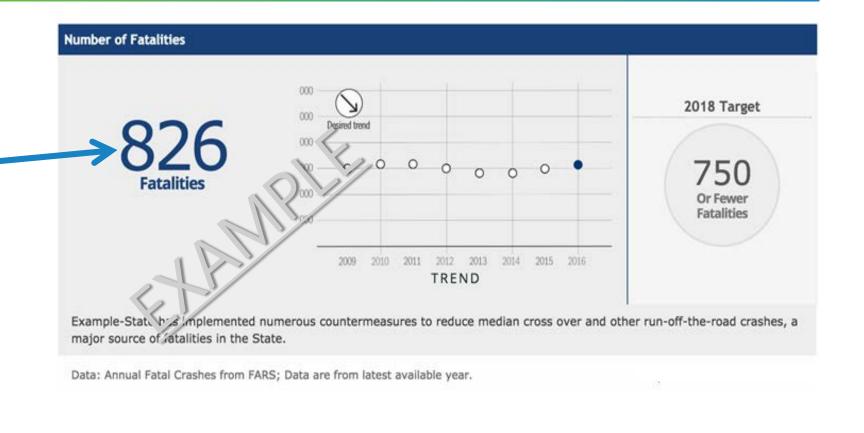
State of Good Repair





State Performance Report









Challenges

- Documentation
- Non-State-owned NHS
- Analysis Capabilities
- Minimum Standards for Interstate
- Uniform Reporting *
- Data Quality

* Source: 23 CFR 490.315



What Did We Learn?

- Reviewed Initial TAMPs
- Surveyed DOTs
 - Arizona, Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, and Wisconsin
- Interviewed DOTs
 - Minnesota, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia



Findings and Themes

State pavement measures are important and institutional

The state pavement performance measures...

- ...represent performance of what often is the largest program
- ...have been around for a long time (decades)
- ...have been used to plan and make investment decisions



Findings and Themes

States don't yet have confidence in the Federal measure

States...

- ...often see different performance using the Federal measure compared to the state's own measure
- ...do not have a history using the Federal measure
- ...don't yet have predictive models for the Federal measure
- ...can't yet use the Federal measure to make investment decisions



Findings and Themes

There are some things that really matter

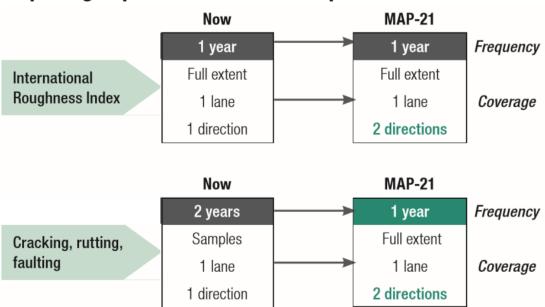
States worry that stakeholders will...

- ...believe the pavement has physically changed
- ...believe that states misled the public and Legislature
- ...question whether the states need the extra funds they say
- ...perceive that state effectiveness has diminished



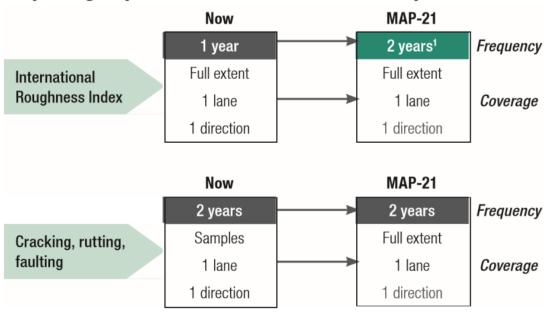
Washington Frequency and Coverage

Reporting requirements – Interstate pavements



Data source: Federal Highway Administration.

Reporting requirements – non-Interstate NHS pavements



Data source: Federal Highway Administration.

Note: 1 Beginning collection in 2020/2021 and reported in 2022.



California

Asset and System

Owner	System	Asset Classes				
	MADE SOCIOLO DE ESCUCIO DA	Pavement	Bridges	Culverts	ITS	Supplemental Assets
Local	NHS	Federal Requir	ements			
State	NHS	Federal		rements		
State	Non-NHS		State Reo	idi.		



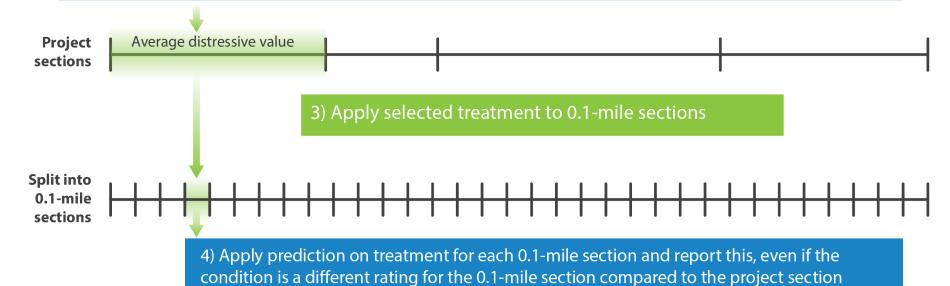


Arizona Segments

1) Apply prediction on weighted average distress value per project section.

2) Select treatment for project sections based on current and predicted condition.

Decision Tree: select treatment based on weighted average? or select treatment based on good/fair/poor rating?

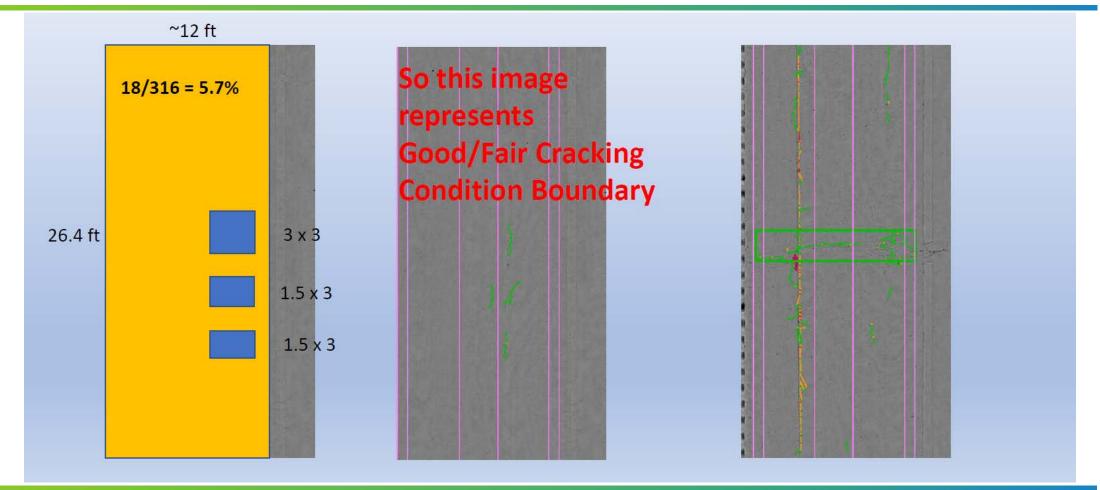




(e.g., the project section rating is fair; however, one 0.1-mile section with that project is poor).



Kansas Crack Severity





Other Examples

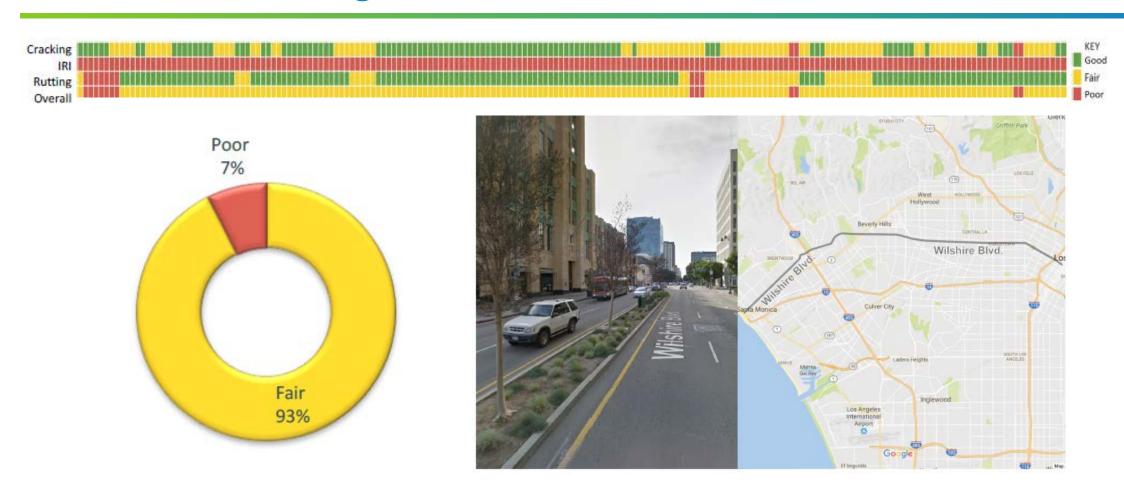
MILES
(centerline
miles vs. lane
miles)

BRIDGE vs. no bridge

DATA
(some haven't collected it before)

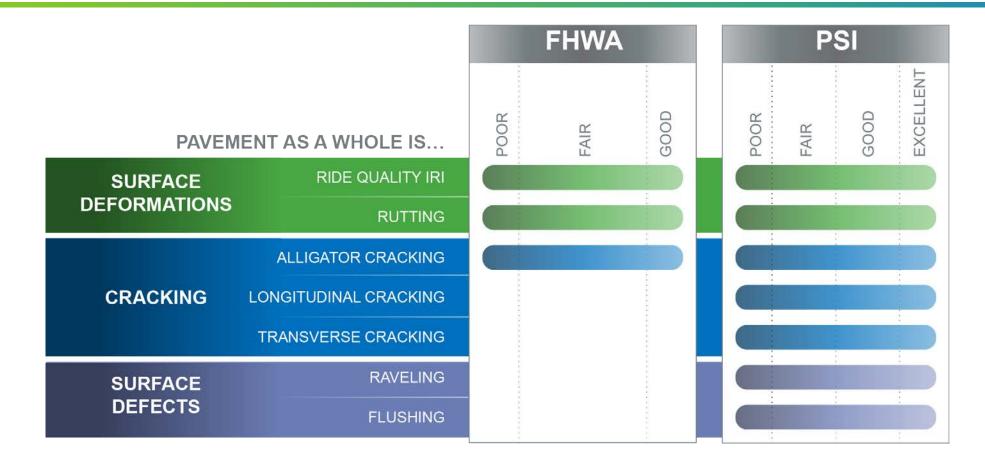
California

International Roughness Index (IRI) on 45 MPH Roads



Massachusetts

Thresholds and Distresses



Rollup of Distresses

- Minnesota: PQI = SQRT(Roughness Index x Cracking Index)
- Tennessee: PQI = PDI 0.7 * PSI 0.3
- Vermont: Composite Index = Average(Ride, Rut, Structural Cracks, Transverse Cracks)-(1.25 x Standard Deviation(Ride, Rut, Structural Cracks, Transverse Cracks)

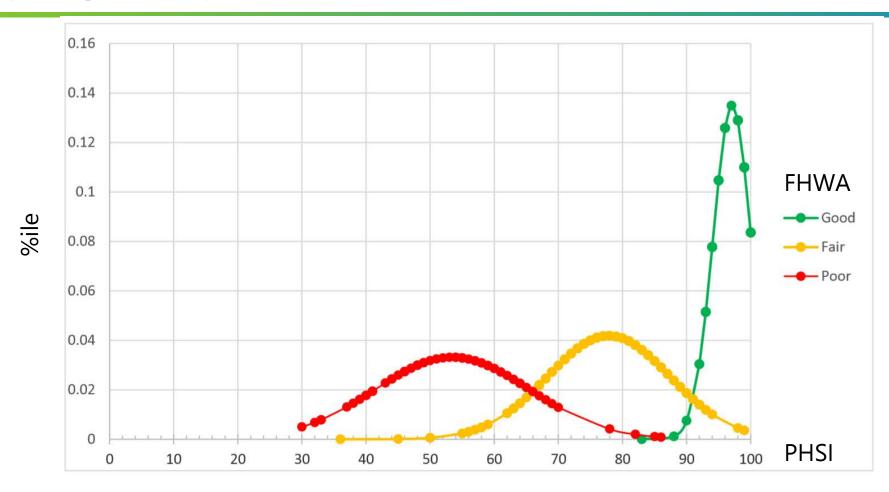
Federal Rollup

	PAVEMENT TYPE			
	Asphalt and Jointed Concrete	Continuous Concrete		
Overall Section Condition Rating	3 metric ratings (IRI, cracking and rutting/faulting)	2 metric ratings (IRI and cracking)		Measures
Good	All three metrics rated "good"	Both metrics rated "good"	>	Percentage of lane-miles in "good" condition
Poor	≥ 2 metrics rated "poor"	Both metrics rated "poor"		Percentage of lane-miles in "poor" condition
Fair	All other combinations	All other combinations		



Rhode Island

Sampling Comparison



Michigan Geographic Comparison



- RSL is the Michigan measure
- PCM is the Federal measure
- The segments in red are those where RSL is poor and PCM is Fair/Good

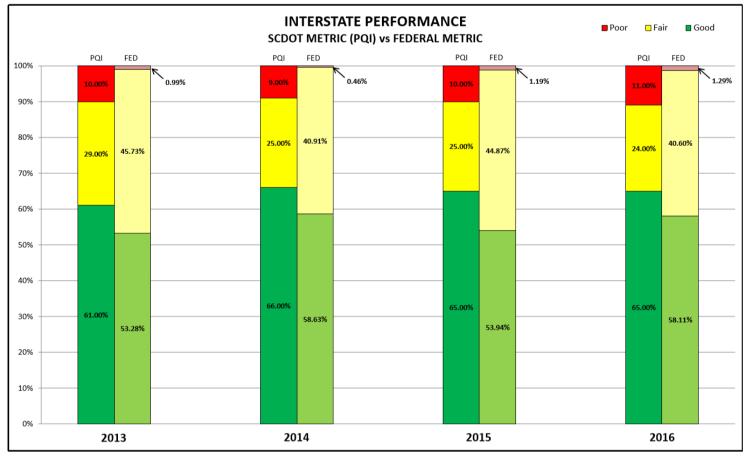
Minnesota

Trend Comparison



South Carolina Stacked Bar Comparison

2013	Mileage	PQI	Federal
Good	906.34	61.00%	53.28%
Fair	777.94	29.00%	45.73%
Poor	16.90	10.00%	0.99%
2014	Mileage	PQI	Federal
Good	997.32	66.00%	58.63%
Fair	695.96	25.00%	40.91%
Poor	7.90	9.00%	0.46%
2015	Mileage	PQI	Federal
2015 Good	Mileage 917.66	PQI 65.00%	Federal 53.94%
Good	917.66	65.00%	53.94%
Good Fair	917.66 763.24	65.00% 25.00%	53.94 % 44.87%
Good Fair	917.66 763.24	65.00% 25.00%	53.94 % 44.87%
Good Fair Poor	917.66 763.24 20.28	65.00% 25.00% 10.00%	53.94% 44.87% 1.19%
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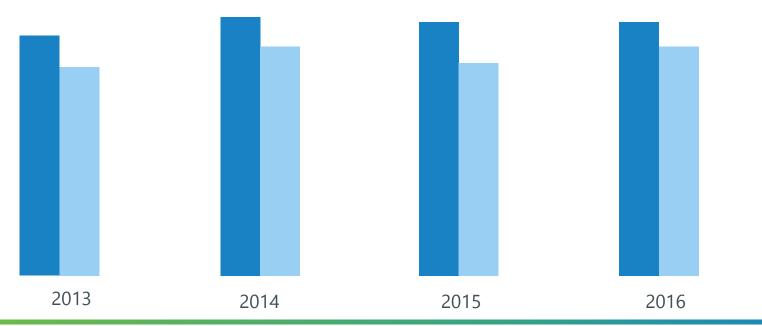




System Level Perspectives Matter

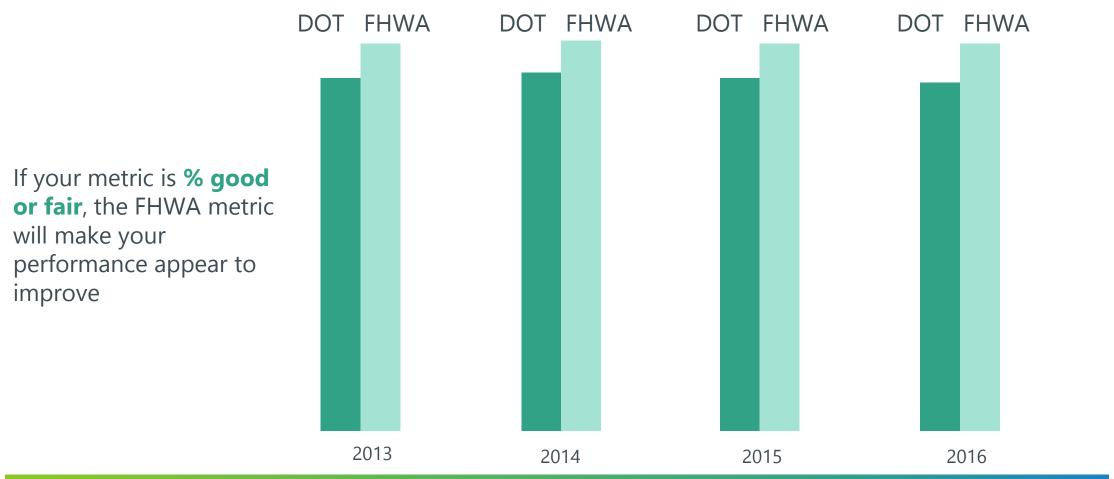
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If your metric is **% good**, the FHWA metric will make your performance appear worse





System Level Perspectives Matter





System Level Perspectives Matter



If your metric is **% poor**, the FHWA metric will make your performance appear to improve significantly

Performance Management Reporting
PEER EXCHANGE

Key Issues

Julie Lorenz, Burns & McDonnell



Key Communication Issues

Legislators and the public

"We don't have the history, context, predictive capabilities, and confidence yet."

"Here is how we compare to our peers..."

"Here is how it impacts our perceived effectiveness..."

Stakeholders

"Here are some maps and charts that show how the system-level performance increased/decreased..."

"Here is how our targets are different..."

Technical experts

"Pavement performance is complex – here are the component parts that are different (choose):

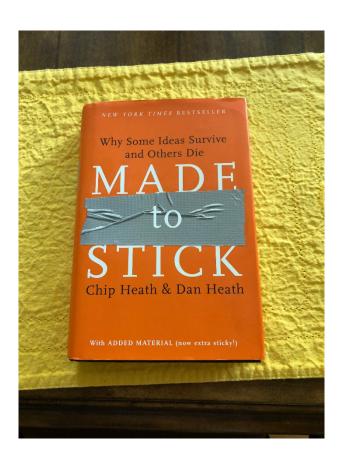
- » Frequency
- » Coverage
- » Systems

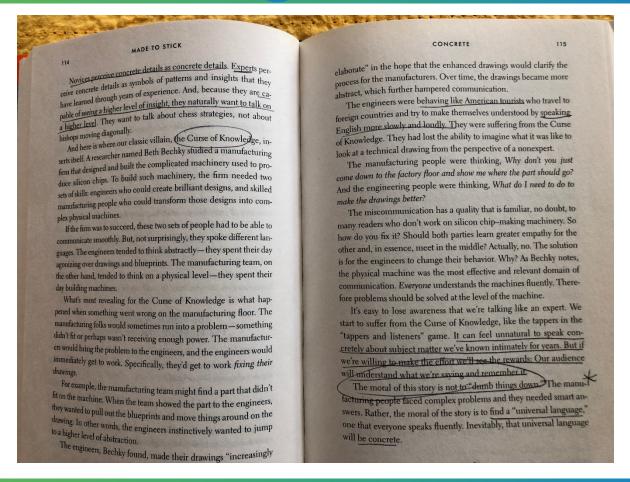
- » Segments
- » Miles
- » Data

- » Metrics (i.e., crack %)
- Thresholds
- » Composite measures



Ideas That Stick and The Curse of Knowledge





15 Minute Break

Join Your Breakout Group When You Return

Room 285

Room 385

Room 231



Sketch

Lance Neumann, Cambridge Systematics

Julie Lorenz, Burns & McDonnell

Nathan Higgins, Cambridge Systematics



1 Notes

- Grab a stack of paper and a marker
- Write down notes from the morning's discussion – the problem, your understanding, examples you like, etc.

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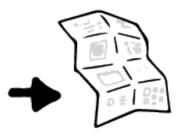


SOLUTION SKETCH



SOLUTIONS

20 MIN.



VARIATIONS



THE DETAILS

30+ MIN.





NOTES



GATHER KEY INFO 20 MIN. 2 Ideas

 Grab a stack of paper and a marker

- Start to get your ideas on paper
- They don't have to be wellformed
- Just start writing

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TRY RAPID /ARIATIONS 8 MIN.



SOLUTION SKETCH



THE DETAILS

30+ MIN.





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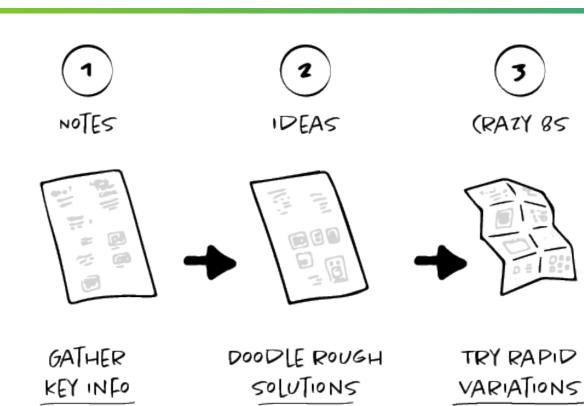
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- Fold it into 8 cells
- Draw one communication idea per cell
- Draw different versions of the same or totally different ideas

SOLUTION SKETCH



GURE OUT E DETAILS 50+ MIN.





20 MIN.



Sketch

30

- You will share these
- They should be stand alone communication ideas
- Grab three pieces of paper
- Flesh out your communication idea
- Write real words



8 MIN.

20 MIN.

Before We Start

- Grab a partner (or work alone if you prefer)
- Grab a stack of paper, a marker, and a stack of sticky notes
- We are going to keep time, and keep moving



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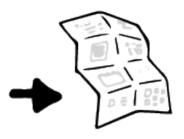


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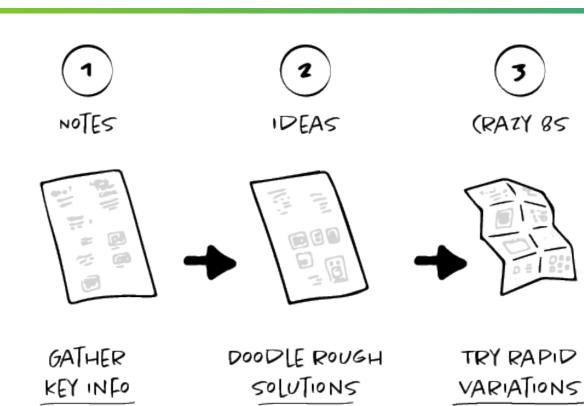
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Four Part Sketching



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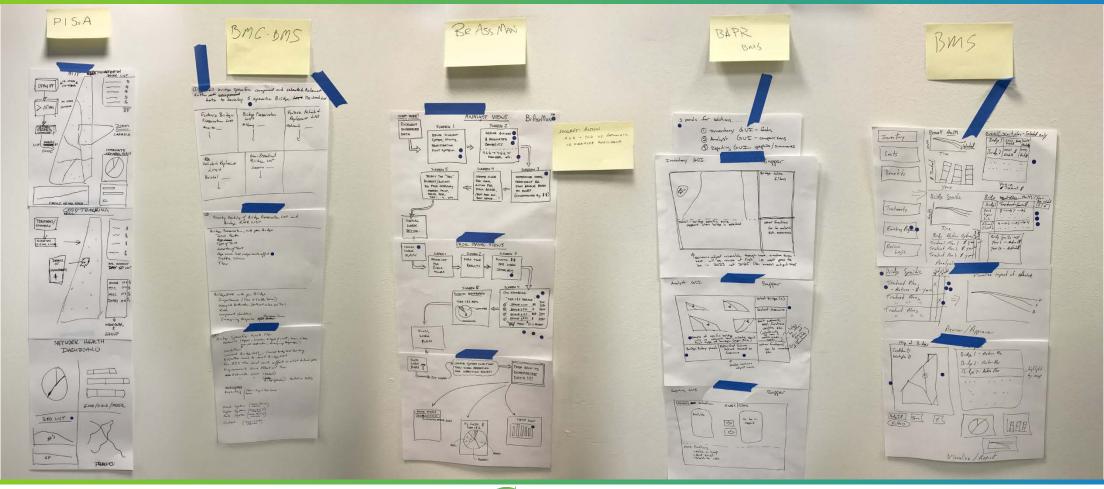


8 MIN.

20 MIN.

Before Lunch

Tape sketch to the wall (or use pushpins)





Join Your Breakout Group When You Return

1 Hour Lunch

Room 285

Room 385

Room 231



Highlight and Improve Ideas that Resonate

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Nathan Higgins, Cambridge Systematics



Before We Start

- We will give you 20 dots
- Grab a stack of square sticky notes
- You will...
 - Stick a dot on any part of an idea that resonates
 - Post a comment/question if you have one
 - Have a chance to explain and improve on your idea



Heatmap and Comment

IDEAS



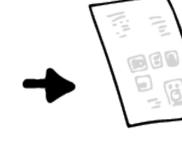


GATHER

KEY INFO

20 MIN.

Homeroom





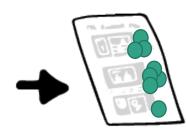


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These words work!

> Great chart!



Explain and Respond





Homeroom

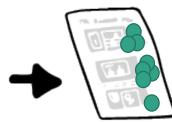






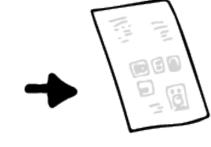
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These words work!

> Great chart!







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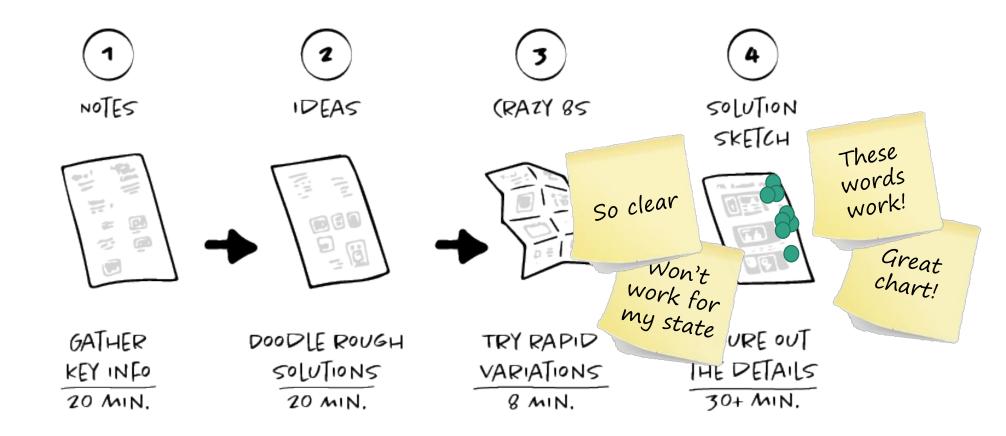
Before We Move On

- We need 2-3 volunteers to stick around the homeroom you'll stand in to explain your group's ideas
- The rest of you all can filter to the other rooms to add dots and comment on other communication ideas
- Grab 20 more dots for each room



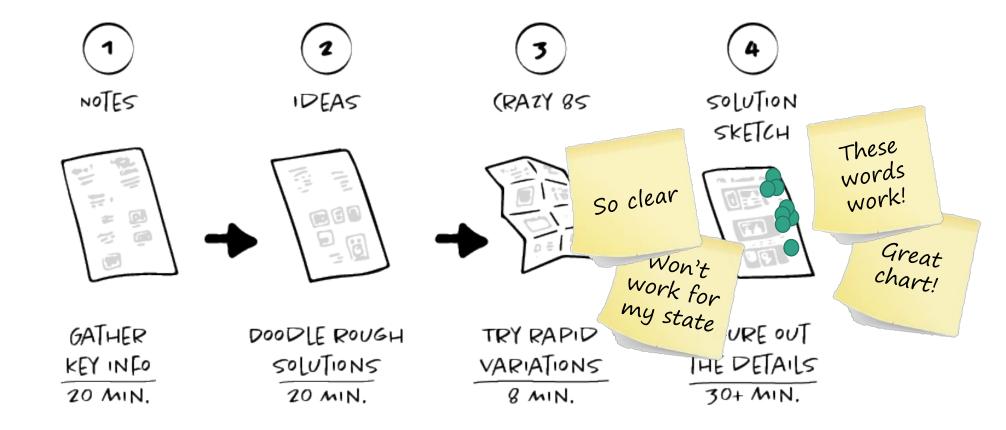
Heatmap, Comment, Explain, Respond Other Room #1





Heatmap, Comment, Explain, Respond Other Room #2







Storyboard

Rejoin Your Home Breakout Group

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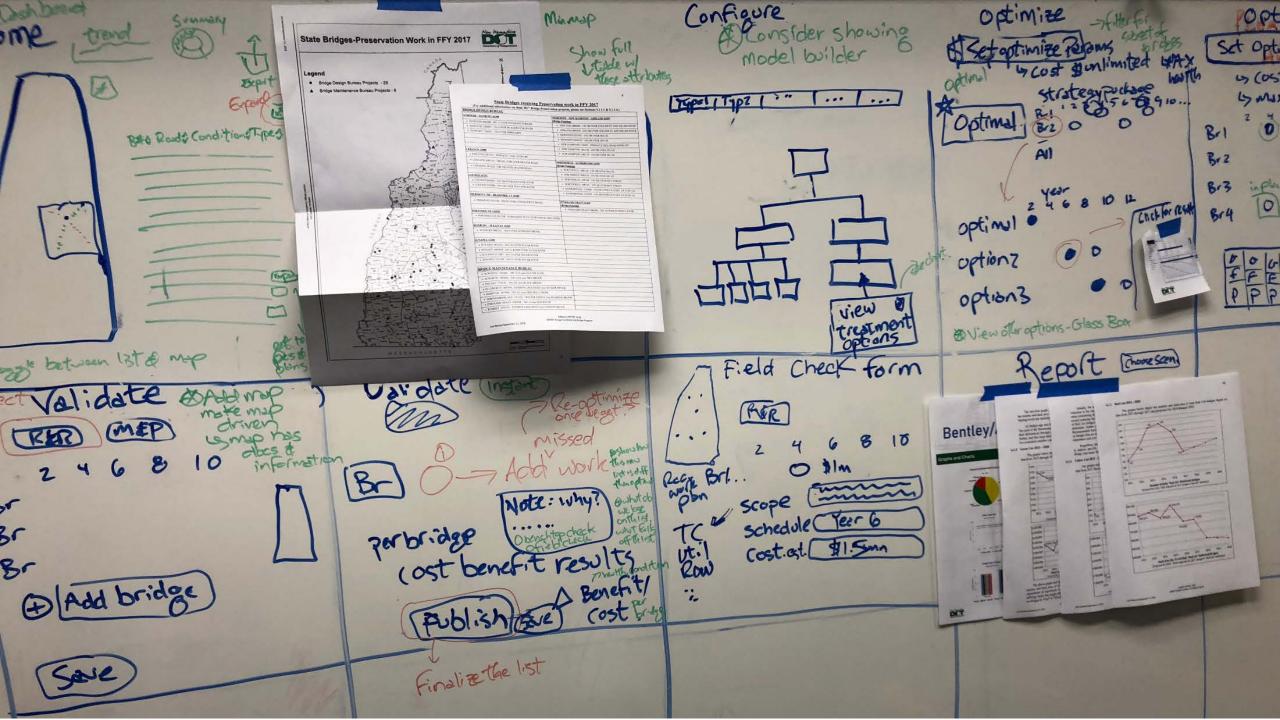
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Before We Start

- Work together
- Pick an artist you don't need to be good at it, just a good listener!
- Draw a grid on the whiteboard
- Synthesize the parts of the communication ideas that resonate into a multi-part story – sort of like a comic book
- Choose a presenter you will present the storyboard to the group later





15 Minute Break

Return to the Main Room



Present Storyboard

Lance Neumann, Cambridge Systematics

Julie Lorenz, Burns & McDonnell

Nathan Higgins, Cambridge Systematics





Day 1

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Day 2

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Yesterday...

- We had a great discussion of the State and Federal pavement performance measurement
- States gave some strong, detailed examples of what they do, both here and in our survey
- You developed some initial communication concepts



You still have more to do!

- We'd like some additional thoughts on some key issues:
 - Common purposes Federal/State pavement performance measures
 - Why the measures are different
 - The implications of Federal/State measures
 - Others?



Next Steps

- 3 breakout groups to discuss all 3 issues
- Reconvene to discuss NCHRP 20-24(124) deliverables

Deliverables

- Peer Exchange Documentation | Key issues, sketches and storyboards, future research, and capacity building
- PowerPoint Presentation | State and Federal perspectives
- Library of Resources (for discussion) | Charts, maps, written word, website concept, and game concept
- Final Report and Executive Summary | Wrapping in all of the above





Thank You!

Presented by:

APPENDIX B: DOT Survey



Appendix B. DOT Survey Text



August 17, 2018

Greetings!

Matt Hardy from AASHTO recently reached out to you by email to ask for your interest in participating in the NCHRP 20-14 Task 124 Performance Management Reporting Peer Exchange. Thank you to all who have responded – there clearly is a lot of energy around this topic!

As we prepare for the peer exchange, we are gathering examples of how you calculate pavement performance measures and how you communicate and report on the national-level performance measures in conjunction with state and local performance measures. We understand that these different measures may or may not be telling the same story.

We request:

- That you gather documents that you have on hand, including:
 - Documents that explain how you calculate your state pavement performance measure
 - Documents that communicate your state pavement performance and how it relates to Federal pavement performance
- That you respond to a handful of open-ended questions regarding your experience communicating pavement performance

We imagine that your subject matter experts in performance management, pavement management, and communications will be best suited to respond to the questions included below.

If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Higgins, the Principal Investigator, at nhiggins@camsys.com or Jillian Linnell, the Deputy Principal Investigator, at jlinnell@camsys.com.

We Would Like To Gather Your Examples

Technical Examples

Please send us documents that you have on hand that describe how you calculate your statespecific pavement performance measure. Below are some questions to consider as you gather your document(s); don't feel as though you need to respond to each item:

- *How often* do you collect your pavement data?
- Do you collect pavement data by in-house staff or by contract?
- On how many lanes/directions do you collect pavement data?
- On *what networks* do you collect pavement data (e.g., Interstates, certain categories of State roads, all State roads, locally-owned NHS...)?
- What distresses and/or ride quality metrics do you use to calculate pavement performance?
- What formula(e) do you use to create your pavement index (we would appreciate the actual equation if you have it)?

Communication Examples

Please send us any communication materials you have used to communicate pavement performance and, specifically, the difference between the Federal and state pavement performance measure. We are interested in charts, graphs, infographics, written narrative, presentations, websites, or any other media. Below are some questions to consider; don't feel as though you need to respond to each item:

 How have you or anyone in your agency described your state pavement performance or the difference between state and Federal pavement performance to the Legislature, your CEO, other engineers, or the general public?

This could include consideration of:

- Frequency and coverage (lanes/direction) of data collection
- Networks measured (e.g., NHS, Interstate, non-state owned NHS)
- Distresses and overall formula for calculating pavement index or other measures
- Did you receive feedback? What was the nature of the feedback?

We Also Have Some Communication Questions

What is the context for asset and pavement management in your state? Specifically, we are interested in the following questions (please respond in-line):

- Does the Federal measure make your pavement performance appear worse or better?
- Who is your most important audience *legislators*, *engineers*, *or the public*?
- What *resonates most with your audience* State performance measures vs. Federal performance measures; performance vs. neighboring states; or perceived effectiveness of the agency?
- What aspect of pavement performance *is the most difficult to communicate?*
- How do you communicate targets and the target setting process?
- *How do you communicate the decline in performance* if your targets represent a lower performance?
- What *concerns your agency most* approaching the October reporting deadline?

APPENDIX C: DOT Survey Results



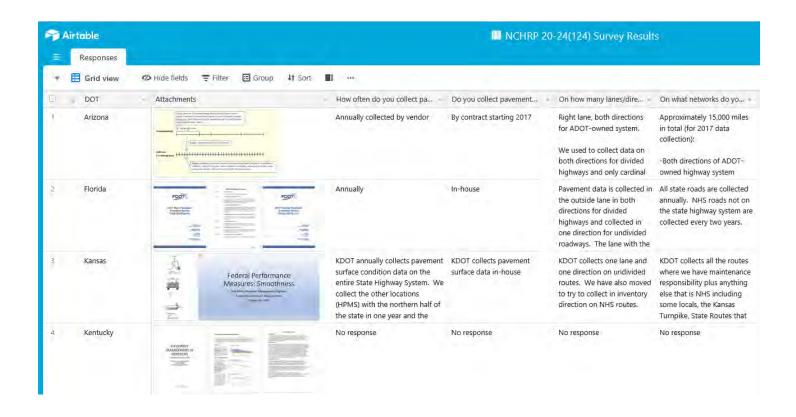
Appendix C. State DOT Communication Examples (Survey Results)



DOT Survey Results

All survey results can be viewed using Airtable and accessed using the following link.

https://airtable.com/shrUx7bXnTgUaefP5



APPENDIX D: Solution Sketch and Storyboard Exercise Results



Performance Management Reporting Peer Exchange

NCHRP 20-24(124)

SOLUTION SKETCH AND STORYBOARD EXERCISE RESULTS

Tuesday October 16 – Wednesday, October 17, 2018

The Hall of States 444 North Capitol Street Washington, DC

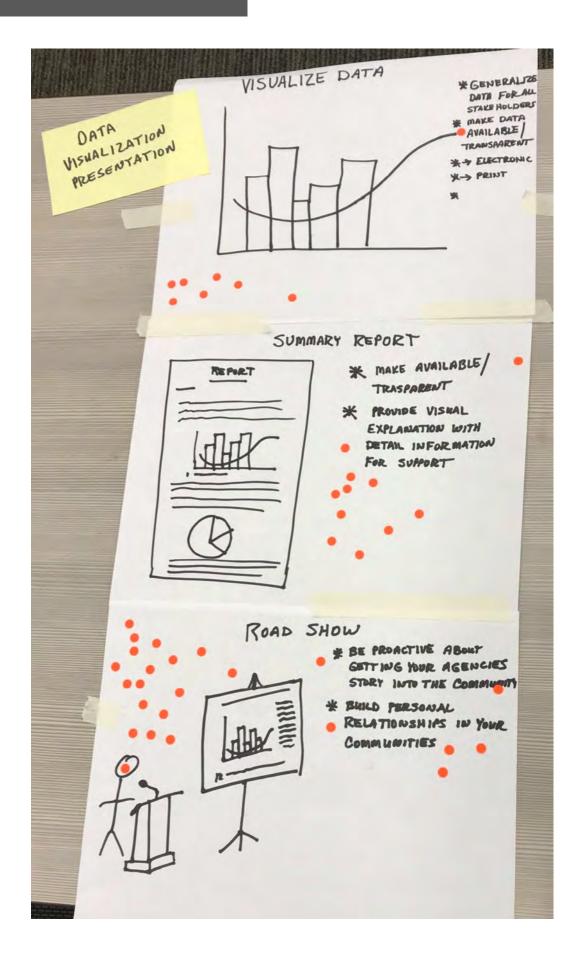
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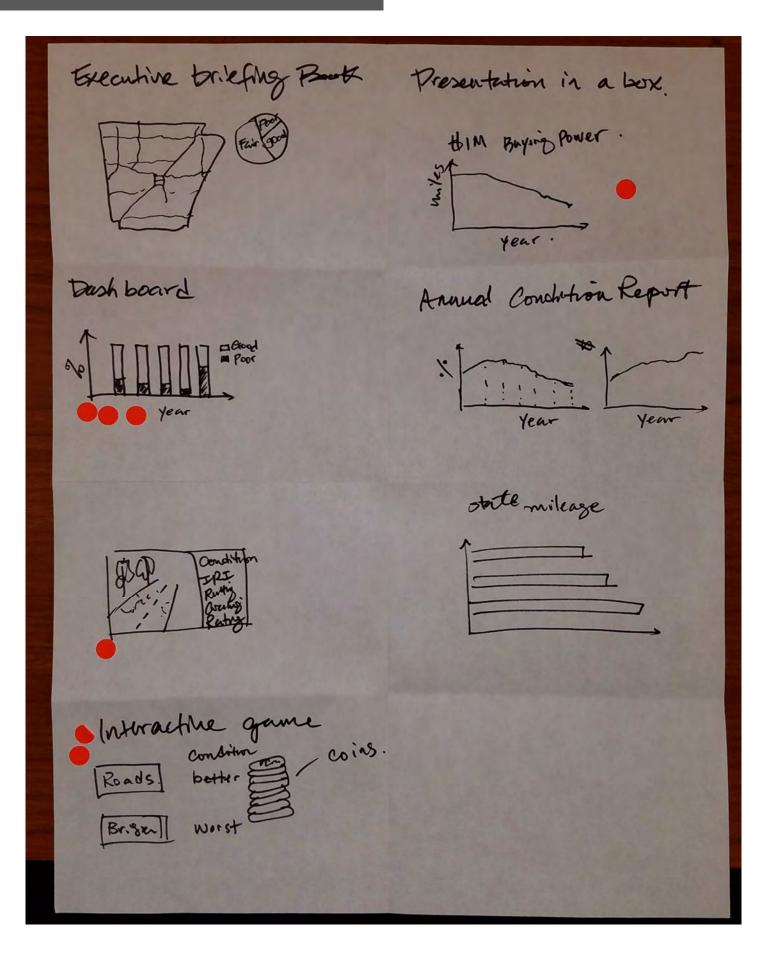
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SOLUTION SKETCH RESULTS

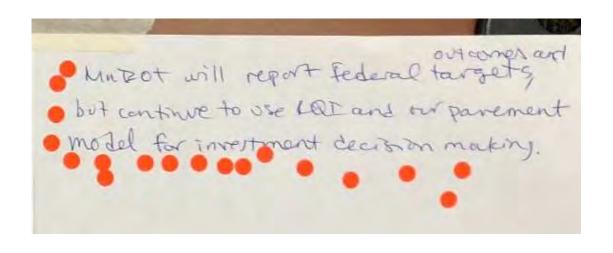
Data Visualization Presentation



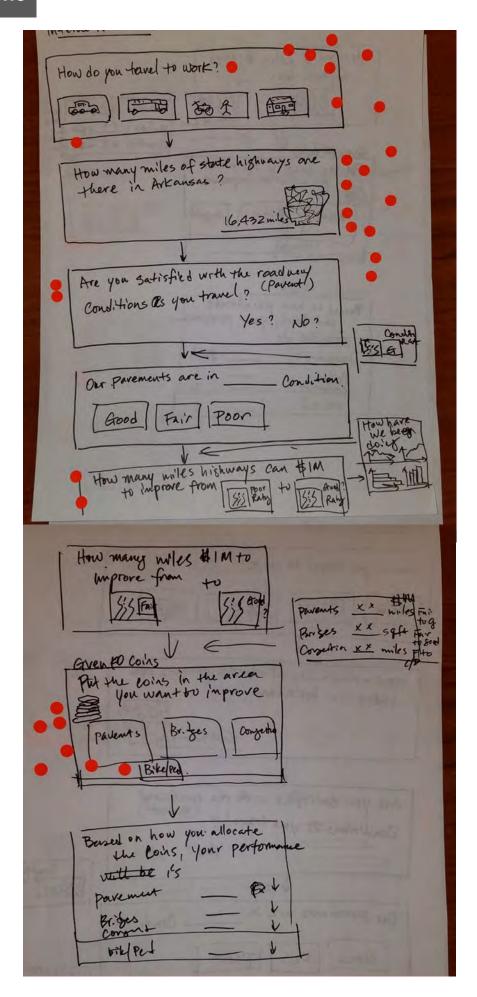


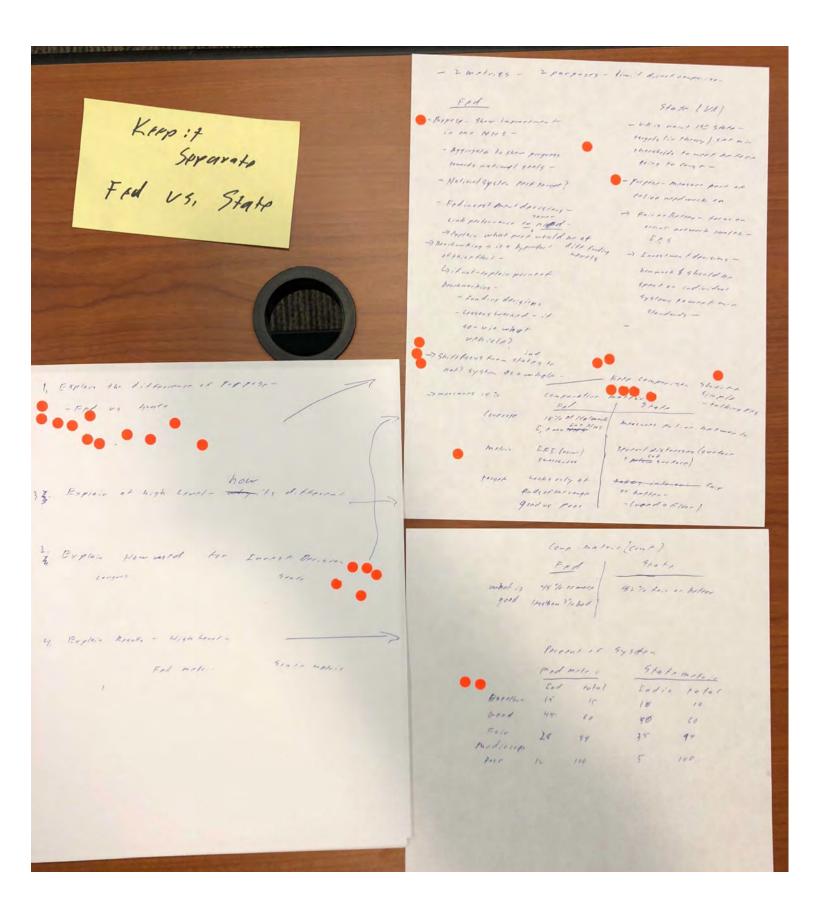
Good Enough Idea

Aspart of MAP-21, the Federal Highway Administration The chart shows that the federal metric requires state DOTs to report performance outcomes results in a lower to of pour and good roads, and set targets for pavement and bridge condition, and a larger percentage of fair. as well as other non-asset performance apeas. CON DOC These federal measures do not match the DOT'S targets for hindot and the Federal measure measures in some cases. The measures for pavement are also different. Federal targets are Conditionare substantially technically different, based on 2 and 4 year expected ortcomer such that the differences need to be outlined. from programmed investments. MnDots targets Federal targets are also different. Federal targets are longer term and consent a are used to are set for two and four year arturnes whenceat Lindot targets apply regardless of year. communicate a desired outcome and identify investment needs. · Mn pots parement measure is vide quality index, whereas the tederal measure also includes MnPot cannot project the federal measure, so for Blothetold federal short term crucking, withing and faulting. The federal measure is more complex, test and gives different results · targets, must rely on the frent of For the same pavement. our list wire maying Percent of good Interstate Lane Luly · Pavement Performance MINDOT METTIC (RQT) VS Federal Hetric chart like South 不见 map-21 target

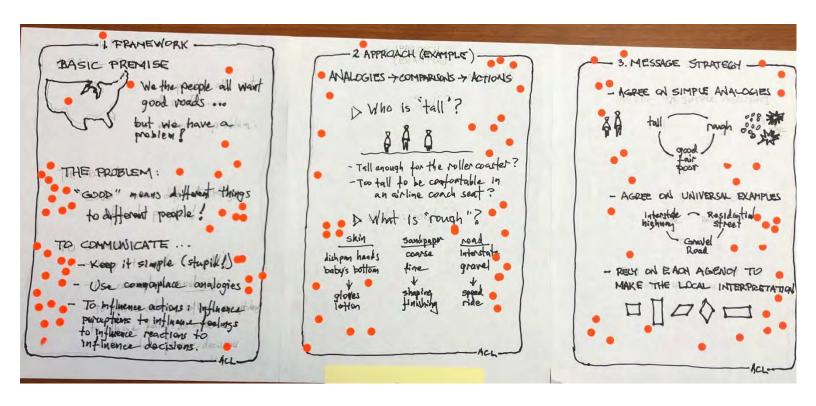


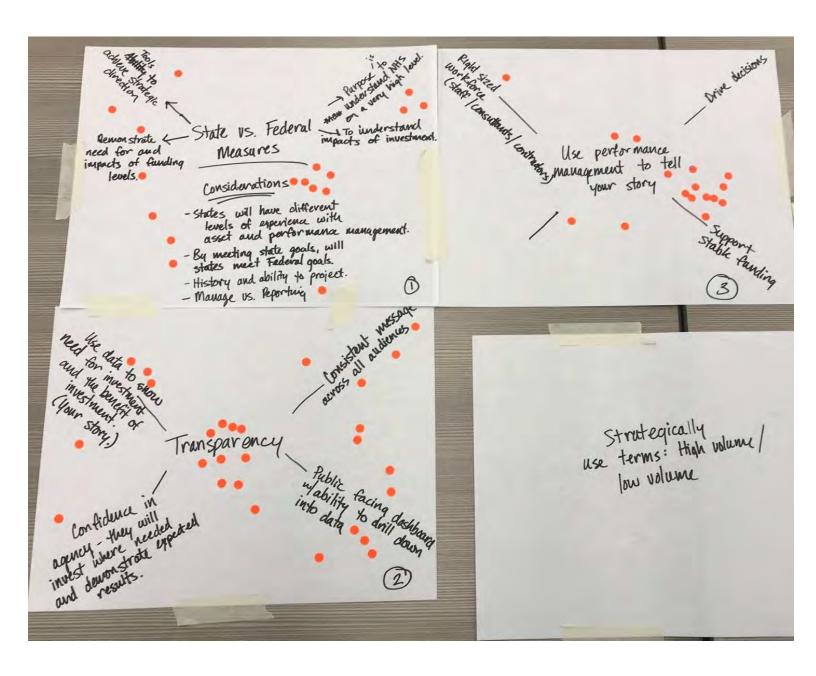
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Medium-Agnostic, Multi-Media Strategy





Our Shared Story

Dur Goal

Transportation de portraonts at foderal.

State and local levels all stans the same
goal: delivering an efficient, effective and safe
transportation system for you.

Power in Data

To assess our project toward that shared good, we measure our roadways and bridges. Recently, the federal government established a national standard to evaluate system parement another across the country.

The common measures are used to contribute to a view of the overall health of the nativel transportation system. There new measures our different tran how our state has assessed the system is the pert. In some places the measure may looke better - in others were.

State Floxibility

(3) From a national perspective getting pavenut

data collected in the same way from each state
is the only way to get a complete septem picture
of the condition of our system.

The federal government is interested in making progress bowerd a notional goal—each state is responsible for contribution to that progress in a way that serves our citizens.

Even though the natural goal is The same, the means and funding decimins may differ state to slate.

Delivering on our Promise

(a) We know better data will yield better

decisions. Its we have for decodes, we will

continue to collect data across our system

to help us nate the right invertents for

the future of our state.

Along with our local partners we will

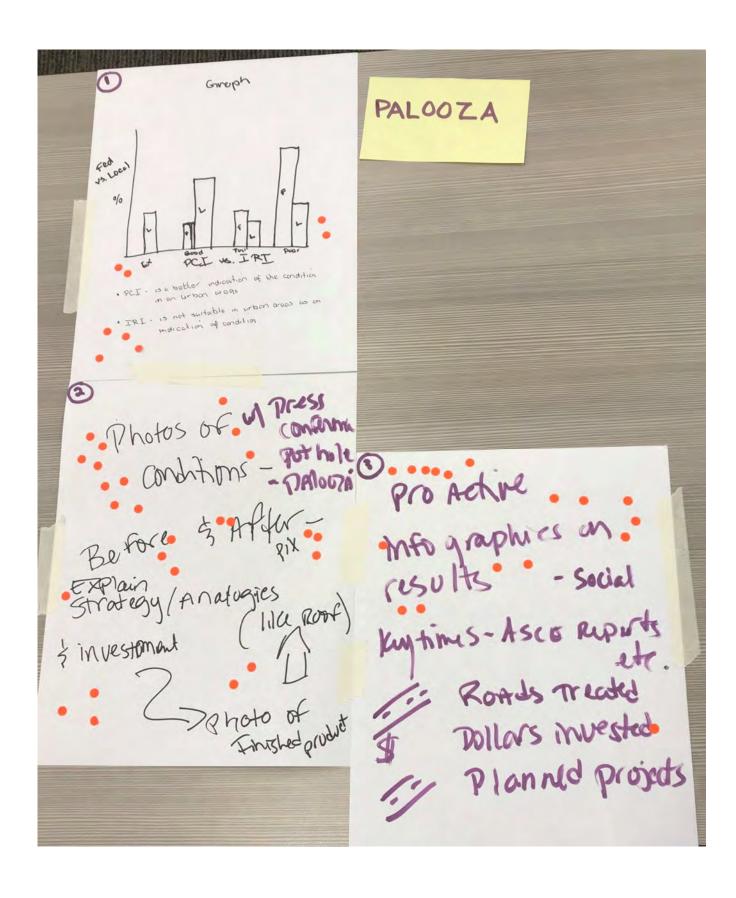
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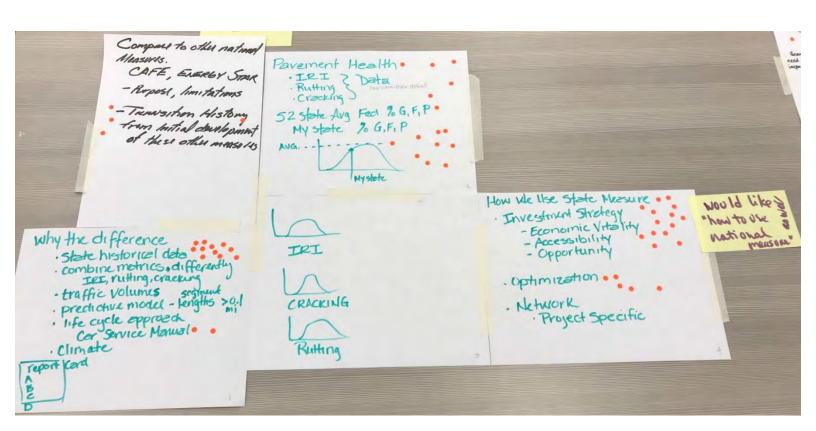
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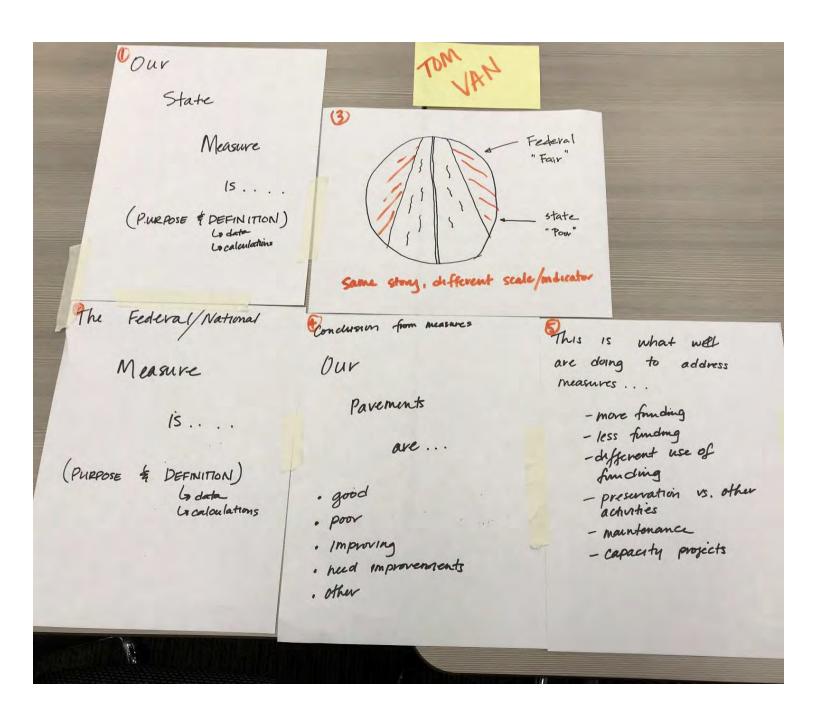
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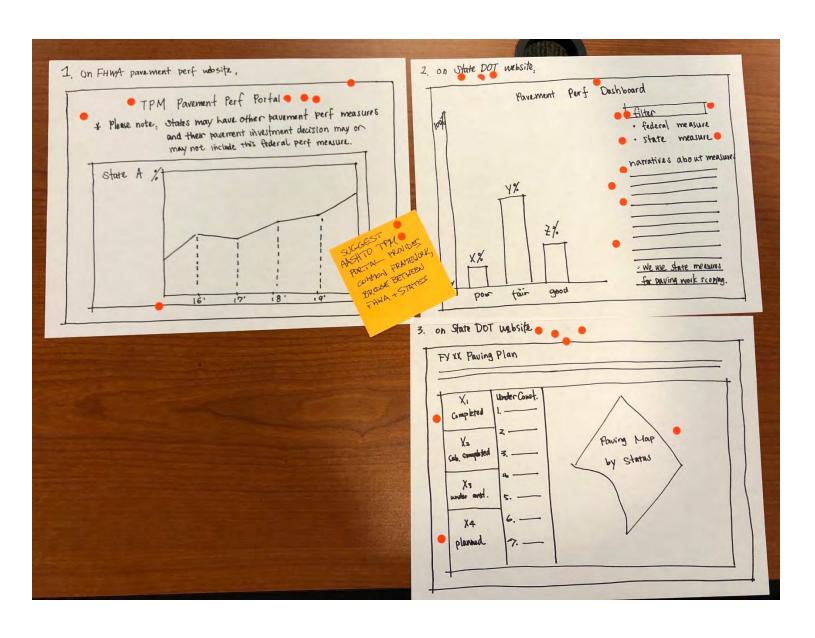
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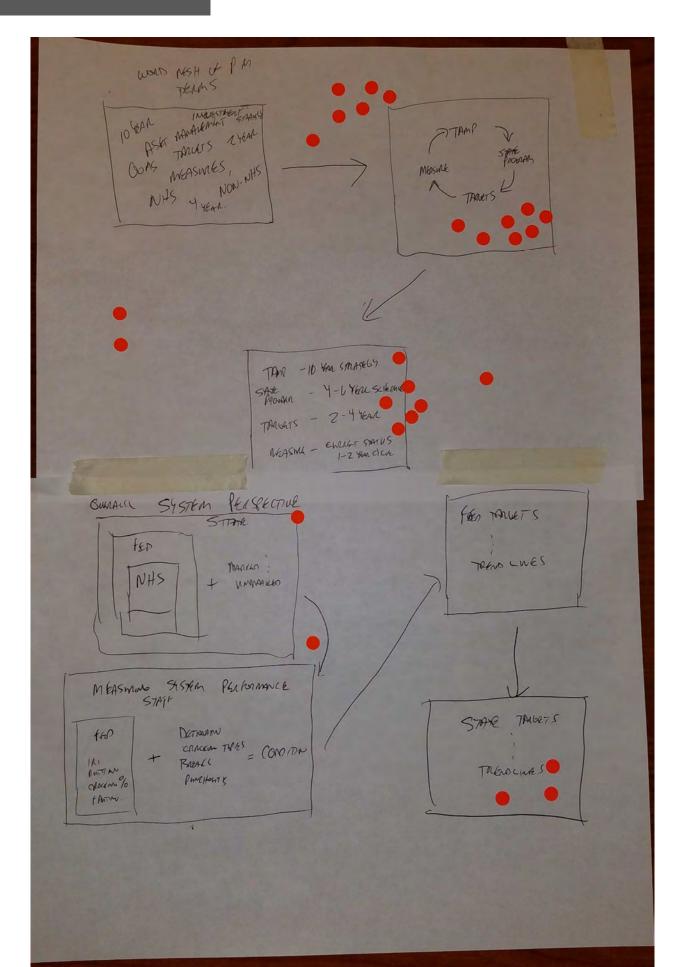
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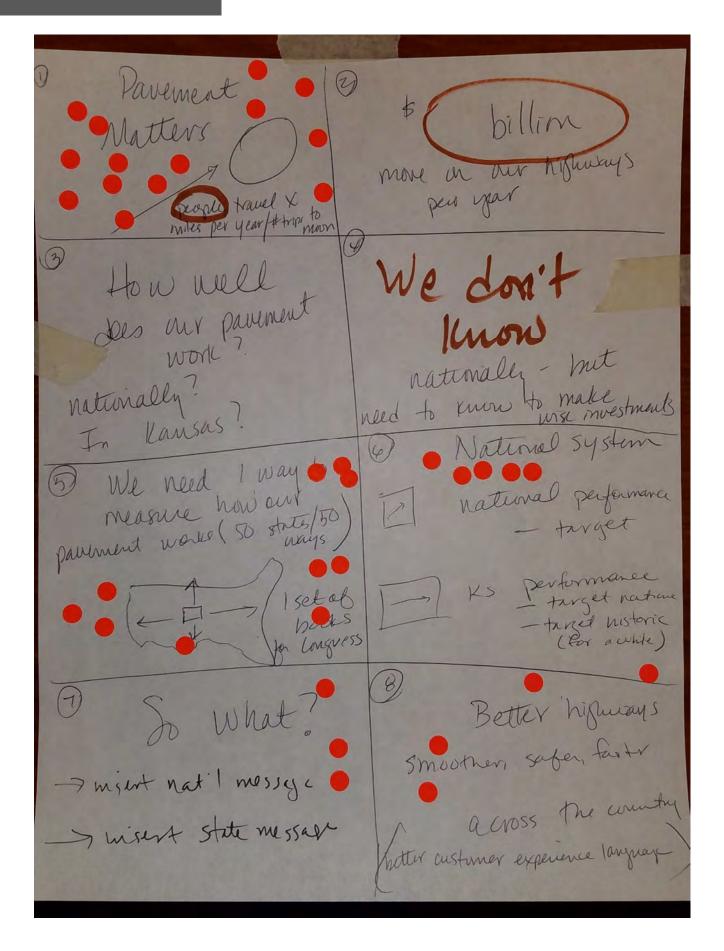




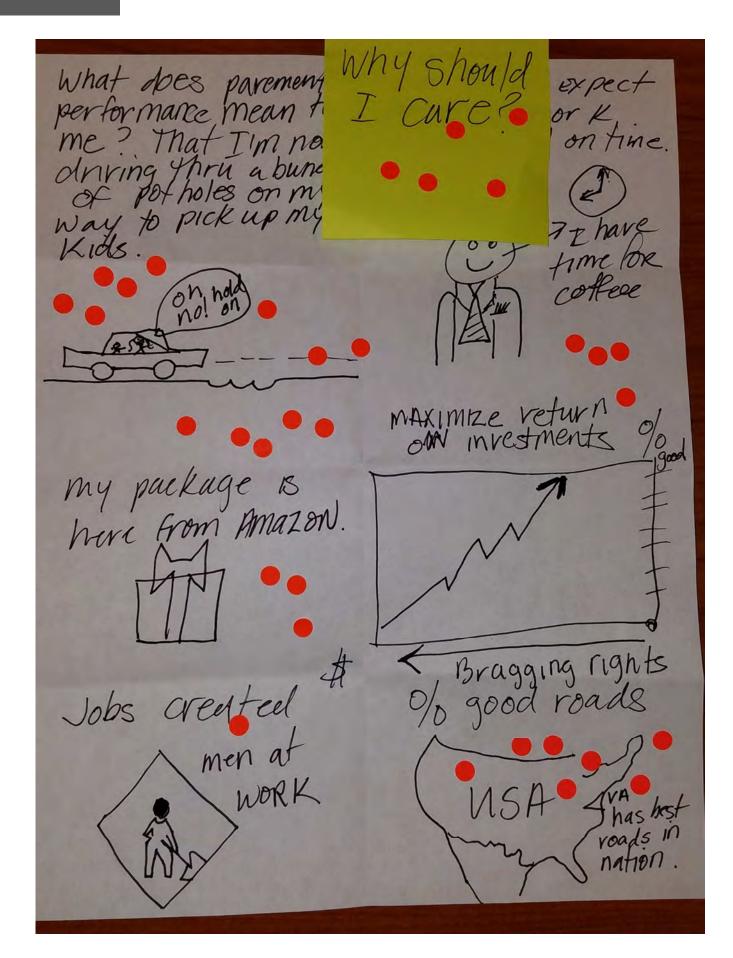




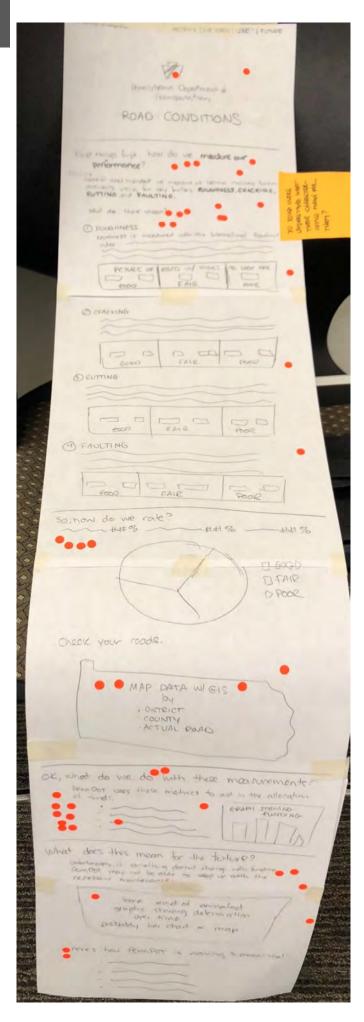


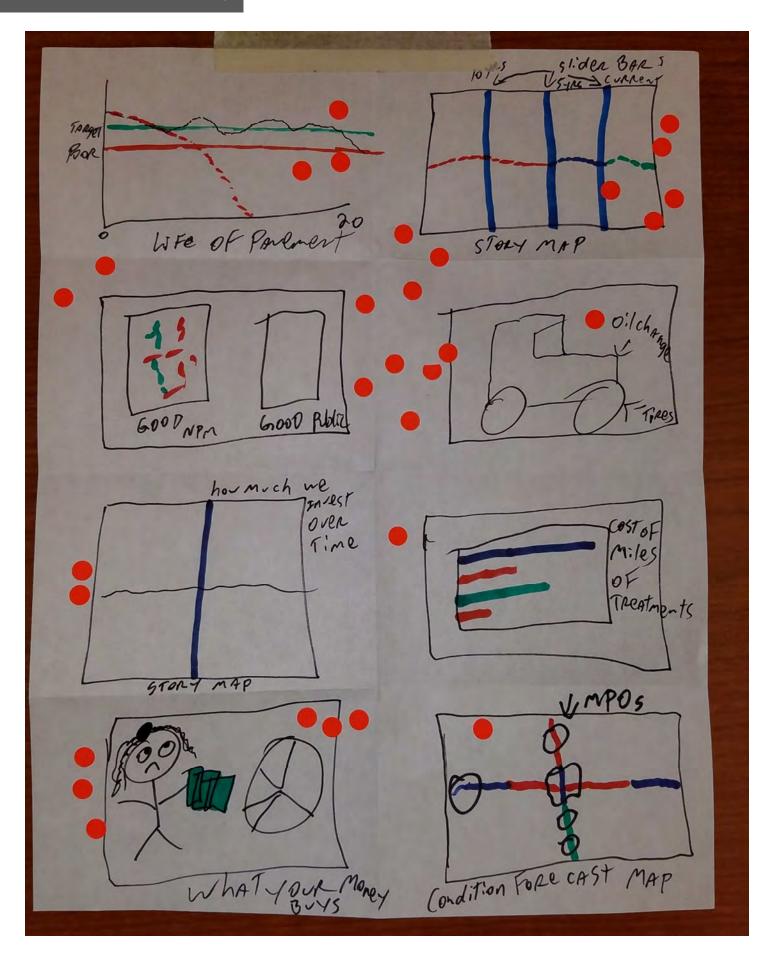


DO your homework: Figure out the -Specific reports that are folks your targeting. relevant to this conversation Make a list - What's below the line for TRIP ! -Take advantage of velationships - land gather contacts V FIL Strategize on the what are your best way to tell god goals your story Start tailoring your Ed boards graphics, data capture Message to the groupscove missays same Develop Develop a naturals that timeline will support your Editorial monesis Make Sure you have buy-in from Execute < who ever (leadership)



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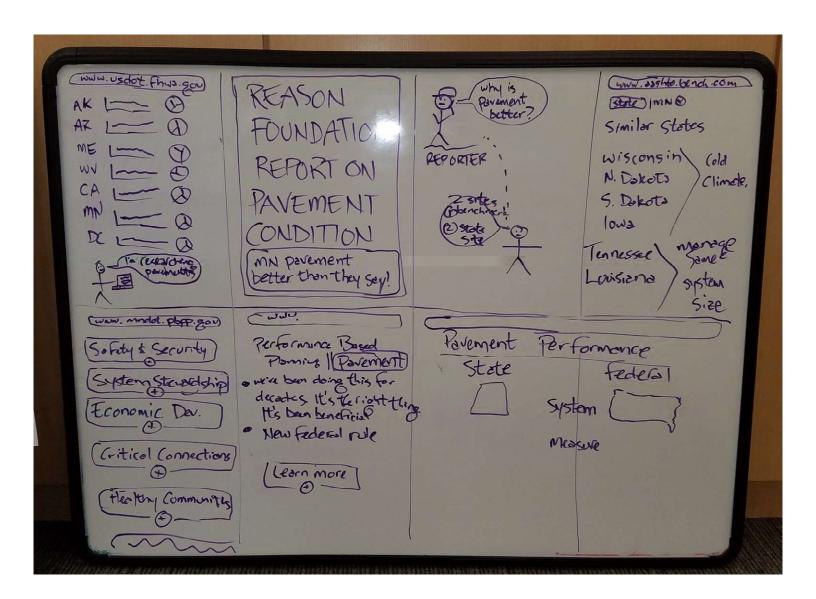


STORYBOARD EXERCISE RESULTS

GREEN GROUP



PURPLE GROUP



BLUE GROUP

