



Advancing Pavement Asset Management in Public Works with Al



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Advancing pavement Asset Management in Public Works with AI - Agency Case Study

Insights from Harris & Associates' Pilot Studies

09/11/2024











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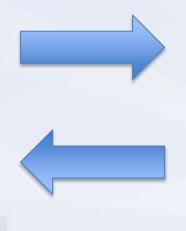
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City of Watsonville, California

Courtney Lindberg (Director of Public Works and Utilities)

Harris & Associates

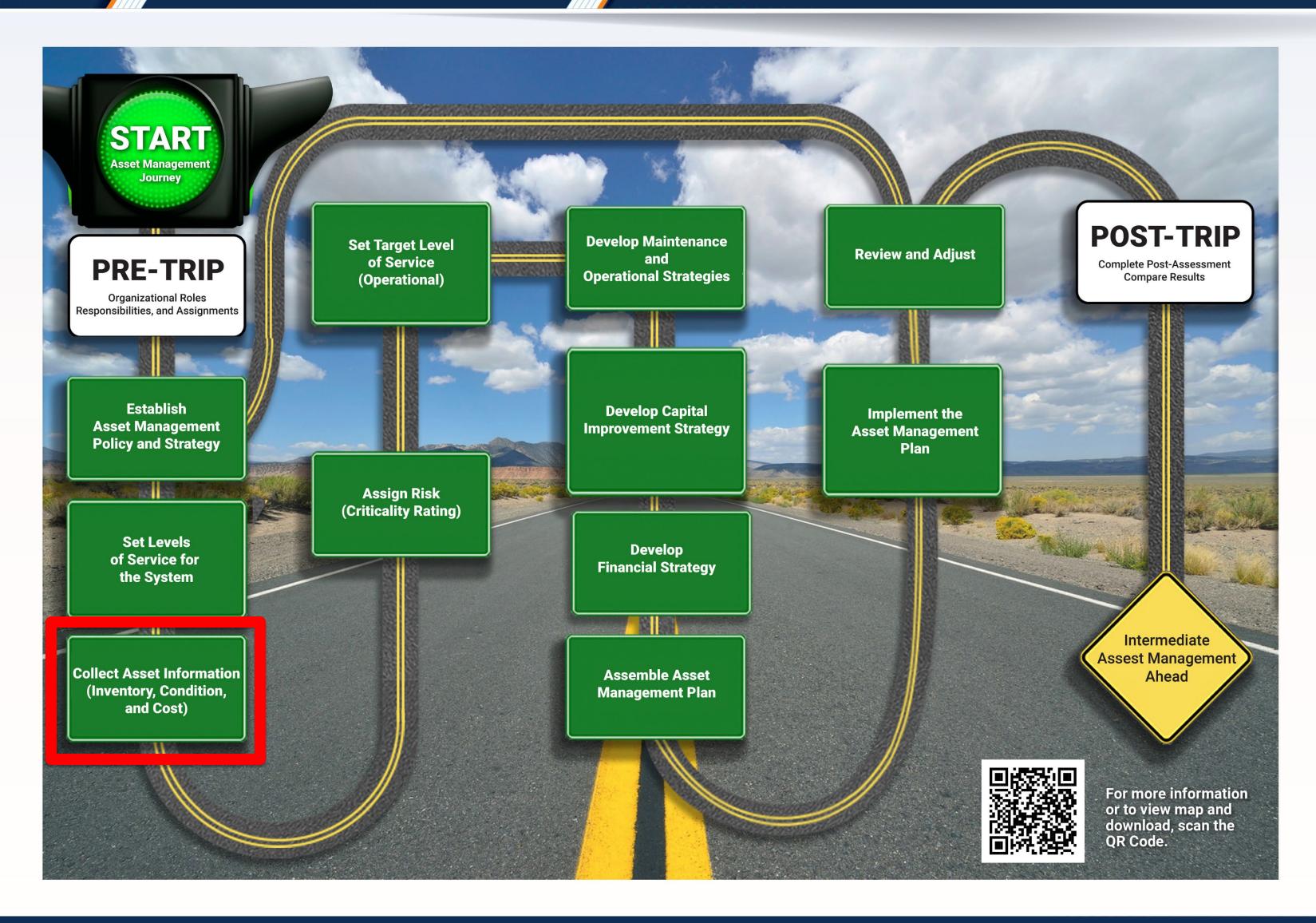
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Vijay Pulijal, PE, PMP (Asset Management Lead)

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Daniel Palaez (Co-Founder, CEO)





ASSET MANAGEMENT

This presentation has a core focus of asset management. Relatable steps from the Roadmap are:

• Collect Asset Information (Inventory, Condition, and Cost): This step is directly aligned with our focus on leveraging AI to enhance the collection of accurate data on pavement and non-pavement assets.



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this learning experience, I will be better able to...

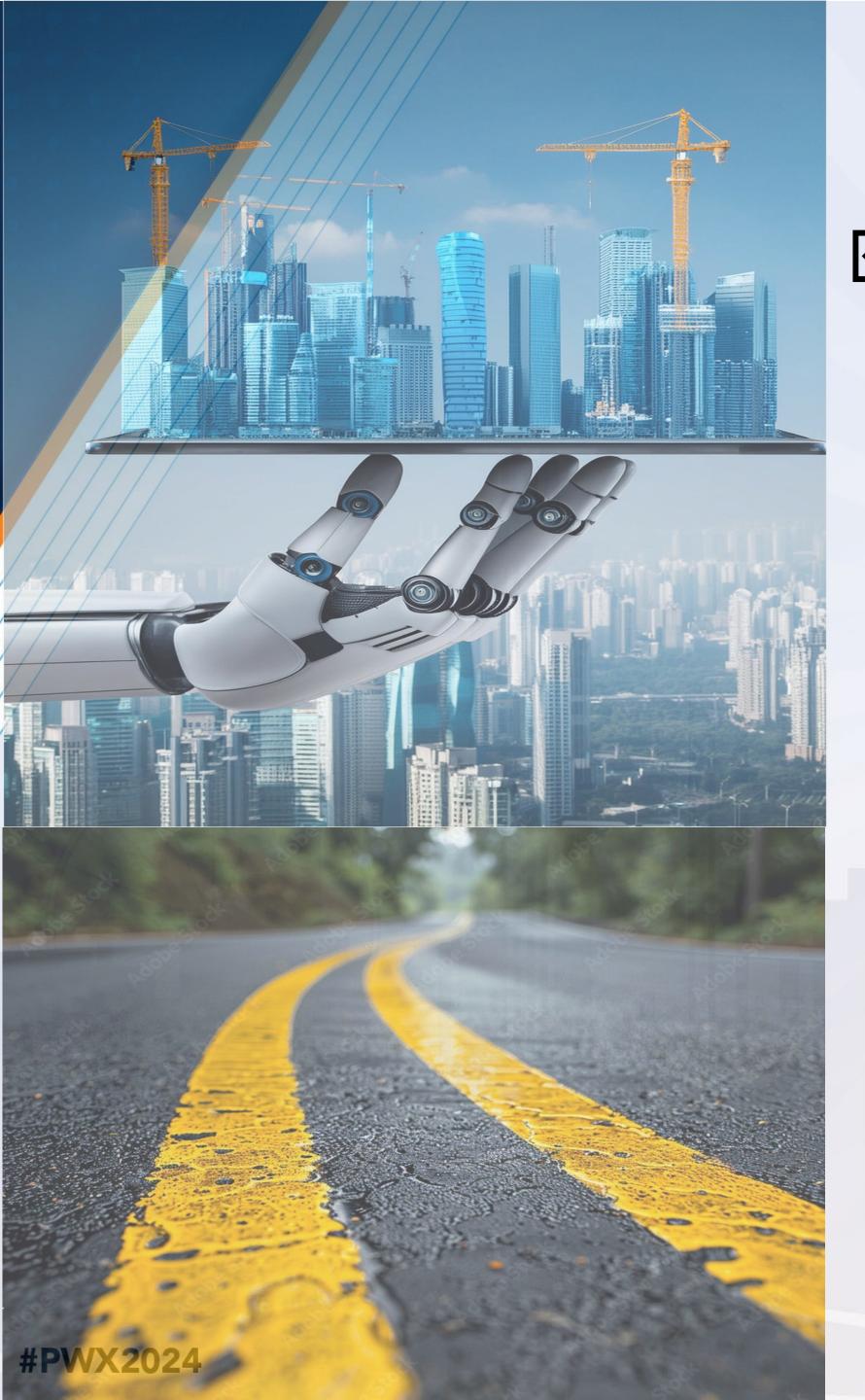
- Insights into Al's Potential and Practical Limitations
- The Al Implementation Journey
- Setting Realistic Expectations for Al Integration



Al – The Newest Tool in the Toolbox

Al Definition: Simulation of human intelligence in machines programmed to think, learn, and make decisions in ways that mimic human cognitive processes. Al systems can process vast amounts of data, recognize patterns, make predictions, and solve complex problems. These systems are capable of tasks such as reasoning, learning from experience, understanding natural language, and even perceiving their environment through visual, auditory, or other sensory inputs.

One successful example of its application is in:
In the Asset Management of Public Roads Pavement



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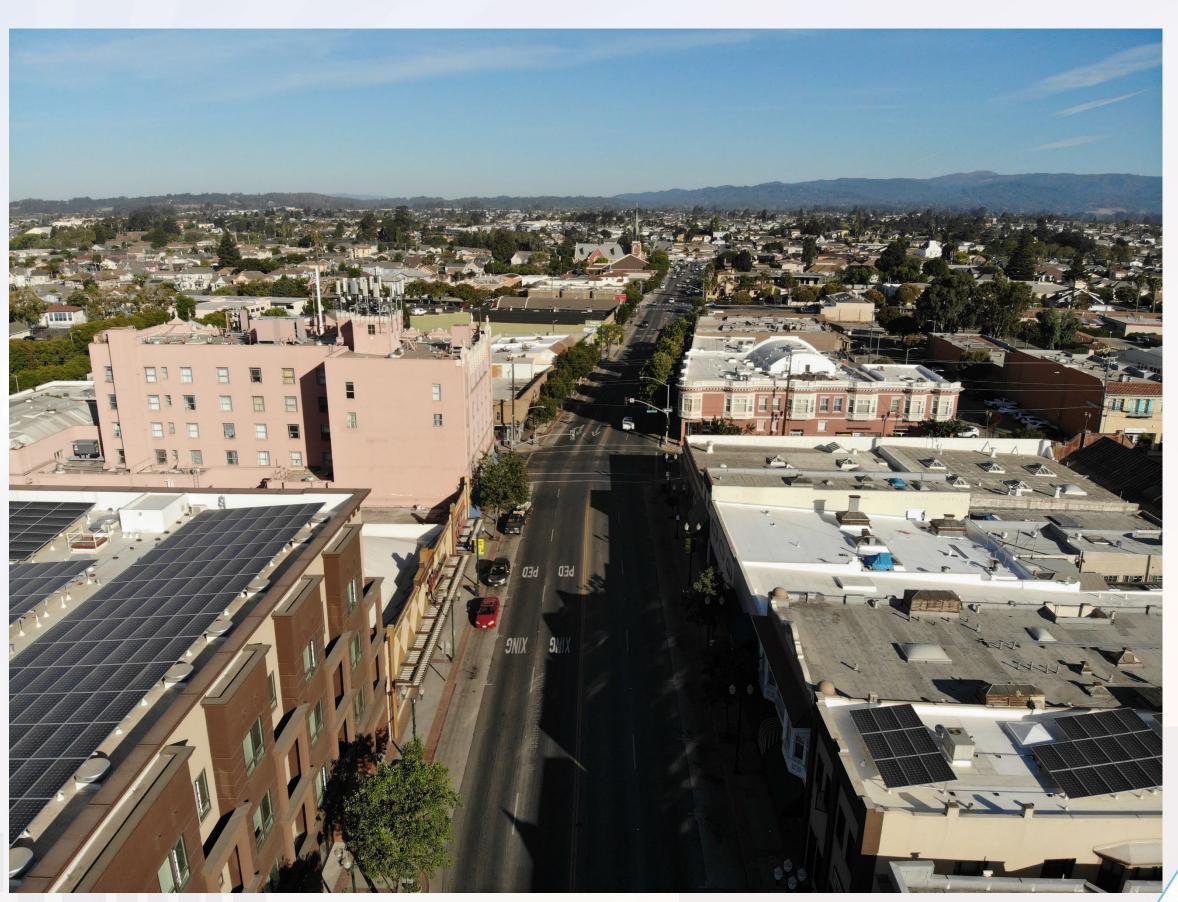


The City of Watsonville



About:

- Watsonville Demographics
 - Size: 6.8 Square Miles
 - Population: 52,457
- Public Works
 - Public Works Budget: \$55,538,225
 - CIP Budget: \$79,291,154
- Public Works Services
 - Solid Waste Division
 - Water Division
 - Sewer and Waste Water Treatment Division
 - Engineering, Road Infrastructure and Maintenance Division

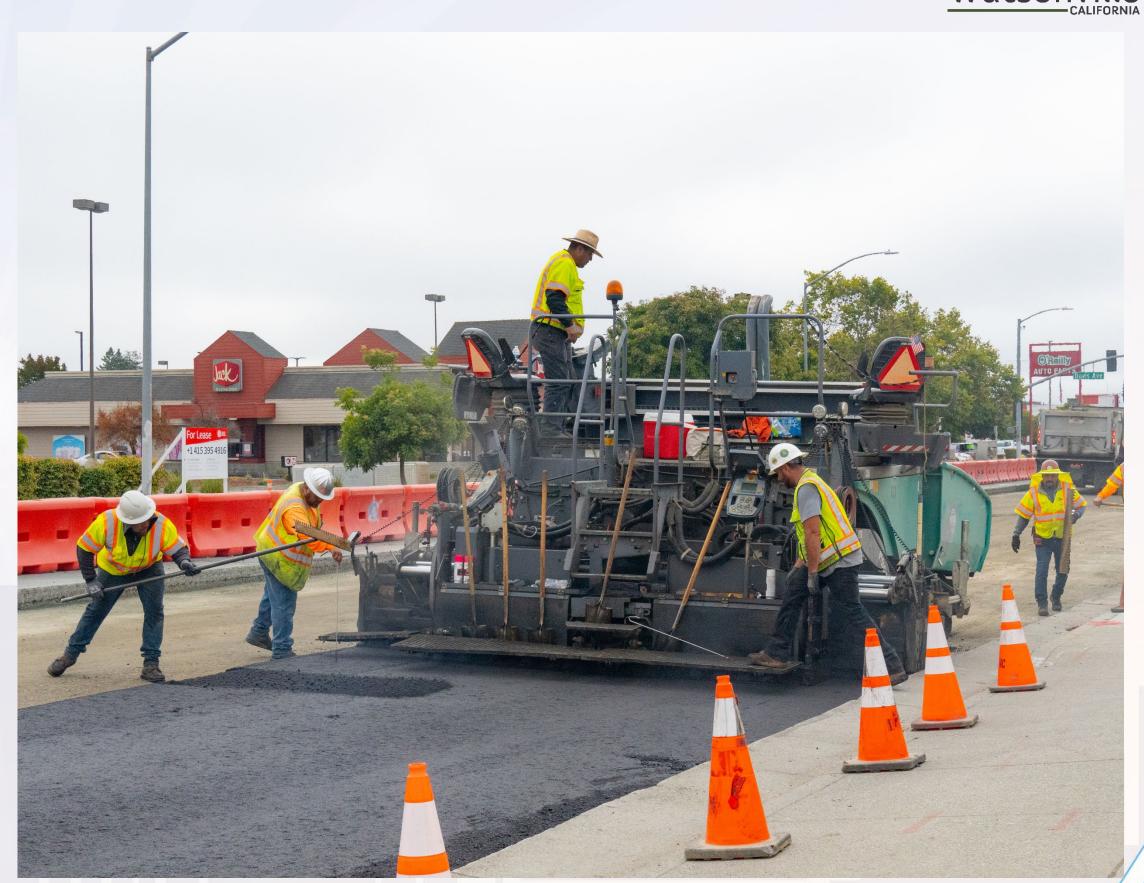




The City of Watsonville



- The Importance of Pavement
 - Impact on Public Service
 - Capital and Maintenance Costs
 - Budget Impacts
- Why Advance Al?
- Importance of Communication



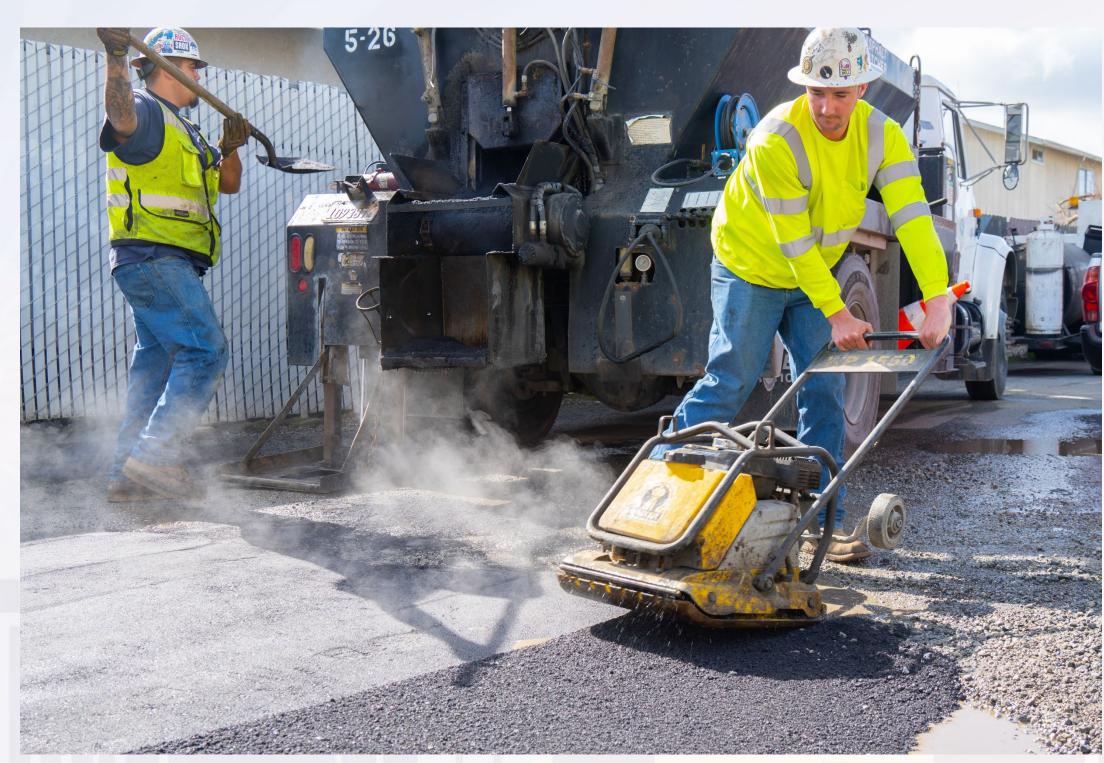


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Watsonville's Pavement Management Plan (PMP)

- Pavement Condition Index (PCI)
- Optimized Funding
- ADA Compliance
- Data optimization (ramps, safe routes to school, ATP, etc.)







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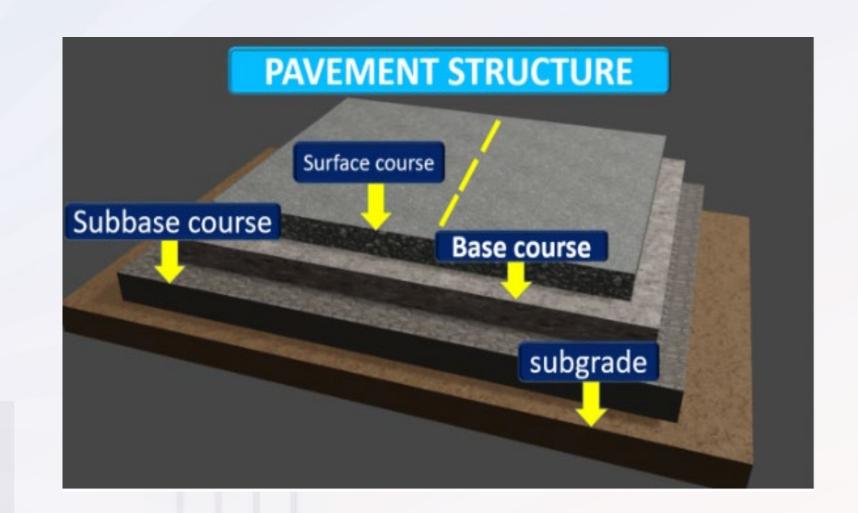
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Traditional Pavement Asset Management

- About Pavement:
 - Structure & Management
 - Pavement Management Workflow



PMP Database Setup/Review



Field
Data Collection

Planning and Budget Analysis



Pavement Master Plan/Report

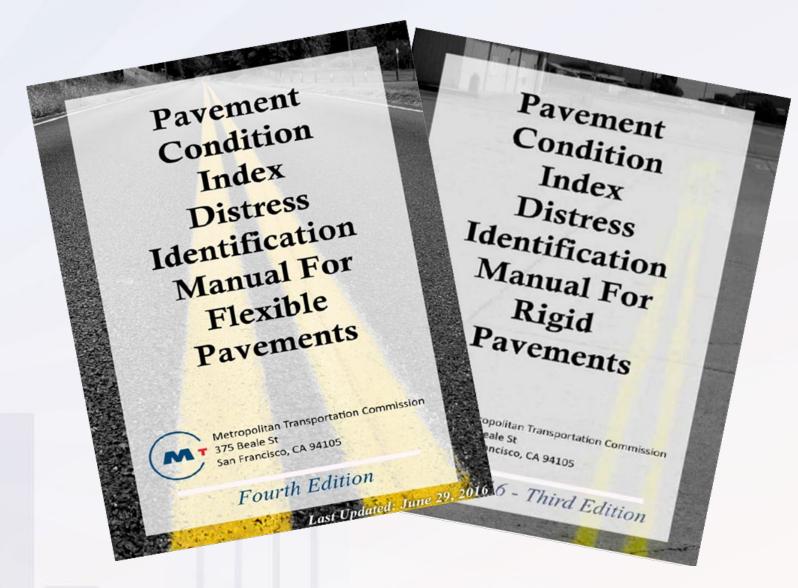


Traditional Pavement Asset Management

- Condition Assessment (Standard & Tools):
 - Inspection Standards (ASTM D6433/MTC Modified Standards)
 - Rater Certification Program
 - Available Tools
 (Manual/Automated)









Advancing Pavement Management with Al

The Promise of Al:

- Enhancing data collection efficiency
- Reducing manual efforts.

Strategic Integration:

- Compatibility (Aligning Al with existing PMP standards)
- Non-disruptive (Enhancements that do not require major changes to current systems.)

Advancing the Tool:

- Targeted Pilot Studies
- Continuous Research



Unlocking the Al Potential in Data Collection

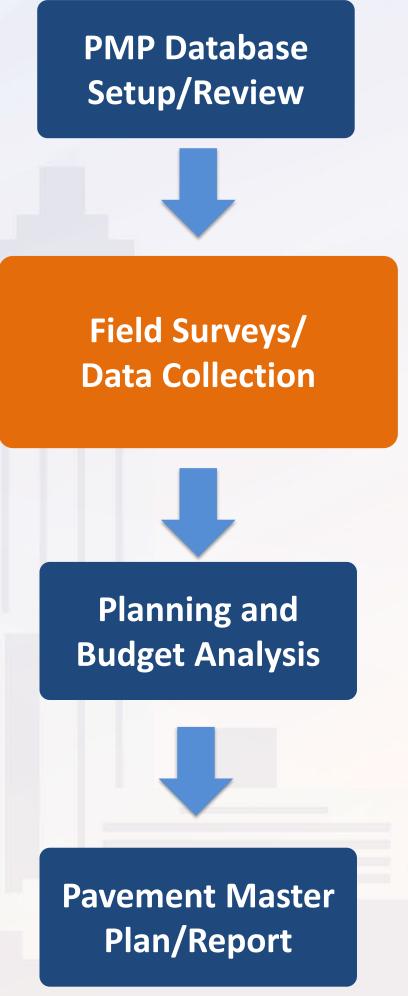
 Pilot Study Focus: Testing AI in field data collection (Pavement and ROW assets)

Key-Focus Areas:

- Enhance Efficiency & Speed
- Elevate Safety
- Consistent and Reliable Results
- Accurate Pattern Detection
- Adherence to ASTM D6433 Standards

Objective :

Collect Pavement Distress Data only





Al-Enhanced Pavement Distress Data Integration for PMP Systems

Al Data Collection (Approx. 40 mi/Day)



Al Pavement
Distress Data
Processing

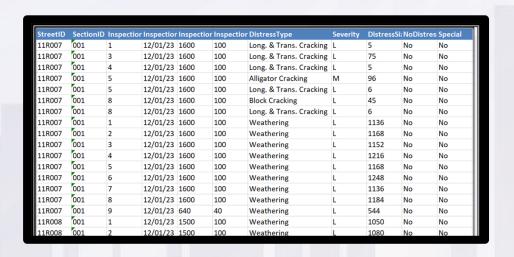


Al Platform

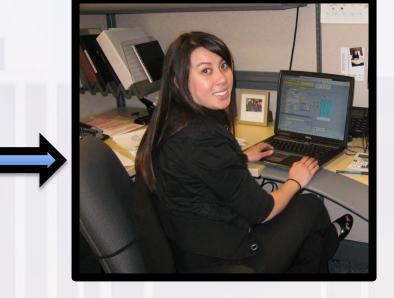
Al-generated PCI



Manual Data Collection (Approx. 8 mi/Day)



Processed Data for PMP Integration (ASTM D 6433 Std.)



Pavement
Management
Programs (PMPs)
Various Platforms



Distress type

Distress quantity

PCI

Distress and ard PCI rating scale

Excellent

Very good

70

Good

Fair

40

Poor

Very poor

Very poor

Failed

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Pavement Condition Index (PCI)



Al-Enhanced Pavement Distress Data Integration for PMP Systems

AI Data Collection (Approx. 40 mi/Day)







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Al Pavement Distress Data Processing



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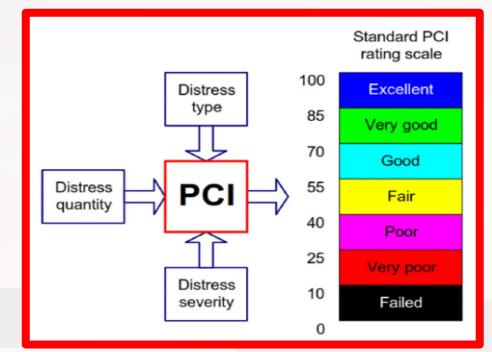
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Various Platforms



Pavement Condition Index (PCI)





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Al Pilot Program: Framework and Execution



Initial Research & Outreach

(Webinars, Emails, Research)



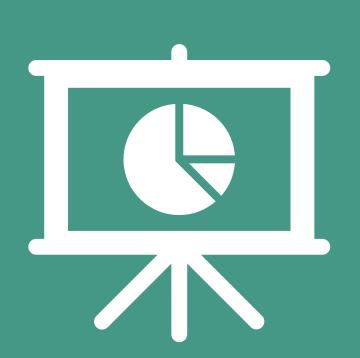
Engagement &Collaboration

(Set up Strategic Meetings)



Deployment

(Equipment Deployed for field Use)



Pilot Testing

(Demos and Pilot Studies conducted)



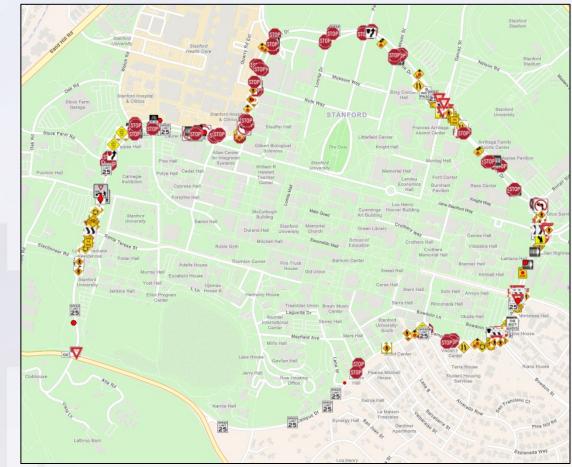
Pilot Study Requirements and Framework

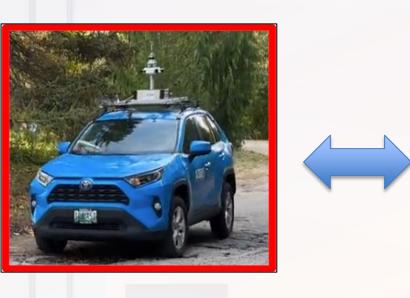
Project Scope:

- Focus on Urban, Suburban, and Rural
 Terrains
- Pavement Distress and Traffic Sign
 Evaluation

Evaluation Criteria:

- Align with Manual Inspection
 - Standards
- Maintain Data Integrity through QA-QC









To confirm consistency among distress surveys and compliance with the distress survey protocol, all re-surveys will meet the following two criteria:

- At least 50% of the streets re-surveyed as part of the QA/QC must be within plus or minus eight PCI points of the initial PCIs calculated, and
- No more than 12% of the re-surveyed units can have a difference greater than plus or minus 18 PCI points from the initial PCI value calculated based on the initial data collected.



Pilot Study Requirements and Framework

• Al Tools Assessment:

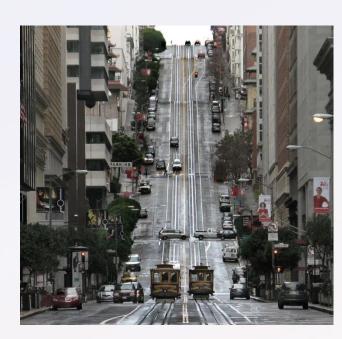
- Assess Diverse Al technology (Cell Phones/Go Pro Cameras/3D Lidar Scanner)
- Evaluate AI Performance Across Varied
 Terrains

Collaboration:

- Partner with Watsonville for Strategic Support
- Continuous Stakeholder Feedback and Engagement



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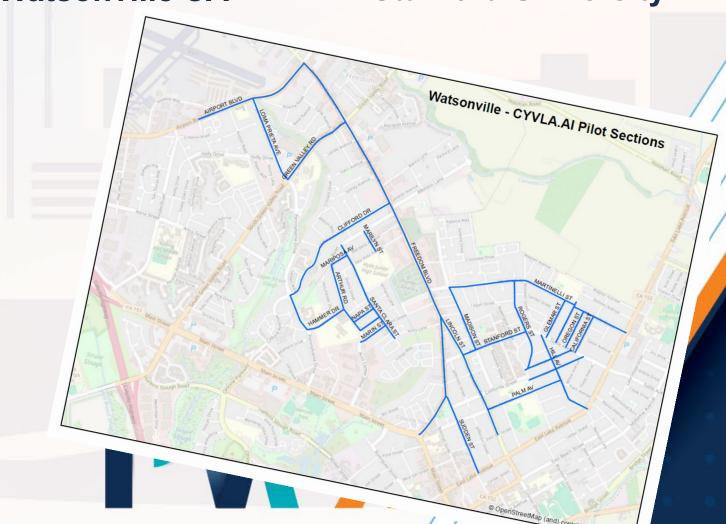
San Francisco CA



Watsonville CA



Stanford University





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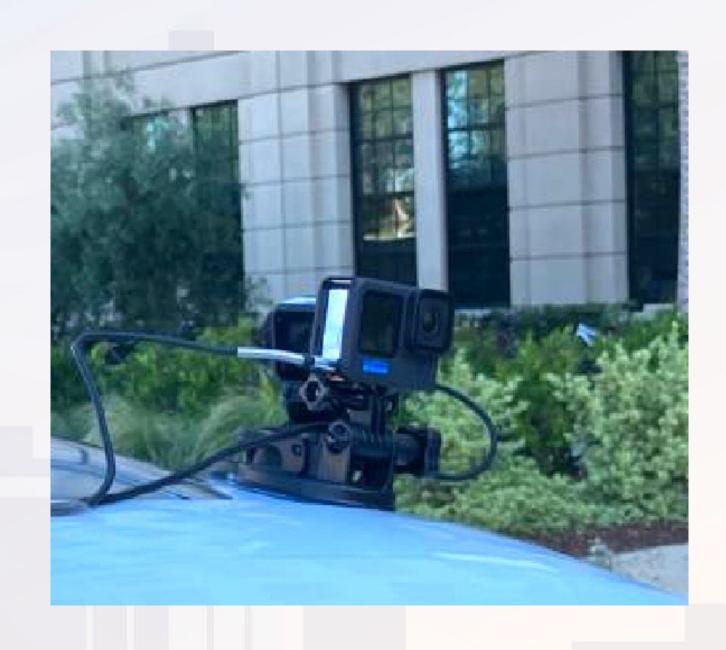
Key Technologies Driving Al-Powered Inspections



3D-LIDAR Scanner



Smart Phone



GoPro Cameras



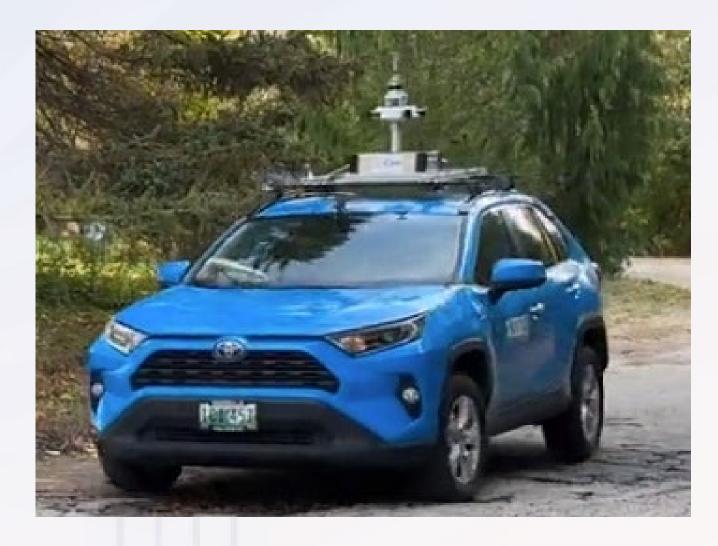
Key Technology – 3D Lidar Scanner

Functionality

Laser technology is used to create detailed
 3D models of road surfaces.

Key Features

- Provides precise surface mapping
- Ideal for in-depth pavement condition assessments.
- Operates at high speeds, minimizing time on-site.







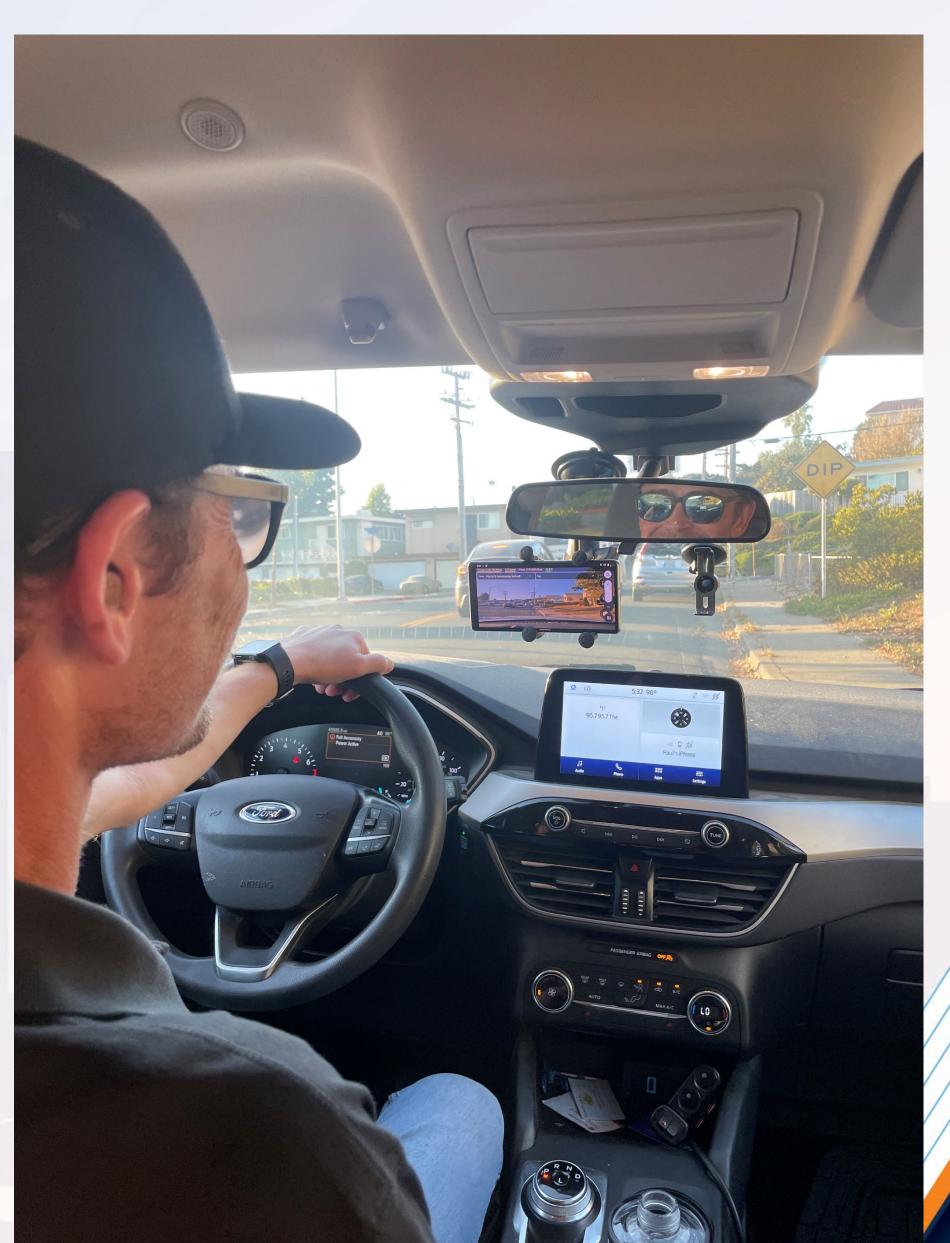
Key Technology – Smart Phone

Functionality

- Captures geospatial video
- Utilizes computer vision for real-time analysis
- Employs customized algorithms to interpret and analyze video/data

Key Features

- Mounted on the windshield for a stable view
- Secured with a RAM Cradle for optimal stability
- Includes a polarization filter to reduce sun glare
- Regular driving speeds



Key Technology - GoPro Camera

Functionality

- High-Definition Video Capture
- Flexible, integrates with Al systems

Key Features

- Wide-angle lens for comprehensive coverage
- Rugged, waterproof design for diverse conditions
- Compact, portable, easy to reposition
- High frame rate for fast-moving object capture







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Field Observations

Set Up & Build

• 3D LIDAR

 Setup requires some effort but offers precision and robust results

Smart Phone

- Quick installation
- minor adjustments are needed for polarization filters.

GoPro

- Fast and efficient setup
- Needs Initial calibration





Field Observations

Operation

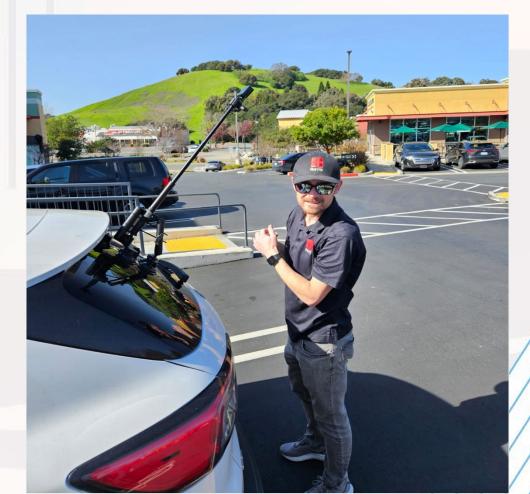
- Time-of-day impacts visibility—optimal performance midday.
- Multiple passes needed for full coverage.
- Tracking and managing routes is challenging.

Data Collection Issues

Encountered operational Issues - equipment failures/Missed Data Capture.







Field Observations

Tech Support

- Response Time: Quick and responsive support was essential.
- Expertise: Some support lacked technical knowledge.

Security/Liability

- Equipment Risks: High-value equipment posed significant risks.
- Theft & Insurance: Concerns over equipment security and coverage.





Post-Processing Challenges & Observations | Street | Section | Indianguation | Street | Section | Indianguation | Indianguati

- Data Processing
 - Extended Data Acquisition Timeframes
 - Inconsistent Data Formats and Importation Issues

- Severity Level Assessment
 - Severity Levels Often Grouped as One

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Importation File

11R007 - 001 has Inspection Area (13440) greater than 105% of Section Area (10920.00) OR not between 1000 and 4000 sf
11R008 - 001 has Inspection Area (12000) greater than 105% of Section Area (9720.00) OR not between 1000 and 4000 sf
11R006 - 001, Insp# 6 has Distress Type Weathering has Distress Area (1328) > 105% of Inspection Area (480)
11R104 - 001, Insp# 4 has Distress Type Weathering has Distress Area (884) > 105% of Inspection Area (782)
11R105 - 001, Insp# 2 has Distress Type Weathering has Distress Area (22500) > 105% of Inspection Area (3000)
11R051 - 002, Inspection #5 has duplicate (L) Severity and (Long. & Trans. Cracking) Distress Type Combination.
11R105 - 001, Inspection #1 has duplicate (M) Severity and (Alligator Cracking) Distress Type Combination.
11R105 - 001, Inspection #2 has duplicate (M) Severity and (Alligator Cracking) Distress Type Combination.
11R105 - 001, Inspection #2 has duplicate (L) Severity and (Long. & Trans. Cracking) Distress Type Combination.
11R105 - 001, Inspection #2 has duplicate (L) Severity and (Patch & Util. Cut Patch) Distress Type Combination.
11R105 - 001 has Inspections with the combination of Patch, Raveling, and Weathering > 105% of the Inspection Area.
11R105 - 001 Insp # 2 Insp Date 12/01/2023 00:00:00 has sq feet of Patching + Weathering > 105% of Inspection Area
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11R105 - 001 has the combination of Raveling and Weathering greater than 105% of Insp Area

Error File



Data Accuracy Concerns

- Misidentification of Distresses (e.g.,
 Utilities marked as Distress)
- Missed identifying Inspections at times.

Al Limitations

Struggles in Detecting Certain
 Distresses





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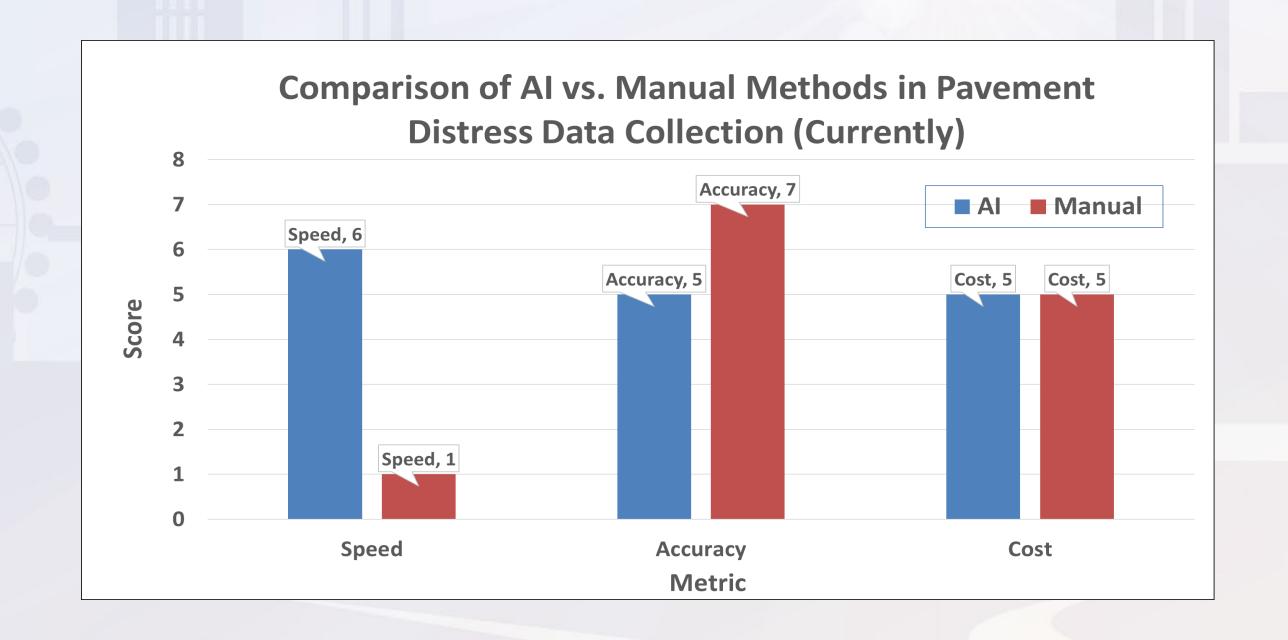
Al Pavement Distress Evaluation Results

- Data Integration: Al-generated distress data was imported into the Pavement Management Program (PMP).
- Comparison: PCI scores from AI were compared against PCI from manually collected data.
- Key Results
 - Variations: Significant differences between Al and manual PCI scores.
 - Overestimation: Al often overestimates medium and high distress levels.
 - QA-QC Standard: Al data did not meet the required QA-QC standards.



Al Pavement Distress Evaluation Results

- > Al Performance Overview
 - Results are harsh compared to manual evaluations
 - Over-detection of certain distresses.
 - Inconsistent distress identification in sections with no issues.





Next Steps

- Development Status: Al is still evolving and is expected to be fully reliable by mid-2025
- > Al Continuous Refinement
 - Iterative Data Importation Continuous comparison between Al and manual data
 - Algorithm Refinement Enhancing distress identification and classification with each iteration.
 - Adapting Across Terrains- Testing algorithms for adaptability and reliability in diverse terrains.
 - Maintaining Standards Ensuring Al aligns with engineering standards
- Cost Implications: Current costs are comparable with manual methods but offer long-term savings due to increased efficiency and reduced labor needs.





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Introducing CYVL: Al for Pavements

- Our Mission
- How Our Tech Has Helped 200+ DPWs
- The Collaboration with Harris/Watsonville
- Path Forward for Replicating Success for California DPWs



CYVL' Mission

Accelerate the future of infrastructure.

Why This Mission Matters:

- \$2.6 trillion infrastructure gap
- Limited budgets to combat aging roads
- Lack of data + inefficient use of resources



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Cyvl provides the critical data needed by DPWs to accurately inform budgets, optimize resource allocation, secure funding, and effectively close the infrastructure gap.



200+ DPW Success Stories

Cyvl is used by leading governments and engineering firms.

















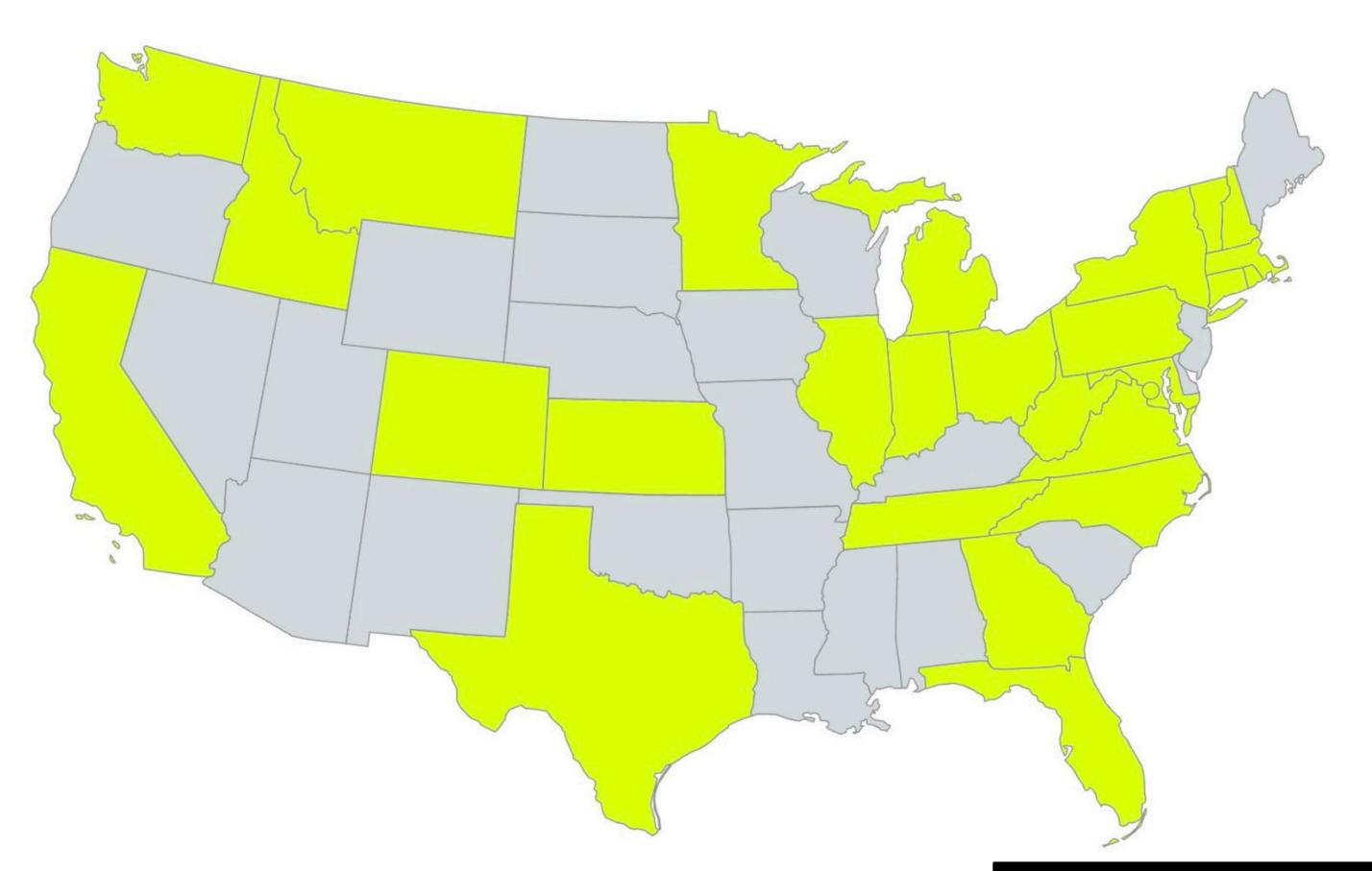














200+ DPW Success Stories

How It Works



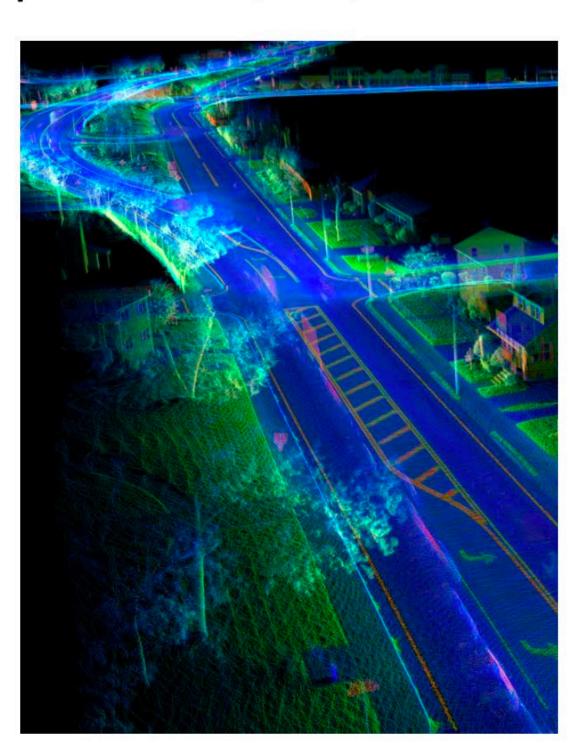
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We map your roads with street view cameras and LiDAR.



02

Our algorithms process the data and we perform QA/QC.



03

You receive high quality infrastructure reports quickly.



CYVL + Harris + Watsonville

- All stakeholders are innovative, forward thinking
- First CYVL projects mapping California roads
- First projects integrating CYVL data into StreetSaver as Pavement Management System
- Key Takeaway: different regions in US require different reporting techniques; what works in Tennessee might not work in California



Path Forward for Success in CA

- Continue to work with Harris to tune our Almodels to ensure meeting distress identification requirements
- Collaborate with Harris + MTC to integrate CYVL data into StreetSaver seamlessly
- Scale up in CA to 1,000s of miles of pavements inspected by end of 2025





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Advice to Engineering Service Providers

- Don't expect AI to print out a perfect answer
- Budget time for reviewing and calibrating the tool
- Monitor for the various challenges covered
- Be prepared to adjust your criteria
- Establish and routinely apply a QC plan
- Partner with the tech firm and involve the Public Agency/ Owner throughout the Aljourney



Advice to Public Agencies



- Embrace emerging technologies.
- Choose consultants that support your vision.
- Provide feedback to consultants.
- Measure public benefits.



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