Performance-Based Contracts for Management and Maintenance of Roads (PMMR)

Module 4 Long-term asset monitoring



"Roads in all countries represent an important national asset"

"Management of road network asset of such value requires adoption of the most careful management practices commensurate with those adopted by the most successful businesses."

Richard Robinson 2004

Large Sums Are Invested in Road Networks

Examples of values administered by road agencies:

- UK Highways ≈ Value of IBM
- Japan Road Public Corporation ≈ Value of GM (General Motors)
- Central and Eastern Europe ≈ 550 billion \$ US

Source: Robinson and Thagesen 2004

Purpose of Road Asset Management:

Aim: Maintain and improve existing road network Means: Attempting to optimize the overall performance of road networks over time. Robinson et al. 1998



Ensure that you have sufficient knowledge, proper tools and information, and

 Get thr best out of the funds available

Ensure that you have sufficient funds

Proper Tools

Models exists that simulates the interaction between

- pavement construction standards,
- maintenance standards,
- the effects of the environment and traffic loading

in order to predict the annual trend in road condition.

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HDM-4 (Highway Development & Management)

HDM-4 is the best-known example of road investment models.

It is capable of simulating the deterioration of pavements based on the present condition and a defined maintenance plan

Analysis

Using HDM-4 a selection of different maintenance plans can be analyzed to determine the long-term costs.
Based on the results the most suitable maintenance plan can be identified.

Optimization

The program can be used to find the best suited maintenance approach for each road under the required performance standards

Requirements for HDM-4

The program needs information to work on.

The most important are road inventory data, pavement condition data and traffic data.

Typical Inventory Data

- Sections the length of each section
- Cross-section the width of the carriageway and shoulders (and ditches)
- Pavement type, thickness, (age)
- Alignment chainage of crossroads, culverts, bridges, curves, gradients
- Structures types and dimensions
- Furniture road signs, guard rails, lightning etc.

Typical Condition Data (Paved Roads)

- Roughness
- Rutting
- Cracking
- Pot-holes
- Pavement texture and friction

Traffic

Traffic is quantified as equivalent standard axles and is based on:

- Present traffic level
- Traffic growth

In addition future traffic depends on:

- Increase in legal axle limits
- Increase in violation of legal axle limits

Calibration of HDM-4

The HDM-4 model can be calibrated to improve the prediction accuracy of the development of the pavement condition.

This is done to improve the match of the modeling with the conditions prevailing for the region in question

Data for Calibration

Historical data (pavement condition data) and carried traffic are required to calibrate the model.

In the absence of such data HDM-4 provides suggestions for calibration, but calibration based on data is recommended to reduce risks.



When introducing new methods the involved parties has to acknowledge, understand and live with risks involved, constantly striving to minimize the risks.

Transfer of Risks

In a PMMR contract a significant part of the risk is transferred from the Client to the Contractor. It is in the Clients interest that the Contractors are aware of the risks and knows how to handle them.

Risk Mitigation

It is in nobody's interest that the Contractor goes broke by underestimating the works involved. The Client has an interest (and a responsibility) to assist the Contractor in making a sensible bid proposal.

Estimation of Works Required

2 basic scenarios exist:

- Maintaining status quo in the pavement condition
- Improving/reducing the present pavement condition
- It is much easier to estimate required works for a "status quo" scenario.

Risk Analysis

There is no substitution for practical engineering judgement and understanding of pavement behavior.

... but HDM-4 or other suitable deterioration models helps !!!!

Basis for Modeling

There is no substitute for good reliable data and good sound statistical experience is required to analyze available data correctly.

Establishing Deterioration Model

- 1. Data validation
- 2. Data analysis
- 3. Building of deterioration model
- 4. Calibration of deterioration model
- 5. Validation of model in field

Costing of Bid Proposal

- 1. Prepare draft work program
- 2. Optimise work program
- 3. Costing of final work program
- 4. Sensitivity analysis of works program
- 5. Final costing and bid submission

Acknowledgement

Any resemblance with

"Pavement deterioration modelling in long term performance based contracts: How far does it mitigate the risk for client and contractor" by Chris Parkman, John Hallet, Theuns Henning and Mike Trapper has been unavoidable as this paper has been a great inspiration for parts of the above presentation.



Pavement Management Systems are tools to guide the Road Administration to optimize the maintenance plans under given budgetary constraints and/or to calculate the required budget to maintain the road at a defined standard.