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CURRENT PRACTISE OF ROAD MANAGEMENT IN MEXICO

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THE MEXICAN ROAD NETWORK (2009)



CONTEXT FOR THE PRESERVATION AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE FEDERAL NETWORK

- USD 4.8 billion required annually for maintenance, upgrading and new construction of roads
- Despite public investments have been growing, allocated funds are still insufficient
- Private investments promoted to fill de gap
- Models adopted:
 - Concessions
 - Asset exploitation
 - Public-Private partnerships





MEXICAN BACKGROUND ON ROAD MANAGEMENT

- Interest in road management systems since late 80's
- A pavement and a bridge management systems developed by the IMT
- A PMS and a BMS implemented by SCT in the mid 90's.
- PMS updated in recent years with the adoption of HDM-4 as a key component
- Development of a PMS in CAPUFE from 2007 to 2010
- Varying levels of interest in states and municipalities, few projects actually undertaken

CONDITION IMPROVEMENT OF THE FEDERAL NETWORK





DATA BEING COLLECTED

- Inventory
- Works history
- Climate
- Traffic
- Condition
 - Smoothness
 - Rutting
 - Surface distresses
 - Deflections
 - Skid resistance





DOMINANT PERCEPTION OF A MANAGEMENT SYSTEM







MAPPING BETWEEN SCT AND IIMM ASSET MANAGEMENT PROCESSES

Developing Asset Management Strategies (IIMM)	DGCC Asset Management Planning Process
Existing Asset Knowledge	2. Asset inventory, condition and performance data
Identify Levels of Service	3. Condition rating
Predict Demand	4. Treatment evaluation
Assess Condition, Measure Performance	3. Condition rating
Failure Mode Analysis	4. Treatment evaluation
Assess Risks of Failure	
Evaluate/Select Treatment Options	4. Treatment evaluation
Identify Optimum Solution	4. Treatment evaluation
Assess Financial Cash Flows	5. Preparation of the National Work Programme
Prepare Asset Management Plan	5. Preparation of the National Work Programme
	6. Implementation of the National Work Programme
Collect Data, Measure Performance	1. Data Collection



CHALLENGES FOR IMPLEMENTING ASSET MANAGEMENT

- Institutional limitations
- Standards Issues
- Technological limitations
- Lack of education programmes









INSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS

- Outdated institutional structure
- Stovepipe operation
- Infrastructure and operation managed independently
- Political pressure
- Loss of trained personnel resulting from organisational downsizing



STANDARDS ISSUES

There is a lack of standards for data collection and storing that specify:

- Acceptable equipment
- Verification, validation and/or calibration procedures
- Parameters to be measured and measuring interval
- Measuring procedures
- Indicators and thresholds for characterising road condition
- Data structures and conventions for storing information







TECHNOLOGICAL LIMITATIONS

- Pavement distresses: distress catalogue
- Deterioration models for pavements
- Condition assessment for asset classes other than pavements and bridges
- Relationship between data aggregation and management applications
- Risk management
- Prioritisation across asset classes
- Overall knowledge on asset management



LACK OF EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

MASTER'S DEGREE IN ROAD ENGINEERING	
Compulsory Core Subjects	Compulsory Subjects
Transport Engineering Statistical Quality Control Applied Mathematics Traffic Engineering Surface and Drainage Hydrology	Planning and Project Evaluation Geotechnics I Geometric Design Geotechnics II Airport Planning and Design Seminar on Research Methodology
	Electives
	Bridge Analysis and Design Tunnel Engineering Works Assessment and Maintenance Techniques Works Programming and Control Bridge Inspection and Assessment



ROLE OF THE MEXICAN TRANSPORT INSTITUTE

- Propose mechanisms to disseminate asset management principles among managers
- Develop standards for data collection and processing
- Undertake projects aimed at overcome the existing technological limitations
- Include asset management in IMT's course offerings
- Promote the designing of graduate programmes in asset management within universities





CONCLUSIONS

- Mexico has valuable road assets, whose value must be preserved and increased
- Public funds are insufficient to meet current needs so various schemes of private involvement have been developed
- Management systems have been deployed to help making better decisions on road maintenance
- A number of challenges exist to implement asset management in Mexico including institutional, standards, technological and educational issues
- The IMT may help overcoming those issues

