## MDOT Trunkline System Stratification

MDOT roads are stratified into four tiers for program development and investment purposes:

- Interstate
- Non-Interstate Freeway
- Non-Freeway National Highway System (NHS)
- Non-NHS

This stratification ensures the department's

pavement preservation resources are focused on the most important corridors throughout the state.

## The Challenge

PAVEMENT CONDITION UNDER DIFFERENT FUNDING LEVELS

MDOT makes the most of its limited resources to keep as many roads in good or fair condition as possible.

- The orange area represents forecasted pavement condition based on current investments, and shows pavement condition continually deteriorating.
- The green area represents 90 percent of the system condition rated good

or fair by 2028. To achieve this, funding would need to increase by \$1.5 billion more than current levels.

In the coming years, MDOT faces the challenge of declining pavements. As pavements fall into poor condition they are much more expensive to replace.

## MDOT prioritizes projects based on:

Safety Road Condition Traffic Volume Public Input Maintenance Costs System Stratification

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# Which Roads to Fix? How MDOT Decides

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# How does the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) select which roads to fix?

Factors MDOT takes into account:

## PAVEMENT CONDITION OF MDOT ROADS AS OF 2017

(I, US and M routes)



# Current Condition

MDOT uses multiple techniques to determine a road's surface condition as good, fair or poor. This information also helps determine the number of years left until the road will need to be rebuilt.

- "Windshield" survey
- Measure roughness
- Identify crack types and severity

Current Average Annual Investments for FY2019-FY2023 (in Millions)	
Reconstruction	\$310.4
Resurfacing	\$320.9
Preventive Maintenance	\$119.0
Total Annual Budget	\$750.3

**Forecasted Condition** 

MDOT forecasts pavement conditions with the Road Quality Forecasting System (RQFS), which takes into account:

- Current road condition
- Projected pavement deterioration
- How long a proposed fix will last
- Types of fixes



# Strategy

MDOT monitors and manages the condition of the entire network, not just focusing on fixing the worst roads first. In order to maximize limited resources, MDOT uses a mix of fixes (reconstruction, resurfacing and preventive maintenance).

## Using this information, MDOT selects road construction projects that are the "right fix at the right time on the right road."

#### **Reconstruction Fixes**

- Repair the surface and base under the road
- Lasts 14-26 years
- Used for roads in poor condition
- Most expensive (about \$2.4 million per lane mile)

#### **Resurfacing Fixes**

- Repair or replace surface
- Lasts 10-15 years
- Used for roads in fair/poor condition
- *Mid-price* (about \$0.7 million per lane mile)

### Preventive Maintenance Fixes

- Patch concrete or seal surface
- Lasts 3-7 years
- Used for roads in good condition
- Least expensive
  - (about \$0.1 million per lane mile)

### **ROAD DETERIORATION**

