

INFRASTRUCTURE PRESERVATION

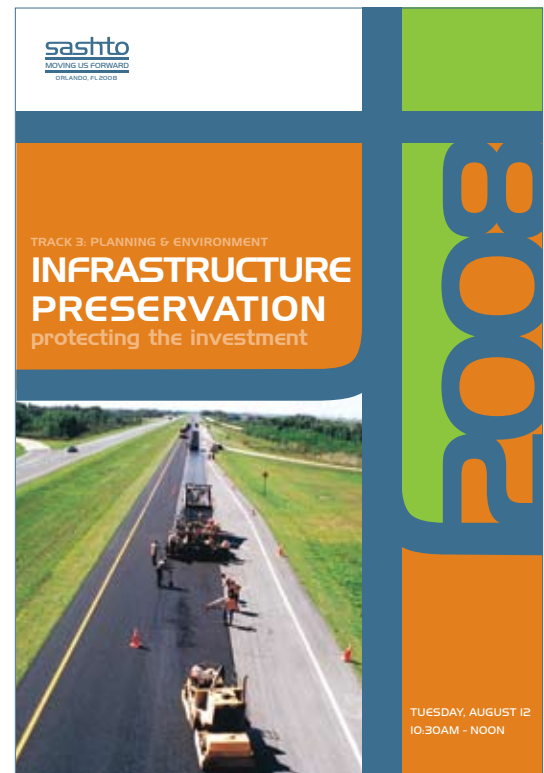
protecting the investment

Moderator: King W. Gee
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How do we use our limited resources to protect the investment in our existing infrastructure? Our panelists discussed "Infrastructure Preservation – protecting the investment."

Infrastructure Preservation: King W. Gee, FHWA's Associate Administrator for Infrastructure, talked about preserving the deteriorating condition of the nation's roads and bridges. Since 1980, vehicle miles traveled (VMT) is up 98 percent, licensed drivers up 40 percent yet lane miles have only increased by seven percent.

Preservation of Florida's Infrastructure: Preservation has been a top priority in Florida Statutes since 1999 and within FDOT well before that, said Tim Lattner, FDOT's State Maintenance Engineer. The investment in a preservation program that includes accountability through performance measures is a sound investment with solid returns.

System Preservation in Louisiana:

Janice P. Williams, P.E., Louisiana DOTD, Chief, Systems Engineering, said a System Preservation Section was created to provide a single unit in LA DOTD whose primary focus is development and management of the department's preservation efforts. The current strategy is to start small with a \$3 million program for two deck spall repair projects and one joint replacement project. She also discussed national and regional efforts for system preservation - AASHTO TSP-2 Initiative and the Southeast Pavement Preservation Partnership and Bridge Preservation Partnerships. She encouraged states to participate.

Alabama System Preservation:

Alabama DOT's Assistant Chief of Operations, Rex Bush, discussed Alabama's preventive maintenance program. He said Alabama needs more flexibility in getting funding to catch up with pavement preservation efforts.

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