

1st United States Territorial Peer Exchange (USTPE)



USTPE Conference Highlights
Findings/Lessons Learned
Action Items/Next Steps

Eng. Peter Stephanos FHWA Office of Stewardship, Oversight and Management Director



Benjamín Colucci, Puerto Rico LTAP Director





Part 1: USTPE Conference Highlights



Part 2: Peer Exchange Findings/Lessons Learned



Part 3: Potential Action Items/Next Steps



United We Make the Difference!



USTPE Team Work



August 20, 2018

USTPE General Sessions



USTPE Welcome and Territories Presentations

FHWA Welcome Remarks



American Samoa Delegation



Commonwealth Northern Mariana Islands Delegation



Guam Delegation



Puerto Rico Highway and Transportation Authority Delegation



United States Virgin Islands DPW Delegation





Joey Hartmann, PhD, Director, Office of Bridges and Structures National Bridge & Tunnel Inspection Program



Mr. Robert Eatmon, FHWA Resource Center Financial Program Specialist, Finance Services Team Federal-Aid and Grant Management Overview



August 21, 2018

USTPE General Sessions



Eng. Amy Lucero
Chief Technical Service Officer
FHWA Resource Center



Eng. Leslie Lahndt Rotational CAP Manager, FHWA Office of Stewardship, Oversight & Management Risk Management



Mrs. Sharon Gordon, FHWA Strength Development Inventory (SDI): Have a Nice Conflict





August 22, 2018

USTPE Morning General Sessions

Eng. Greg Wolf

Emergency Relief (ER) Program Manager

- Emergency Relief (ER) Funding Overview Interaction/Sharing Experiences



Eng. Andres Alvarez FHWA Puerto Rico Division

- Transportation Planning in Your community:
Why your participation in the Process Matters?



Eng. Everett Matias Senior Transportation Engineer, Territorial Program & Puerto Rico Highway Program



August 22, 2018

USTPE Technical Sessions



Building a Resilient Infrastructure



- ▶ Becky Lupes & Rob Hyman
Sustainable Transportation
and Resilience Team, FHWA
Office of Planning,
Environment and Realty



August 22, 2018

USTPE Administrative Sessions



OJTSS & NSTI Programs

- ▶ Joyce Gottlieb, Program Analyst
FHWA Center for Transportation
Workforce Development
- ▶ Michael Caliendo, Program
Management Analyst/Civil Rights
Specialist & On-the-Job Training
National Program Manager



Richelle Takara, FHWA Jomo McClean, US Virgin Islands





August 23, 2018

USTPE Pacific Territories Session

Eng. Roy Sturgill, PE, University of Kentucky Highway Plans 101





August 23, 2018

USTPE Atlantic Territories Session

Mrs. Leah Russell Regional Emergency Transportation Representative (ETREP)

- ▶ Representing the Southeast US Region
US Department of Transportation
- ▶ Emergency Response



Alex Appel

FHWA Emergency Coordinator

Emergency Operations Program



Eng. Peter Mancauskas Innovative Finance Project Manager FHWA Center for Innovative Finance Support

- ▶ FHWA Office of Innovative Program Delivery:
What it is and how it can benefit the US
Territories



August 23, 2018

USTPE Technical Session



Technical Session Speakers



Bridge Preservation with Carbon
Fiber Products - An Effective and
Economical Solution

Dr. Issam Harik, KTC-Univ. of
Kentucky

1st United States Territorial Peer Exchange (USTPE)



GRS-IBS & Geotech

Eng. Dustin Robbins, Geotechnical Engineer
Eng. Dominic Monarco, Engineer
FHWA

August 20-24, 2018





August 23, 2018

USTPE Administrative Session

Pavement Preservation

Eng. Andrés Álvarez, FHWA Puerto Rico Division
Eng. Jason Dietz, FHWA Colorado Division



Administrative Session Speakers



Pavement Management,
Asset Management Software
Eng. Garyn Perrett, iWorQ



Ferry Boats Program (FBP)
Eng. Gary Strike, FHWA





Part 2:

Peer Exchange Findings / Lessons Learned

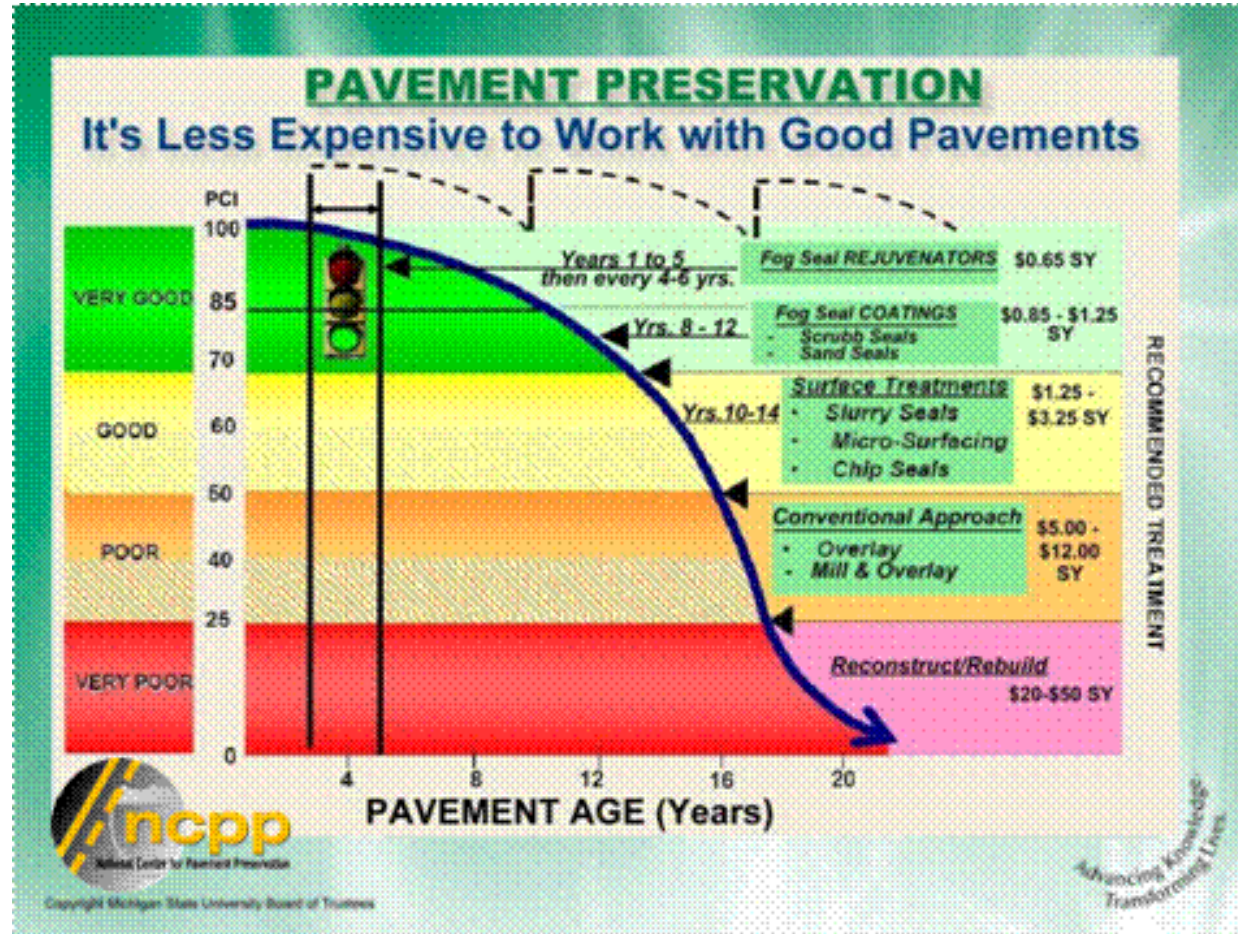
Peer Exchange Findings / Lessons Learned

1. This Peer Exchange was a very valuable activity
2. Role of FHWA in Territories has been helpful and is appreciated
3. All Territories need additional funding. Interested in knowing all funding opportunities.
4. Pacific Territories face constraints on labor/professionals due to visa restrictions and salary constraints.
5. Federal regulations regulations and policies need to consider unique challenges of Territories.
6. Territories believe federal requirements are challenging and require significant effort to remain compliant.
7. Lack of contractors is a constraint and new contractors won't come in until there is some security of long term work.



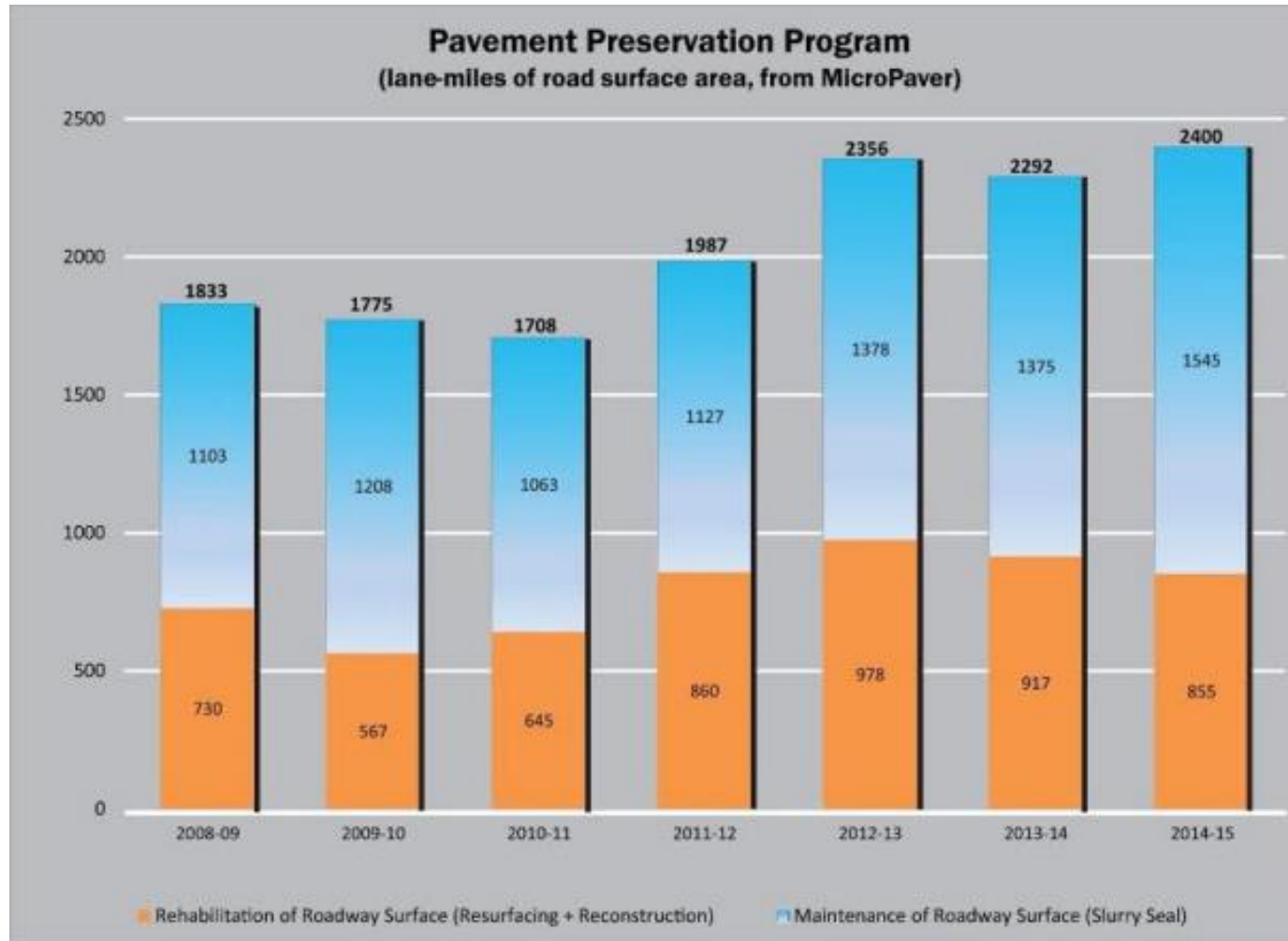
Peer Exchange Findings / Lessons Learned (cont.)

8. Territories would benefit from clarification on what maintenance/preservation is allowable.



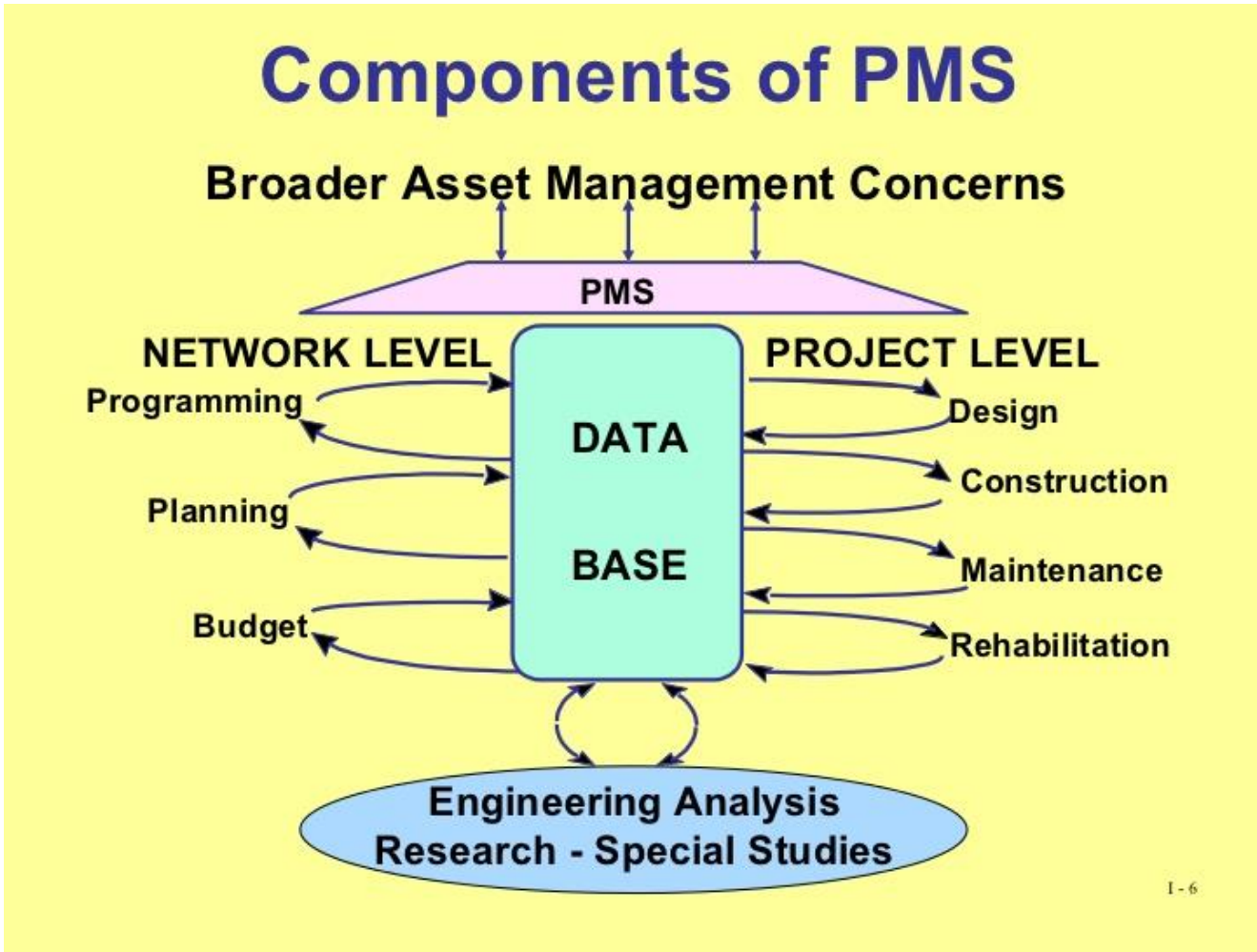
Peer Exchange Findings / Lessons Learned (cont.)

- 8. Territories would benefit from clarification on what maintenance/preservation is allowable.



Peer Exchange Findings / Lessons Learned (cont.)

8. Territories would benefit from clarification on what maintenance/preservation is allowable.



Peer Exchange Findings / Lessons Learned (cont.)

9. Although Territories understand importance of resiliency/vulnerability, due to lack of resources it is not a priority.
10. There are opportunities to expand planning and programming activities to establish goals and increase public involvement.
11. Water transportation is a critical service for the territories to connect from Island to Island.
12. Federal Lands is a good resource both for regular federal aid program, as well as Emergency Response (ER).





Part 3: Potential Action Items / Next Steps

Potential Action Items / Next Steps

1. Simplify the process to manage and delivery federally funded projects.
2. Find opportunities to leverage FHWA resources.
3. Focus on improving Territory ability to build coastal resiliency.
4. Focus on better managing assets.
5. Look for opportunities to form agreements with others.
6. Understand available federal grant opportunities.
7. Stay engaged:
 1. Formalize a group to sustain the peer relationship
 2. Establish charter and meet regularly (virtually)
 3. Hold targeted webinar training sessions and listening sessions
 4. Plan to hold face-to-face event every 3 to 5 years at rotating location



Dr. Colucci's Lessons Learned

1. USTPE provided an **added value** to all the territories.
2. In my opinion, clarification regarding Federal legislation applicable to territories is needed:
 - ▶ 23 CFT - Highway
 - ▶ 49 CFR - Transportation
 - ▶ 2 CFR - Uniformity
 - ▶ 29 CFR - OSHA



Dr. Colucci's Lessons Learned



3. Preventive maintenance strategies

- ▶ Clarify to what extent crack sealing/pothole routine activities fits in as an eligible funding activities under EDC (i.e. What % of potholes, cracks are eligible?; less than 20%.)

Dr. Colucci's Lessons Learned

4. Incorporate/amend current CFR legislation to address the territorial extraordinary events and made them part of the ordinary intention of the legislators.
5. A separate federal publication/guideline that includes all pertinent FHWA territories requirements is needed.



Dr. Colucci's Lessons Learned

6. NHI courses are available to assist the territories.



Dr. Colucci's Next Steps

- ▶ **Periodic Webinars** on pertinent topics coordinated by Puerto Rico LTAP or the territories.
- ▶ **FHWA Resource Center Staff** have demonstrated interest to visit the territories and elaborate on each of the topics covered.
- ▶ **Technical Report** with all the presentations will be available on November 1st, 2018.
- ▶ All presentations will be available on **PR T²/LTAP website** www.prltap.org.



Thank you USTPE Family!



Have a safe trip back Home!

