The Nar Nar Goon Validation Site

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Outline
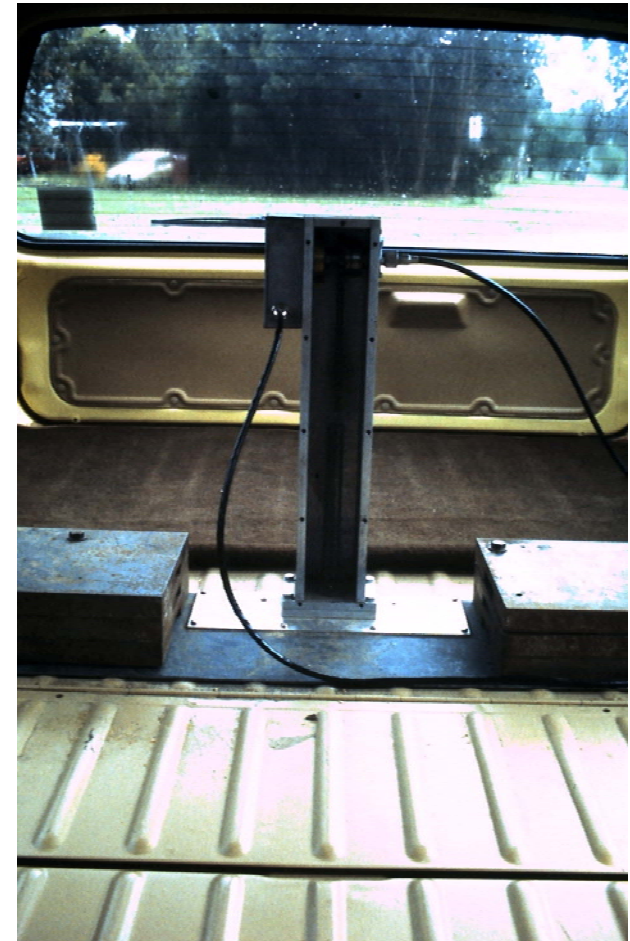
- The past
- A bigger burger
- Nar Nar Goon
- The measurements
- The future
- Brief summary

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Remember when……..

- The RTRRMS ruled the roadways

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Life was simple

- You were satisfied with a cheese burger
- Only needed to validate one pavement condition parameter

1986 Berwick-Cranbourne validation site

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- Roughness was no longer the only game in town
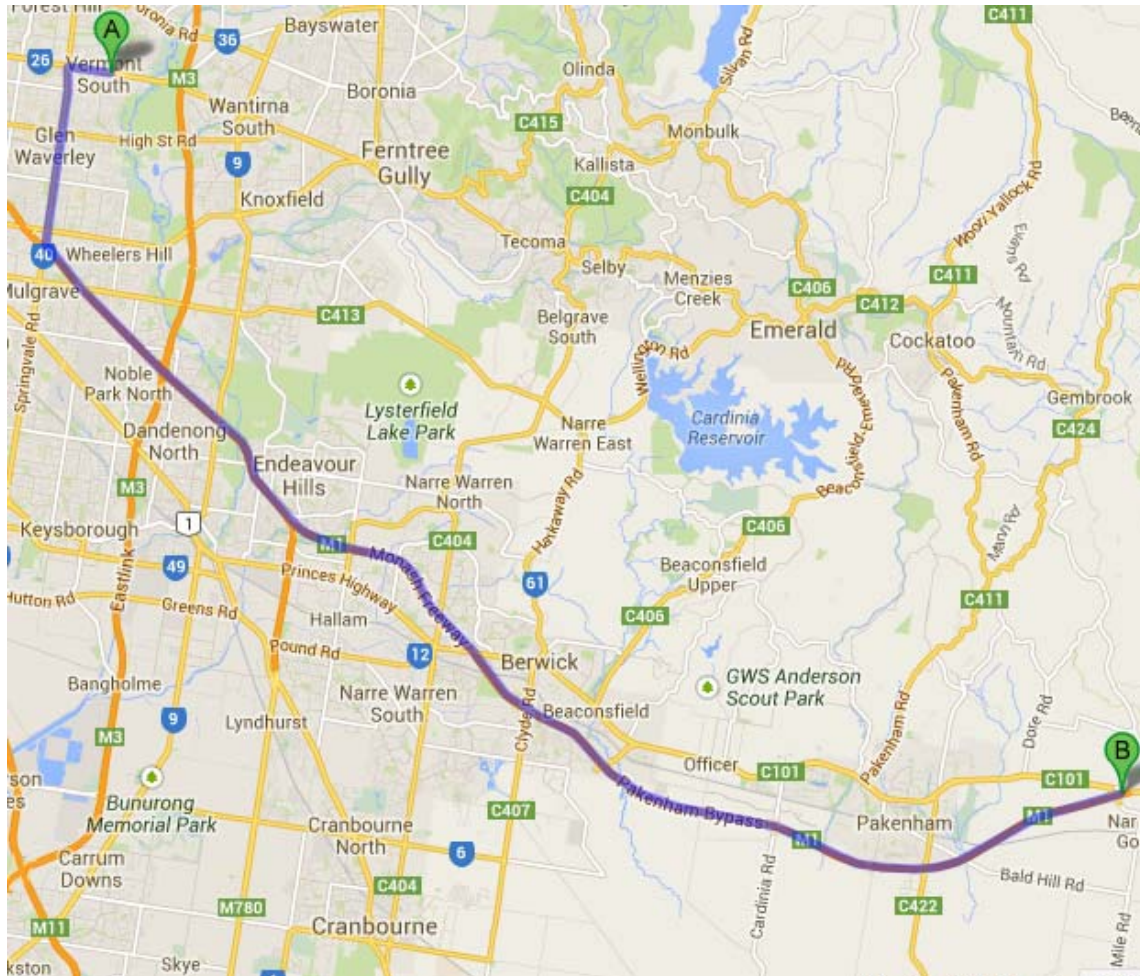
We had to find a new site

- Why?
  - Lack of variation in key pavement condition parameters
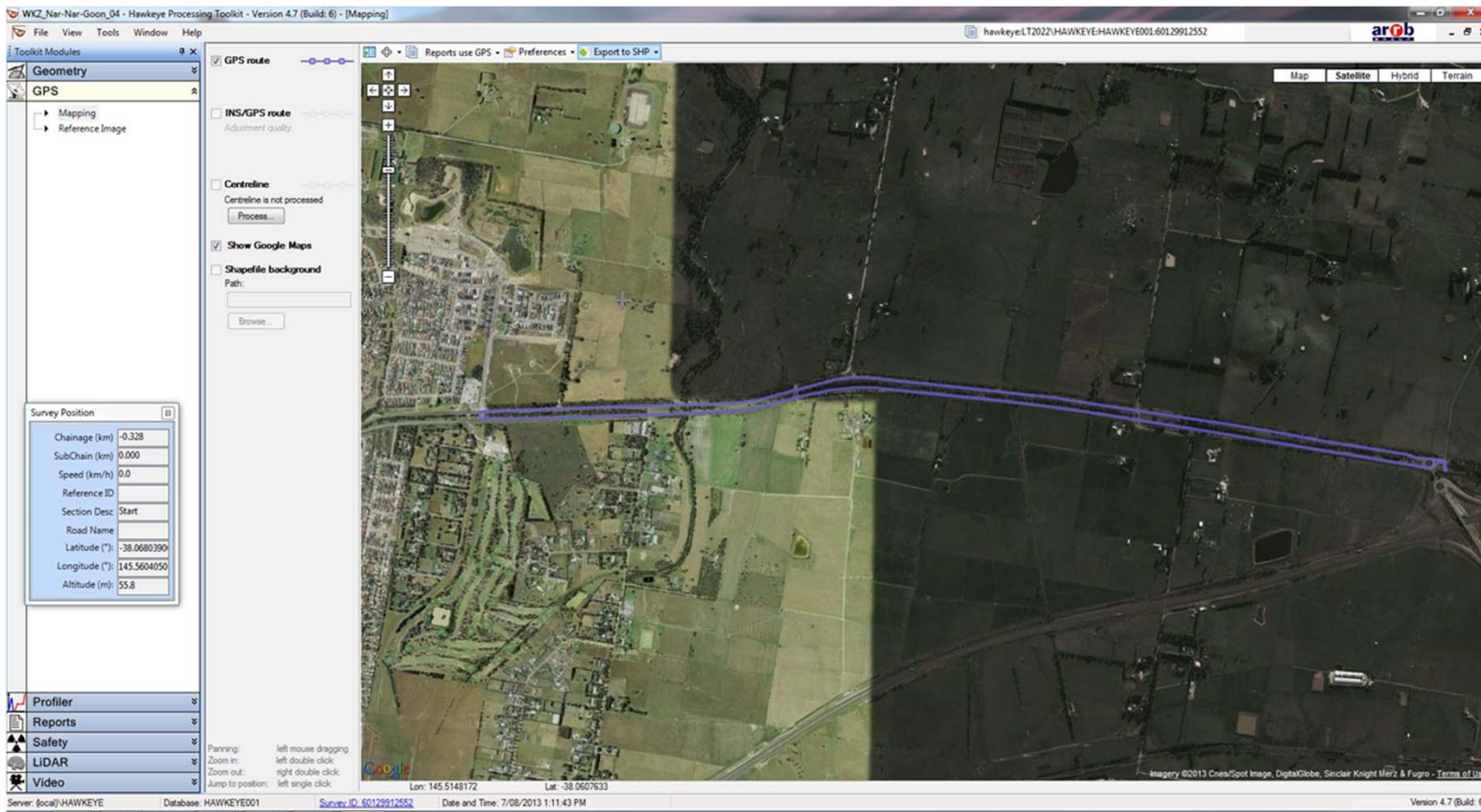 - Urban sprawl
  - Rehabilitation

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'Seek and you will find'

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Nar Nar Goon

G'day Roo! Any idea what Nar Nar Goon means?

No worries mate. That's an easy one.

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Nar nar goon is……….

Bush bear… or
Koala

The Goonie Loop

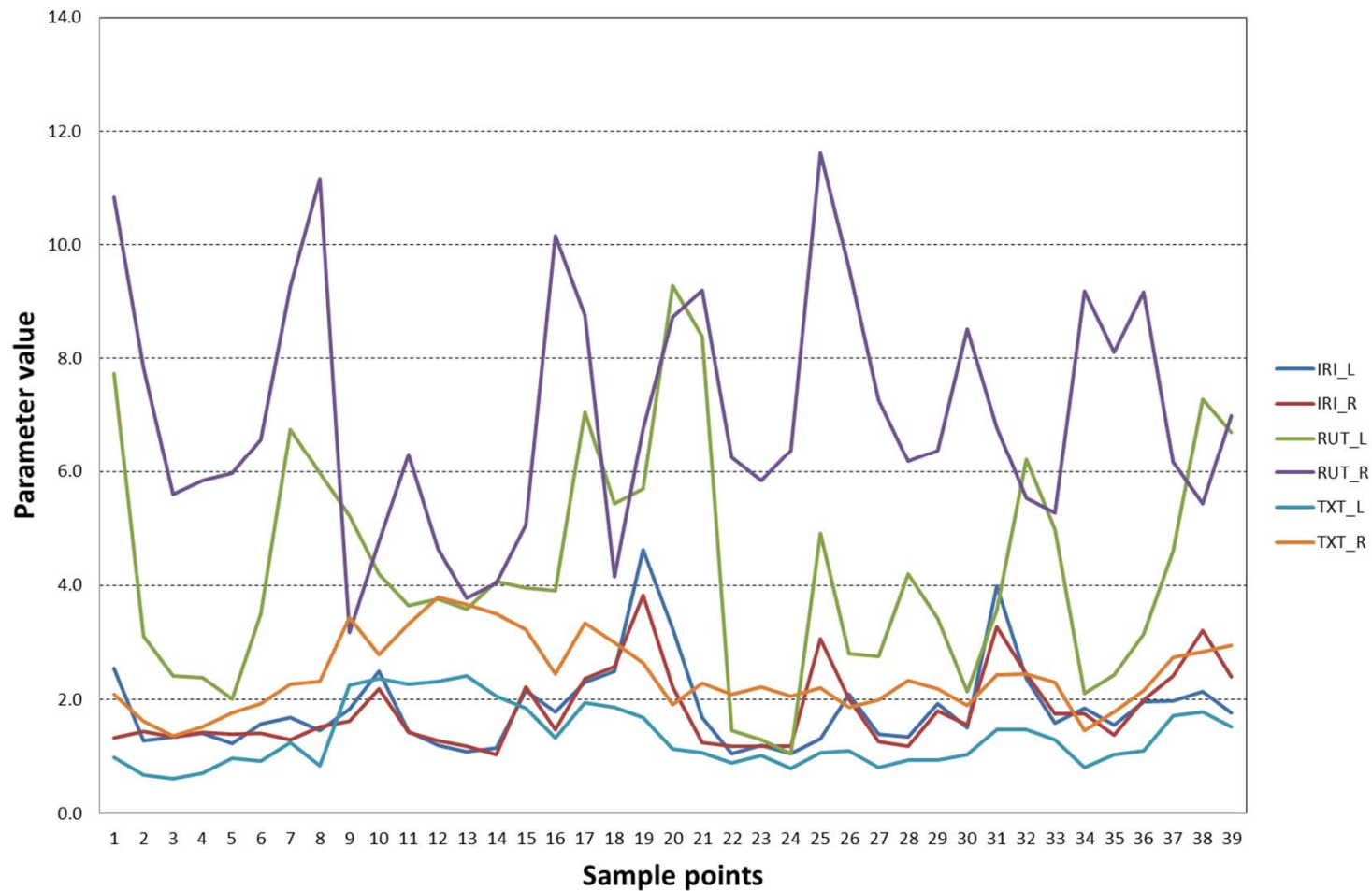Trusted advisor to road authorities for technical input and solutions

The hope……

- One location that met all of the Austroads criteria for roughness, rutting and texture
- Maximum of 5 sites
- Suitable repeatability loop
- Relatively close to home
- Safe (dual lane, low traffic volume)
- Not likely to be rehabilitated (any time soon)

Site selection

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Marking up the sites

Roughness

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Rut depth measurement

Transverse profile

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Rut depth measurement

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With great power comes……

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The ROLBOT in action

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Correlation

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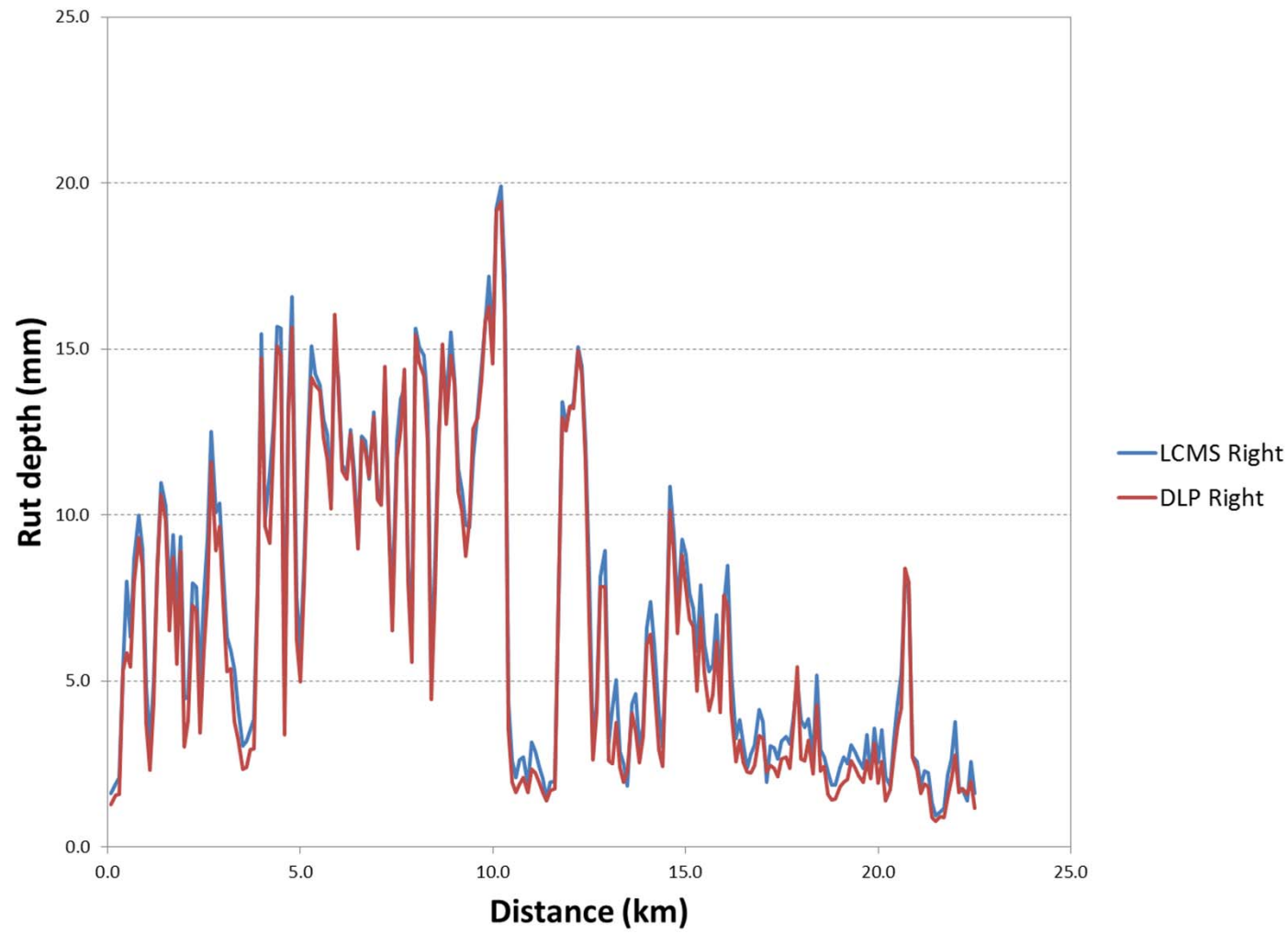
Texture measurement

- 5x 20m sites
- 0.5m spacing
- 3 measurement paths
- One man
- 40 kg of glass beads
- Do the sums

600

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Texture measurement

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Not cheap

- Staff
- Traffic control
- Time
- Annual effort

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What now…..

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Geo-referenced objects & distance

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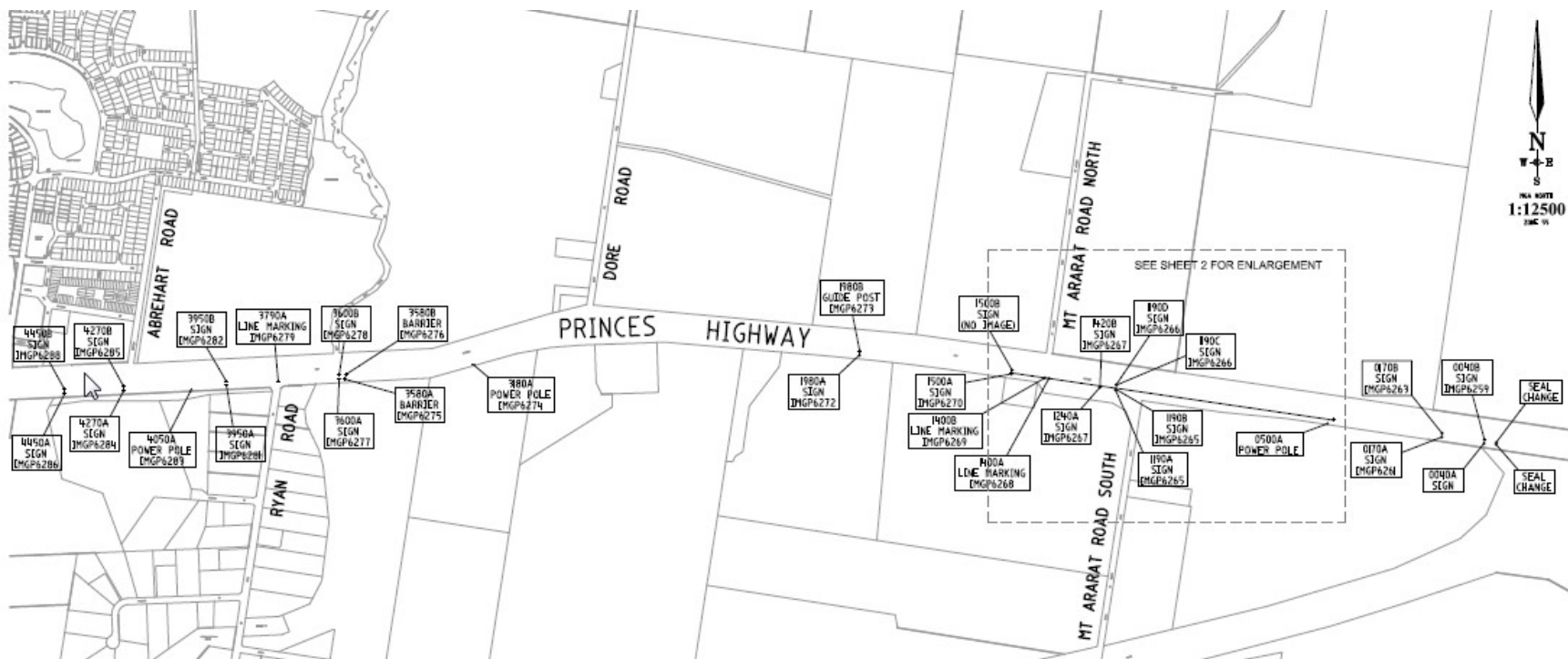
Traffic Speed Deflectometer

Build in progress

Additional measurements

Cracking Module

Position of the Doppler sensors, distance from the axle:

10 cm 20 cm 30 cm 3,6 m from the axle

GPR

IRI, Texture

Maximum load
Medium load
Minimum load
Normal measurement
Additional ballast
Trip meter

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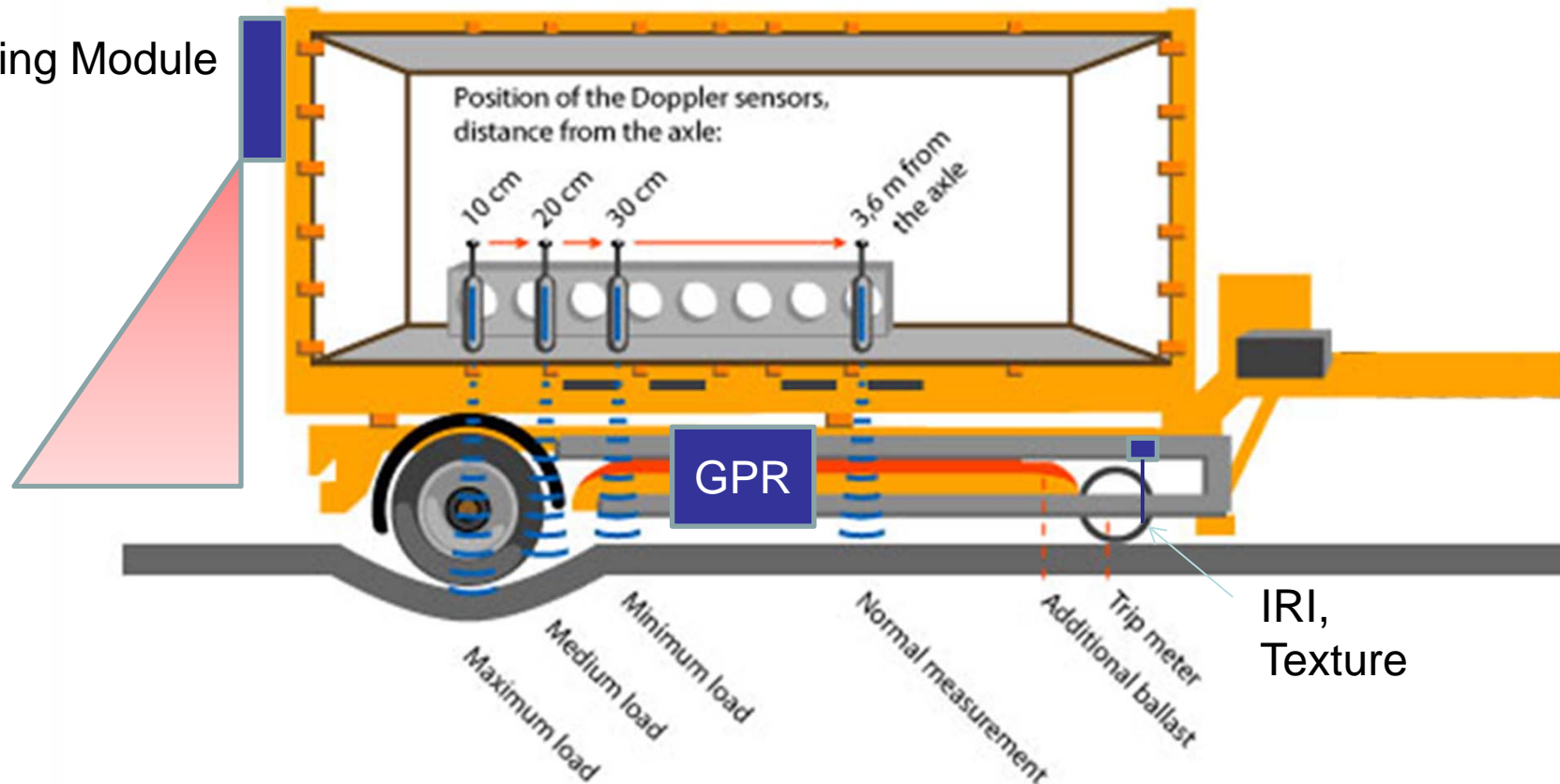
Summary

- Validation & repeatability sites are necessary

- Have a limited life span (if not dedicated)

- High cost to set up and maintain

- Sites need to keep up with new developments in technology

- Increasingly harder to find single sites or locations that meet all needs

Thank you

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