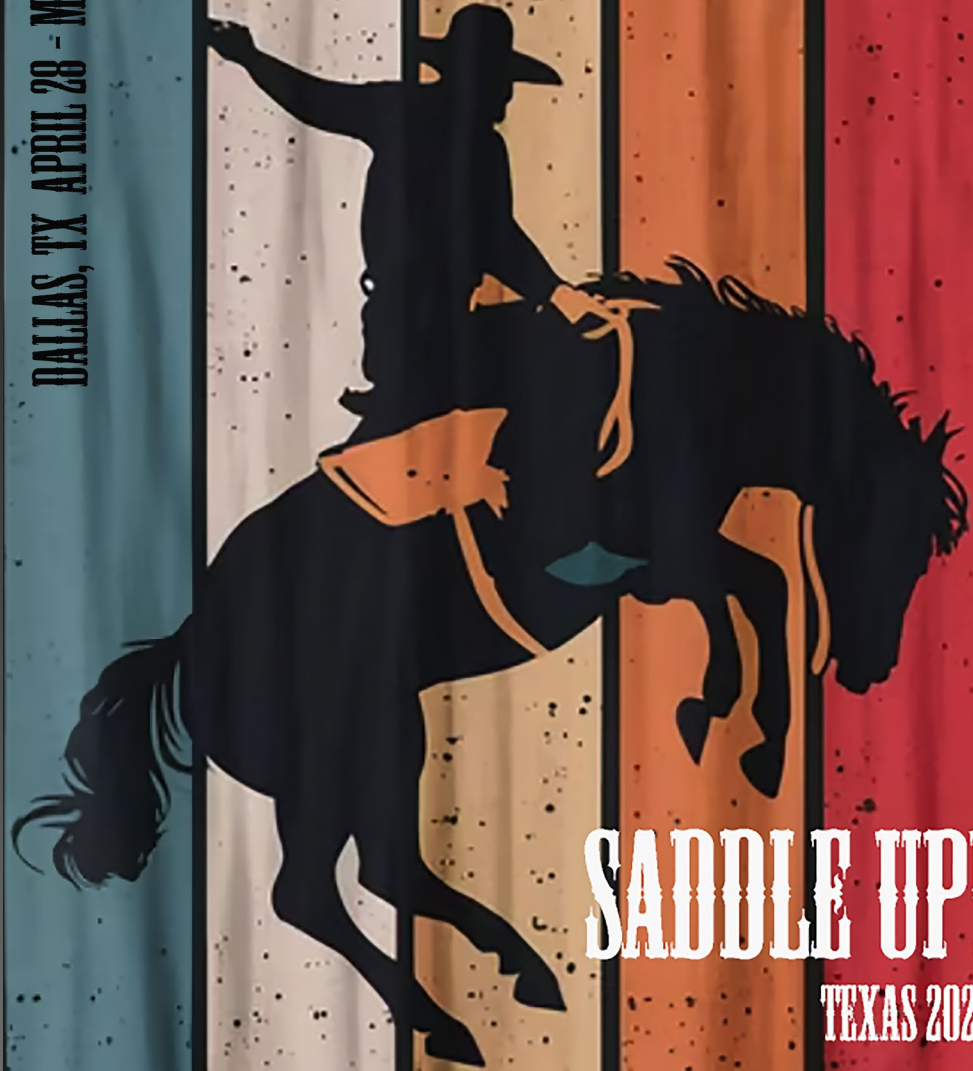


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THE ROLE OF CONTINUOUS TIRE-PAVEMENT FRICTION MEASUREMENT IN THE MANAGEMENT OF HIGH FRICTION SURFACE TREATMENTS

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OBJECTIVES



- **HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCCESSFUL HIGH FRICTION SURFACE TREATMENT IN ROADWAY SAFETY**
- **EXPLORE HOW CONTINUOUS PAVEMENT FRICTION MEASUREMENT ENSURES HFST EFFECTIVENESS AND ENABLES EARLY ISSUE DETECTION**
- **SHOW HOW CPFM TRACKS PAVEMENT PERFORMANCE FROM INSTALLATION THROUGH SERVICE LIFE**

THE IMPORTANCE OF HFST



- “UP TO 70% OF WET PAVEMENT CRASHES COULD BE PREVENTED OR MINIMIZED BY IMPROVING PAVEMENT FRICTION AND TEXTURE.”*
- HFST HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS “PAVEMENT TREATMENTS THAT DRAMATICALLY AND IMMEDIATELY REDUCE CRASHES, INJURIES, AND FATALITIES ASSOCIATED WITH FRICTION DEMAND ISSUES....”*
- HFST, WHEN PLACED CORRECTLY, CAN REDUCE CRASHES...BUT...
- IT’S EXPENSIVE! FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION!

(*FHWA)



WHY DOES HFST FAIL?

THE SUCCESS OF HFST IS NOT GUARANTEED AND IT CAN FAIL PREMATURELY IN ITS ENTIRETY OR IN PATCHES FOR MANY REASONS:

- **PLACEMENT OVER PAVEMENT IN POOR CONDITION (CRACKING, RUTTING, RAVELING, ETC.),**
- **PLACEMENT OVER PAVEMENT LESS THAN 30 DAYS OLD,**
- **PLACEMENT UNDER POOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS (TEMPERATURE OR MOISTURE)**
- **INADEQUATE MATERIAL MIXING OR QUALITY**

CAN'T JUST “SET IT AND FORGET IT!” – HFST IS EXPENSIVE!

HFST FAILURES



**HFST FAILURES
THAT REQUIRE
REPAIRS;
RETROACTIVE
PATCHES AND
SEALS MAY
PERFORM SUB-
OPTIMALLY AT
THESE
LOCATIONS**



CPFM: SCRIM READING



FHWA HAS IDENTIFIED PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATORY THRESHOLDS FOR FRICTION, REPRESENTED BY SCRIM READING (SR) (MEASURED BY SCRIM®, SIDEWAYS FORCE COEFFICIENT ROUTINE INVESTIGATION MACHINE) THAT VARY BY FACILITY TYPE AND GEOMETRIC CONTEXT:

**FHWA Pavement
Friction Investigatory
Thresholds**

Roadway Type	Roadway Feature	Suggested Investigatory SFN 40	Range from FHWA Graphical Analysis
Freeways	Tangent	40	36 – 38
	Curve	45	42 – 44
	Ramp		44 – 46
Rural, Multi-lane Roadways	Tangent	50	48 – 50
	Curve & Intersection	55	54 – 56
Rural, Two-lane, Two-way Roadways	Tangent	50	48 – 50
	Curve	55	54 – 56
	Intersection	60	54 – 56
Urban / Suburban Arterial Roadways	Tangent & Curve	50	48 – 50
	Intersection	55	54 – 56

- **HFST FRICTION RANGE: 75 – 105**



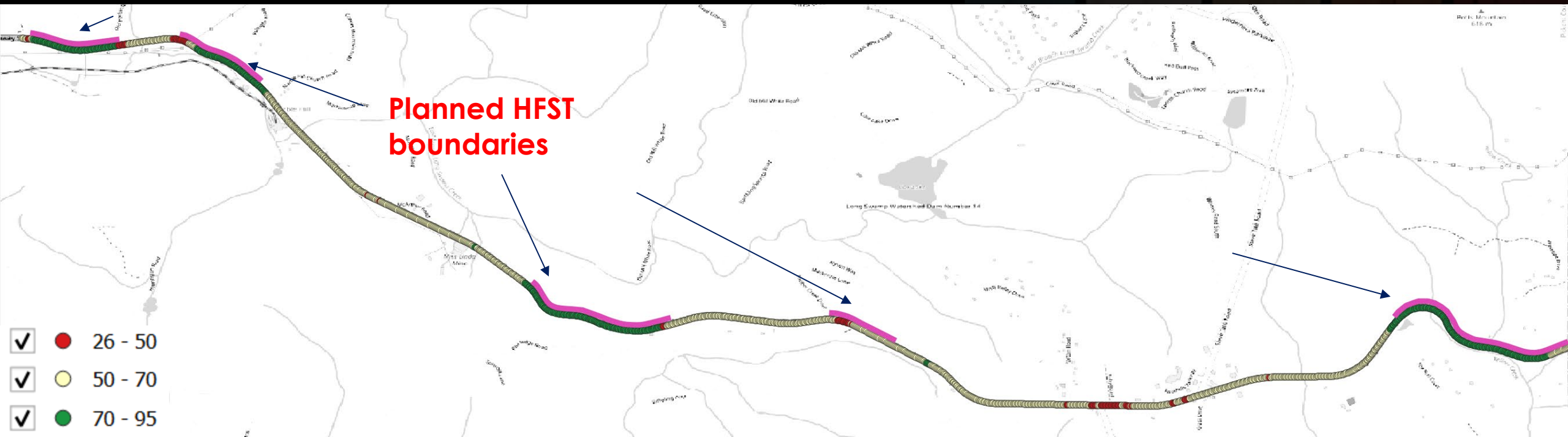
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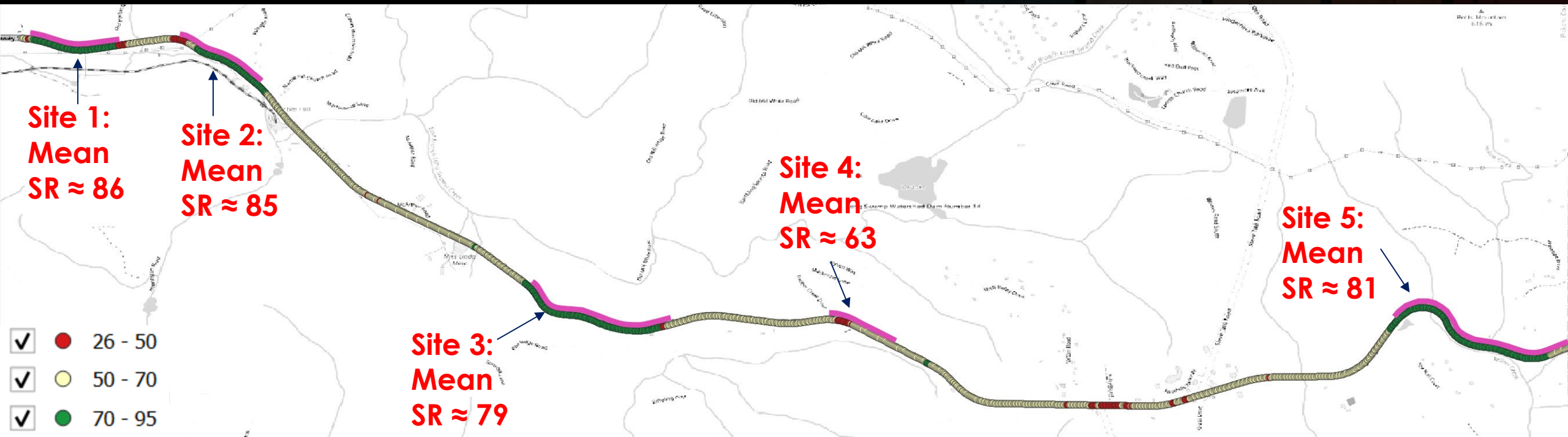
- **SCRIM SURVEYED ~6.5 MILES WITH 5 RECORDED HFST PROJECTS COVERING ~2.2 MI.**
- **THE INCREASES IN FRICTION (GREEN) SHOW US THAT THE HFST BOUNDARIES ARE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT THAN THE PLANNED BOUNDARIES.**
- **KNOWING THESE BOUNDARIES IMPROVES FUTURE SAFETY ANALYSES.**



CASE STUDY 1



- 4/5 PLANNED HFST SITES ARE REFLECTED IN THE COLLECTED FRICTION DATA
- THE SCRIM READING (SR) MEANS RANGE FROM 79 TO 86 FOR THESE 4 SITES
- THE MEAN SR FOR THE NON-HFST ROADWAY IS 58
- THE MEAN SR FOR SITE 4 IS 63

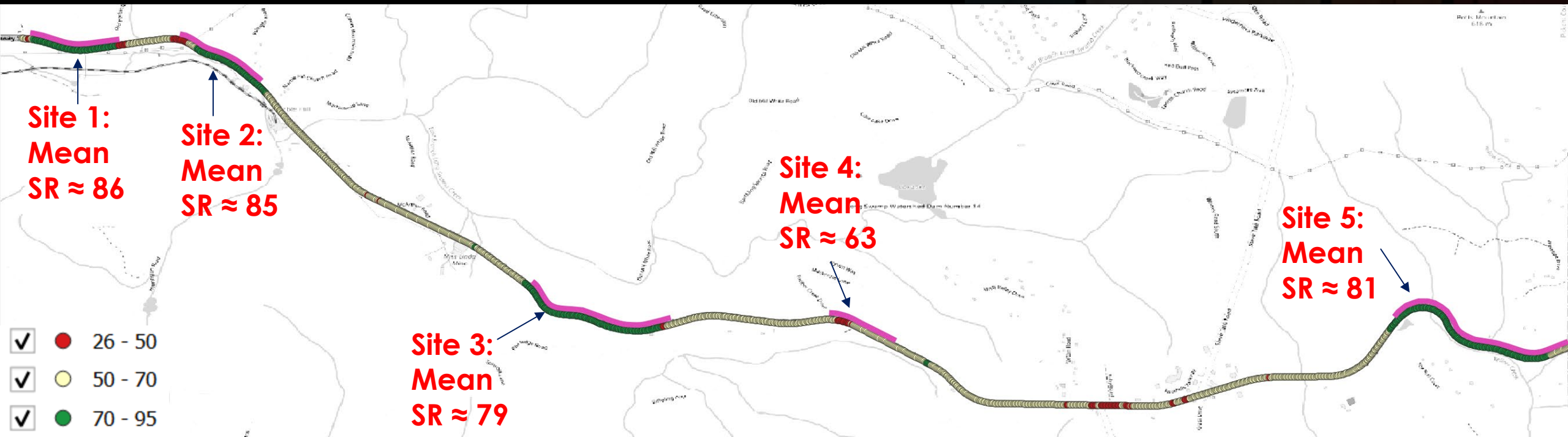


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WHY IS THIS INFORMATION HELPFUL? SOME SITE 4 QUESTIONS...

- IS SITE 4 A PLANNED HFST PROJECT THAT WAS NEVER EXECUTED? OR
- IS SITE 4 AN HFST FAILURE – IF SO, WHEN AND WHY DID IT FAIL?
- CPFM GIVES YOU INSIGHT INTO WHICH QUESTIONS TO ASK AND HOW TO ANSWER THEM



CASE STUDY 1



- **CPFM HELPS YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR HFST'S PROJECT BOUNDARIES, IMPROVING RECORD KEEPING AND FUTURE SAFETY EVALUATIONS AND ANALYSES INVOLVING CRASH HISTORIES.**
- **KNOWING THAT THE HFST FAILED PREMATURELY SHOULD TRIGGER AN EVALUATION OF THE PROCESS – IT'S IMPORTANT TO ANSWER THE QUESTION: WHY DID IT FAIL?**

CASE STUDY 2



CASE STUDY 2

- **RESEARCH-ORIENTED COMPARISON OF PAVEMENT PERFORMANCE USING SCRIM EQUIPMENT.**
- **0.8-MILE PROJECT TEST SITE WITH 7 DIFFERENT SURFACES, INCLUDING MULTIPLE “HIGH FRICTION” MIXES.**

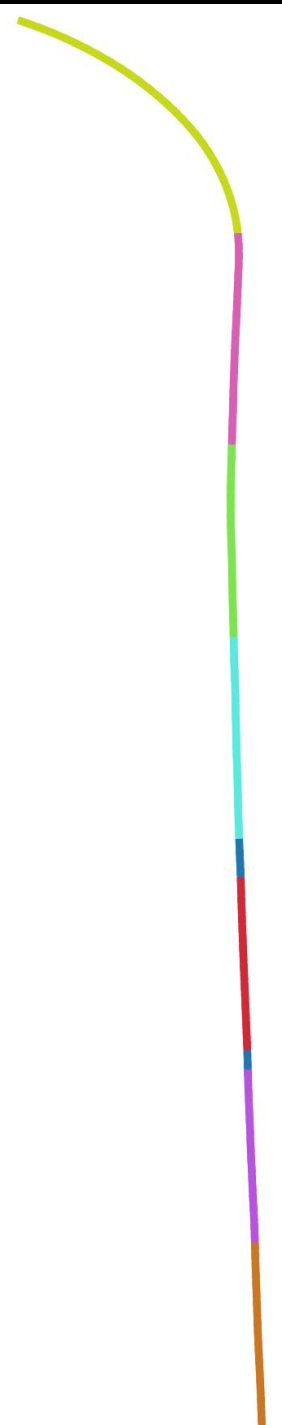
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- 1. Calcined Bauxite 2020
 - 0. Existing Pavement
 - 1. GSB -8 Taconite
 - 2. GSB -6 Taconite
 - 2.5. Gap 100'
 - 3. HFST Taconite
 - 3.5. Gap 35'
 - 4. HFST Bauxite
 - 5. New GSB -8 Taconite



CASE STUDY 2

Section	Mean SR
-1. Calcined Bauxite 2020	80
0. Existing Pavement	43
1. GSB -8 Taconite	47
2. GSB -6 Taconite	44
2.5. Gap 100'	63
3. HFST Taconite	84
3.5. Gap 35'	70
4. HFST Bauxite	85
5. New GSB -8 Taconite	51

- ONLY 3 YEARS AFTER INSTALLATION, THE GSB TACONITE PAVEMENTS HAVE THE LOWEST FRICTION OF ALL THE TEST SECTIONS
- BOTH HFST'S HAVE HIGH FRICTION, WITH SR VALUES RESEMBLING HFST IN OTHER STATES



CASE STUDY 2

SOME QUESTIONS CPFM MIGHT HELP YOU ASK AND ANSWER:

- **WILL THE HFST TACONITE AND HFST BAUXITE MAINTAIN SIMILAR LEVELS OF FRICTION OVER TIME? DO THEY REQUIRE DIFFERENT MAINTENANCE / RESURFACING SCHEDULES?**



TAKEAWAYS: THE BENEFITS OF SYSTEMIC MONITORING WITH CPFM



CPFM ALLOWS FOR HIGH RESOLUTION FRICTION DATA AT A NETWORK LEVEL, BUT IT ALSO ALLOWS ENABLES:

- **EARLY DETECTION OF DEGRADATION AND EITHER PARTIAL OR COMPLETE FAILURE**
- **IDENTIFICATION OF (ACTUAL) TREATMENT BOUNDARIES**
- **COMPARISON OF PAVEMENTS WITH DIFFERENT AGGREGATE MIXES, FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE HIGH FRICTION SURFACES**
- **MONITORING & MODELING FRICTION PERFORMANCE FROM INSTALLATION TO FAILURE**

QUESTIONS?

- **THANK YOU!**

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