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# PAVEMENT CONDITION RATINGS



# Pavement Condition Ratings Project Team

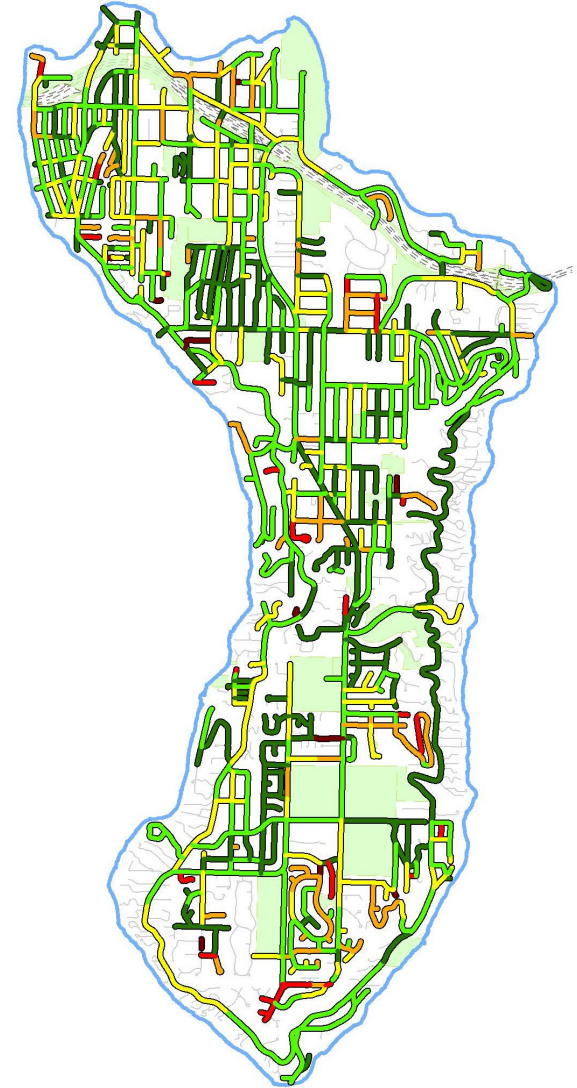
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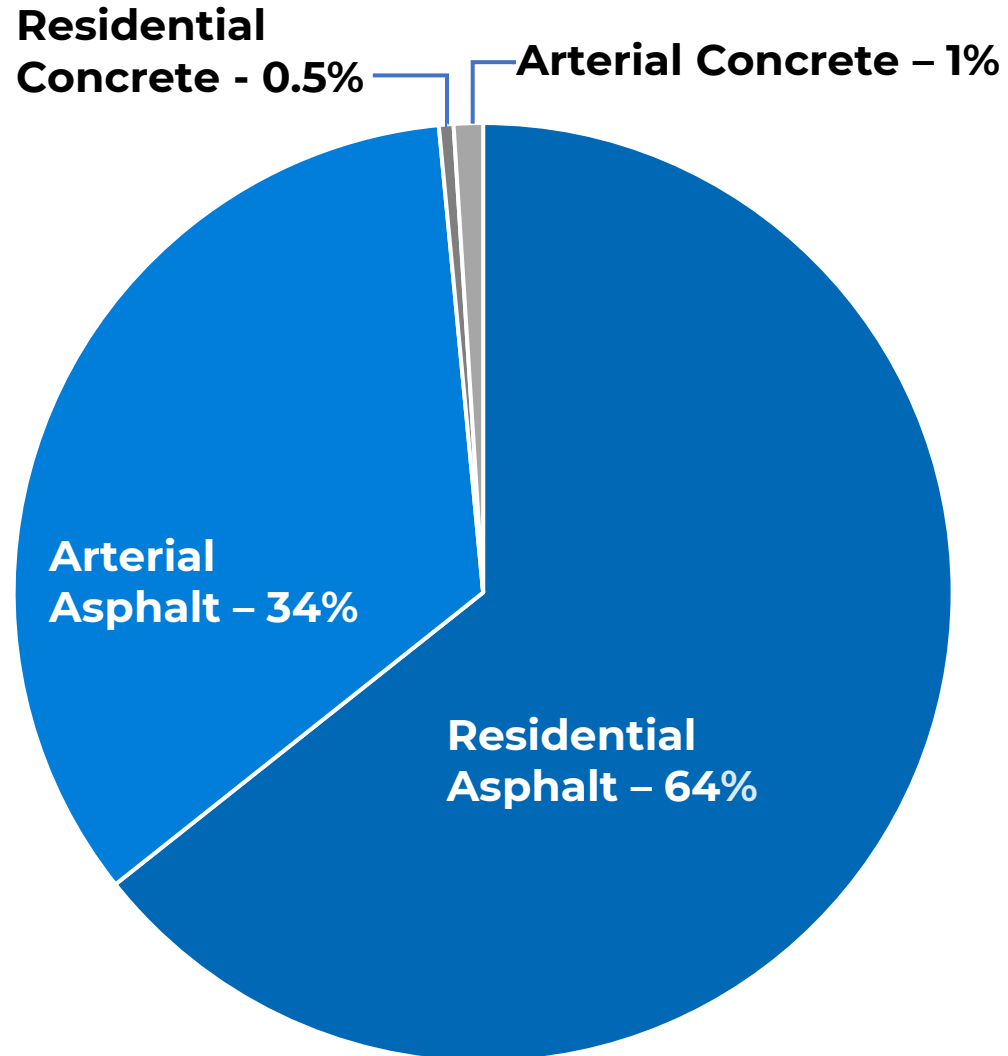


# Tonight's Presentation

- Pavement Management – Big Picture
- Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Basics
- Common Pavement Distresses
- Measuring and Understanding PCI
- 2022 Results
- Pavement Preservation and Repair
- Summary and Questions



# Mercer Island Pavements



Mercer Island Pavement Type by Area

- Network Centerline Miles
  - Arterial: 25.3
  - Residential: 58.3
  - **Total: 83.6**
- Over 250 acres of pavement
- **99%** of the network is **asphalt**
- Paved at different times, so many different ages
- How do we **prioritize the repair & rehab** of network segments?



# What is Pavement Management?

- Planning the maintenance and repair of a roadway network to optimize pavement conditions of the overall network.
- Applying the **proper repairs** at the **proper time** for the **least cost**.

## Planning Tools

- Network Inventory
- Construction History
- **Pavement Condition Surveys**
- 6-year plans (TIP and Utilities)



## Preservation Tools

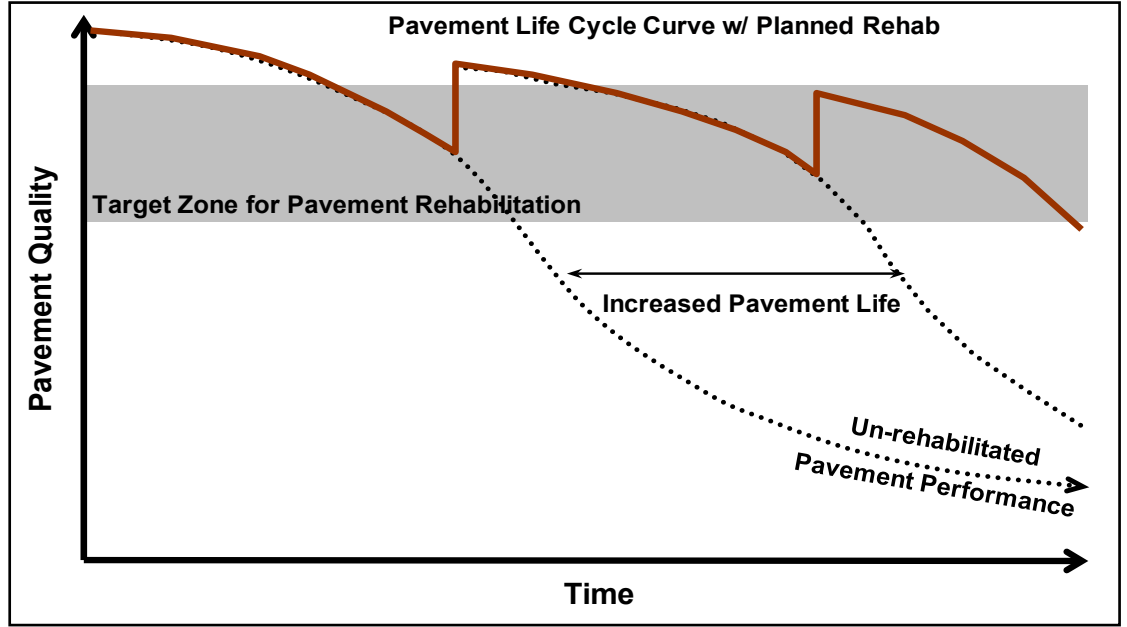
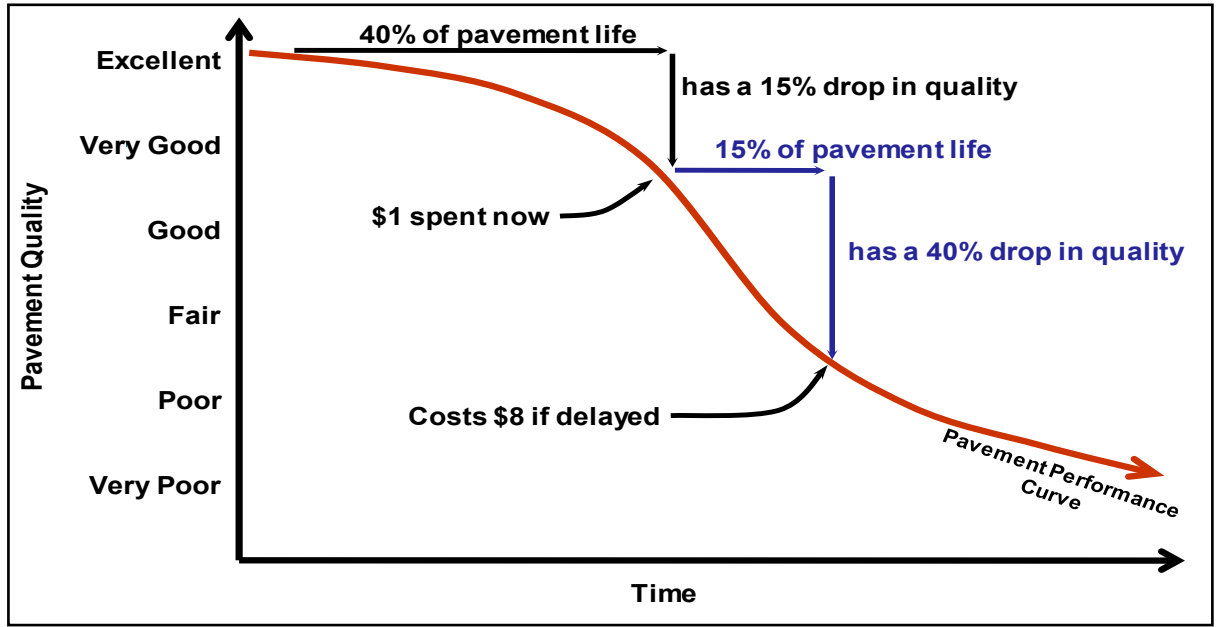
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- Patching
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- Hot mix asphalt overlay
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# Why Do Pavement Management?

Pavement conditions degrade over time.

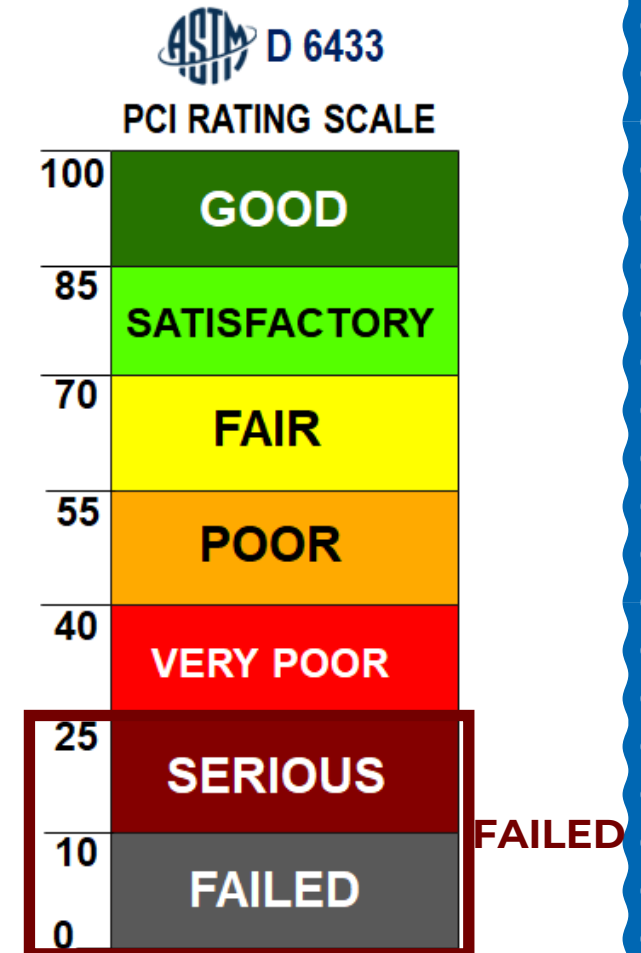
It is **much less expensive** to keep a road in good condition than to rebuild it after its condition becomes poor.

TYPICAL PAVEMENT LIFE CYCLE CURVE



# Pavement Condition Index (PCI)

- ASTM D6433 “Standard Procedure for Roads and Parking Lots Pavement Condition Index Surveys”
- Developed by US Army Corps of Engineers
- A numerical indicator from 0-100 that rates the surface condition of the pavement
- An area-based measurement of 19 different visual distresses observed on the surface
- A rational and objective basis for determining maintenance and repair needs and priorities





# Common Pavement Distresses

## Cracking

- Longitudinal
- Transverse
- Block
- Reflective
- Alligator





# Common Pavement Distresses

## Distortions

- Bumps and sags
- Depressions
- Patches
- Potholes





# Common Pavement Distresses

Raveling

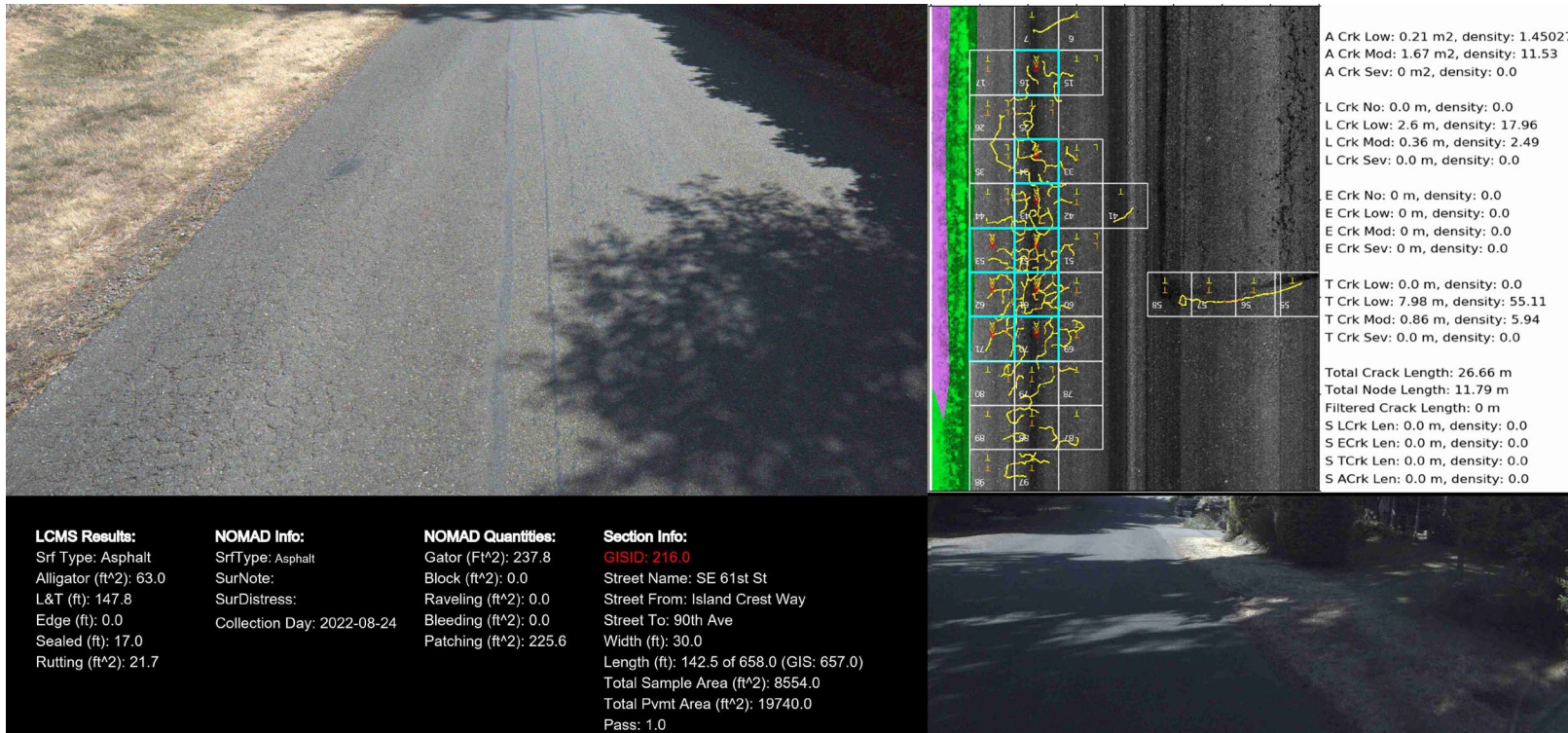


Rutting (wheel paths)





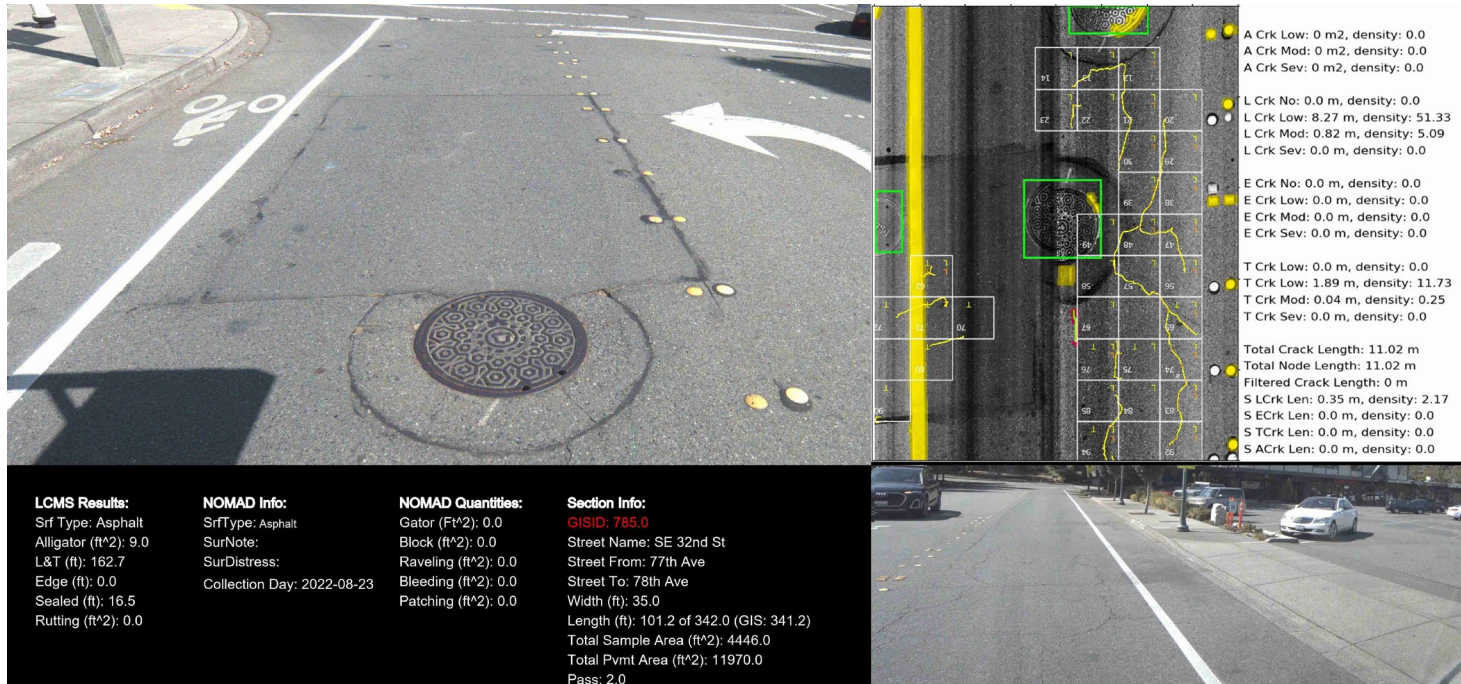
# Collecting & Measuring PCI



- Imaging and laser instrument can detect cracks even in difficult conditions (like shade)
- Extent and severity of distresses are logged by area
- Some human QA/QC is required



# Collecting & Measuring PCI



- Algorithm will flag and remove
- Pavement markings
  - Utility castings
  - Raised pavement markers

These do not affect the score

# Calculating the Pavement Condition Index (PCI)

## Surface Distress Index (SDI)

- Alligator Cracking
- Block Cracking
- Longitudinal Cracking
- Transverse Cracking
- Reflective Cracking
- Bumps and Sags
- Depressions
- Patches and Potholes
- Raveling
- Rutting

## Structural Index (SI)

Deflection Testing

60% Surface Distress

40% Structural (for Arterials and High-Volume Residentials)



Pavement Condition Index (PCI)  
0 to 100 Score



# Understanding the PCI

## **GOOD (100-86)**

Like new condition

88-86<sup>th</sup> A



96-ICW



# Understanding the PCI

## **SATISFACTORY (85-71)**

71-NMW



- Few distresses overall
- Some cracking (longitudinal and transverse)
- Might contain a few patches

81-ICW





# Understanding the PCI **FAIR (70-56)**

62-85<sup>th</sup> A



Localized distresses such as:

- Alligator cracking
- Block cracking
- Patches
- Distortions

64-83<sup>rd</sup> A





# Understanding the PCI

## **POOR (55-41)**

52-70<sup>th</sup> A



- Much larger distress areas
- More severe cracking (alligator)
- Minor base failures

42-64<sup>th</sup> St



# Understanding the PCI

## **VERY POOR (40-26)**

43-82<sup>nd</sup> A

- Extensive alligator cracking and/or patching
- Visible rutting and distortion
- Some base failure
- Likely need to remove and replace large areas of pavement

37-61<sup>st</sup> St



# Understanding the PCI

## **FAILED (25-0)**

- Extensive high severity cracking
- Rutting
- Base failures

7-73<sup>rd</sup> A

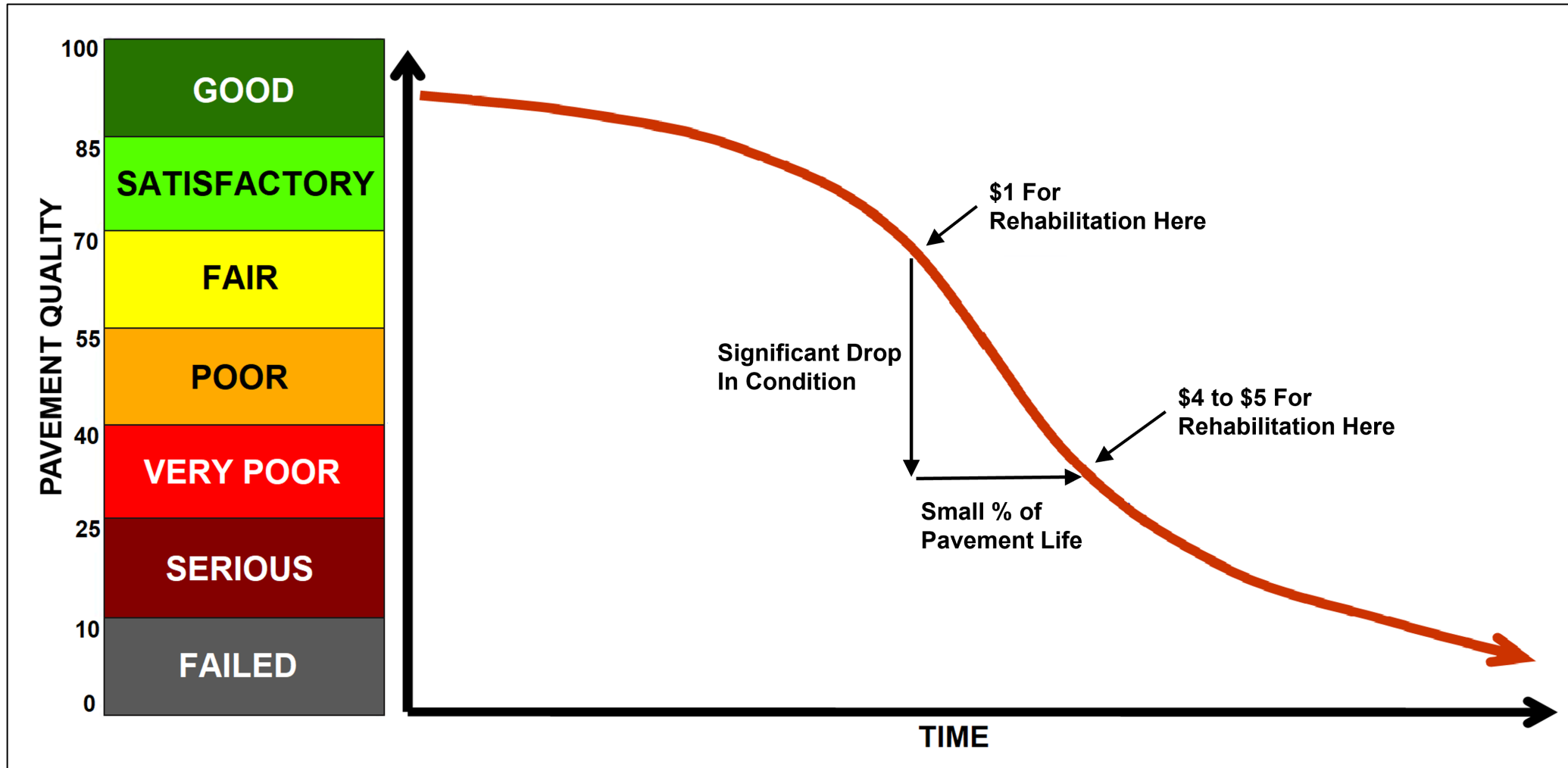


- Past point of overlay
- Requires total reconstruction
  - Remove existing pavement
  - Regrading and base repair
  - Repave
- **Most costly** to repair

18-91<sup>st</sup> A



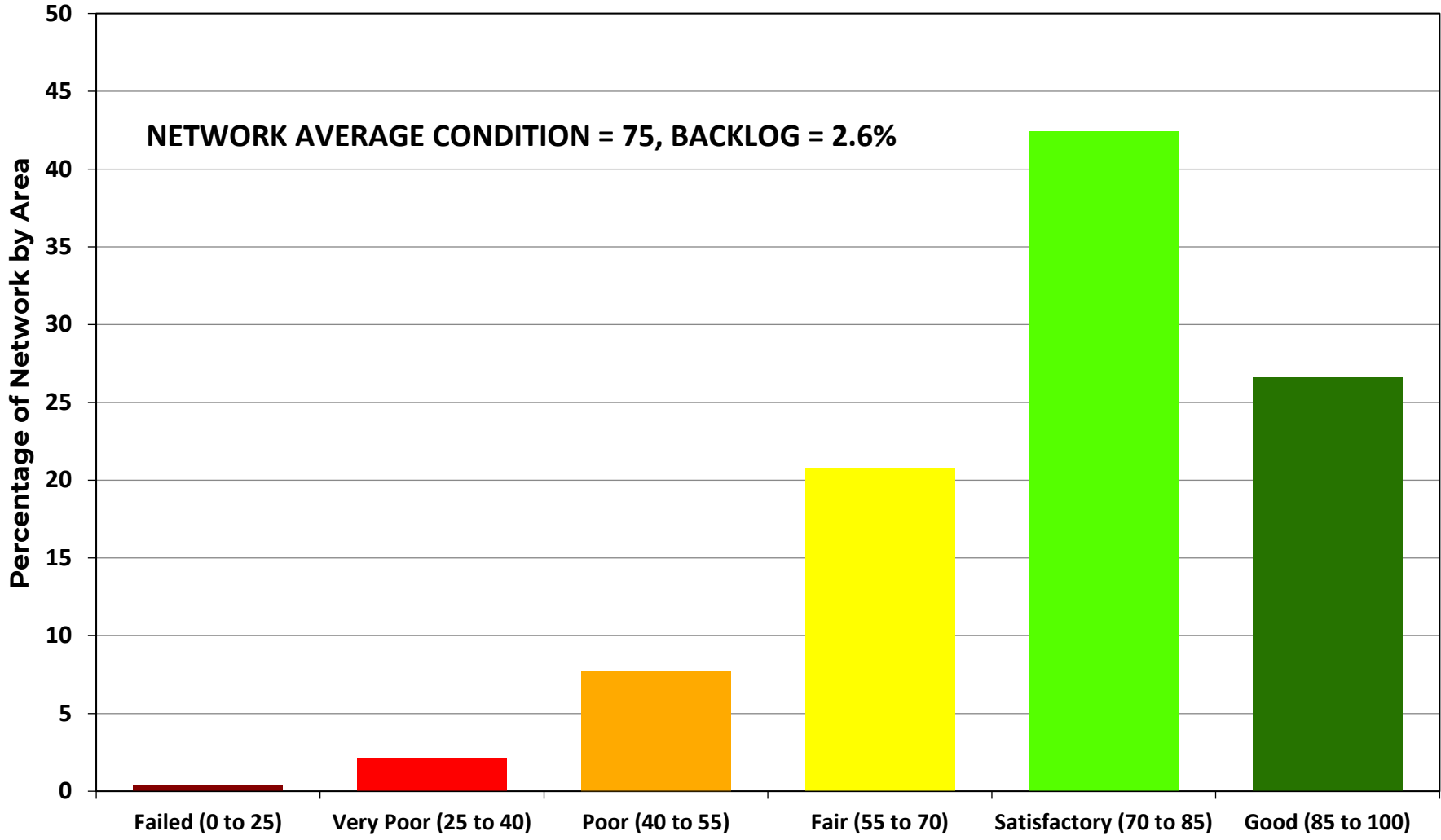
# Pavement Life Cycle Curve



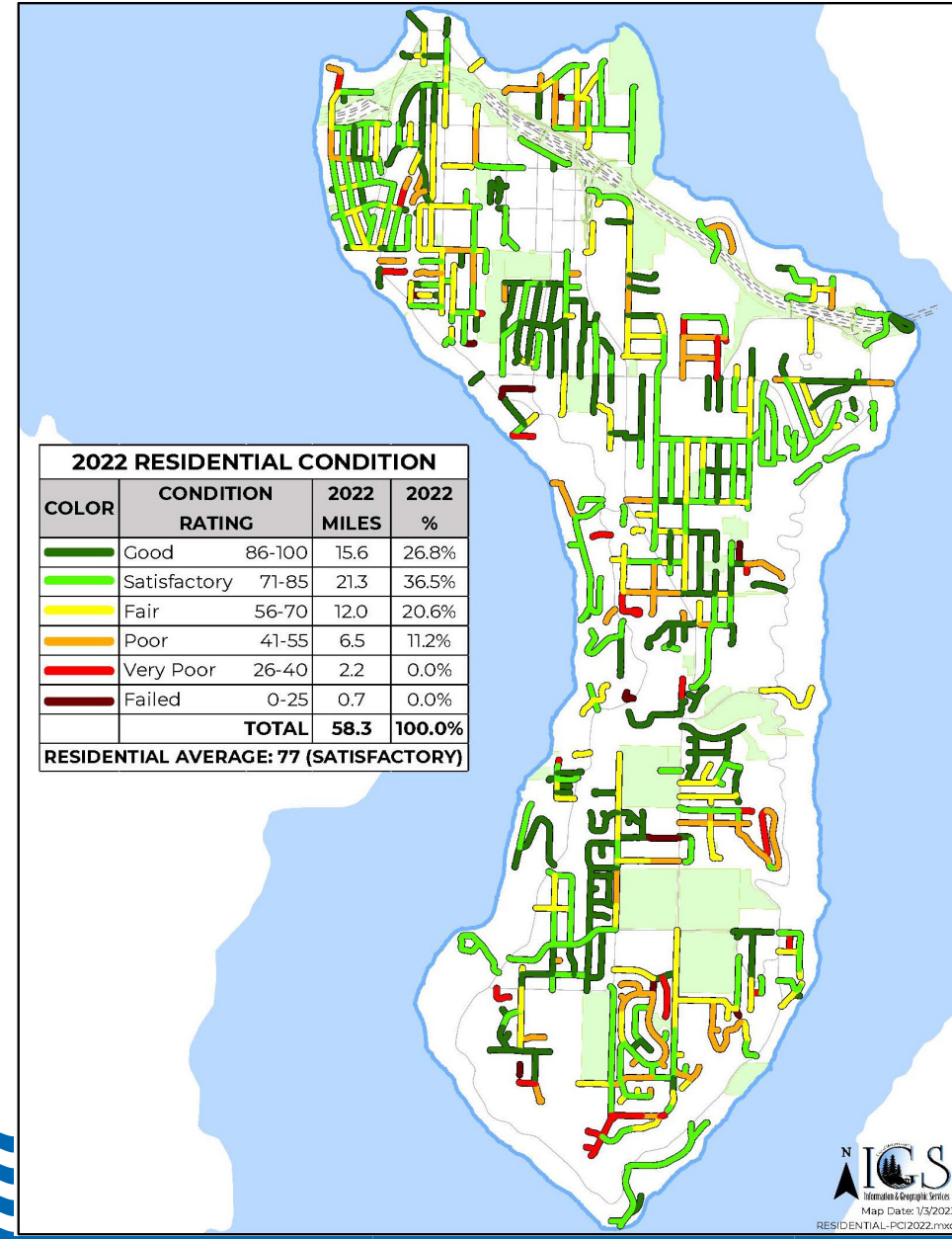
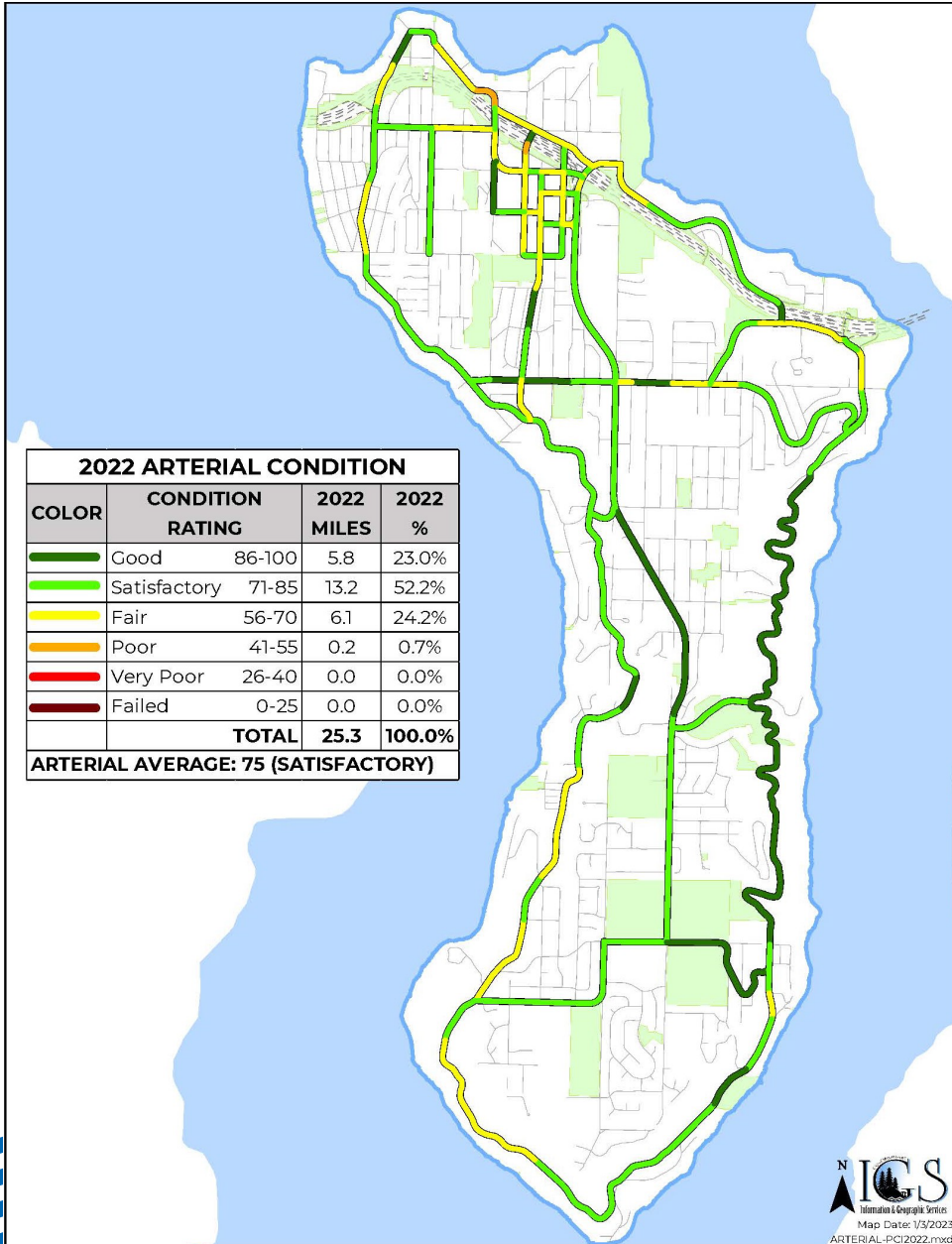


# Mercer Island PCI Distribution 2022

## Pavement Condition Comparison Using Descriptive Terms



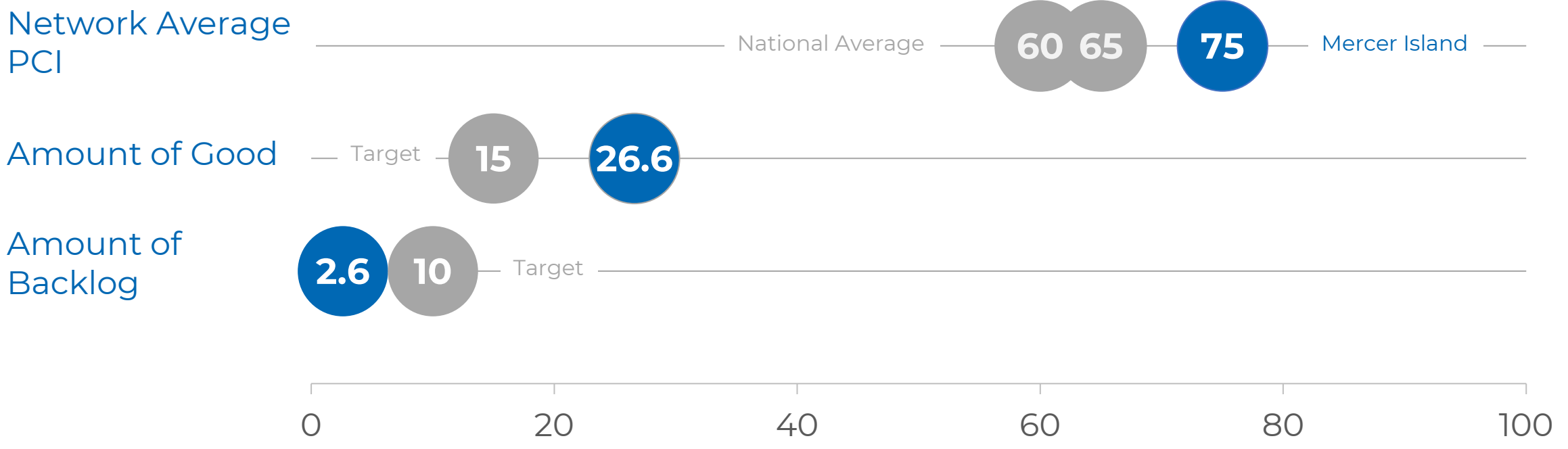
# Arterial vs Residential Conditions



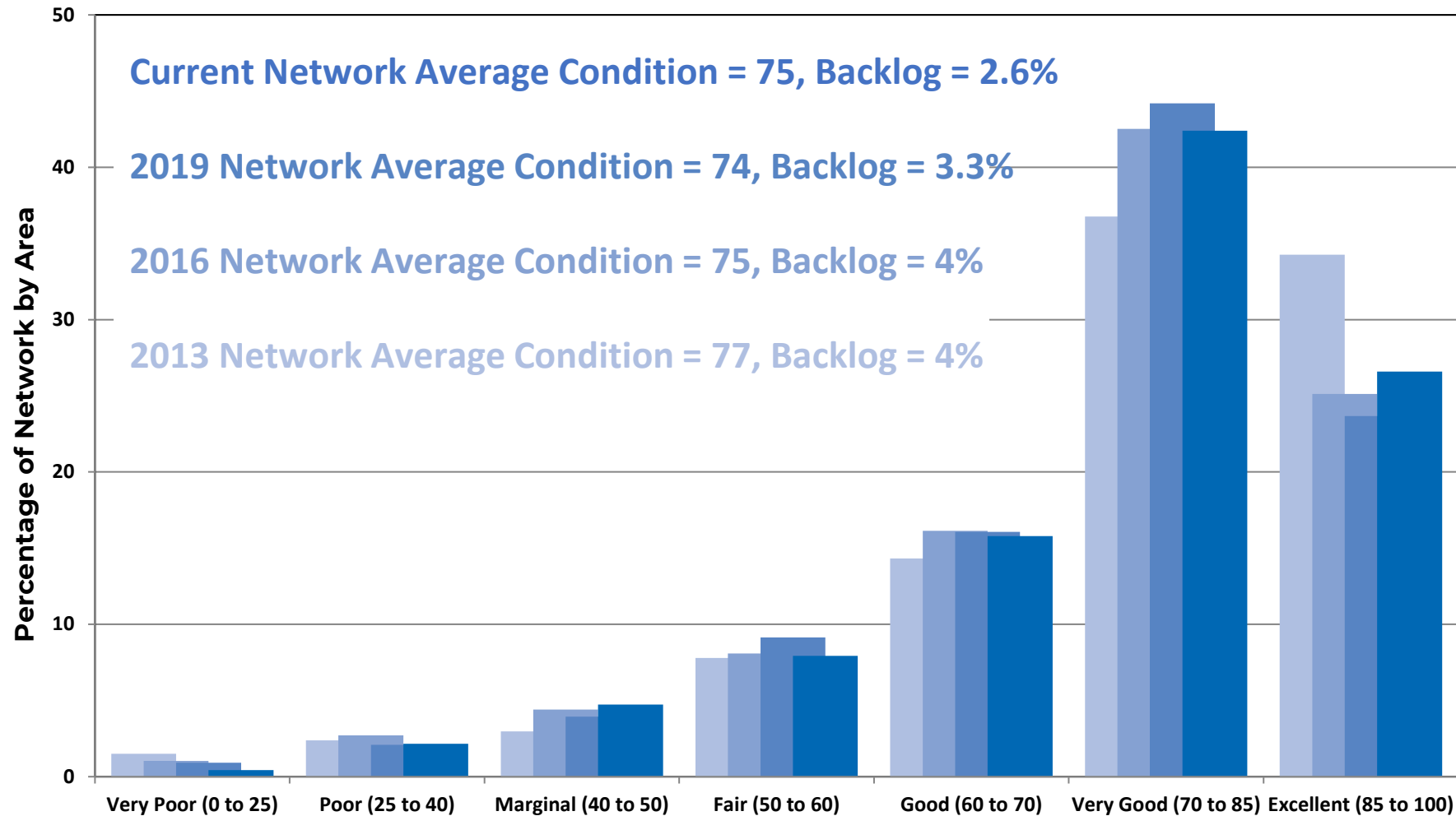


# PCI Report Card - 2022

- Primary indicators of network health
  - Network average PCI
  - Amount of Good (PCI over 85)
  - Amount of Backlog (PCI below 40)



# Pavement Condition Index - Trend





# Pavement Preservation

- Apply the proper repairs at the proper time
- Coordinate road work with other planned improvements:  
Utilities CIP, ADA Trans Plan, Bike/Ped Plan, Pvt Development
- Adjust repaving/rehab to occur after major utility work

## Planning Tools

- Network Inventory
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- **Pavement Condition Surveys**
- 6-year plans  
(TIP and Utilities)



## Preservation Tools

- Crack sealing
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Low cost

High cost



# Pavement Preservation



Chip Sealing



HMA Overlay

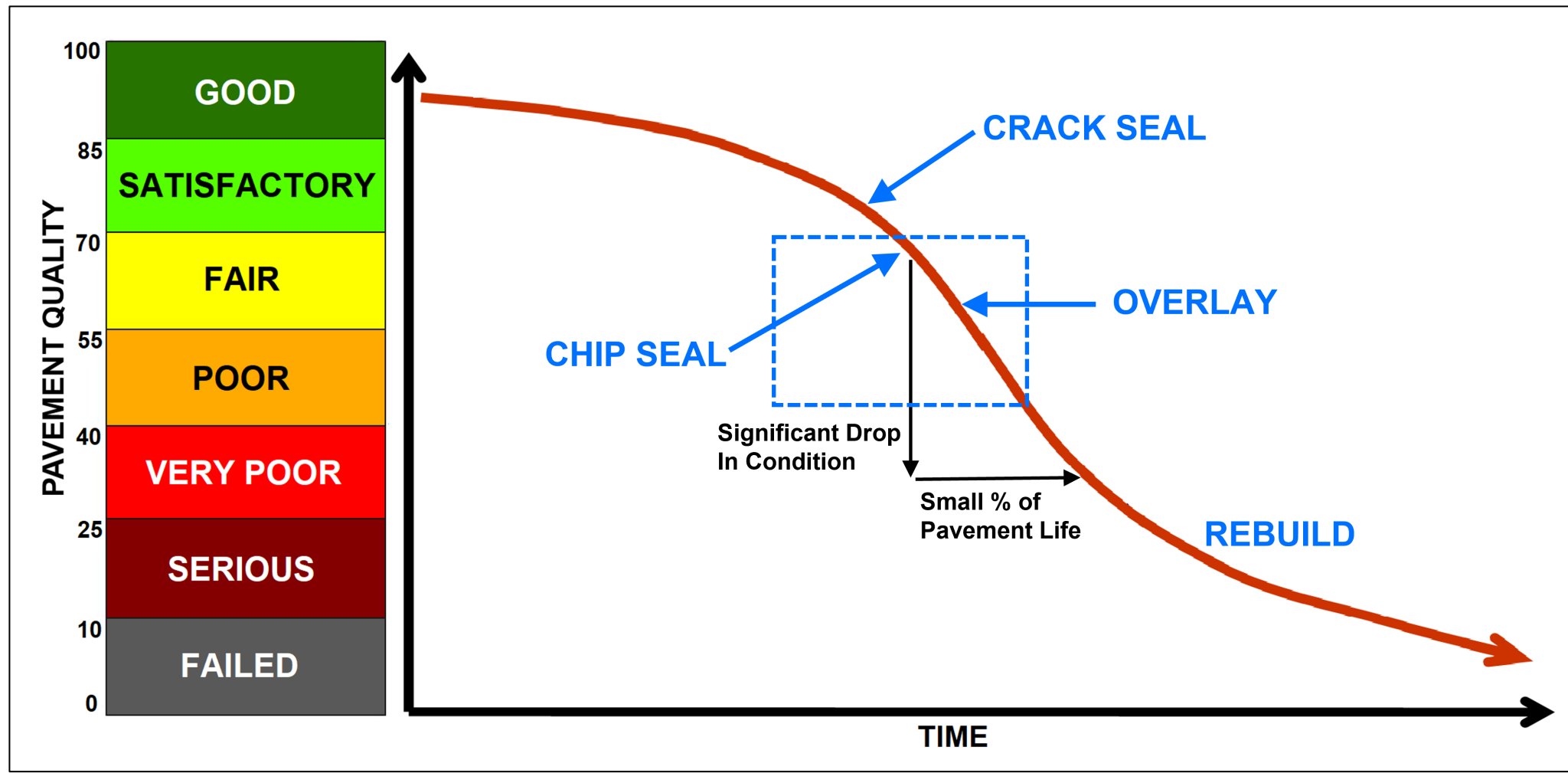


Reconstruction



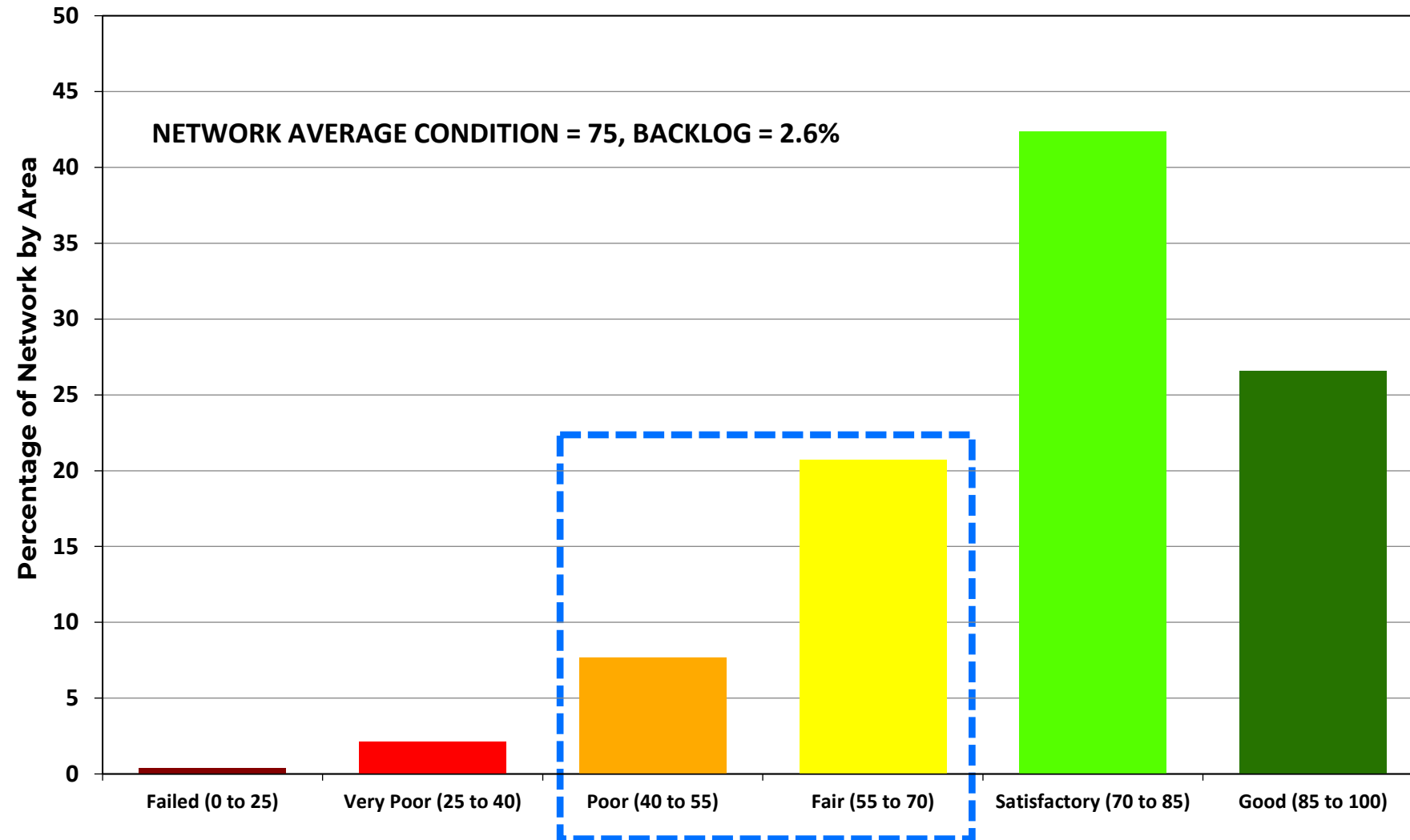


# Pavement Preservation & Life Cycle Curve



# Pavement Preservation & PCI

## Pavement Condition Comparison Using Descriptive Terms





# Summary

- Overall network pavement health is **SATISFACTORY**
- Amount of pavement in each PCI range has remained relatively **consistent since 2013**
- Current pace of repaving and rehab is **matching** the rate of deterioration
- Focus on **Fair and Poor** categories for future rehab
- PCI data will be **used in upcoming TIP** to help plan repair and resurfacing priorities
- Next PCI data collection planned for **2025**

# Questions and Discussion

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