



IDOT's Asset Management Activities are **Raising the Bar** by Taking Advantage of:

- ✓ New technology
- ✓ New ways of doing business
- ✓ Improved transparency and accountability



by extending the useful lives of existing assets while **reducing** long-term preservation costs.

Preserving Our Roads and Bridges: Asset Management at IDOT

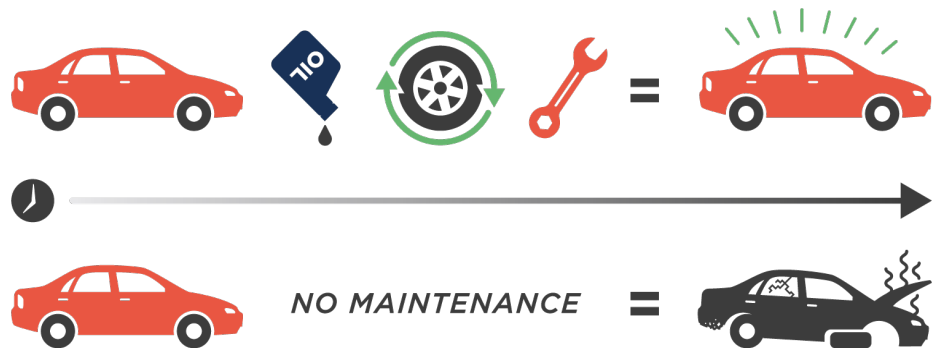
In 2017, the Illinois Department of Transportation began developing its first Transportation Asset Management Plan to guide the agency's new approach to operating, maintaining and improving the state's vast network of highways and bridges.

IDOT's initial TAMP was released in April 2018 and certified by the FHWA in October 2018. IDOT is now working toward approval of the final TAMP, which is due June 30, 2019.

The TAMP outlines this new methodology, which ensures our existing assets stay in acceptable condition with the goal of creating a stronger, safer transportation system for all.

To put it simply, the TAMP prioritizes the maintenance of roads and bridges to save the state – and taxpayers – money in the long run, just as we spend money on things like oil changes and fresh paint to maintain our vehicles and homes to avoid more costly repairs later. This maintenance is known as preservation in the transportation industry.

Small, planned investments in maintenance save money in the long run.



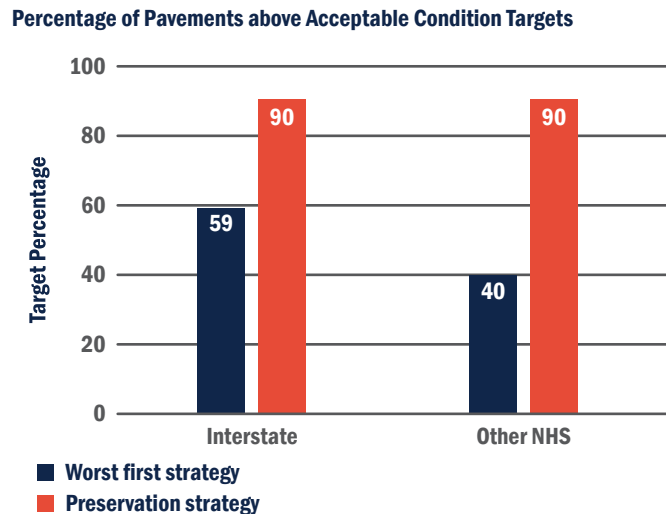
A new focus

Historically, IDOT's approach to maintaining highways and bridges has been "worst first," meaning assets in worst condition receive priority for funding. The TAMP shifts IDOT's focus to preservation and long-term strategies for proper maintenance of highways and bridges to ensure a longer life.



by using performance data to drive investment decisions that promote sound asset management practices.

As shown in the graph below, the overall condition of the network will be higher because of our shift to programming with preservation strategies instead of worst-first.



Making proactive and strategic investments in state infrastructure extends the life of Illinois' highways and bridges. Preservation keeps our roads and bridges in acceptable condition before they worsen to a point that requires more intrusive, expensive, and time-consuming repairs.

What you may notice as IDOT makes this change

In keeping with the new emphasis on maintaining assets in acceptable condition, IDOT will be performing upkeep on roads in better condition while allowing roads in worse shape to remain serviceable but in poor condition until funding is available to improve them.

This does not mean IDOT will let bad roads become unsafe. IDOT will continue to keep roads that are in poorer condition serviceable and safe for the traveling public.

Will the TAMP be good for Illinois?

Yes. While transitioning to asset management is a federal requirement, it's also the right thing to do. Preservation is less intrusive, less time consuming and less costly. Illinois' TAMP will raise the bar for the condition of state highways and bridges while saving the state – and taxpayers – money in the long run.

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