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Testing Philosophy

- Shifting away from Random Testing
- Why?
- Less than a 1% chance of finding defects



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- Moving toward 100% testing coverage
- Why?
- We want longer-life pavements
- Less maintenance
- Lower life-cycle cost



Available Methodology

- Subgrade/subsurface improvement
- Intelligent Compaction of embankment layers
- Pave IR mapping of Thermal Segregation



Near Future Methodology

GPR Mapping of %Voids



Goal

Defect-Free Pavement



 Real-time thermal mapping with color display on paver provides immediate feedback to crew



 The dump man can see cold spot created when loads are not tied together



 A truck driver can be shown the effect of cold crust from an untarped truck



- The paver operator can see the cold spots created by stopping or dumping the wings of the paver
- Malfunctions of the paver will show as streaking in the mat



Incentive

 \$20 Bonus for each 150' segment with No Thermal Segregation (0-25° F variation)



No Incentive

 No bonus for 150' segments with Moderate Thermal Segregation (25-50° F)



Penalty or Disincentive

 \$20 Penalty for each 150' segment with Severe Thermal Segregation (>50° F)



Carrot and Stick

- Pave IR is an objective tool for rewarding best practices such as:
- 1. Tarping all loads
- Steady delivery of material to project with a minimum number of paver stops
- 3. Tying loads together when dumping
- 4. Use of Material transfer vehicle to smooth out flow to paver and maintain constant temperature



