



# Traffic speed deflection data applied to network asset management

THE KAIKOURA BYPASS REALITY CHECK

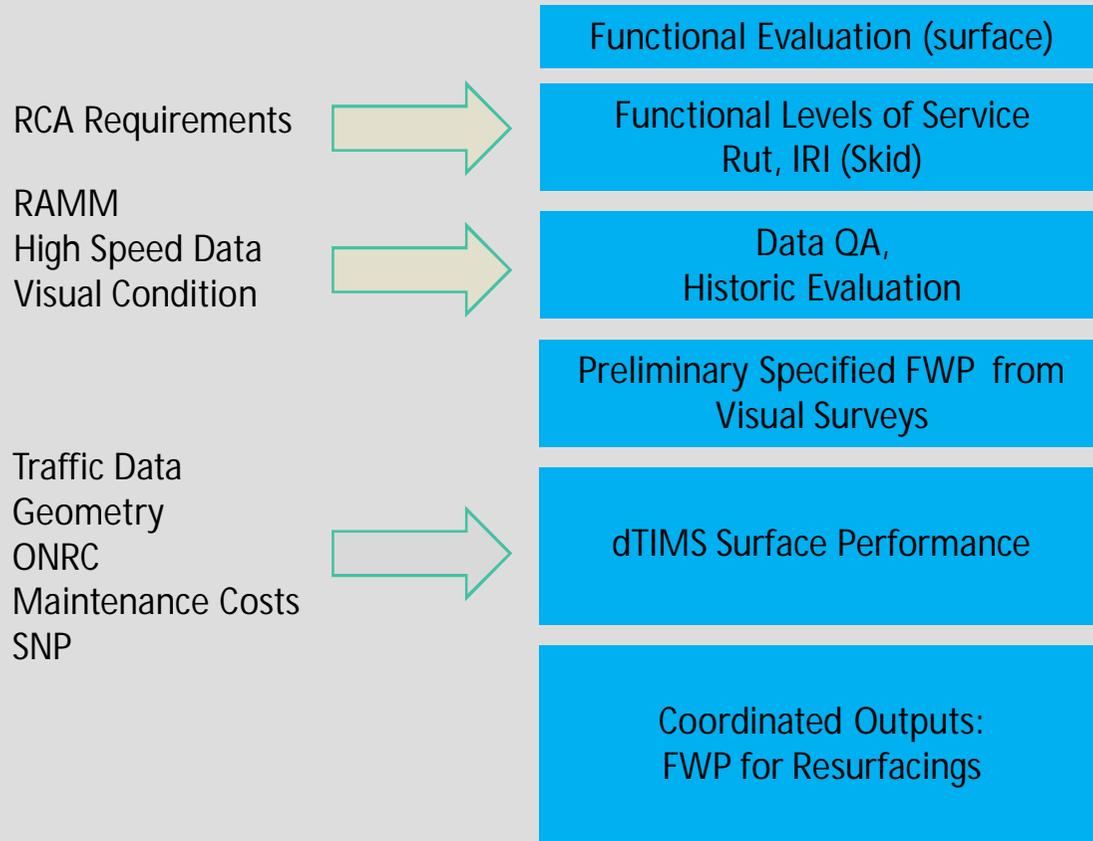


# Introduction

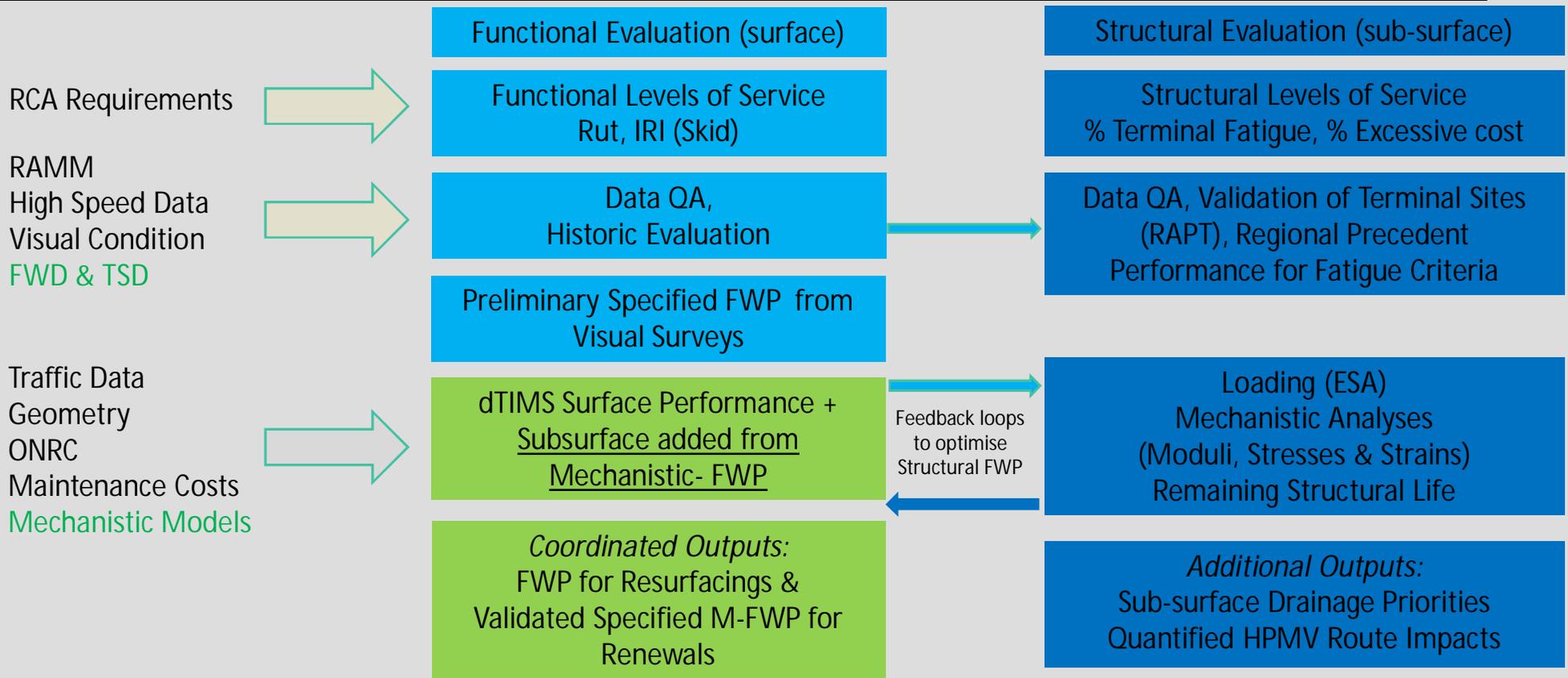
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- Traffic Speed Deflection Data:
  - 10 m centres
  - Accurate and repeatable
  - TSD “dynamic” bowls -> equivalent FWD “static” bowls
- 2015 TSD data has been used to produce two FWPs:
  - Empirical Drainage Study (William Gray / Elke Beca + NZTA)
  - Regional Calibrated Mechanistic Study (Martin Gribble, NZTA)
- NZTA’s Kaikoura Bypass project is a prime opportunity for a “reality check” to compare both methods on a 800 lane km “test track”.

# Traditional Empirical Procedure



# Integration of Mechanistic Procedure



# Traditional Analysis – Distress Modes

- Empirical or traditional mechanistic approaches: Consideration of only 1-2 criteria for pavement life prediction (e.g. SNP or subgrade strain)
- Through extensive data collection at high speed (incl. TSD): Mechanistic approach enables more criteria and multiple distress modes to be considered and calibrated to region or sub-region (using methodology of the Regional Precedent Performance (RPP) Study recently undertaken for NZTA on 5 of their regional networks).
- Recent developments now allow mechanistic analysis of TSD data to be carried out very rapidly at effectively project level analysis with a non-linear layered elastic model. Thus, enabling the 10m intervals to be used for more definitive examination and interpretation of the stresses and strains at every test interval, i.e. almost continuously along each lane.



# Multiple Distress Criteria

- Andrew Dawson
- International workshop for the development of Mechanistic Design Methods for Unbound Pavements

Rutting →

Roughness →

Degradation →

Flexure Shear →

1	Excess resilience of pavement (see also Mechanisms 6 and 7)
2	Excess rutting from within granular layer due to granular material shear displacement
3	Excess rutting from within granular layer due to compaction by traffic loading
4	Excess rutting from within subgrade layer due to subgrade shear displacement
5	Excess rutting from within subgrade layer due to combined action of subgrade and granular layer(s)- due to complex stress interaction effects
6	Excess rutting from within subgrade layer due to combined action of subgrade and granular layer(s) when subgrade is too resilient
7	Pumping of subgrade into base course
8	Excess longitudinal roughness - uneven-ness
9	Excess longitudinal roughness - potholing
10	Excess longitudinal roughness - corrugations
11	Frost action on susceptible subgrades or granular materials
24	Breakdown of pavement aggregate due to repeated freeze-thaw cycling
25	Softening of the pavement at the time of Spring-thaw
12	Soil heave / shrinkage
13	Wear due to dust loss
14	Wear due to stone displacement by tyre ('gravel loss')
26	Wear due to stone 'loss' into soft subgrade ('gravel loss')
27	Wear due to erosion of surface metalling by water ('gravel loss')
15	Wear due to stone abrasion / attrition
16	Wear due to studded tyre action
17	Seal breakage due to traffic-induced flexure
18	Seal breakage due to environmentally-induced shrinkage (thermal cracking)
19	Seal breakage due to shoving / tearing / shearing
20	Inadequate surface condition- sealed surface too smooth due to aggregate texture loss
21	Inadequate surface condition- sealed surface too smooth due to excess bitumen rising to surface
22	Inadequate surface condition- unsealed surface too slippery due to excess fines on surface (wet weather)
23	Inadequate surface condition- unsealed surface too slippery due to loose gravel on surface

Very substantial progress in the last 3 years for New Zealand Unbound Pavements

NB. Shaded mechanisms largely set aside by workshop - see Section 3.1 and following

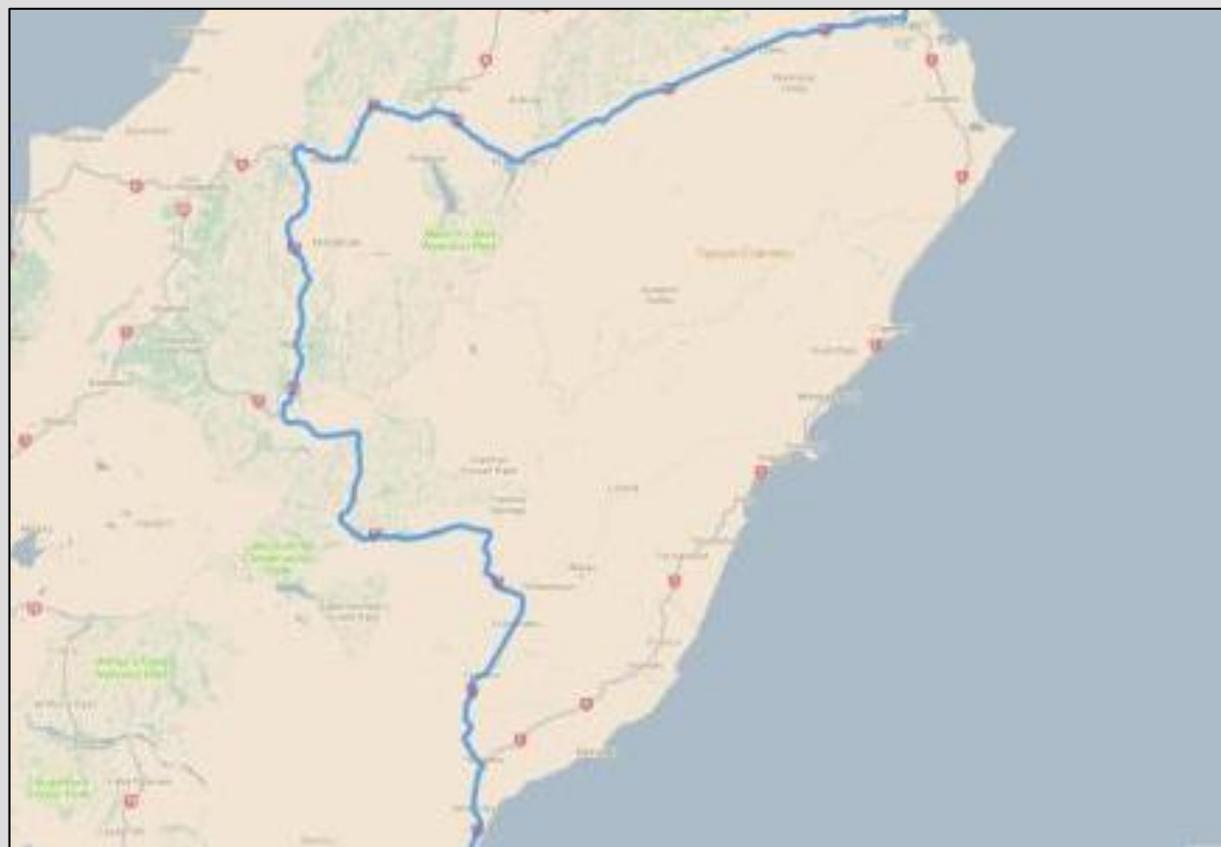
Andrew Dawson, 2002



# Kaikoura Bypass Case History

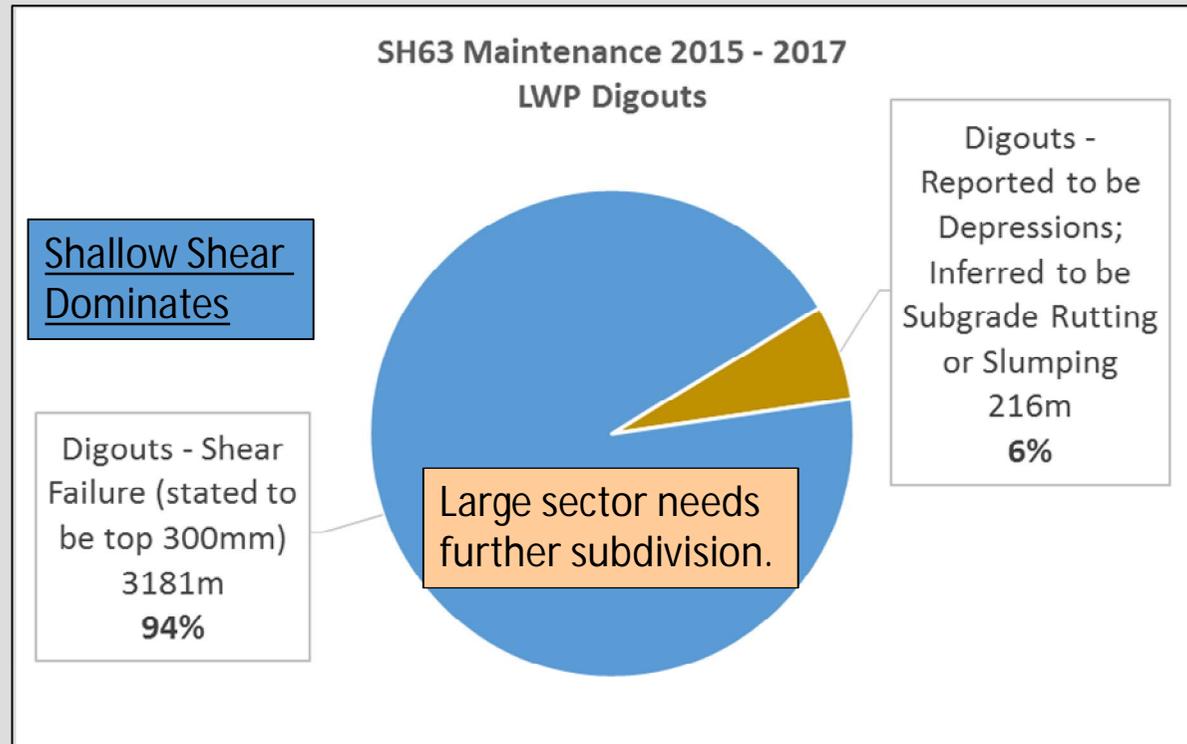
## Background

- Kaikoura earthquake
  - Inundation of parts of SH1
  - Need for bypass route
  - Original 25-Year Traffic will be experienced by mid next year
  - The ultimate “Reality Check” of life prediction models: Real traffic on real roads with a range of real environments.
  - TSD data collected in 2015
- Impacts and Distress modes?



# Mechanistic Analysis – Distress Modes

## Observed Distress Modes from Kaikoura Bypass Maintenance



# Mechanistic Analysis – Distress Modes

## Distress Modes from NZ Data Mining

### Structural distress modes

- 1 Shallow Shear – Low Strength (shoving)
- 2 Shallow Shear – Spreading (strong but inadequate support)
- 3 Shallow Shear – Heave (in loose or low broken faces BC)
- 4 Shallow Shear – Hybrid (from above)
- 5 Aggregate Instability (pumping >75%S, potholing, heave)
- 6 Aggregate Rutting (vzd in base/course or subbase)
- 7\* Aggregate Weathering (mineralogical changes in fines)
- 8 Aggregate Degradation (physical generation of fines)
- 9 Cracking (conventional, bottom up) of bound layers
- 10 Flexure (top down cracking) of bound layers
- 11\* Binder Curing/Hardening (aging)
- 12\* Bond loss (cement bound reverting to unbound)
- 13 Subgrade Rutting (vertical deformation)
- 14 Subgrade Shear (lateral and vertical deformation)
- 15 Accumulated Deformation (multiple layers contributing)
- 16 Slumping/Edge Break (lack of shoulder support)
- 17 Roughness Progression
- 18 Shrinkage Cracking (viz FBS with curing/ thermal)

### Surfacing distress modes

- 19 Seal Deformation (more likely as multiple seal layers accumulate)
- 20 Flexure (top down cracking in seal or thin AC)
- 21 Reflection Cracking
- 22\* Seal Flushing
- 23 Scabbing/Ravelling

### Economic Triggers

- 24 Excessive Maintenance costs for the surfacing (seal, thin AC)
- 25 Excessive Maintenance costs for structural layer(s)

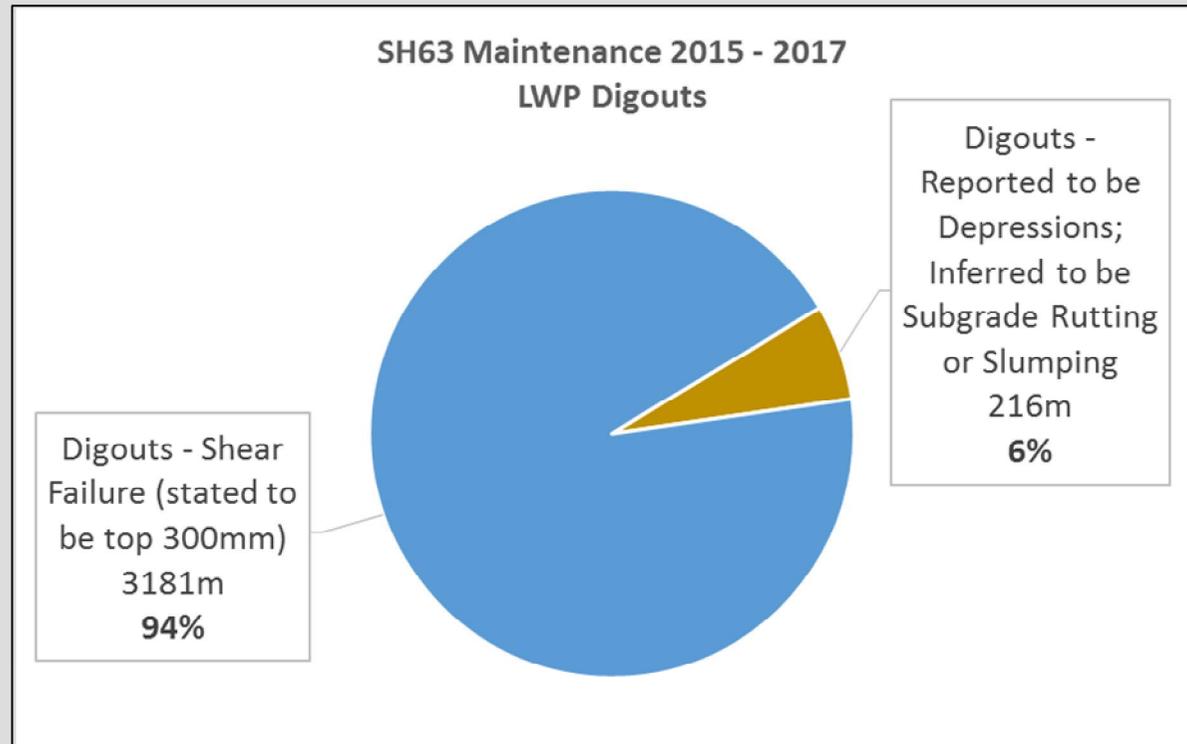
### Other characteristics or causes that affect timing of triggers include:

- 26\* Loading frequency effects on inter-particle bonds
- 27\* Cement curing
- 28\* Bitumen embrittlement (environmental ageing)
- 29\* Subgrade –subbase intrusion
- 30\* Frost heave
- 31\* Particle breakdown in freeze-thaw cycles
- 32 Foundation subsidence (vertical depression)
- 33 Foundation slumping (lateral deformation)

\*7, 11, 12, 22 & 26-31 Not explicitly included in current modelling  
Vehicle speed and temperature included for individual modes

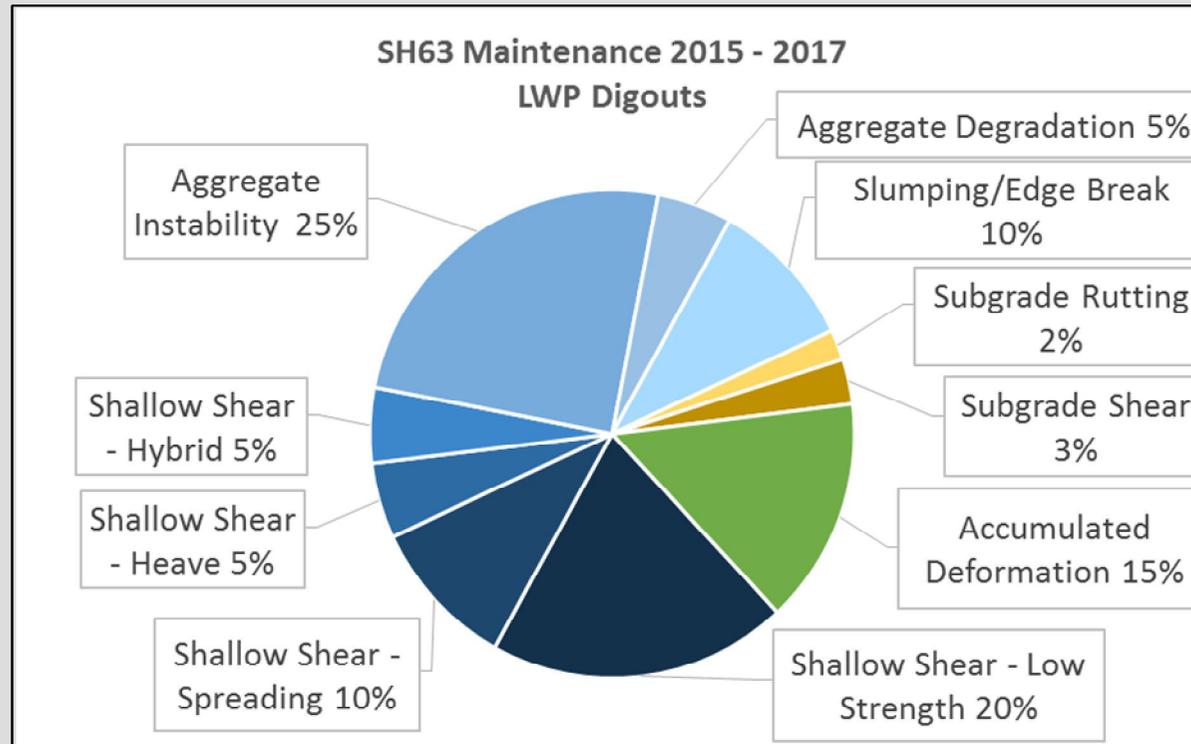
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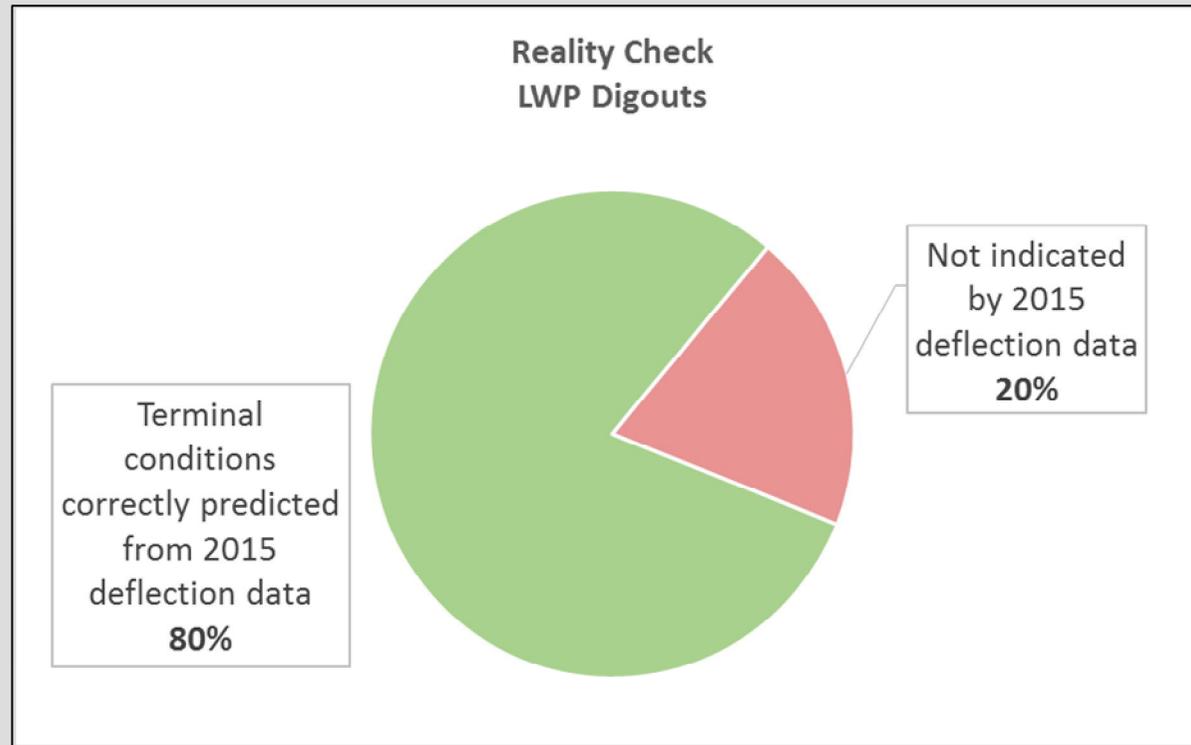
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## Distress Modes from Mechanistic Analysis



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## Kaikoura Bypass Maintenance – Reality Check (Preliminary Calibration)

Reasons for not predicting distress:

- Only network calibration, not site-specific
  - TSD test data averaged over 10m spacings; shallow shear often initiates for only 1-2m length
- “Dilution” of signal of distressed portion

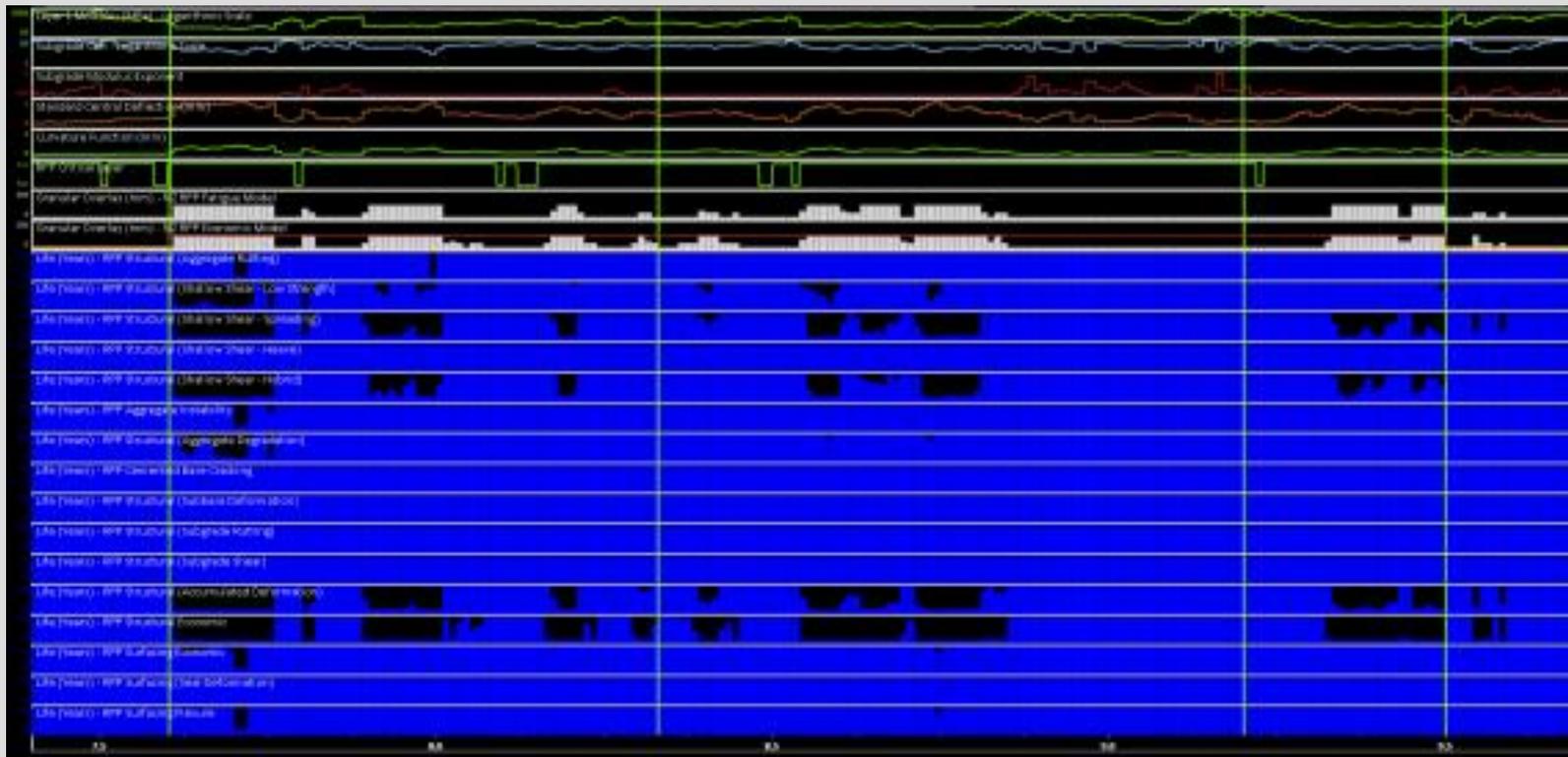
Finer subdivision than 10m is now being explored.

Reasonable expectations: 90% reliability of predictions



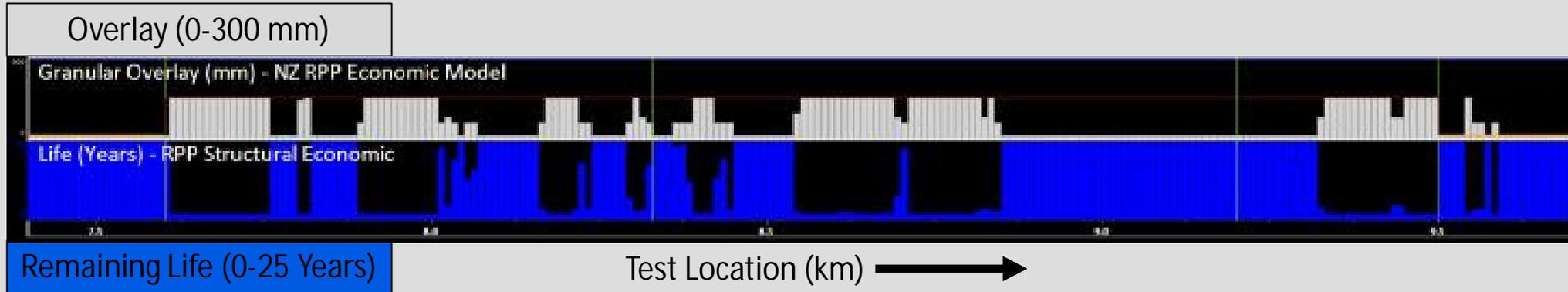
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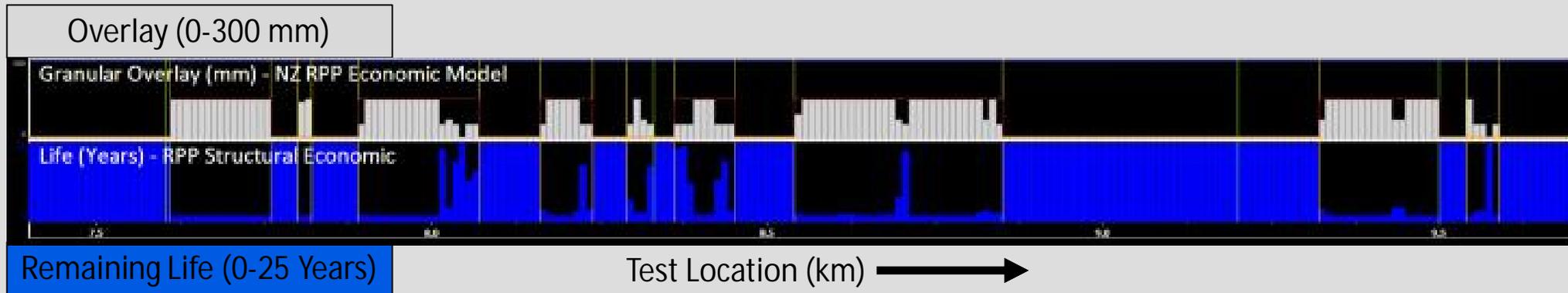
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# Structural Treatment Length Table

STL file

Rehabilitation Priority, Remaining Life and Governing Distress Mode																					
Road ID	File Name	Start (km)	End (km)	Length (km)	Risk of Damage from HPMVs	Life (Years) - RPP Surfacing Fatigue (Governin	Life (Years) - RPP Surfacing Economic	Priority Ranking for Rehab (10th %ile)	Life (Years) - RPP Structural Economic (50th %ile)	Life (Years) - RPP Structural Fatigue (Governin, 10th %ile)	RPP Aggregate Instability (10th %ile)	Life (Years) - IAL (Governin, 10th %ile)	Priority Ranking for Rehab (50th %ile)	Life (Years) - RPP Structural Economic (90th %ile)	Life (Years) - RPP Structural Fatigue (Governin, 50th %ile)	Life (Years) - RPP Aggregate Instability (50th %ile)	Life (Years) - IAL (Governin, 50th %ile)	Life (Years) - User Weighted Mechanisti	Life (Years) - FWP Specified	Life (Years) - FWP	RPP Distress Mode
503	063-0017 L1	2.810	3.000	0.190	Medium	32	32	2.2	1	2	46	2	0.5	85	6	87	8	-6	-1	199	Shallow Shear - Spreading
505	063-0046 R1	9.890	10.060	0.170	Medium	171	153	1.2	2	2	76	5	0.2	90	22	137	23	-6	-1	199	Shallow Shear - Spreading
508	063-0074 L1	4.500	4.600	0.100	Medium	3	3	3.5	1	1	17	1	0.3	56	16	126	15	-5	-1	199	Subgrade Rutting
505	063-0046 R1	9.630	9.740	0.110	Medium	99	99	1.0	2	4	82	7	0.2	63	22	106	15	-5	-1	199	Shallow Shear - Spreading
2648	063-0084 L1	0.630	0.760	0.130	Medium	49	49	0.6	5	4	116	11	0.1	86	28	138	25	-5	-1	199	Shallow Shear - Spreading
501	063-0000 L1	6.480	6.699	0.219	Medium	33	33	2.6	1	1	40	3	0.4	60	3	65	22	-5	0	199	Shallow Shear - Spreading
504	063-0029 R1	6.360	6.550	0.190	Medium	23	23	3.1	1	1	3	2	0.2	78	16	87	19	-5	1	199	Shallow Shear - Low Strength
505	063-0046 R1	2.500	2.620	0.120	Medium	44	44	2.7	1	1	58	2	0.4	78	11	99	10	-5	2	199	Shallow Shear - Spreading
508	063-0074 L1	2.460	2.630	0.170	Medium	44	44	2.9	1	1	61	2	0.7	65	3	99	8	-5	199	Shallow Shear - Spreading	
535	063-0092 L1	7.270	7.500	0.230	Medium	137	100	1.5	1	1	96	2	1.2	56	1	105	3	-5	199	Shallow Shear - Subsidiary	
501	063-0000 L1	1.140	1.270	0.130	Medium	159	158	0.2	1	1	135	72	0.1	61	12	141	82	-5	199	Shallow Shear - Spreading	
505	063-0046 R1	11.750	11.880	0.130	Medium	61	61	1.9	2	2	84	3	0.1	67	23	125	44	-5	199	Shallow Shear - Spreading	
506	063-0059 R1	11.590	11.690	0.100	Medium	77	77	0.6	2	10	101	10	0.2	72	23	141	26	-5	199	Shallow Shear - Spreading	
503	063-0017 L1	2.670	2.800	0.130	Medium	25	25	2.4	1	1	61	2	1.3	39	2	76	3	-4	-1	199	Shallow Shear - Spreading
508	063-0074 L1	5.260	5.410	0.150	Medium	40	40	3.2	1	1	66	2	1.4	46	2	91	3	-4	-1	199	Shallow Shear - Subsidiary
503	063-0017 R1	3.390	3.550	0.160	Medium	35	35	1.1	1	2	44	6	0.2	44	11	81	24	-4	-1	199	Shallow Shear - Spreading
2648	063-0084 L1	3.720	3.831	0.111	Medium	44	44	2.4	1	1	78	2	0.3	39	11	108	14	-4	-1	199	Shallow Shear - Spreading
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503	063-0017 R1	8.340	8.680	0.340	Medium	41	41	2.2	1	1	31	2	0.3	40	3	77	16	-4	0	199	Shallow Shear - Spreading
504	063-0029 R1	14.370	14.510	0.140	Medium	129	129	0.4	1	1	56	28	0.1	37	12	100	41	-4	0	199	Shallow Shear - Low Strength
506	063-0059 R1	3.510	3.700	0.190	Medium	65	63	2.2	1	2	86	3	0.3	43	10	132	20	-4	0	199	Shallow Shear - Spreading
506	063-0059 L1	1.210	1.320	0.110	Medium	159	146	0.7	1	2	73	12	0.1	46	17	110	54	-4	0	199	Shallow Shear - Low Strength
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504	063-0029 L1	8.690	9.000	0.310	Medium	137	128	3.3	1	1	25	2	0.2	36	7	97	32	-4	2	199	Shallow Shear - Low Strength
504	063-0029 R1	8.110	8.280	0.170	Medium	147	143	2.3	1	1	44	3	0.2	36	12	80	39	-4	2	199	Shallow Shear - Low Strength
505	063-0046 L1	2.490	2.620	0.130	Medium	36	36	2.4	1	2	44	2	0.4	39	12	88	10	-4	2	199	Shallow Shear - Spreading
501	063-0000 R1	0.970	1.131	0.161	Medium	137	137	3.0	1	1	59	2	0.1	47	1	137	51	-4	199	Shallow Shear - Spreading	
506	063-0059 R1	4.530	4.720	0.190	Medium	19	19	2.8	1	1	55	2	1.7	41	2	62	3	-4	199	Shallow Shear - Spreading	
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506	063-0059 L1	9.375	9.490	0.115	Medium	172	148	0.2	2	3	41	41	0.1	45	22	61	61	-4	199	Shallow Shear - Low Strength	



# Structural Treatment Length Table

STL file

Cost of Structural Treatments			ONIRC				
Type	Rate	Unit	Description	R/U Factor	LOS(sur)	LOS(sur)	COST
OVIA	\$ 540	/ m <sup>2</sup>	Asphaltic concrete overlay	0.8	33	40	50
OVLG	\$ 133	/ m <sup>2</sup>	Granular overlay plus chipseal surface	0.8	33	40	50
STAB	\$ 170	/ m <sup>2</sup>	Stabilised granular overlay plus chipseal surface	0.8	36	40	50
FBS	\$ 398	/ m <sup>2</sup>	Foamed bitumen stabilisation	1	40	40	63
RCN	\$ 133	/ m <sup>2</sup>	Granular reconstruction	1	44	44	63
SMRA	\$ 648	/ m <sup>2</sup>	Structural Mill and Replace Asphalt	1	48	48	63
STR	\$ 160	/ m <sup>2</sup>	Stabilise and Reconstruct	1	51	51	66
CS	\$ 6	/ m <sup>2</sup>	Spray Seal	1	63	63	78

Rehabilitation Priority Weightings		
DF1	1	Negligible
DF2	1.1	Minor
DF3	1.2	Moderate
DF4	1.3	High
DT	1	Design Traffic

Distress Mode Weightings		
LRG	1	Functional Distress
LRC	1	Structural Economic
LRI	1	Aggregate Instability
LSF	0.5	Surfacing Fatigue
LSE	0.5	Surfacing Economic
LDO	0	dTIMS Optimal (Unlimited)
LDS	0	RCA Specified
SC	0	RCA Specified Duration (years)
SF	1	Fatigue Calibration

Update

Export to KMIL

Year	High Volume	National	Regional	Arterial	Primary Collector	Secondary Collector	Access	Low Volume
2016	310	310	315	290	225	390	385	540
2017	290	290	290	290	225	390	385	540
2018	290	290	290	290	225	390	385	540
2019	290	290	290	290	225	390	385	540
2020	290	290	290	290	225	390	385	540
2021	290	290	290	290	225	390	385	540
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2036	290	290	290	290	225	390	385	540
2037	290	290	290	290	225	390	385	540
2038	290	290	290	290	225	390	385	540
2039	290	290	290	290	225	390	385	540
2040	290	290	290	290	225	390	385	540

### Structural Treatment Rehab Area (m<sup>2</sup>)

### Cumulative Rehab Area (m<sup>2</sup>)

### Annual Expenditure of Structural Treatments

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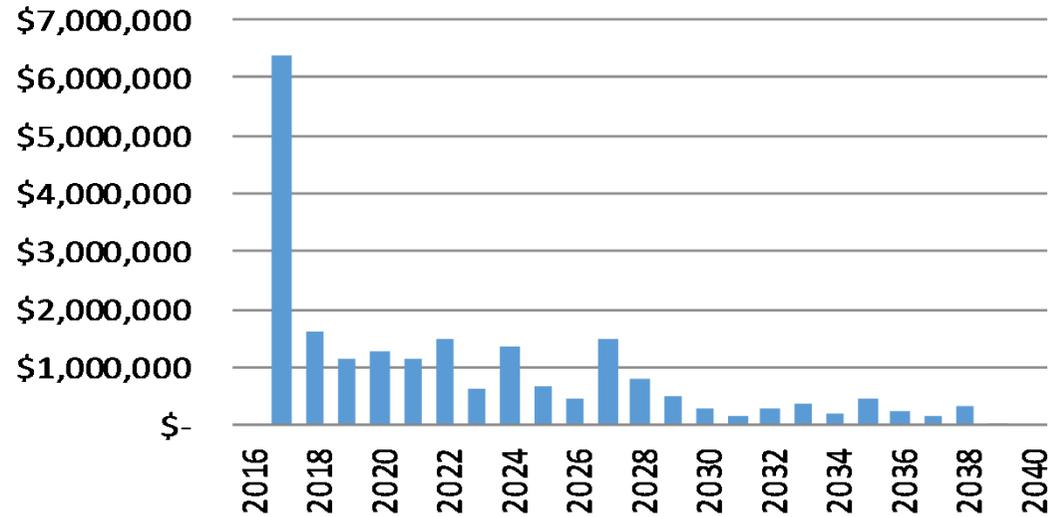
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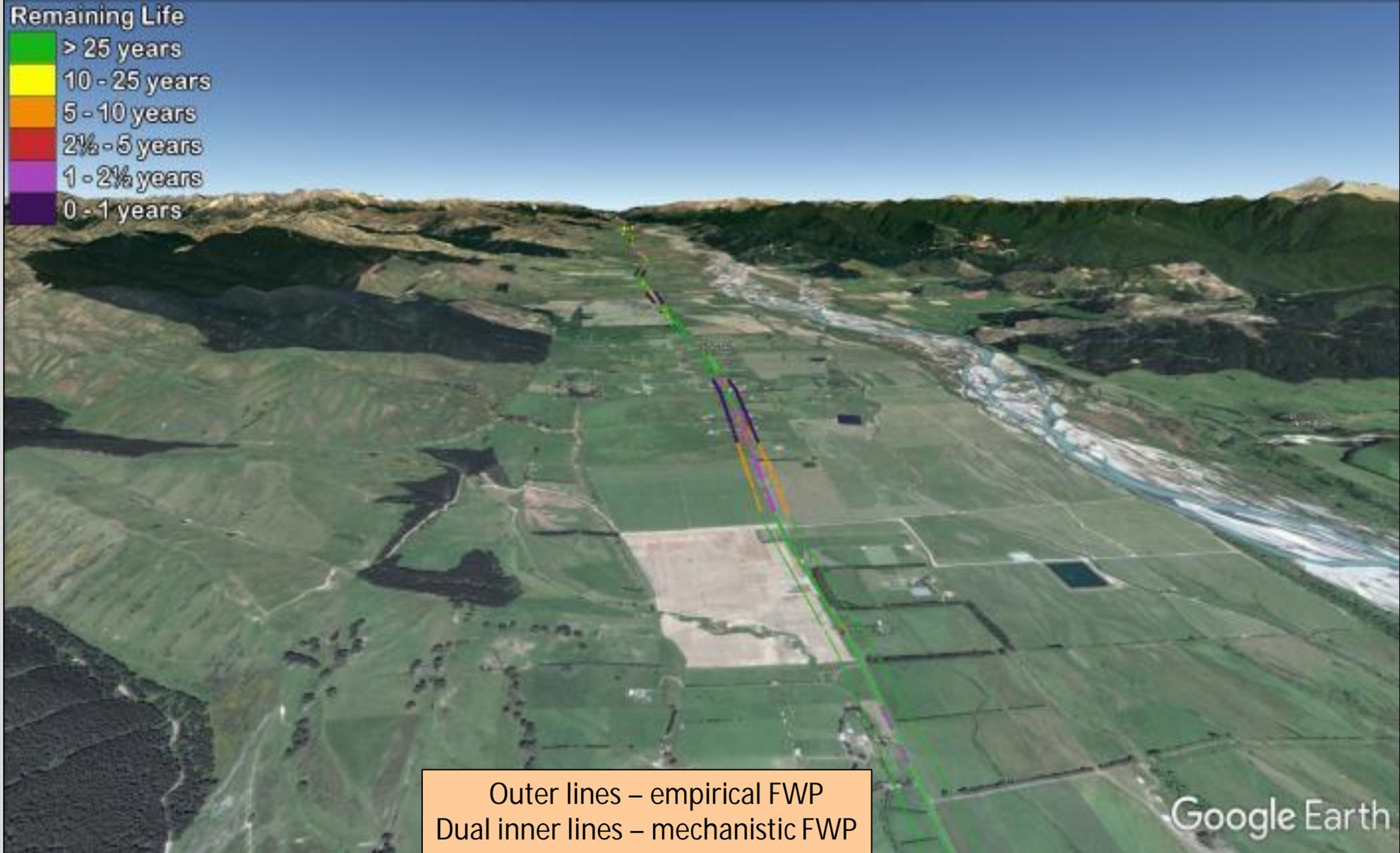
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## Annual Expenditure of Structural Treatments



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Outer lines – empirical FWP  
Dual inner lines – mechanistic FWP

Google Earth



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Empirical Life (dTIMS)  
FWP Remaining Life (years) = 6

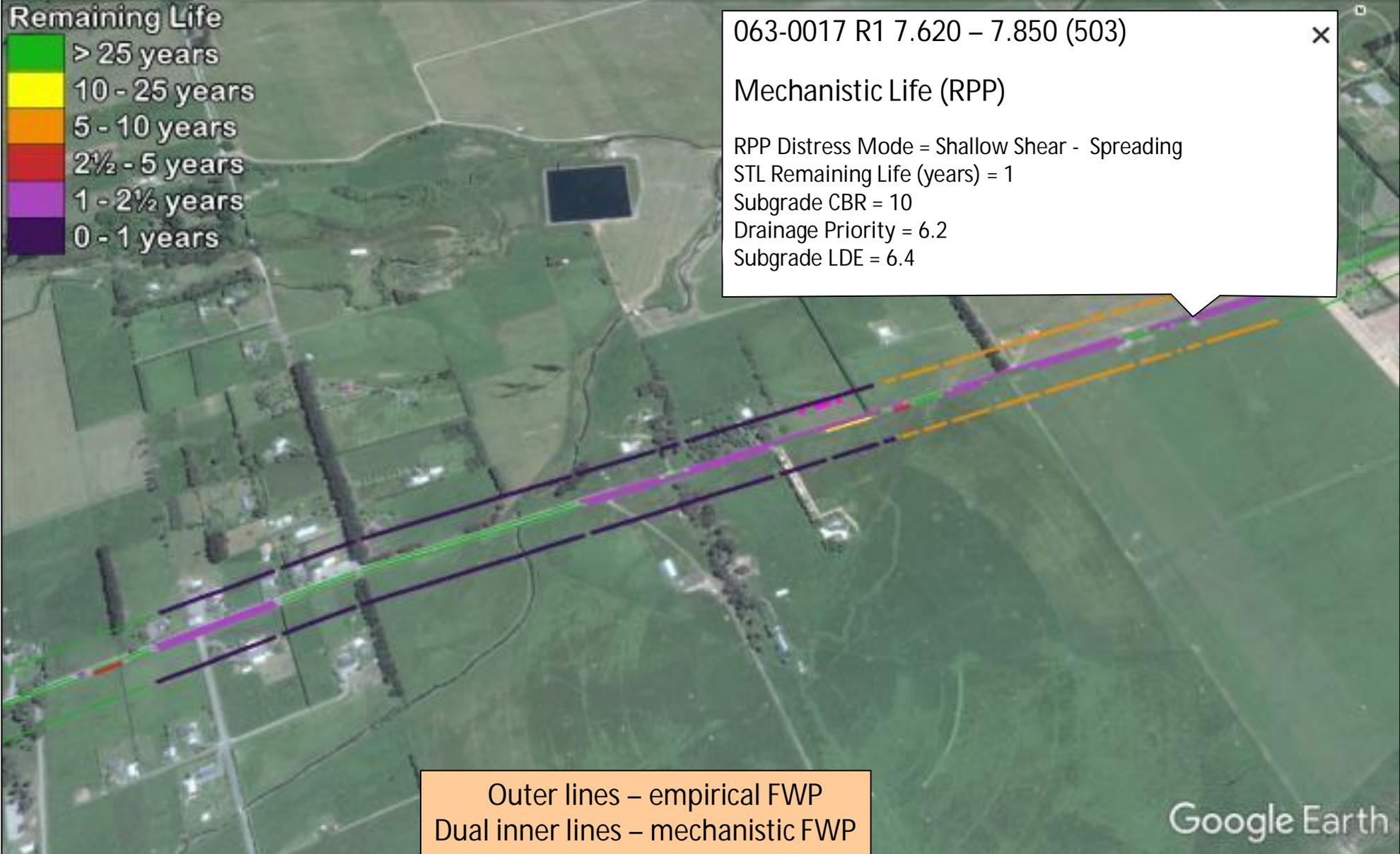
Outer lines – empirical FWP  
Dual inner lines – mechanistic FWP



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Mechanistic Life (RPP)

RPP Distress Mode = Shallow Shear - Spreading  
STL Remaining Life (years) = 1  
Subgrade CBR = 10  
Drainage Priority = 6.2  
Subgrade LDE = 6.4



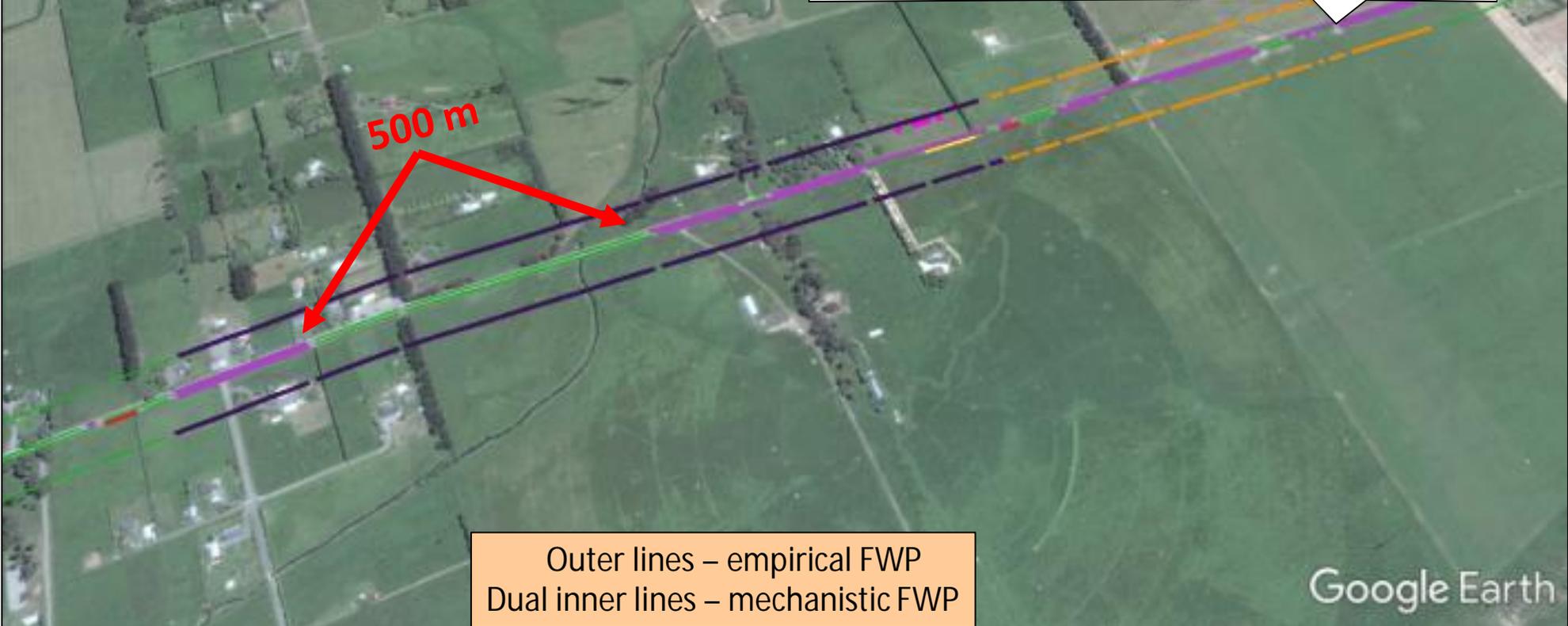
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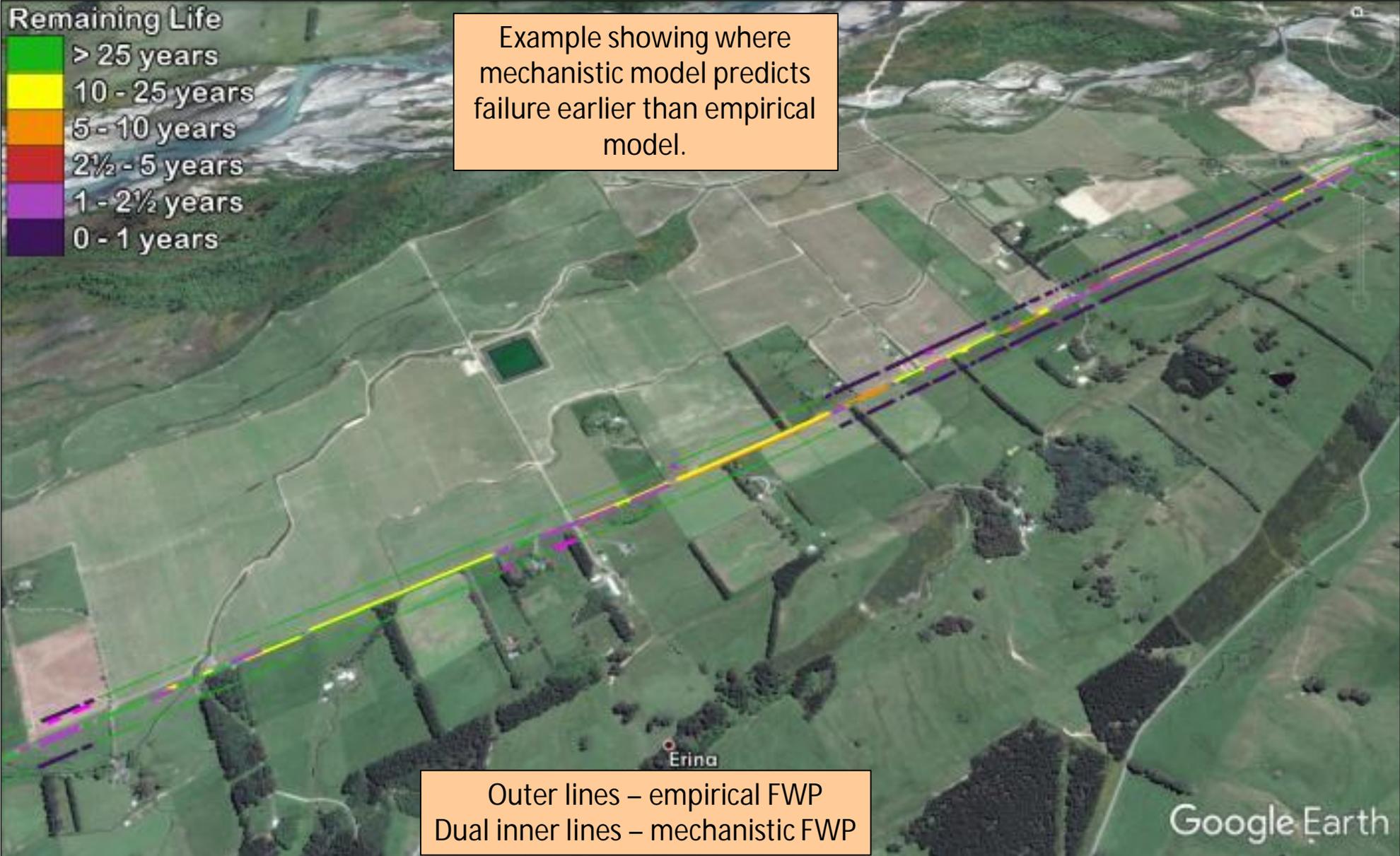
Mechanistic Life (RPP)

RPP Distress Mode = Shallow Shear - Spreading  
STL Remaining Life (years) = 1  
Subgrade CBR = 10  
Drainage Priority = 6.2  
Subgrade LDE = 6.4





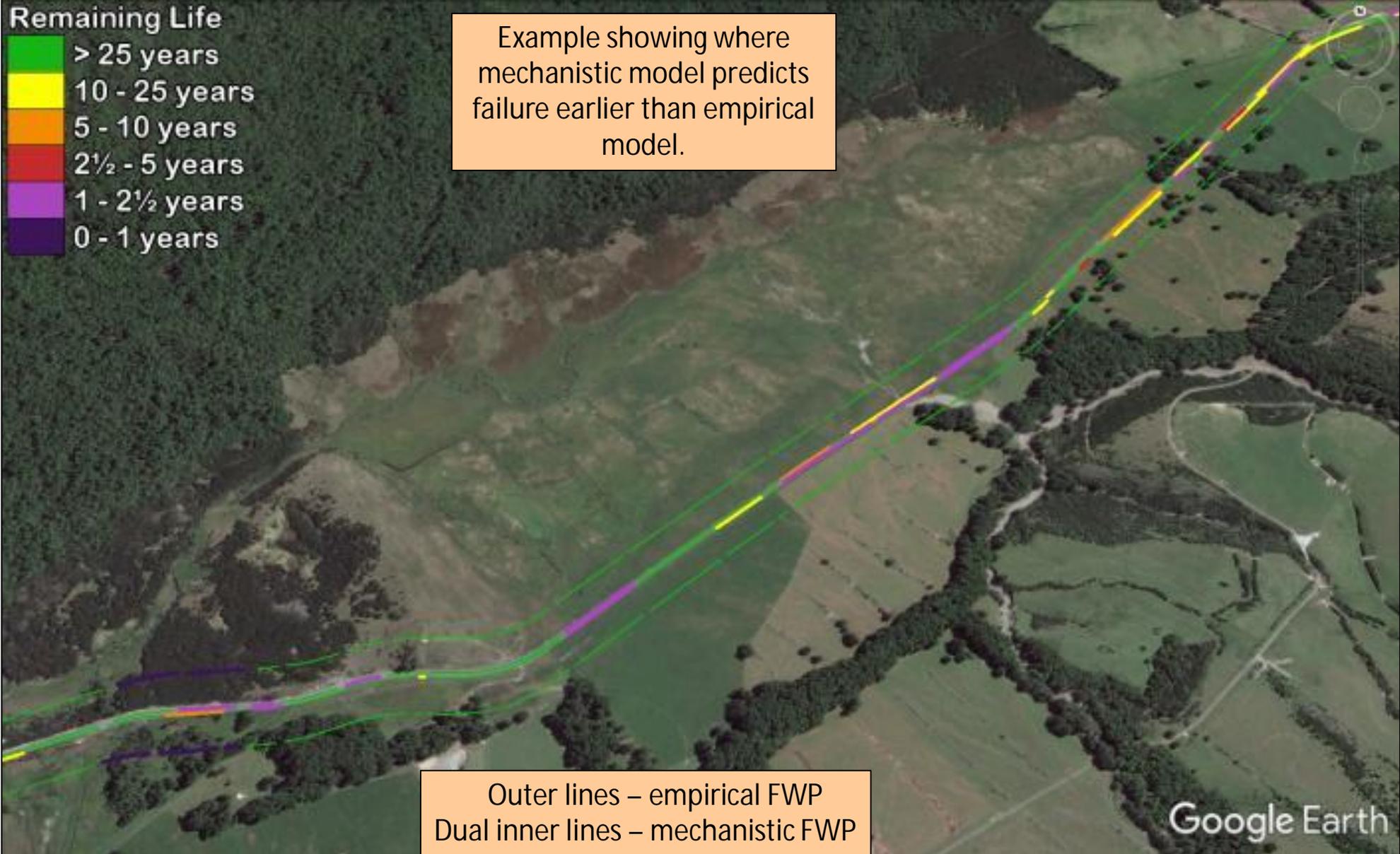
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Outer lines – empirical FWP  
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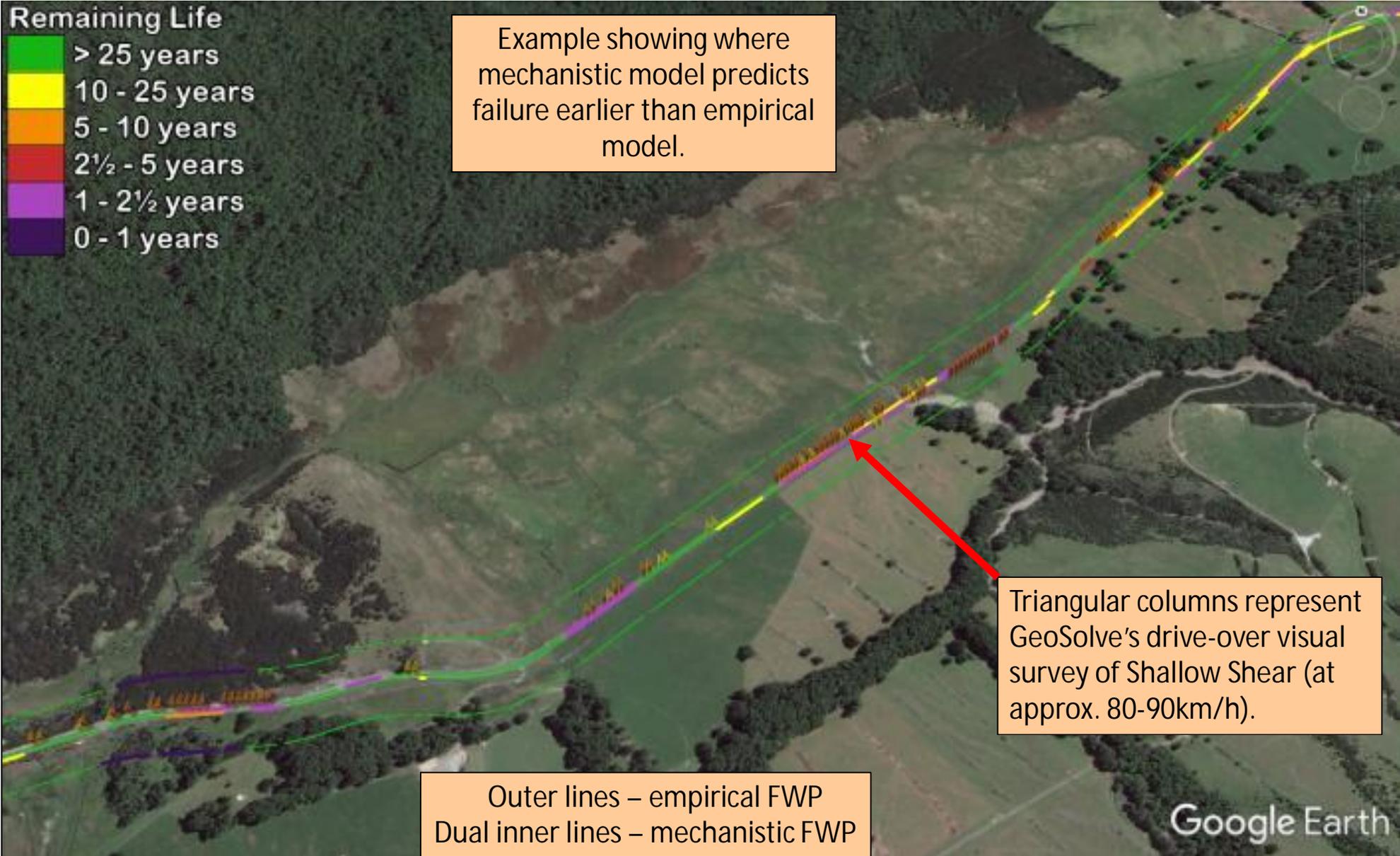
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Triangular columns represent GeoSolve's drive-over visual survey of Shallow Shear (at approx. 80-90km/h).

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Google Earth

# Mechanistic-Empirical Analysis

## Mechanistic

- Subsurface moduli, stresses and strains
- Based on network precedent performance
- Calibrated to region or sub-region evaluating pavements on the same basis throughout the country

## Empirical

- Surface analysis and simplified subsurface parameter
- Visual evaluation based on staff familiar with the network

# For you to take away

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Mechanistic approach now allows us to analyse pavements better than in the past:

- 12+ distress modes
- More meaningful sub-sectioning with lanes differentiated
- Optimised Forward Work Programming

All of this incorporated into the Empirical FWP leads to more informed decision-making.

Update: The team has now acquired TSD data for a sizeable network of thick structural asphaltic pavements in the US and the current reality check is being extended (using the same mechanistic approach to assess remaining life and FWP, then compared with the empirical approach). There are now multiple interested parties involved in the study hence if others would like to follow or partake, please email [TSD@pavementanalysis.com](mailto:TSD@pavementanalysis.com)



# Where to from here?

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- 800 lane km test track – the ultimate reality check
- Highest real benefit/cost research ever for NZTA?
- Significant finding after only 3 months
- Ideal database leading to betterment of existing models
- Additional inputs:
  - Accurate dates of each digout or AWT
  - Definitive terminal distress mechanism
- Joint research with University of Queensland & TMR
- Strong commitment within NPTG



Link: [Conversion of TSD to equivalent FWD bowl spreadsheet](#)

Link: [Report on Conversion of TSD](#)

The Google Earth (kmz) file containing the detailed results of this reality check can be downloaded from here (requires Google Earth):

<http://www.pavementanalysis.com/KMZ/KaikouraBypass.kmz>



The End