

# AI Summit

**Wednesday, January 29, 2025**

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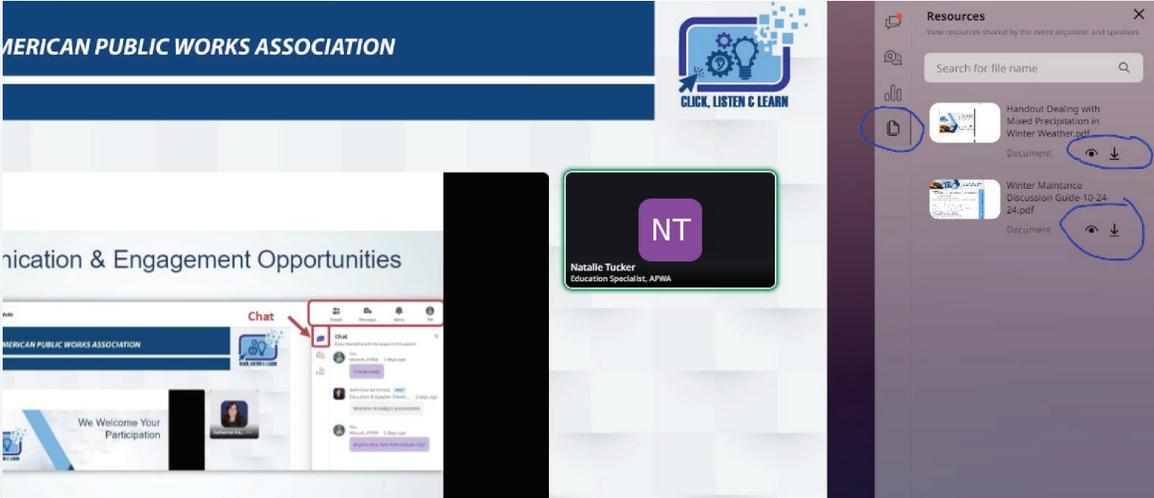
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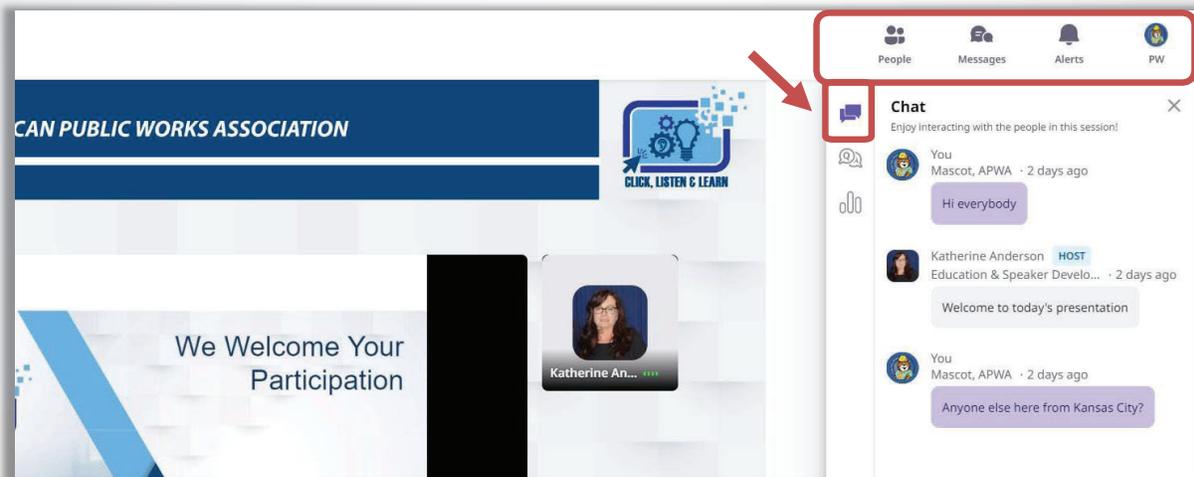
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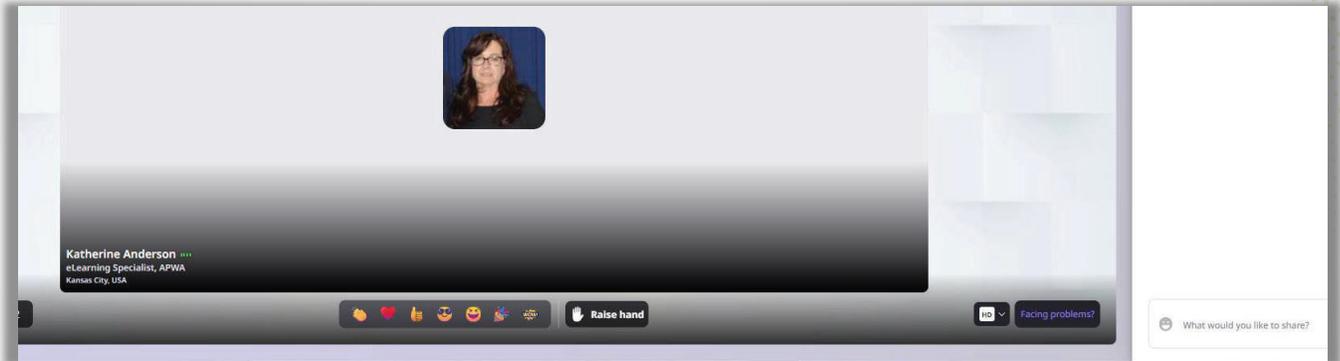
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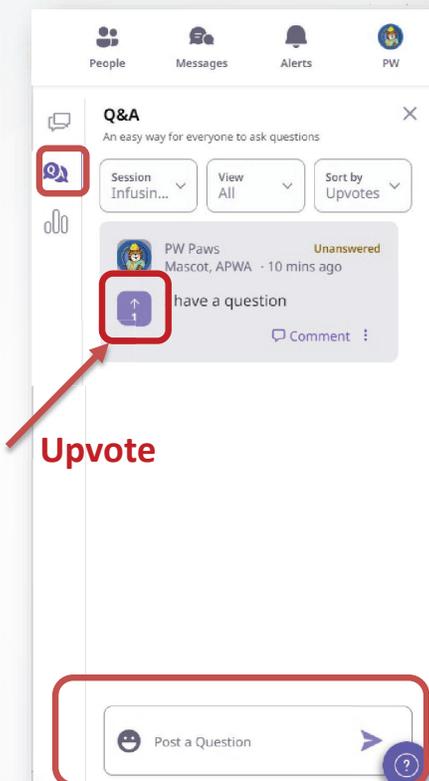
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# Today's Moderator



Tracy Warner, PE  
Deputy Director of  
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Pima County



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tomorrow at 10 am CT

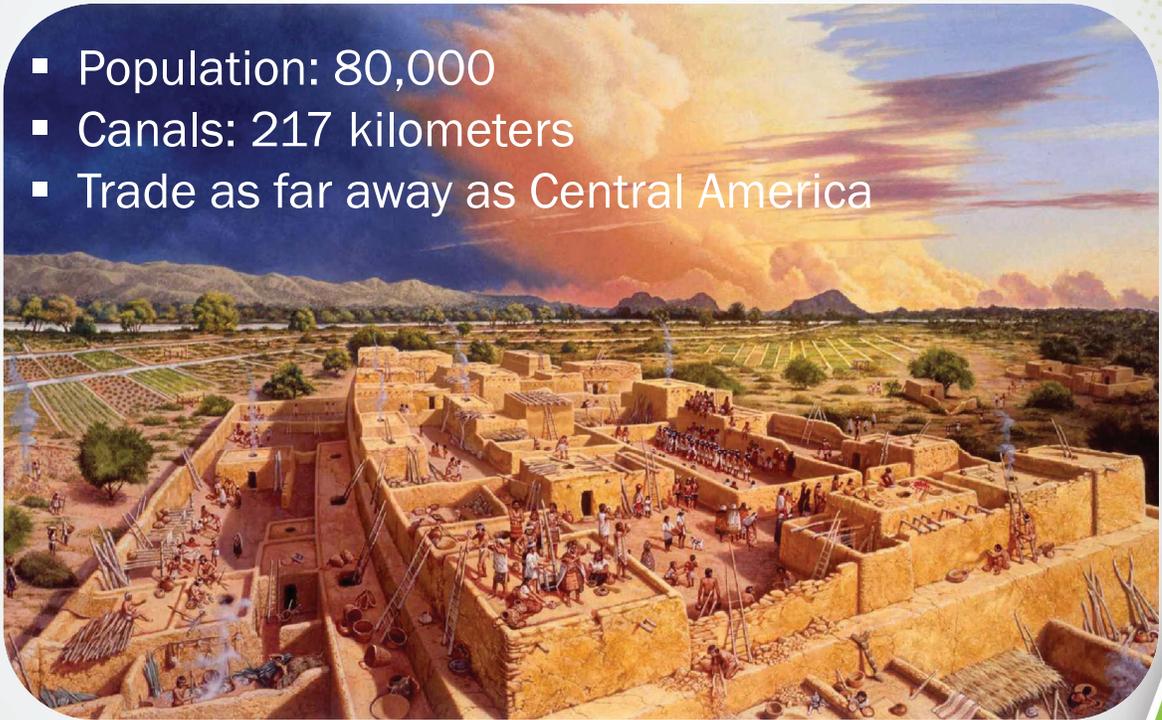


**Chris Ewell**  
Assistant Public Works Director  
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City of Phoenix



# Phoenix-1200CE

- Population: 80,000
- Canals: 217 kilometers
- Trade as far away as Central America

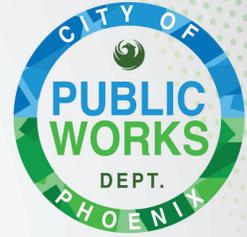


# Phoenix-2025

- Population: 1,625,000 (4.8M+ metro)
- Area 518 square miles
- 5th largest city in the United States
- Age: 142 years old



# City of Phoenix Public Works



- 1,100+ employees
- Three main functions:
  - Solid Waste Utility - 48K+ households served daily.
  - Fleet - Maintain and fuel over 8K+ pieces of equipment.
  - Facilities - Maintain over 800+ general fund facilities.
- *Mission: To improve the quality of life in Phoenix through efficient delivery of outstanding solid waste, fleet, facilities and energy management services.*



## AI Tools Used



- Current:
  - Vehicle routing software
  - Trash sorting
  - Data evaluation
  - Writing in limited cases
  - Condition assessment
- Future:
  - Predictive maintenance
  - Realtime routing changes
  - Building controls automation



# How is it going?



- New employees excited.
- Existing employees cautious, anxious, or even unreceptive.
- City is slower to adopt new technology:
  - Cost
  - Data security
  - Bias introduced
  - Who are the experts?
- Unions/employees concerned:
  - Potential job losses
  - Skills required
  - Who trains them?



# City of Phoenix AI Policy



## Administrative Regulation 1.65-Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) for City Business:

- Effective April 5, 2024
- Does not include non-generative AI guidance.
- Supports the “responsible use of Gen AI, while mitigating the associated risks.”
- “All employees who use Gen AI technologies to create content in the course of performing their jobs will be held accountable for its proper use.”



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## Administrative Regulation 1.65-Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) for City Business:

- **Gen AI Executive Committee**-Serves as the governing authoritative body pertaining to City use of Gen AI technologies and associated work products, across all City departments and functions.
- **Gen AI Technical, Security, and Privacy (Gen AI TS&P) Subcommittee**-The role of the Gen AI TS&P is to serve as a technical, security, and data privacy advisory body that provides recommendations to the Gen AI Executive Committee as they evaluate procurement, development, and use of all Gen AI tools.
- **Information Technology Services**-ITS is responsible for developing and maintaining City IT policies and standards for all Gen AI technologies used within or on behalf of the City.



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# City of Phoenix AI Policy



## Requirements for leveraging Gen AI Technology:

- **Human Ownership:** Human ownership is required for accountability.
- **Transparent:** The City shall be transparent when using Gen AI to foster public trust.
- **Protection From Harm:** Ensure the prevention of algorithmic discrimination.
- **Equitable:** Gen AI system responses are based on patterns and relationships learned from large datasets derived from existing human knowledge.
- **Opt Out:** Where feasible, City residents should be able to opt out from automated systems in favor of a human alternative to receive or request a City-provided public good or service, where appropriate.



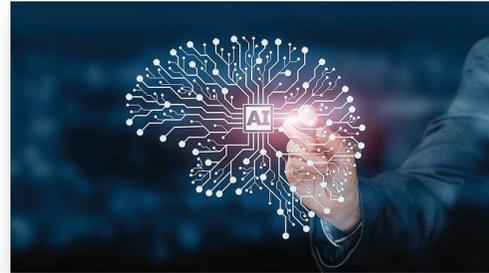
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# City of Phoenix AI Policy



## Additional Requirements for leveraging Gen AI Technology:

- Beneficial to Residents
- Public Safety of Residents
- Safe and Effective Systems
- Resident Privacy First
- Data Subject Consent
- Disclosure of Use
- Procurement Rules
- Use Limitations and Purpose Specification



# Focus on AI Bias



## AI Bias:

**Computational** bias is a systematic error or deviation from the true value of a prediction that originates from a model's assumptions or the data itself.

**Cognitive** bias refers to inaccurate individual judgment or distorted thinking.

**Societal** bias leads to systemic prejudice, favoritism, and/or discrimination in favor of or against an individual or group.



# Focus on AI Bias



## AI Bias:

- Bias can impact outcomes and pose a risk to individual rights and liberties.
- Can lead to unintentional, or even intentional, algorithmic discrimination.
- Proactive, human assessment measures required to avoid.



# Thank You!



# Smart Communities Start with Supported Public Agencies: AI & the Future of Public Services

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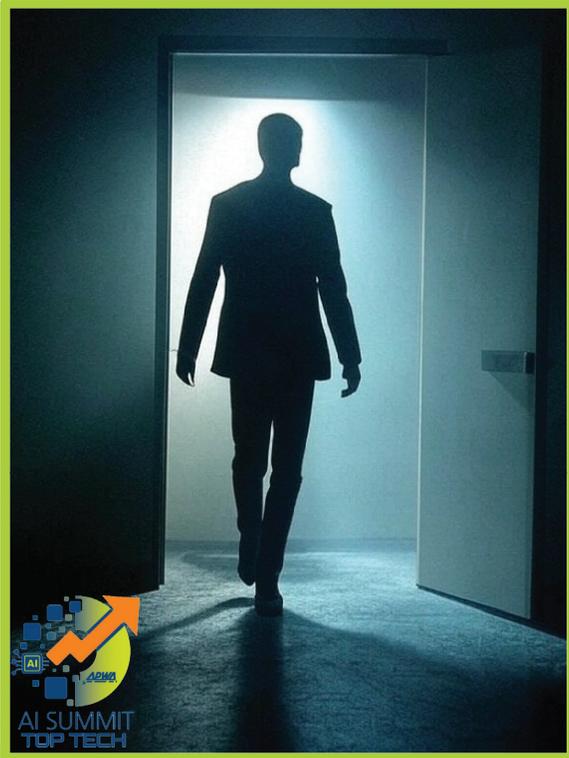


## Introduction

- **Today's Public Service Reality**
  - Public infrastructure majority managed by small agencies
  - Growing demands vs shrinking resources
  - Technology gap a factor in talent exodus?
- **The AI Opportunity**
  - Alleviate mundane tasks
  - Reducing the resource divide
  - Simplify working with complex data
- **Asset Management Transformation**
  - From manual to automated processes
  - Putting asset management to work
  - Building future-ready organizations



# Demands vs Resource Reality



## Transportation Stats

[www.transportation.gov](http://www.transportation.gov)

- ≈5% US roads = major highways carrying 55% of traffic
- Rural communities of <5,000 people = > 70% of public roads/infrastructure
- Traffic costs ≈\$154 billion in wasted time & fuel

## The Growth Challenge

Placing a premium on Asset Management

- Public works budgets growing ≈2-3% annually
- Traffic increased to 3.2 trillion miles (2016)
- Congestion grew from 5.6B to 6.7B hrs (2002-2012)
- Average city manages 30% more assets vs 20 years ago
- Water infrastructure backlog >\$1 trillion (EPA, 2022)

# The Public Sector Talent Challenge

## Market Reality

- 15-30% wage gap (BLS, 2023)
- Salary challenges = must innovate
- Empower staff with modern tools

## High Stakes

- 35% retirement eligible (BLS, 2023)
- Private sector rapidly adopting AI
- Small local government tech adoption typically slow

## Staffing & Retention

- Support employees or watch them leave
- Technology gap will further drive exodus
- AI adoption is about efficiency and retention



# AI Policy: Time for a New Approach

## Traditional Challenge vs New Reality

- Government moves at policy speed, not technology speed
- AI capabilities evolving quarterly
- Can't wait for perfect policies

## Public Sector Advantages

- Most government data is already public
- Fewer privacy barriers than private sector
- Opportunity for further transparency

## Path Forward

- Start small, iterate, learn quickly
- Flexible vs rigid policies, reviewed quarterly
- Focus on outcomes and responsible use



# AI as a Force Multiplier

## Accelerate Daily Work

- 30-minute tasks to 30-seconds
- Automate routine report writing and analysis
- Free staff to focus on critical thinking

## Practical Application

- Automate routine data clean-up
- Simplify reporting processes via meeting transcriptions to minutes & agendas
- Support decision-making with existing data
- Make documents conversationally accessible

## Enable Better Service Delivery

- Faster response to citizen needs
- More time for strategic work
- Improved Asset Management (AM)

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HMC65550XC	2015	Honda	Civic	Coupe
LAT872D9FE	2018	Toyota	Camry	Sedan
G1WF52K0X9	2005	Chevy	Impalaa	Sedan
VDBRF52J65A	2012	Merc	C230	Sedan
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Notes | Transcript | Deep Dive | Coaching

Road Score: 79 OKAY | Engagement: 85 GOOD | Sentiment: 74 OKAY

**Summary**

Stephen Williams and [redacted] reviewed the recent vendor meeting with the [redacted] highlighting the technical support capabilities discussed. Stephen committed to distributing the meeting minutes later that afternoon. The team discussed follow-up actions, including [redacted] outreach to the land effects group regarding STB files and the outcomes of the vendor meeting, outlining the next steps for the team...

**Chapters & Topics**

- Discussion on Vendor Meeting and Follow-Up Items
  - Follow-up on action items from previous meetings.

Highlights | Chapters

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Follow-up on action items from previous meetings.



# Bridging the Asset Management Divide

## Rural Community Challenge

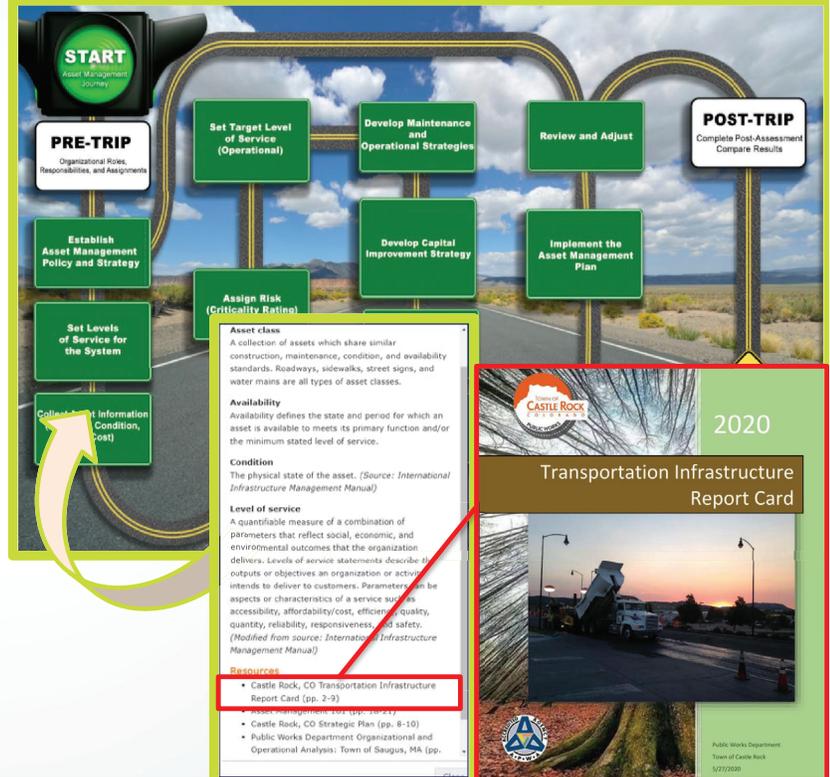
- >70% of public roads and infrastructure in small rural communities
- Many still struggling with basic inventories
- Limited staff, budget, & technical resources

## Starting the Journey

- Need to walk before running with big data
- Need to develop and implement a plan
- Limited capacity and expertise

## Where AI steps in!

- Simplify inventory creation & data collection
- Make complex analysis more accessible
- Help small teams do more with less



# AI Impact on Asset Management

## Evolution of AM Information Systems

- From reactive to predictive maintenance
- Moving from manual to automated
- Real-time monitoring and alerts

## What's Changing

- AI processing vast amounts of existing data
- Analyzing photos/video to actionable insights
- Accelerating condition assessments

## Real World Transformations

- Pavement management modernization
- Fleet predictive maintenance
- Improving infrastructure inspections



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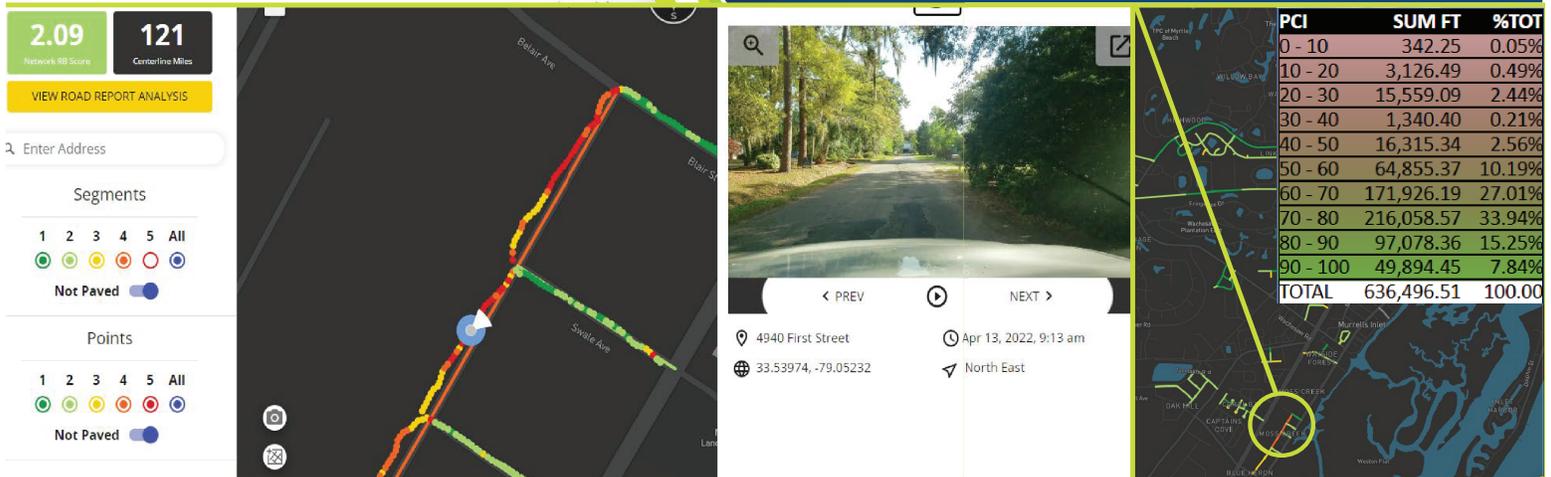
# AI in Pavement Condition Inspections

## Baseline (Manual Method)

- 120 Centerline Miles
- ≈\$120,000 in costs

## AI Solution

- Less than \$10,000 per year
- Results within 9% of manual scoring
- Validated through manual scoring verification



# Optimizing Fleet & Waste Operations

## Smart Fleet Management

- Real-time vehicle monitoring and diagnostics
- Predictive maintenance alerts
- Driver behavior insights

## Smart Waste Collection

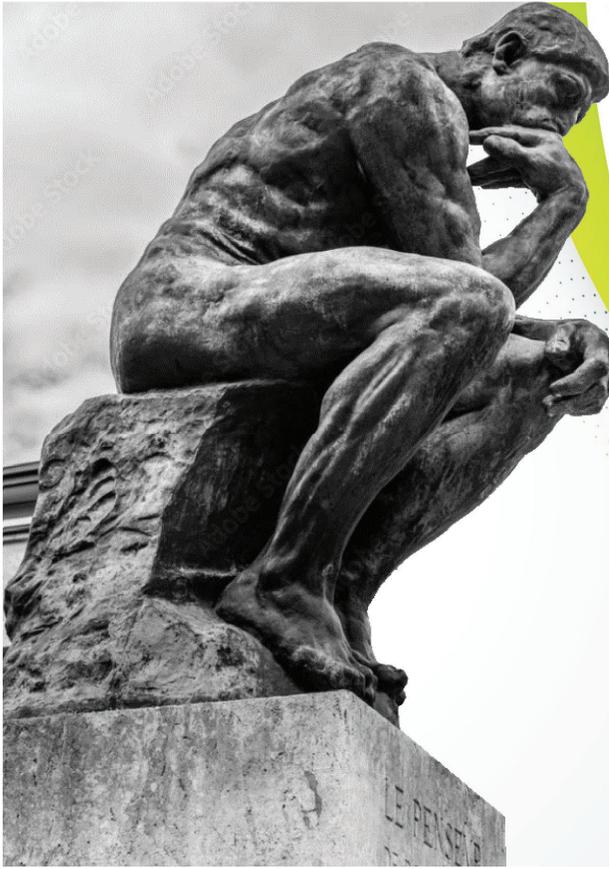
- Container fill-level monitoring
- Automated collection triggers nearing capacity
- Resource allocation based on demand

## Operational Impact

- Optimized vehicular routing
- Reduced fuel consumption
- Lower maintenance costs



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# QUESTIONS

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Solid Waste Management  
Superintendent at City of  
Loveland, CO

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a machine's ability to perform the cognitive functions we usually associate with human minds.

- McKinsey

## Three Applications of AI in Public Works

1

AI to Reduce  
Overages in  
Waste  
Collection

2

AI to Improve  
Waste Sorting in  
Material Recovery  
Facilities

3

AI to Improve  
The Safety of  
Public  
Transportation

# 1. AI to Reduce Overages in Waste Collection (1/2)



- Waste haulers face the challenge of overflowing bins while collecting waste
- With 20-30% of bins regularly overflowing, waste haulers incur additional landfill fees for the excess weight they transport and dump.
- With landfills charging from \$50 to \$85 per ton, this translates to approximately \$3M in excess annual landfill fees per 1,000 trucks.
- Overflowing bins slow down waste collection and lead to operational hazards for drivers.



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# 1. AI to Reduce Overages in Waste Collection (2/2)

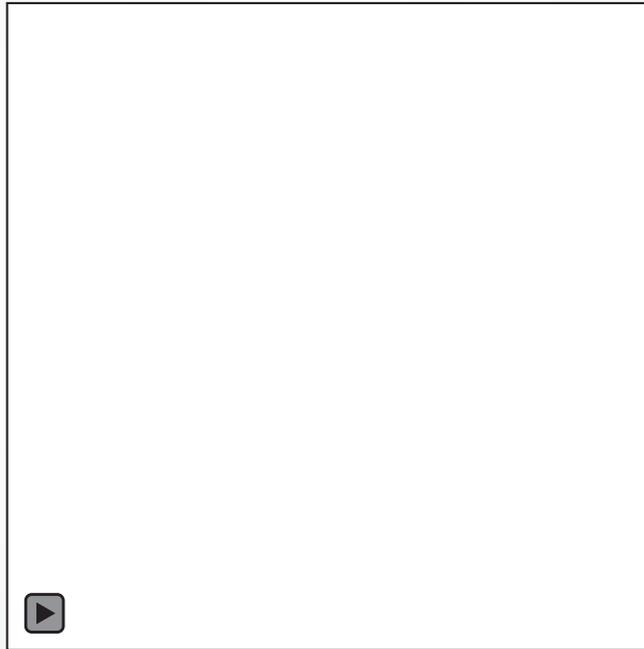


- AI can help detect overflowing bins by applying computer vision on truck cameras
- The customer details can be identified using customer ID read from images, or using technologies such as RFID
- When bins are found to be overflowing or loaded with extras, the AI can alert the drivers
- Once the driver confirms, the communication can be automatically sent to the customer with picture evidence
- This real-time intelligence helps drivers enforce policies, drive swift action transparently and automatically



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# Case Study: AI-driven overages detection at Loveland



(Click to play video)



## 2. AI to Improve Waste Sorting in Material Recovery Facilities (1/2)



- Haulers drop-off the recyclables load collected from customers to Material Recycling Facilities (MRFs)
- MRFs face challenges in efficiently sorting recyclable materials due to contamination, manual errors, and the complexity of waste streams
- Such inefficiencies results in recyclables ending up in landfills
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that about 75% of all waste generated is recyclable, yet only 32% of municipal solid waste (MSW) was recycled or composted



## 2. AI to Improve Waste Sorting in Material Recovery Facilities (1/2)



- AI-powered sortation systems work by using advanced sensors and algorithms to identify and classify materials in real time
- Robots, guided by AI, precisely separate items like plastics and remove contaminants, ensuring high-quality output
- These systems adapt dynamically to changing waste streams, continuously optimizing performance for efficient and consistent recycling operations.
- As a result, such systems improve material recovery rates, reduce contamination, and lower operational costs.



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## Case Study: Napa Recycling increased recovery with AI-guided robotics

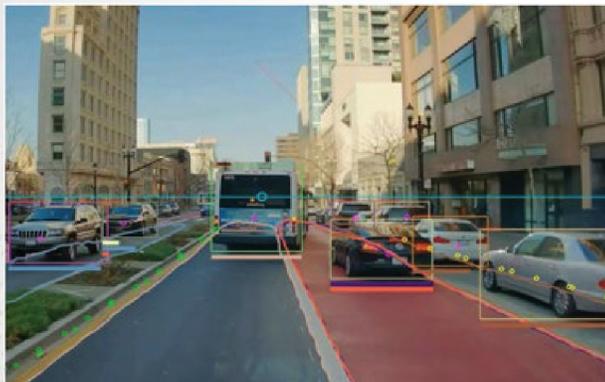


- Evergreen is among the nation's largest recyclers of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) and producers of recycled PET (rPET)
- It struggled with labor shortages as manual sorting required long, tedious shifts. Also challenging was ensuring high-quality food-grade flake production
- The solution uses AI-driven algorithms and computer vision to identify and sort PET bottles by color and clarity. Robots equipped with vacuum suction mechanisms pick and separate materials with precision
- Results: Capture rates increased by 200%, with robots sorting up to 120 bottles per minute and removing 90% of contamination



Image credit: [AMP](#); A customer [case study](#) by AMP sortation

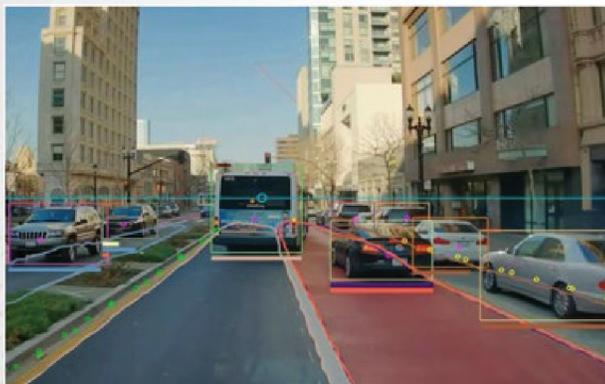
### 3. AI to Improve the Safety of Public Transportation (1/2)



- Vehicles blocking bus lanes not only disrupt public transit efficiency but also pose safety hazards
- These obstructions lead to delays, passenger frustration, and unsafe conditions
- In a study conducted by Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), ~36,000 violations were recorded over a 70-day pilot program, with about 50% of all bus stops experiencing blockages by unauthorized vehicles
- Research indicates that when bus lanes are obstructed, delays can increase by 0.5 to 1.0 minutes per mile
- Traditional enforcement methods, such as manual ticketing, are often slow, inconsistent, and ineffective in deterring violations

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### 3. AI to Improve the Safety of Public Transportation (2/2)



- AI-powered solutions offer a transformative approach to this challenge
- Advanced camera enforcement systems equipped with AI algorithms detect unauthorized vehicles in bus lanes, analyze footage in real-time, and automatically issue violations
- By leveraging object recognition and location data, these systems ensure precise identification and consistent enforcement without requiring extensive human intervention.
- Such systems lead to fewer accidents, faster bus speeds and on-time service

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# Case Study: New York City's (MTA) reported 20% fewer vehicle collisions using AI



- Public transit efficiency, reliability, and safety are hindered by vehicles obstructing bus lanes
- Hayden AI has developed a vision AI system that it's deploying in numerous US cities to solve this challenge
- The system uses cameras mounted on buses to monitor bus lanes, capture images, apply algorithms to the images, and collect evidence of parking violations in bus lanes that it then sends to the relevant authorities
- Result: New York City's Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) reported a 5% improvement in bus lane speeds along enforced routes, as well as 20% fewer vehicle collisions



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## Next Steps: How can you apply AI in your department?





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# AI in Public Works Roadway Asset Management: PAVEMENT INSPECTION

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# Outline

- About Roadway Pavement
- Objective of Pavement Asset Management
- Pavement **Condition Inspection**
- AI's Contribution
- Considerations when using AI



# The Importance of Roadways



# Anatomy of Pavement

## SURFACE

- Asphalt (or concrete)
- Provides smooth driving surface for traffic

## BASE

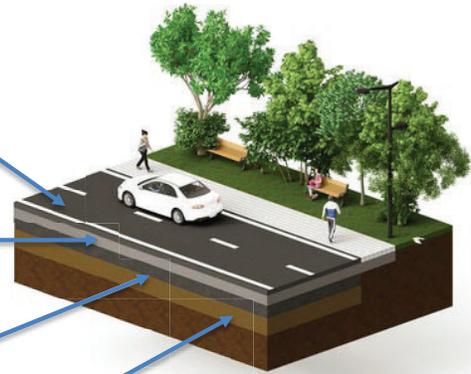
- Aggregate (mixture of sand, crushed stone and gravel)
- Provides a stable foundation for the pavement surface

## SUB-BASE

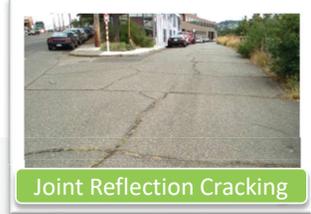
- Stabilized layer
- Spreads the load of the roadway onto the subgrade

## SUBGRADE

- Natural or compacted soil
- Provides a stable foundation for the entire roadway



# Types of Pavement Failures/Distress



# Pavement Inspection/Rating



PAVEMENT  
CONDITION INDEX  
(PCI)

## PCI RATING



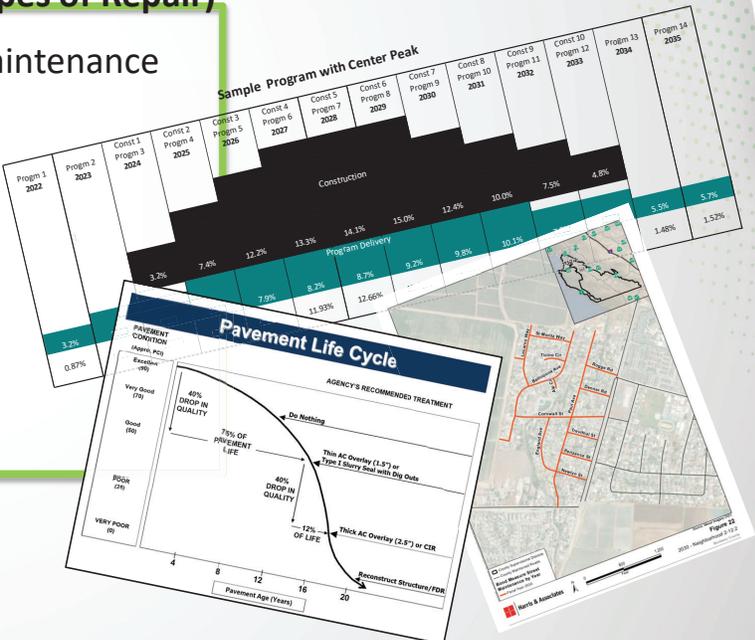
# AM - Treatment/Repair Strategies

## PCI RATING



## TREATMENT STRATEGY (Types of Repair)

- Do nothing/ Corrective maintenance
- Preventative Maintenance
- Resurface
- Rehabilitation
- Reconstruction



# AI Recap

## AI - Artificial Intelligence

Involves techniques that equip computers to emulate human behavior, enabling them to learn, make decisions, recognize patterns, and solve complex problems in a manner akin to human intelligence.

## ML - Machine Learning (subset of AI)

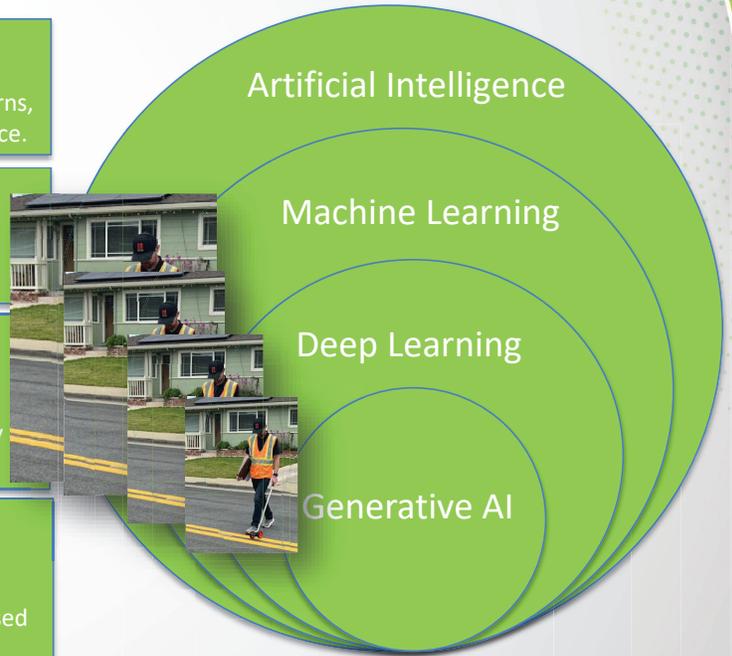
Uses advanced algorithms to detect patterns in large data sets, allowing machines to learn and adapt.

## DL - Deep Learning (subset of ML)

Uses neural networks for in-depth data processing and analytical tasks. DL leverages multiple layers of artificial neural networks to extract high-level features from raw input data, simulating the way human brains perceive and understand the world.

## Generative AI (subset of DL)

Generates content like text, images, or code based on provided input. Trained on vast data sets, these models detect patterns and create outputs without explicit instruction, using a mix of supervised and unsupervised learning.



# Benefits of AI Inspection

- **SAFETY**
  - Minimizes the need for/exposure of inspectors working in traffic hazards.
  - Minimizes risk to the public
- **TIME - Significant Reduction in Time**
  - Perform the inspection in a fraction of the time
  - Streamlines Onboarding and Training
    - Reduces need for specialized skills where training can be lengthy
    - Reduces onboarding time for faster deployment
- **COST - Reduced Travel and Inspection Costs**
  - AI enables Consultants to conduct inspections in remote or hard-to-reach areas
  - Reduces the need for travel, cutting down on related expenses.
- **SCOPE - Enhanced Data Accuracy**
  - Ensures Consistency
  - Minimizes mistakes
  - Removes subjective judgement/variation
- **Enhanced Operational Efficiency**
  - Less traffic disruption
  - Increases capacity of consultants to do work (especially geographically)
  - Faster turnaround times to Public Agency/Owner



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*Inventories comprehensive other asset types in R/W*

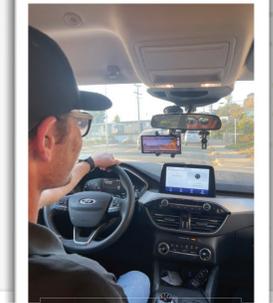
# Types of AI Inspection Equipment



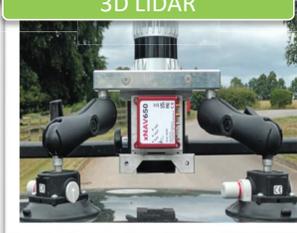
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GoPro



SMART PHONE



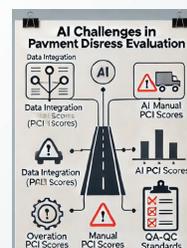
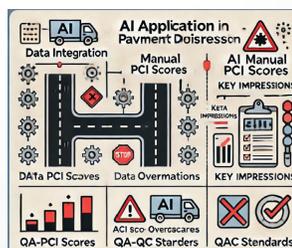
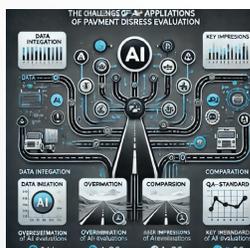
# AI Application Challenges Encountered

- **AI PAVEMENT DISTRESS EVALUATION**

- **Data Integration:** AI-generated distress data was imported into the Pavement Management Program (PMP)
- **Comparison:** PCI scores from AI were compared against PCI from manually collected data

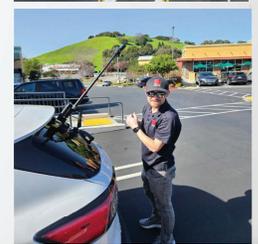
- **KEY IMPRESSIONS OF AI EVALUATIONS**

- **Variations:** Significant differences between AI and manual PCI scores
- **Overestimation:** AI inconsistent and often overestimated medium and high distress levels
- **QA-QC Standard:** AI data did not meet the required QA-QC standards



# Challenges To Be Prepared For

- **Operation**
  - Time of day impacts visibility – optimal performance midday
  - May need multiple passes for full coverage
  - Tracking and managing routes is challenging
- **Data Collection**
  - Equipment can malfunction and cause missed data capture
- **Tech Support**
  - Can be lacking and slow, especially if overseas
- **Security/ Liability**
  - Concern over loss of high value equipment
  - Concern over improperly secured equipment falling off an causing a safety hazard



# Ongoing AI Refinement Efforts

- **Development Status:** AI is still evolving and is expected to be fully reliable in 2025
- **AI Continuous Refinement**
  - Iterative Data Importation: Continuous comparison between AI and manual data
  - Algorithm Refinement: Enhancing distress identification and classification with each iteration
  - Adapting Across Terrains: Testing algorithms for adaptability and reliability in diverse terrains
  - Maintaining Standards: Ensuring AI aligns with engineering standards
- **Cost Implications:** Current costs are comparable with manual methods but offer long-term savings due to increased efficiency and reduced labor needs



# Conclusion: Calibrate Early/ Check Often/ Verify Always

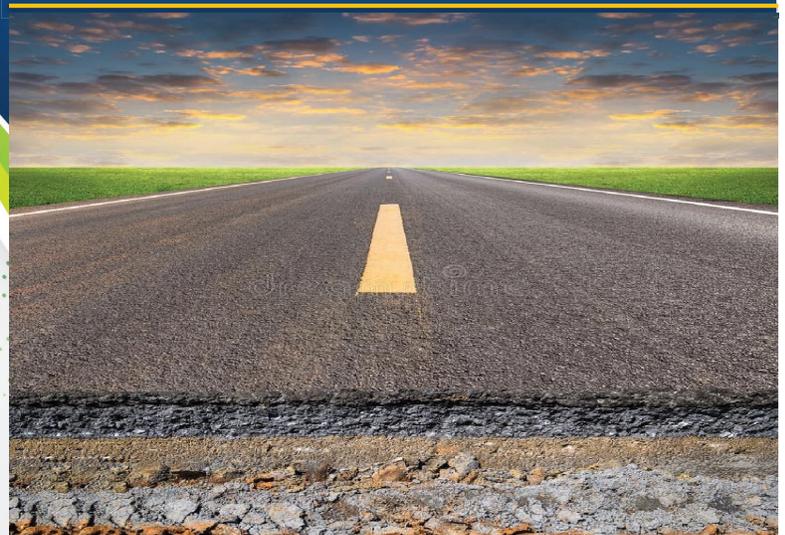
- **KEY:** Establish and routinely apply a QAQC plan
  - Don't expect AI to print out a perfect answer
- Partnership approach between Public Agency (Owner), Consultant and Tech Firm
- Budget time for early calibration and routine reviews (an iterative process)
  - Start with a small representative percentage of the network
  - Continuous comparison between AI and manual data
- Monitor for AI challenges in distress identification/classification
  - Especially in differing terrains
  - Verify anomalies flagged by the AI tool
- **Embrace innovative advances but never let go of your QAQC role**



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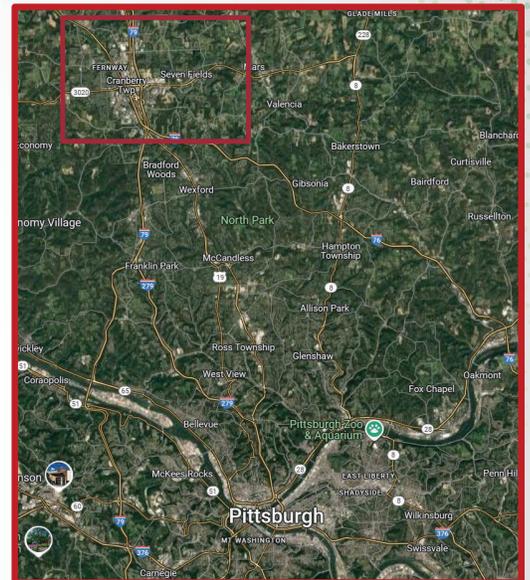
## Cranberry Township, PA

- 20 miles north of Pittsburgh
- 23 square miles
- Population 33,000
- Growth from less than 15,000 in 1990

### Public Works

- Street, Fleet, Traffic, Grounds, Facilities
- 27 Crew, 4 Managers, 3 Admin

### Research – Development - Deployment

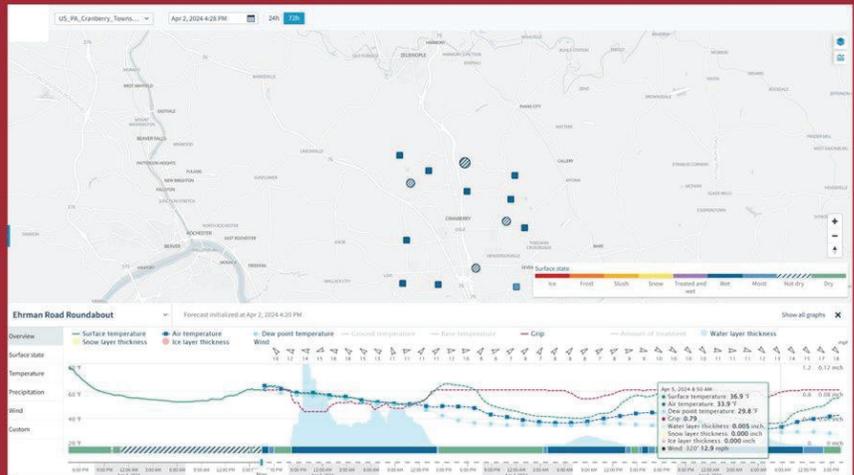


# Pilot Project

## GroundCast Road Sensors

Pilot Project in 2023-2024

- Predicts Pavement Temp for 72-hours to help manage OT and salt usage.
- Estimated savings of \$160,000 in Winter 2023-2024 (7 events) in labor and materials.
- Environmental savings
- Work/life balance with 24/7 Phone App
- Deployment Partner



# Application of AI

- Begins with reliable and trusted sensing technology to collect data, filling in gaps from broader infrastructure.
- Using a method called “deep learning,” the unique observation data is integrated with other datasets such as global models, measurements from satellites, and connected car data. The localized data is continuously fed into the model, helping it to “learn” the area and its surroundings.
- The result: highly localized and more accurate predictions.

# Other Applications

## Traffic Operations Center (TOC)

The Township utilizes a **Centraics** Advanced Transportation Management System headquartered in the largest municipal owned Traffic Operations Center (TOC) in Pennsylvania.

Cranberry's Traffic Management System is responsible for the maintenance and programming of:

- 43 signals along state and local roads in the Township
- 10 signals in four neighboring communities.

Cranberry Township also partners with CMU Traffic 21/Safety 21 on deployment initiatives and testing opportunities.

➔ The use of AI is shown in our predictive model of incident management on the limited access roadways adjacent to the Township.



# Other Applications

## Paving Plan

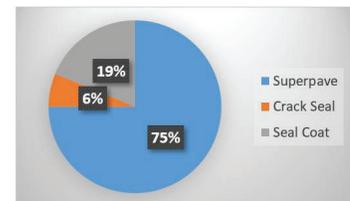
**INVENTORY** ➔ **ANALYZE** ➔ **PLAN**



**2024 ROAD INVENTORY COMPLETE**



2024 Paving Budget



**2025 PAVING BUDGET \$1,625,000**



# Lessons Learned

- Saves Resources - \$\$\$ and Time
- Try New Technologies
- Be a Deployment Partner During Development
- Involve your Team
- Share Success



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