Bridge management systems: An asset management tool for road structures

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### **Atypical Road Bridges in South Africa**



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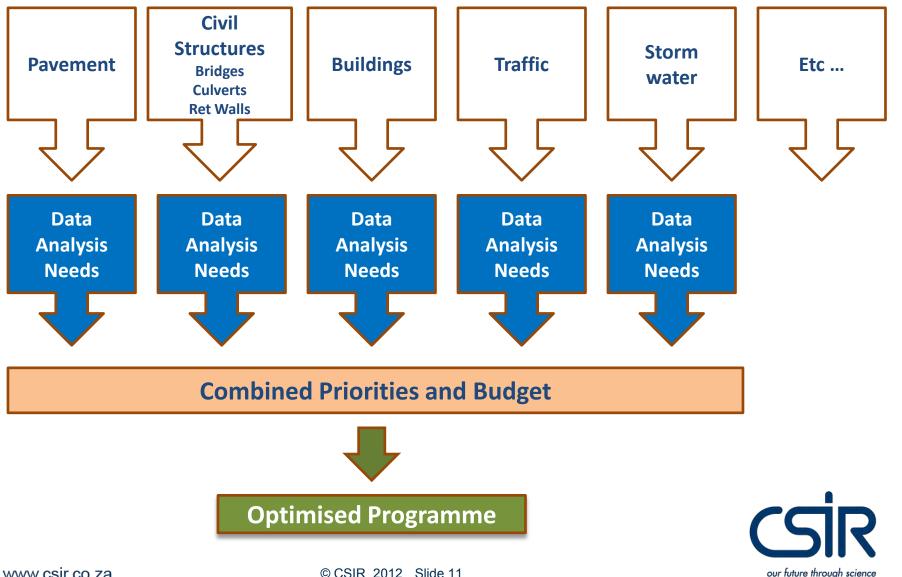




- Road authorities need to allocate scarce funds optimally in an orderly and systematic way
- Need to consider both the immediate and long term horizons
- The information on which funding decisions are based must be credible
- Ad hoc decisions are not acceptable



#### **Infrastructure Management**



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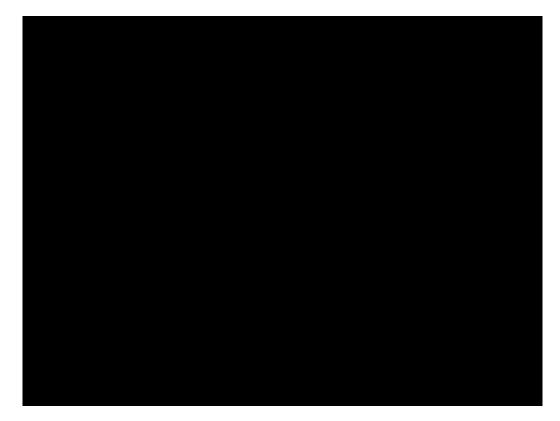
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## **Bridge Project Funding**

- Road projects and bridge projects compete for the same "pot" of funds
- Road failures are more common and more visible but bridge failures when they do occur may be catastrophic
- Need to guard against funds for bridge projects being reallocated to road projects. Thus the results from bridge inspections and the BMS must be credible
- Delay bridge repairs indefinitely and at some stage a catastrophic failure will occur somewhere!



# **Bridge Failures**





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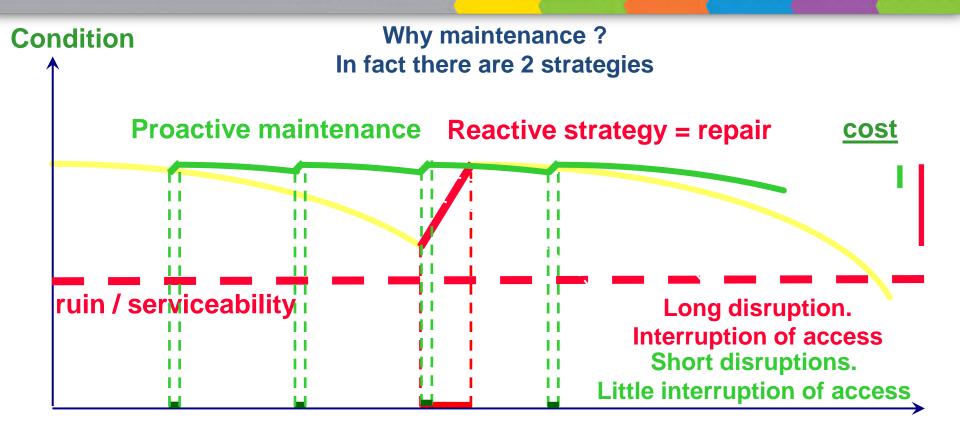


### **Bridge Management System**

- All Bridge Management Systems rely primarily on:
  - Inventory data
  - Inspection data
- Inspection data needs to be updated on a regular basis
- Most BMS's in the world rely on visual inspections as their primary data source to determine the condition of a bridge
- Diagnostic testing is generally used for detail project inspections only once projects are identified



#### **Proactive Maintenance of Infrastructure**

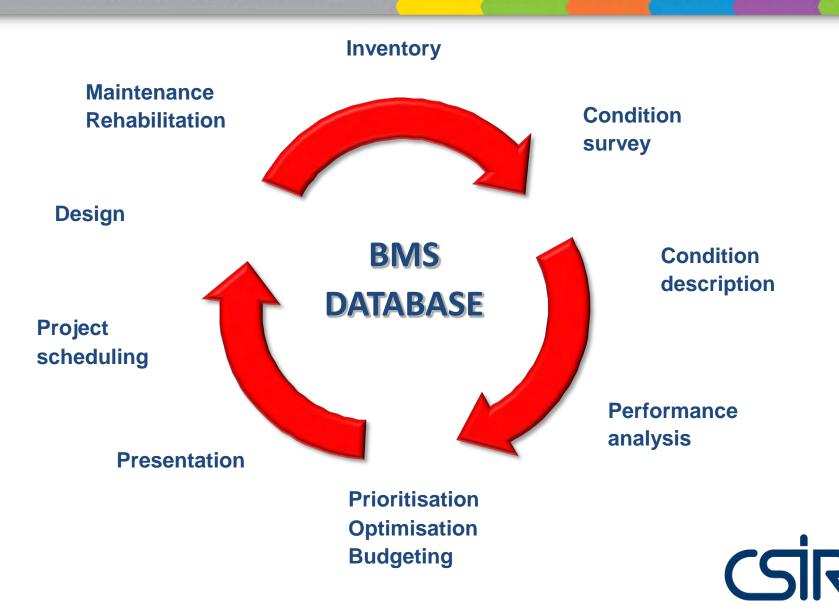


Early detection of defects, through prompt diagnosis of symptoms, allows defects to be treated quickly, thus allowing meaningful savings to be made on maintenance expenditure.

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### Activity Flow in a BMS



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## **BMS** Inspections

- Because of the gradual rate of deterioration of structures it is not necessary to carry out inspections on an annual or bi-annual basis as is the case for roads
- Inspections generally take place on a five yearly cycle.
   This is very much the international norm.
- Only in special cases are more frequent inspections necessary
- Inspections (although visual) are also used determine approximate repair budgets



## **BMS** Inspections

- The inspection methodology, based on the CSIR STRUMAN Bridge Management System, is simple and practical
- All visible defects are rated and quantified
- Inspections are on a network level and are not intended to replace project inspections
- Visual inspections at a network level are more cost effective



## **Bridge Inspection Items**

21 basic bridge elements are inspected and evaluated. These are:

- 1. Approach embankment
- 2. Guardrails
- 3. Waterway
- 4. Embankment protection
- 5. Abutment foundations
- 6. Abutments
- 7. Wing & retaining walls
- 8. Surfacing/ballast
- 9. Deck drainage
- 10. Kerbs/sidewalks
- 11. Parapets & handrails

- 12. Pier protection work
- 13. Pier foundations
- 14. Piers & Pylons
- 15. Bearings
- 16. Support drainage
- 17. Expansion joints
- 18. Longitudinal members (decks & arches)
- 19. Transverse members
- 20. Deck slabs & arches
- 21. Miscellaneous



## **Condition Survey**

- Survey is required to identify defects on the structure
- Defects are rated to place them in order of priority
- Rating should accurately represent the effect of the defect on the structural integrity of the structure
- It should also represent the effect of the defect on safety of the user and the serviceability of structure
- Survey should be systematic to ensure all defects are recorded



## **The DER Rating System**

- D DEGREE of defect
- E EXTENT of defect

**R – RELEVANCY of defect** 

U – URGENCY to carry out the remedial work

How bad or severe is the defect

How common is the defect on the inspection item being inspected

Considers the consequences of defects with regard the safety of the user and the structural integrity of the structure

Provides a way of applying time limits on the repair requirements



## **The DER Rating System**

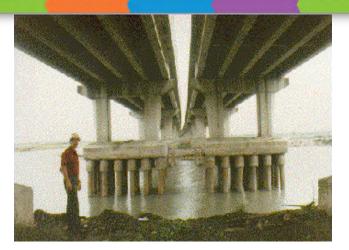
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Relevancy (R)				Minimum	Moderate	Major	Critical
Urgency (U)	Make Safe (MS)	Record (R)	Monitor	Routine	< 10 yrs	< 5 yrs	ASAP



#### **Examples of Defects**

- Spalling
- Scour
- Erosion
- Settlement
- Honeycombing
- Defective drains
- Cracks bending, shear,...
- Rotating abutments
- Defective guardrails
- Insufficient cover to reinforcement
- Defective surfacing
- Excessive deflections
- Expansion joints not watertight
- Defects on concrete surface
- Flood debris accumulation



















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### **Advantages of the DER System**

- The bridge inspector is not required to condition rate each and every element
- Only elements with defects are rated i.t.o DER and then only the most significant defect with the highest relevancy
- Time on site is reduced as one is only looking for defects and not trying to estimate a condition rating for the structure



## **Bridge Inspector Requirements**

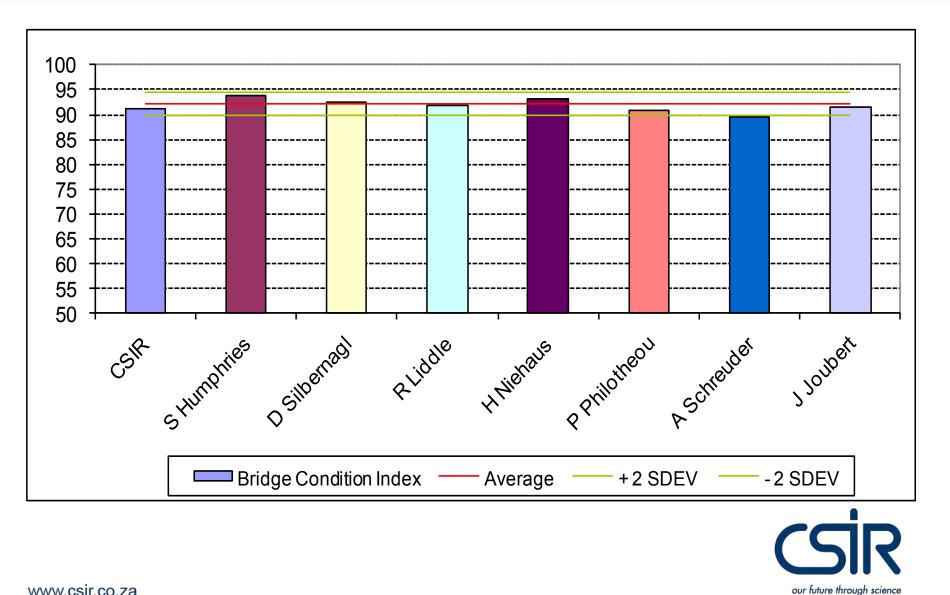
- Good understanding of structural behaviour
- Experienced (minimum of 5 years design experience)
- Trained in the use of the DER rating system
- Pay attention to detail





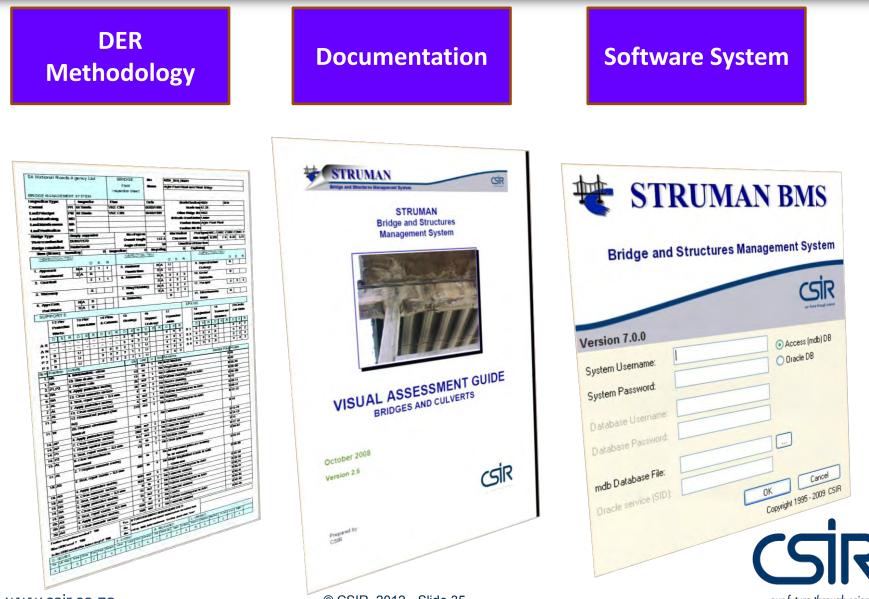


#### **Assessment of Bridge Inspectors: Calibration Inspections**



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#### **System Components**



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#### **Example of an Inspection Sheet**

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- There is a separate photographic record sheet

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#### **Example of an Inspection Sheet**

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17.	AL	2. ? Replace concrete nosir	ng	90	m	2	No	All expansion joints are leaking - to		23-27
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18.	AS	2. Seal, repair cracks > 0,3 r	mm	380	m	4	No	Major longitudinal cracks in soffit -	0	28-38
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18.	AS	4. Apply protective coating		850	m2	2	No	Pattern cracking due to AAR		32-39
18.	AS	6. Clean concrete surface		850	m2	2	No	Concrete stained	0	28-39
19.	BA	2. Seal, repair cracks > 0,3 r	mm	8	m	4	No	Horizontal cracks	0	40,41
19.	BA	4. Apply protective coating		25	m2	2	No	Pattern cracking due to AAR	0	40,41
19.	BA	5. Clean concrete surface		25	m2	2	No	Concrete stained	0	40,41
20.	AS	2. Seal, repair cracks > 0,3 r	mm	5	m	2	No	Cracks	0	43-45
20.	AS	4. Apply protective coating		250	m2	2	No	Pattern cracking due to AAR	0	42-45
20.		7. Clean concrete surface		250	m2	2	No	Concrete stained		42-45
20.	S2	1. Repair spalled concrete		0.5	m3	1	No	None		42
1.	NA	4. Inlets/outlets - clean		1	no	1	No	Inlet blocked	0	01
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2.	P1,P3	3 2. Replace rails		15	m	1	No	Collision damage	0	03,04
6.	BA	9. Apply protective coating		26	m2	2	No	Pattern cracking due to AAR	0	05-08
6.	BA	13. Clean concrete surface		26	m2	2	No	Severe staining	0	05-08
	AL	3. Seal, repair cracks > 0.3 mm			m	2	No	Horizontal cracks	0	10
7.	AL	7. Apply protective coating		6	m2	1	No	Pattern cracking due to AAR	0	09-11
7.	AL	13. Clean concrete surface		6	m2	1	No	Staining	0	09-11
11.	AL	12. Reconstruct parapet (No	ot NJ)	270	m3	2	No	Pattern cracking due to AAR	0	12,13
11.	W	20. Replace steel/aluminium	n	6	m	1	No	Collision Damage	0	14
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14.	AP	4. Apply protective coating		280	m2	2	No	Pattern cracking due to AAR	0	15-19
14.	AP	7. Clean concrete surface		280	m2	2	No	Concrete stained	0	15-19
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14.	P2	2. Seal, repair cracks > 0,3 r	mm	6	m	2	No	Verticle cracks	0	17,18
15.	AL	8. Clear obstructions to mov	ement	70	no	1	No	Clean gap around bearings	0	20-22
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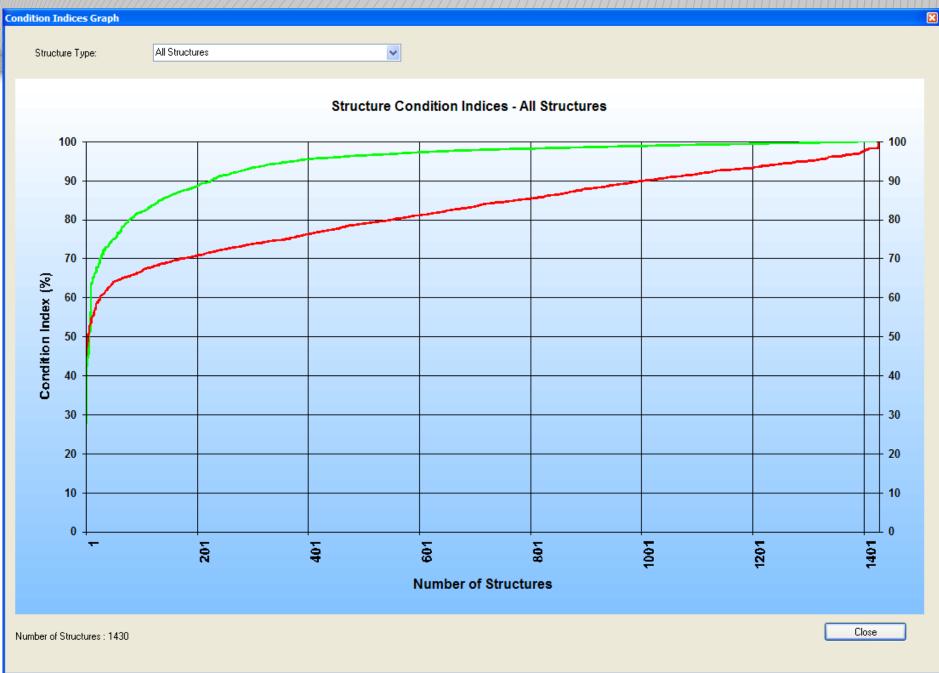
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#### Prioritisation

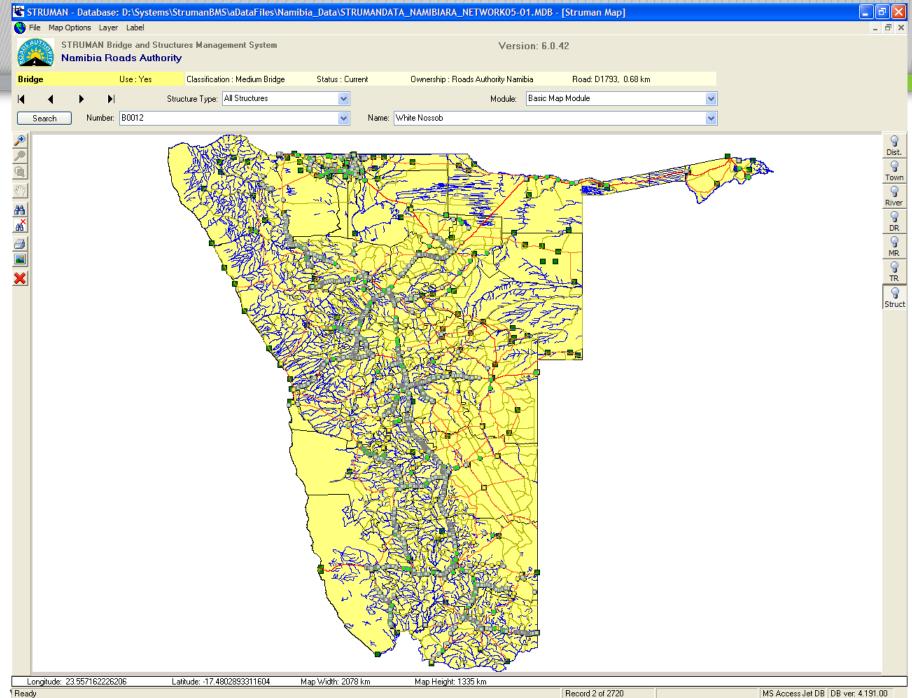
- Required for maintenance, repair and rehabilitation activities on structures in a network
- Structures with the greatest need for repair should be given the highest priority
- Two major categories are used to prioritise structures
  - Structural adequacy
  - Functional index
- Structural adequacy is a function of D,E&R ratings
- Functional index is a function of the following
  - Type of structure, Class of structure, Detour length, etc...
- Secondary to optimisation process

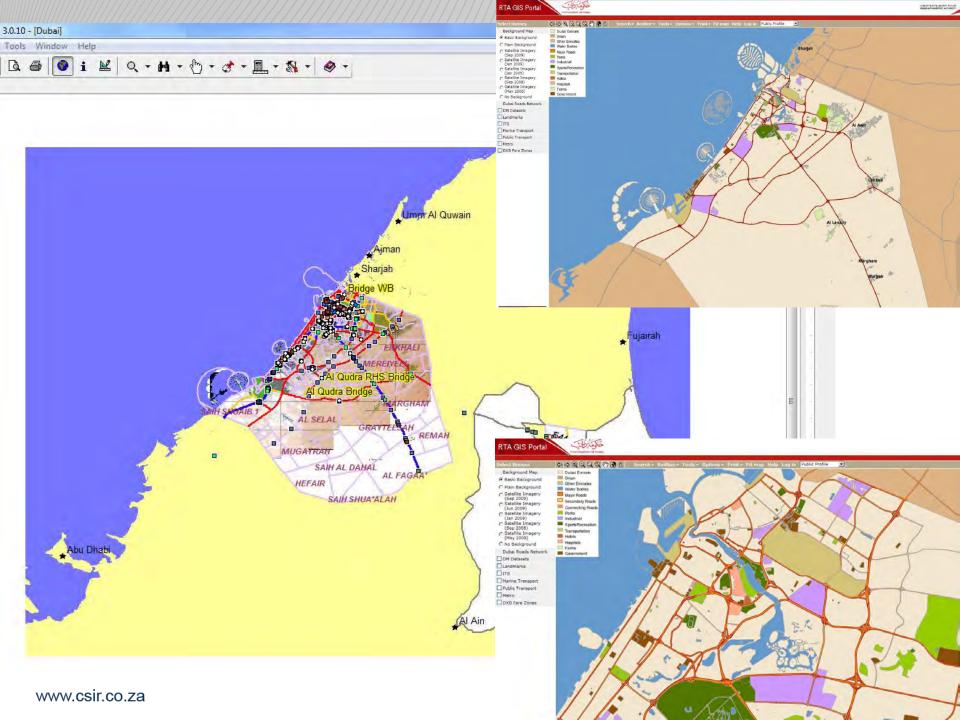


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#### **Asset Value**

- Based on the DEPRECIATED REPLACEMENT COST method.
- Asset Value derived from the following:
  - Replacement cost
  - Percentage depreciation
  - Maintenance cost

### $AV = (RC \times d) - MC$

Where:

- AV = Asset Value in Rand
- RC = Replacement Cost in Rand
- d = Percentage Depreciation
- MC= Maintenance Cost in Rand



# Case Study 1 Burman Road/Rail Bridge







# D = 4 = 3 R = 4



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# Case Study 2 Brown Stream Bridge

1 to 2 mm transverse cracks in deck slab soffit (main bending)

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#### **Rating of defect (crack)**

Thickness of slab 700mm Sag in deck edge – can be seen in elevation view 3 mm joints in barrier had closed up

**D** = 3 *E* = 2 *R* = 4





### **Remedial Work**

#### OPI was No 52 out of 2 000

- A design check was done & deck found to have only 30% of LL Capacity
  - Strengthening not feasible due to steel stressed beyond yield
- Could hear crunching of concrete when vehicles crossed
- Deck was demolished and replaced
- During demolition the deck collapsed under its own weight!



## Case Study 3 Orange River Bridge Vioolsdrift/Noordoewer



# **Deck Rating (Honeycombed)**



D = 3 E = 2 R = 2

NB: No corrosion due to dry climate Hence R = 2 and not 3

# **Bearing and abutment failure**



### Case Study 4 Hom River Bridge Namibia







#### **BMS** Implementation

- Taiwan Area National Freeway Bureau
- Dubai Road Transport Authority
- Spoornet
- SA National Roads Agency Limited
- N3 Toll Concession Ltd, TRAC & Bakwena
- Western Cape Department of Transport
- Eastern Cape Department of Transport
- Mpumalanga Provincial Government
- KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport
- Botswana Roads Department
- Swaziland Ministry of Public Works & Transport
- Namibia Roads Authority
- City of Cape Town, Johannesburg Roads Agency
- Nelson Mandela Metro, Mangaung Metro
- Sasol (Secunda)
- Namibia Ports Authority (NamPort)



#### Conclusions

By having a Bridge Management System:

- Structures are maintained at acceptable levels of service
- Defects are identified timeously and repaired ecconomically
- Prioritisation (optimisation) of work (expenditure)
  - Funds channeled to more important defects
  - Expenditure reduced on less important defects
- Improved control of expenditure by management
- Accessibility of information
  - Decision making easier (Impact of decisions)
  - Detail of output depends on user



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