

# Cycle Path Condition Monitoring Techniques

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# Agenda

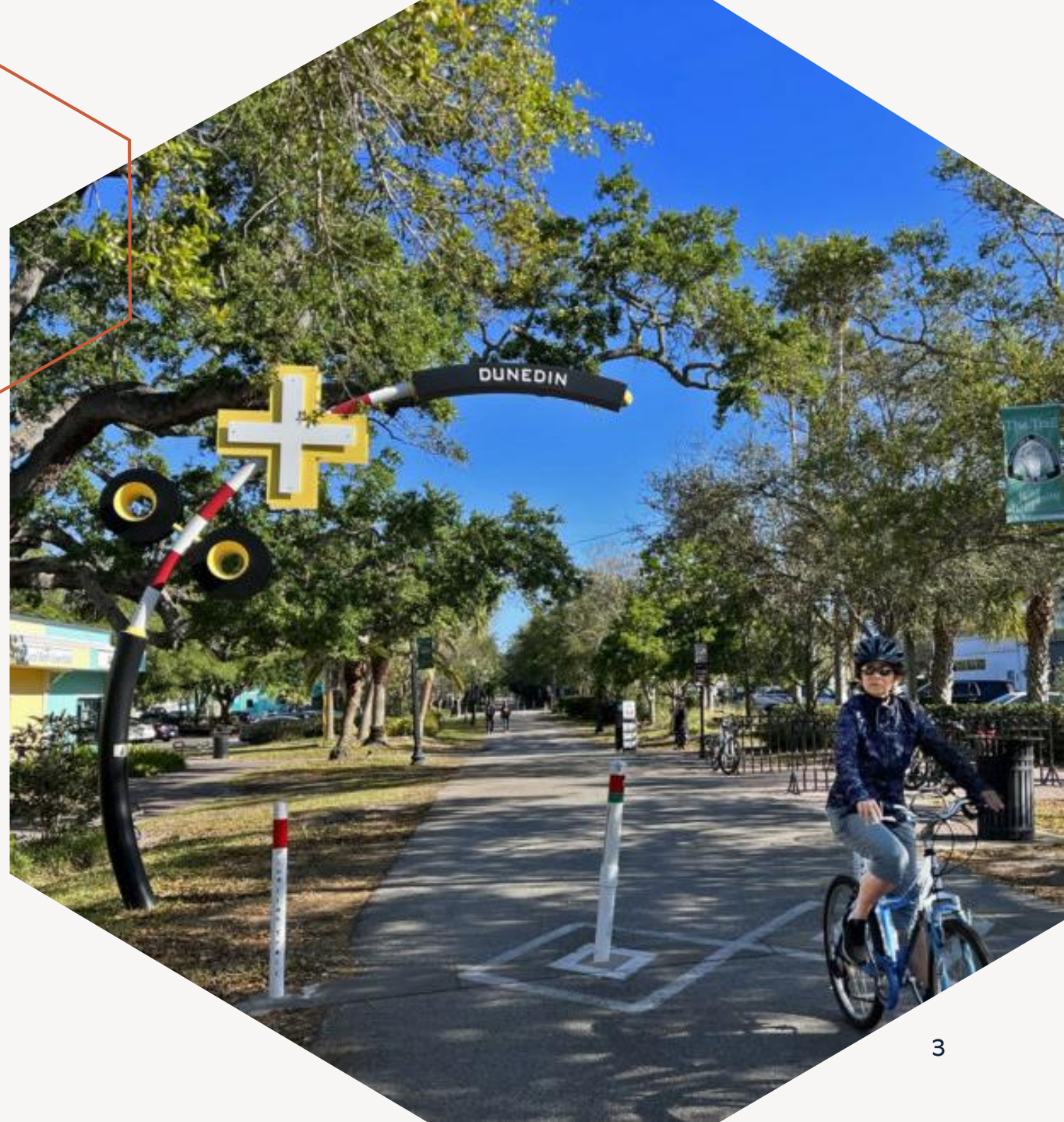




# Cycle Paths

In the USA and Canada, cycle paths are primarily used for recreational purposes.

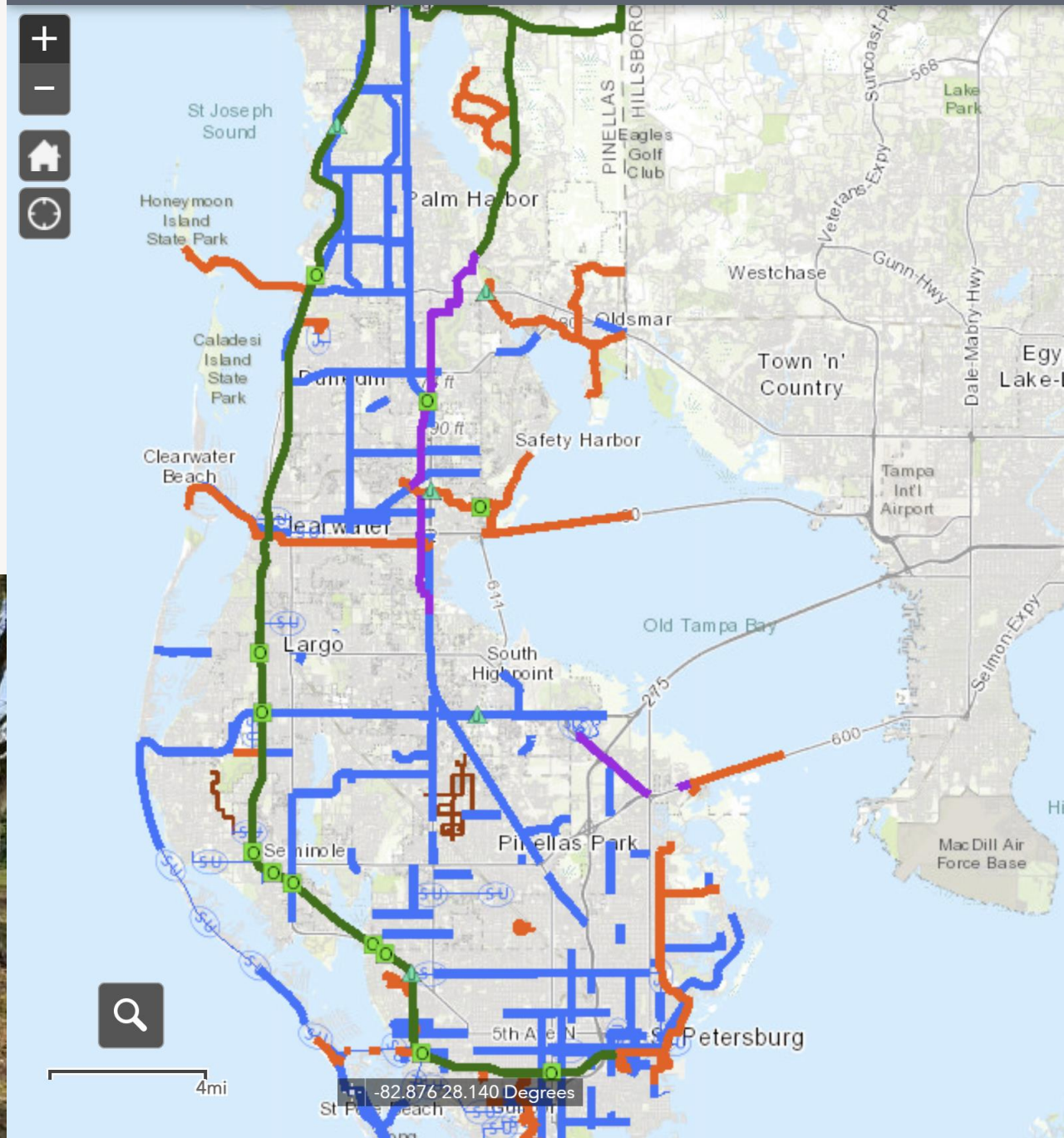
Condition monitoring and active management are required to ensure **safety** and **comfort** for users, as well as to **protect the investment**.





# Florida Example

- The Pinellas Trail, built over an old rail line near Tampa, Florida, is **76 km** long.
- Uses: cycling, walking, and jogging.
- It is currently being extended to **121 km** (the project is about **60%** complete)







# Measurement Needs

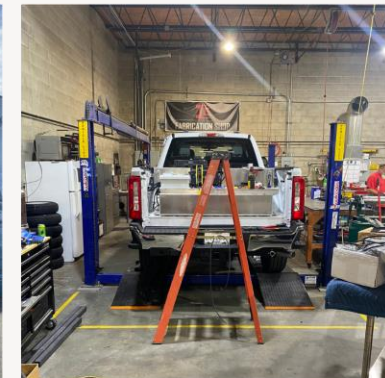
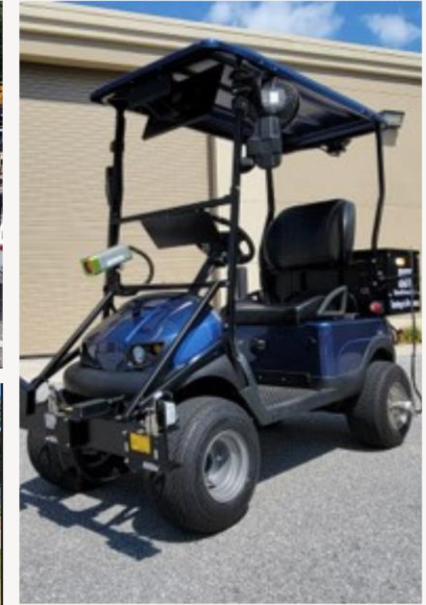
- Faults and Tripping Hazards
- Obstructions and Protrusions (Trees, Poles, Vegetation, etc.)
- Gaps and Cracks
- Asphalt and Concrete Distresses
- Smoothness and Ride Quality





# Sidewalk Surface Tester (SST)

- Introducing the new SST for sidewalk and trail surveys
- Platform testing and selection
- Designed and built in 2023
- Based on same Drive platform as ICC's Iris family of collection vehicles





# Vehicle Platform

- Trailerable, lightweight, narrow, 100% electric, golf-cart style vehicle
- Optimized for bicycle paths, walking trails, and sidewalks
- Length: 2.1 m
- Width: 1.0 m
- Mass: 220 kg
- Maximum Speed: 24 km/h
- Motor: 3000W 36V High Torque
- Vehicle Battery: Lithium Ion 36V, 60 Ah, 2160 Watt hours (Wh)
- Vehicle Run Time: 6-8 hours (per battery)
- Vehicle Charge Time: 4-6 hours
- Second Vehicle Battery included, drop-in field-replaceable
- System Battery: Lithium Ion 12V, 200 Ah, 2400 Watt hours (Wh)
- System Run Time: ~24 hours
- System Charge Time: 4-6 hours
- Passenger Capacity: 1





# Subsystems

- 3x Gocator point lasers
- 2x 12MP Basler cameras (front and rear)
- 5g Accelerometers
- 250 Hz MEMS IMU
- Hemisphere DGPS
- 5,000 CPR wheel encoder
- Target sensor
- Drive collection system (fanless computer and ADAS in environmentally-sealed enclosure)
- High contrast monitor
- Event keyboard





# Measurements

- Front and rear right-of-way images at 1.5 m intervals (captured at fixed interval)
- Laser Elevations at 0.5 or 1.0 m longitudinal spacing (captured at fixed interval)
- Pitch, Heading, and Roll at 250 Hz
- All data synchronized to DMI and GPS to 0.0001 s (0.1 ms)





# Measurements (cont.)

- Raw and high-pass filtered Longitudinal Profile data
  - Roughness parameters including International Roughness Index (IRI) and Rolling Straight Edge (RSE)
  - Texture parameters including Mean Profile Depth (MPD), Root Mean Square (RMS), and Ridge-Valley Depth (RVD)
  - Obstruction Height (e.g. Fault, Tripping Hazard)
  - Vertical Separation (e.g. Gap Width, Crack Width)
- Crossfall
- Grade

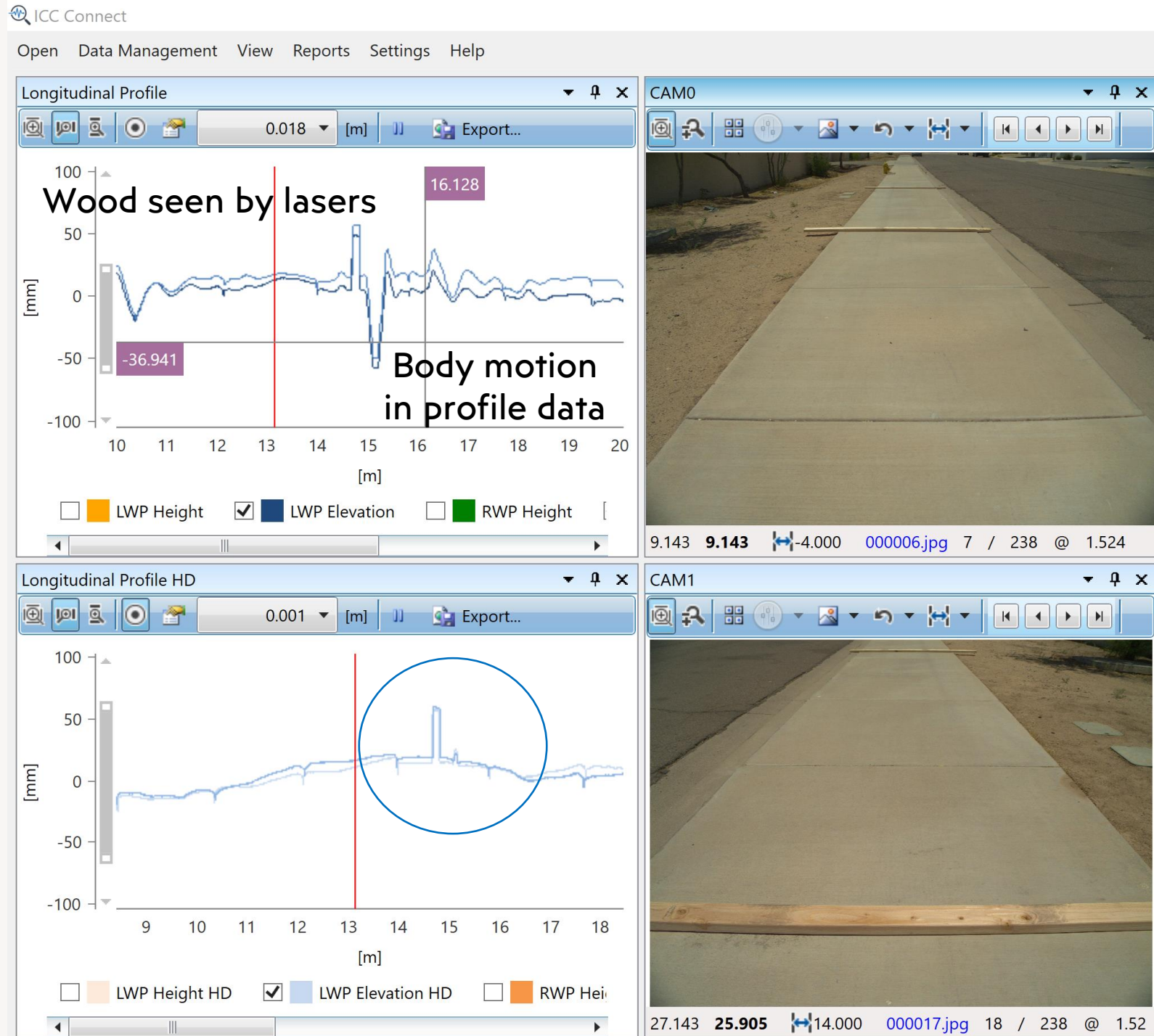
Further work is required to develop or adopt smoothness metrics that are suitable for characterizing safety and comfort on cycle paths and trails.





# Profile Processing

- Longitudinal profile calculated from laser and accelerometer data (as in traditional inertial profiler) is insufficient
- Vehicle body motion is visible in the profile
- Accelerometer data processing is changed and supplemented with IMU data to subtract body motion from laser data
- The resulting HD profile is cleaner and can be used for further processing

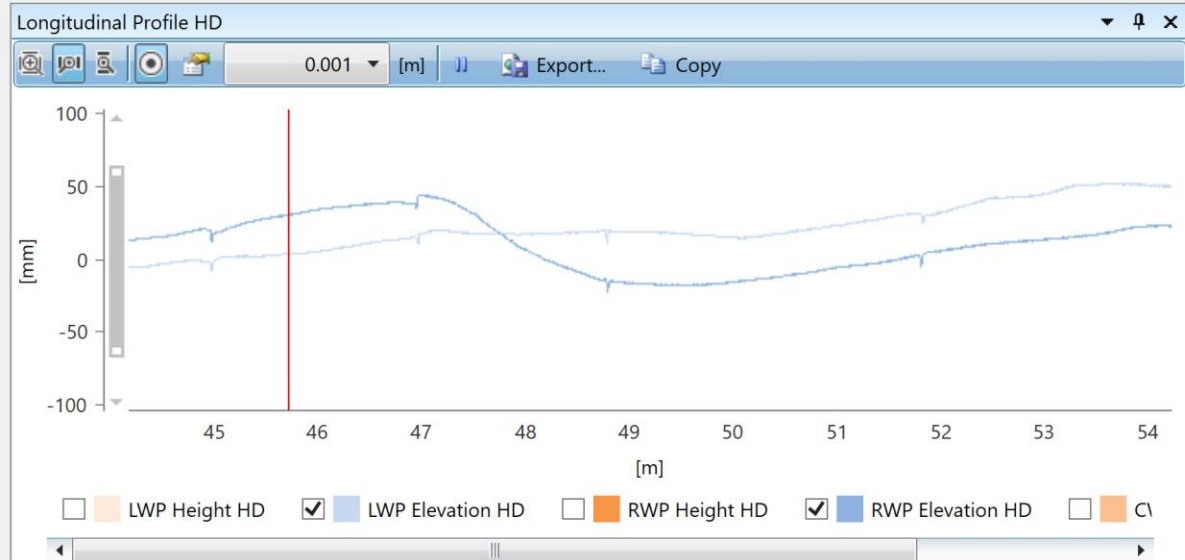
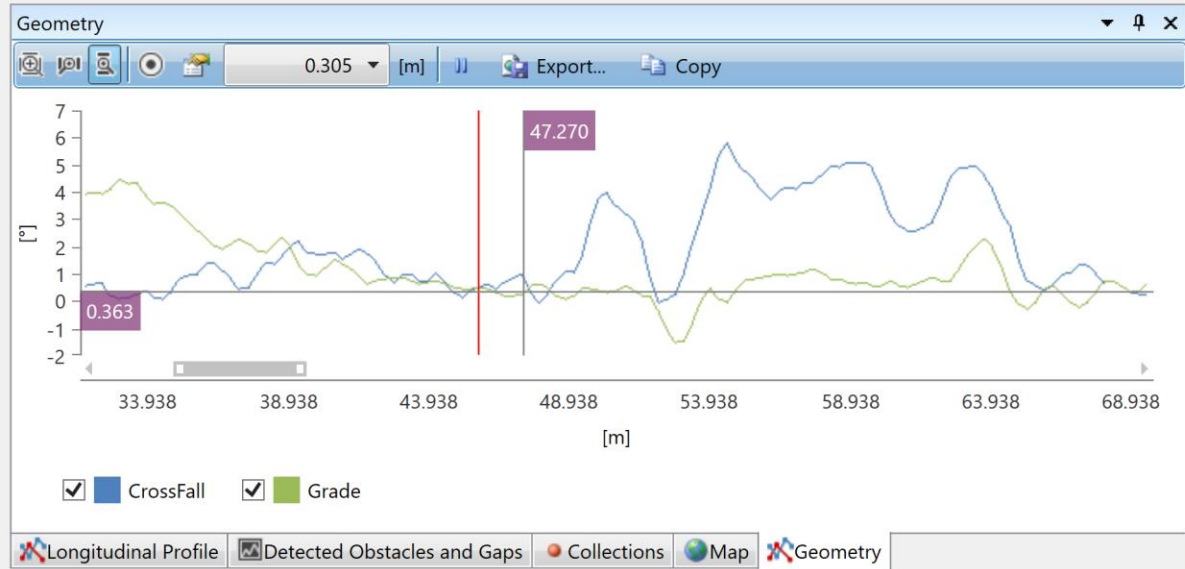




# Crossfall and Grade

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Navigation controls: Play, Stop, Previous, Next, Home, Refresh, and other icons.

Progress bar and zoom controls.

Chainage 12 45.706  
Distance [m] 45.714



# HD Profile shows Joints and Texture

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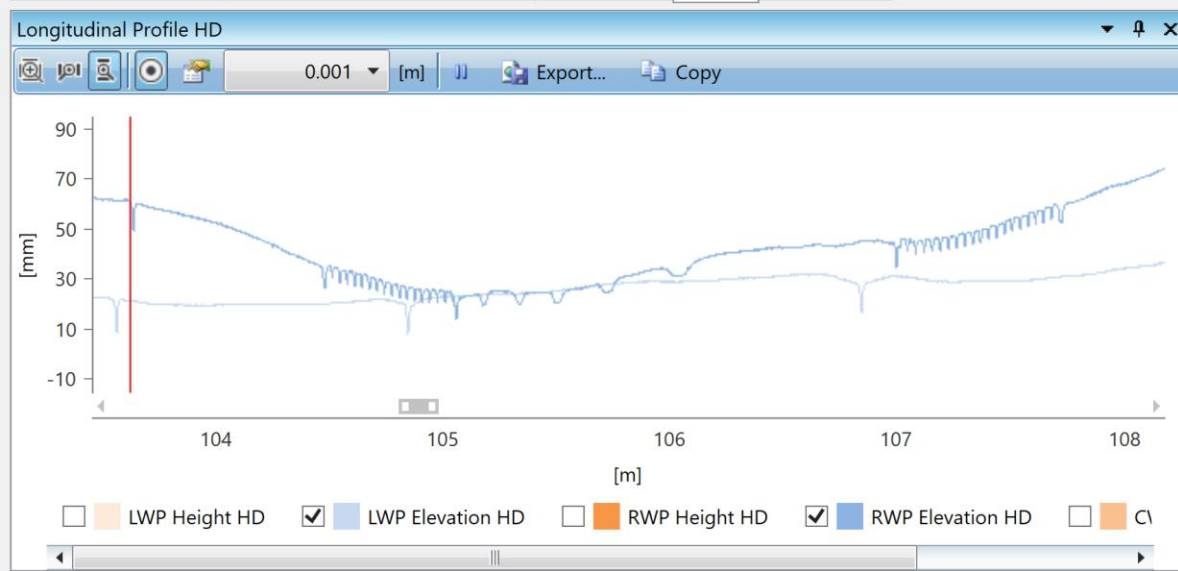
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Map

33° 24' 35.95" N 111° 54' 24.30" W

25 m

Longitudinal Profile Detected Obstacles and Gaps Collections Map Geometry



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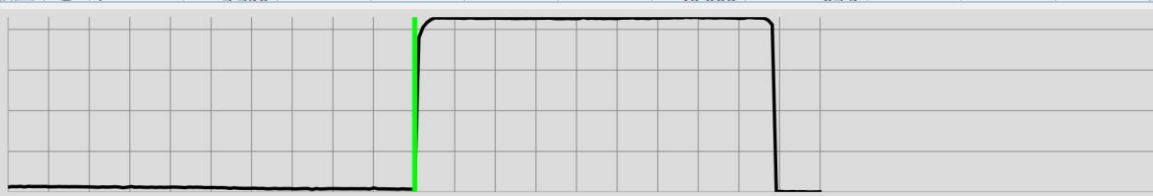
# Obstacle and Tripping Hazard Detection

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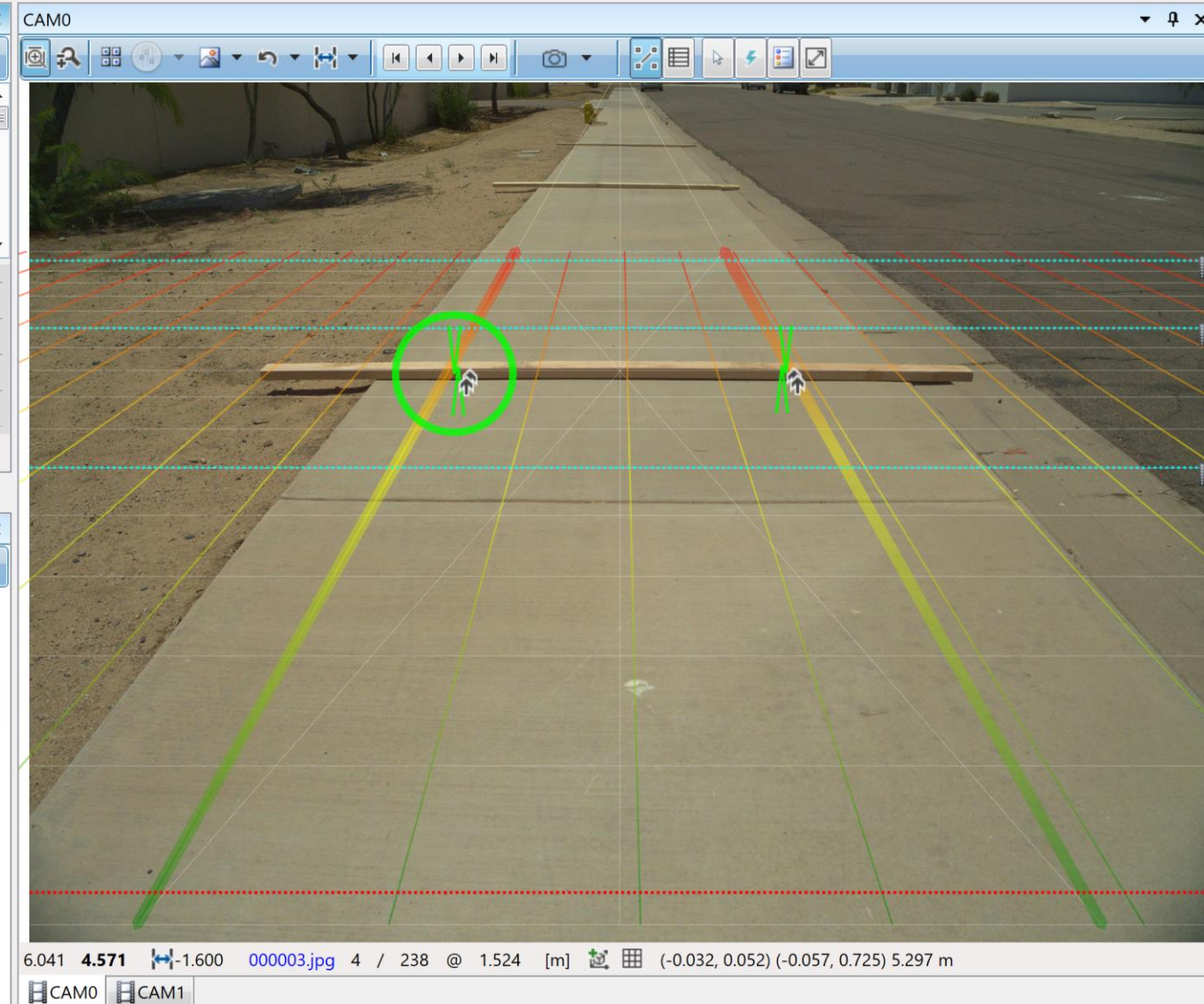
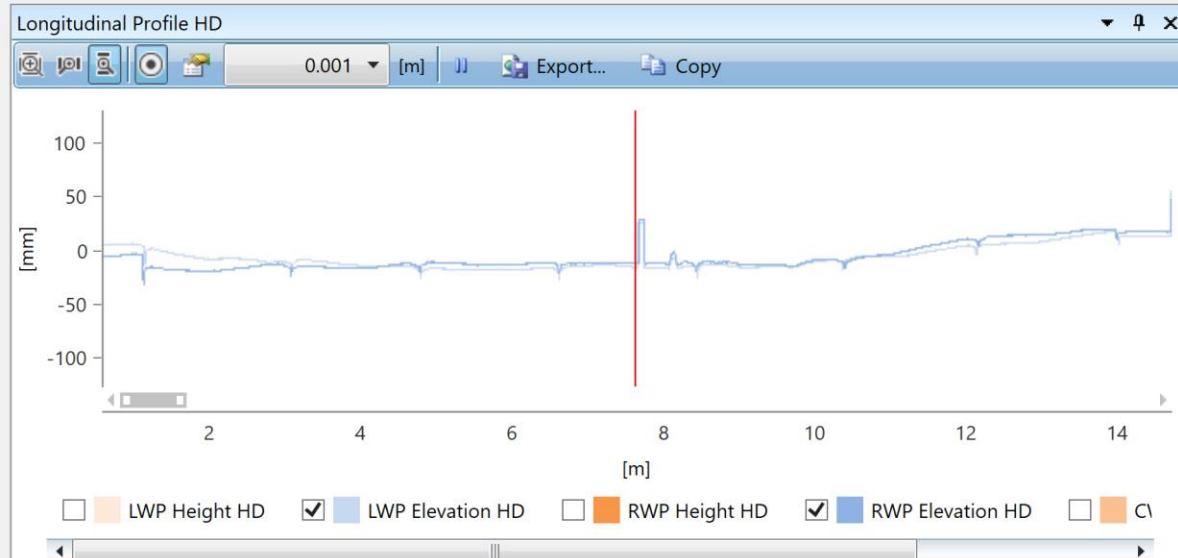
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Longitudinal Profile Detected Obstacles and Gaps Collections Map Geometry





# Gap Detection

ICC Connect

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Detected Obstacles and Gaps

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Longitudinal Profile Detected Obstacles and Gaps Collections Map Geometry

Longitudinal Profile HD

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LWP Height HD  LWP Elevation HD  RWP Height HD  RWP Elevation HD  CI

CAM0

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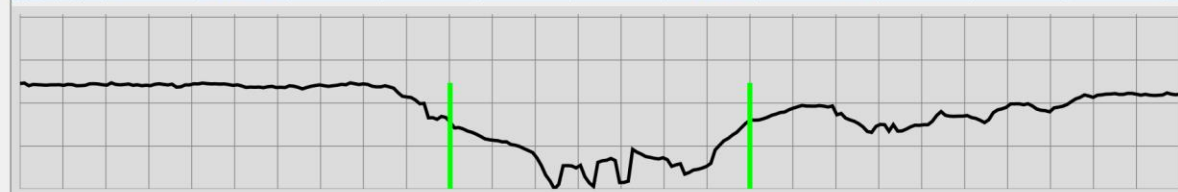
# Highly Distressed Section

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Detected Obstacles and Gaps

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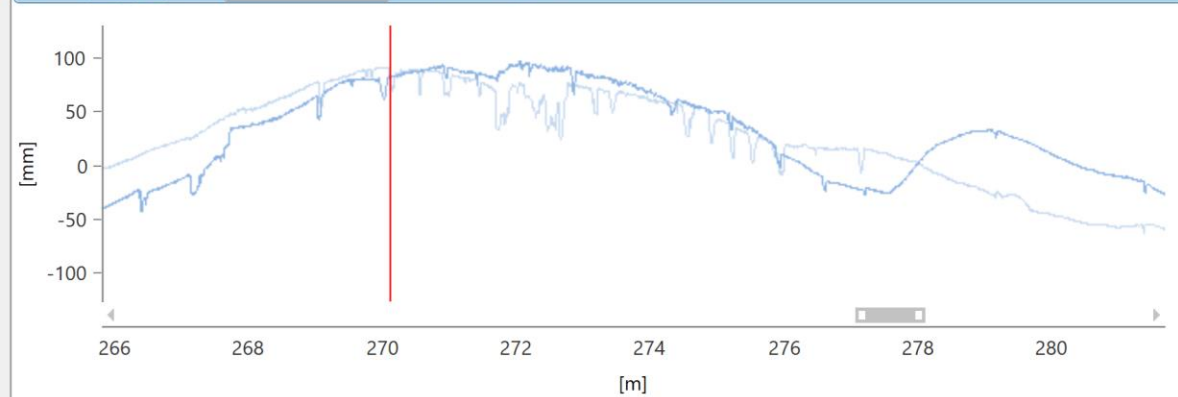


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Longitudinal Profile Detected Obstacles and Gaps Collections Map Geometry

Longitudinal Profile HD

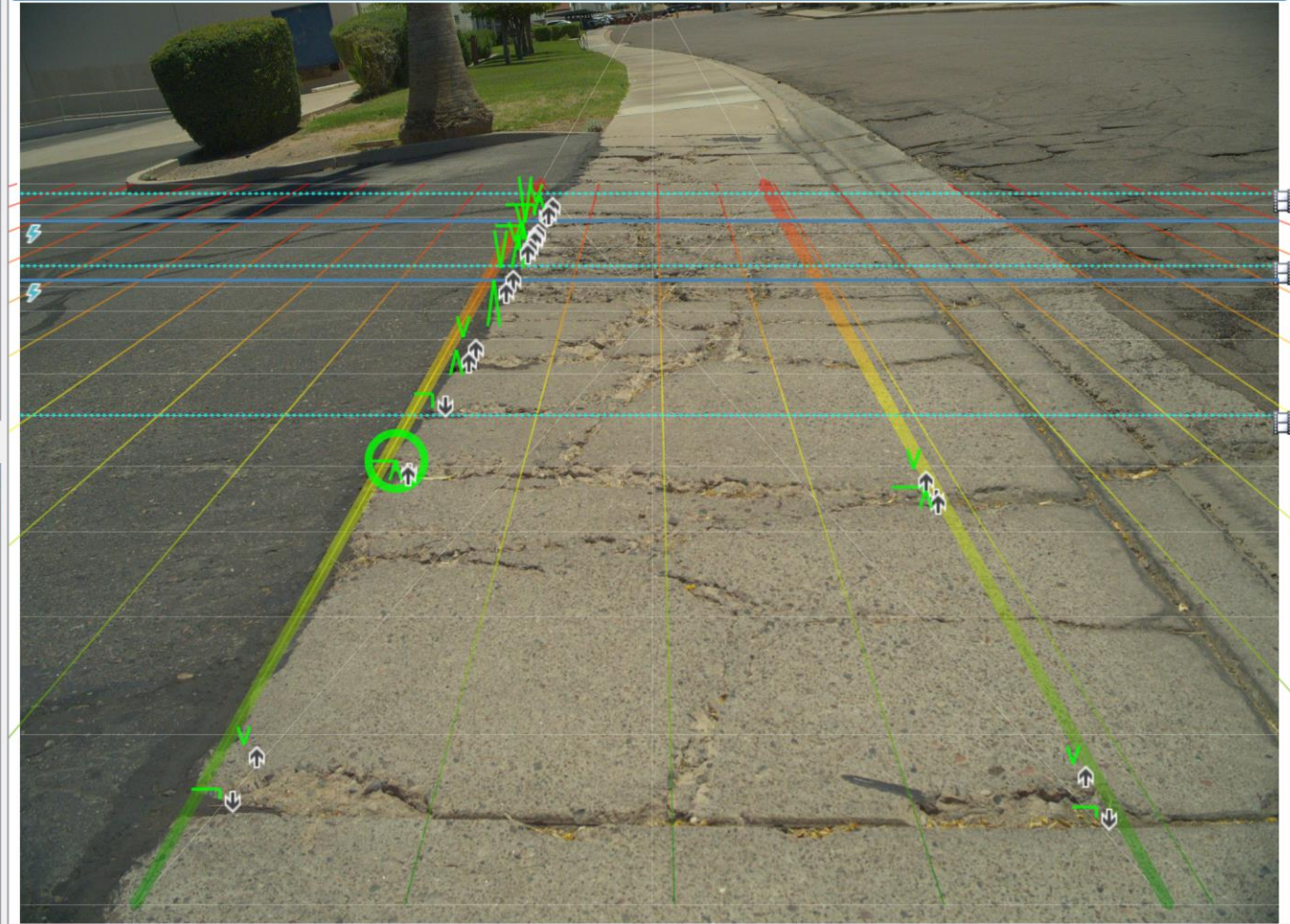
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LWP Height HD  LWP Elevation HD  RWP Height HD  RWP Elevation HD  CI

CAM0

Navigation and tool icons for the camera view.



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Navigation and playback controls.

Chainage 270.105  
Distance [m] 270.113



# Custom Code Integration

- New processing algorithms developed by agencies and research institutes can be put into production easily
- The Python integration in Connect™ allows your code to be run alongside standard processors
- Your code has access to data via **read/write API** plus **direct database access** and **raw data access**
- Processor runs on one session at a time; batch processing is handled by the workflow engine

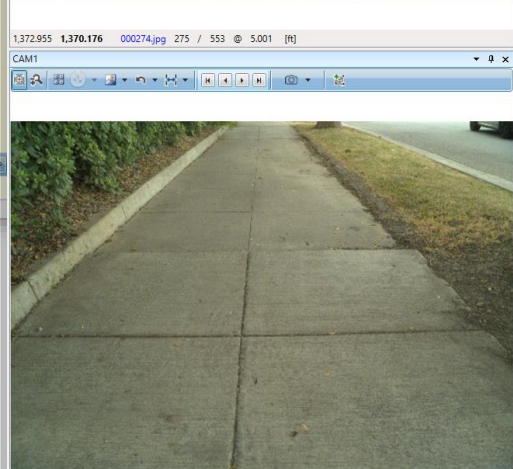
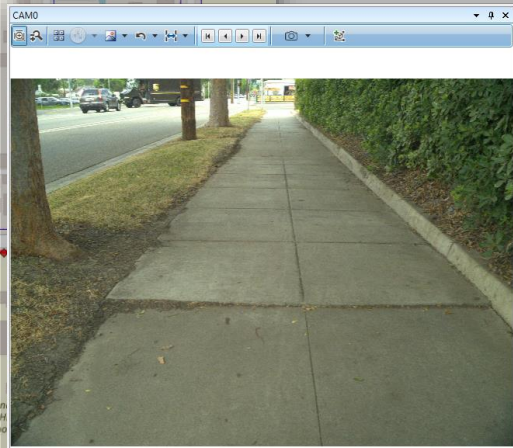
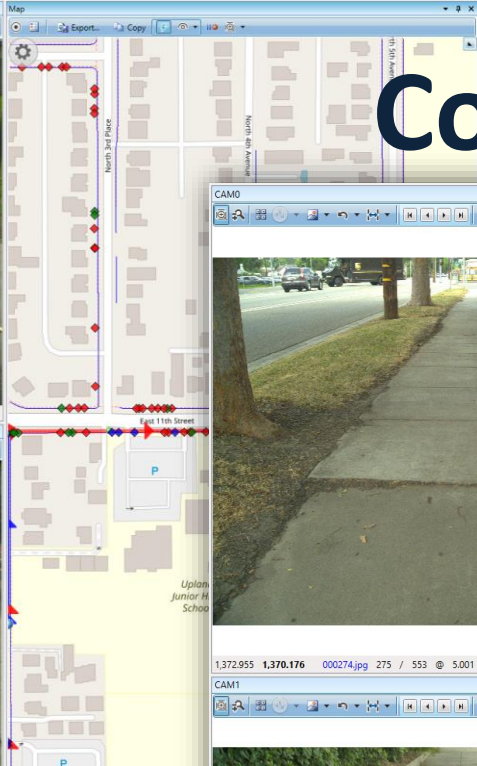
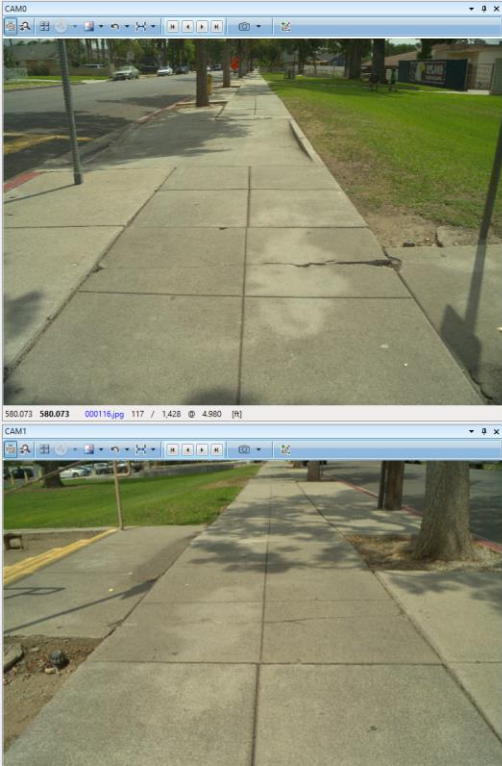
The screenshot shows the 'Workflows...' application window. At the top, there is a 'Select Workflow' dropdown menu set to 'Obstacles and Gaps'. Below this is a toolbar with icons for 'Add Task', 'Remove Task', 'Move Up', 'Move Down', 'Import...', and 'Export...', along with a 'Show Options' button. The main area is a table with two tasks:

#	Name	Description
1	Obstacle Detection	Detects tripping hazards and gaps in the surface by analyzing the longitudinal profile data.
2	Python Processor	Calls a Python *.py script, which needs to be placed in the Python subfolder of the installation path, passing connection string and session information in command line call

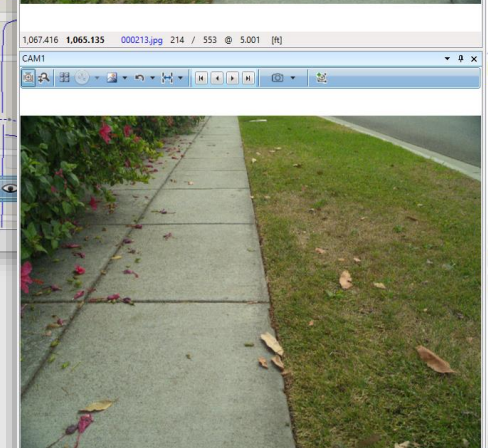
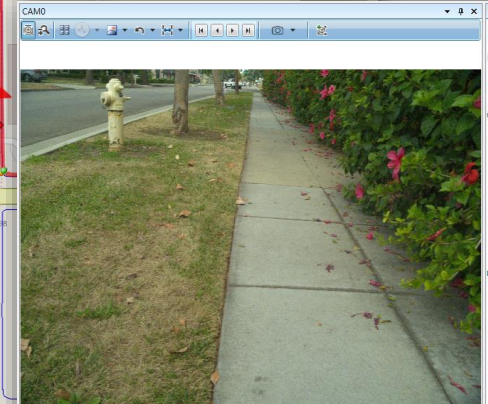
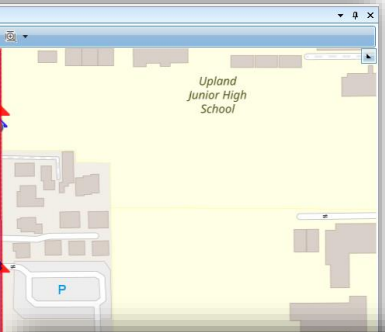
On the right side of the window, there is a configuration panel for the selected task. It includes a 'Python Processor' dropdown menu set to 'connect\_python\_processor\_example.py'. Below this, there are sections for 'Folders' and 'Processing'. The 'Folders' section shows 'Destination Folder' as 'C:\DATA' and 'Python Path' as 'C:\ProgramData\Anaconda3'. The 'Processing' section shows 'Notes' as 'My custom processor' and 'Timeout' as '00:20:00'.



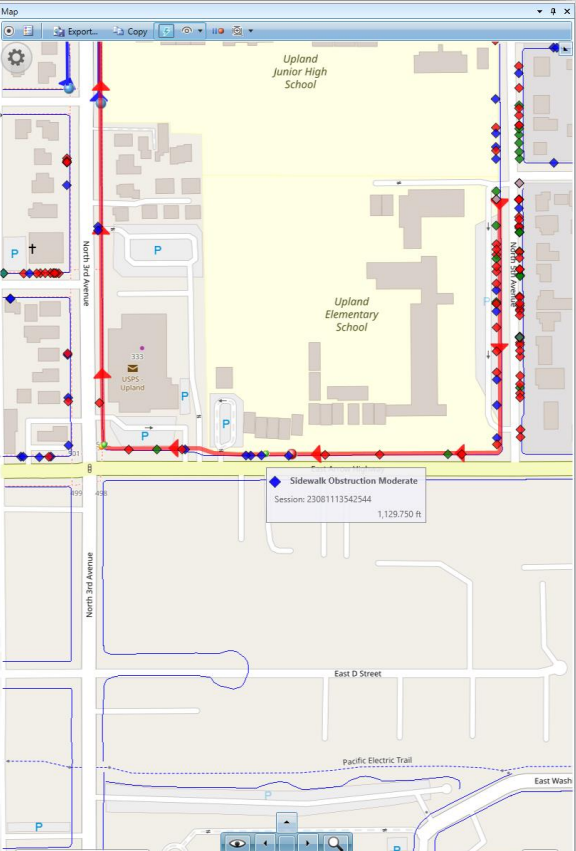
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Vertical Displacements (Faults) - Automated



Protrusions - Manual



Horizontal Separations (Gaps) - Automated

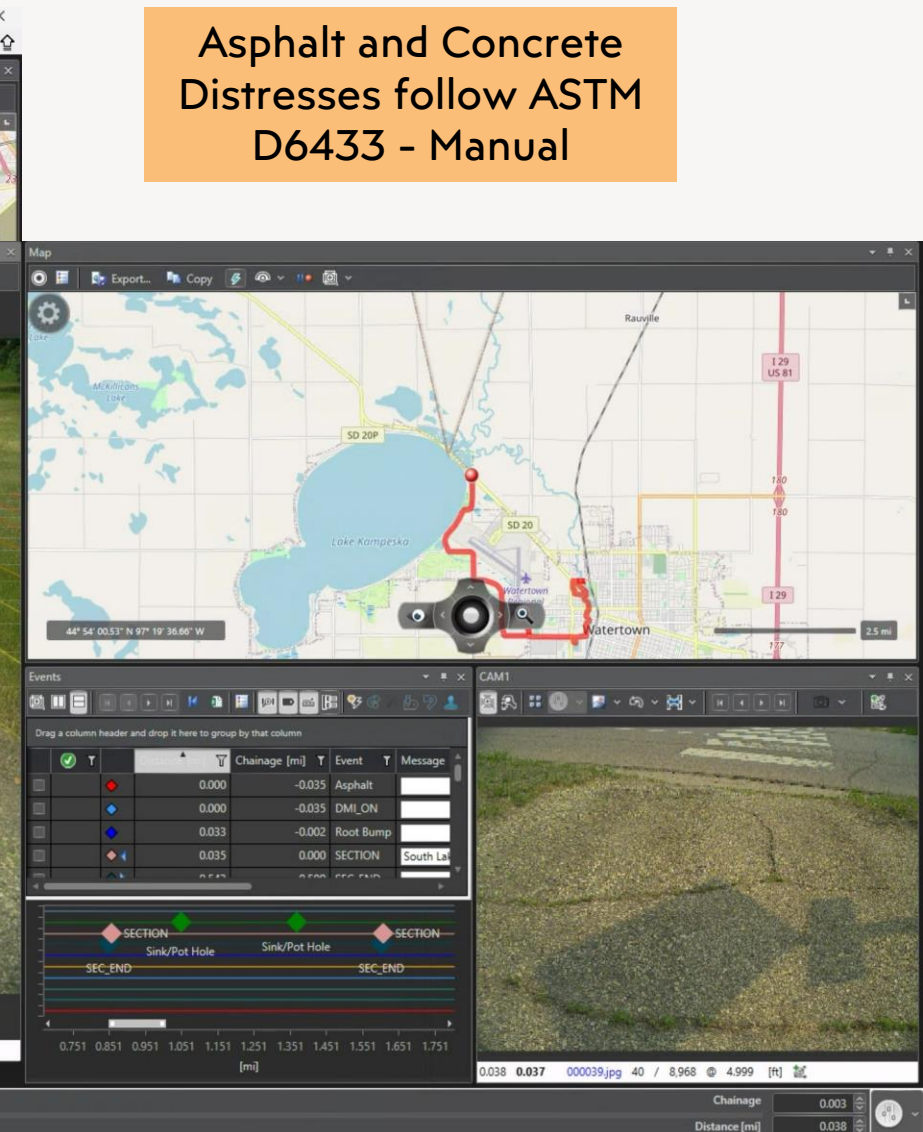
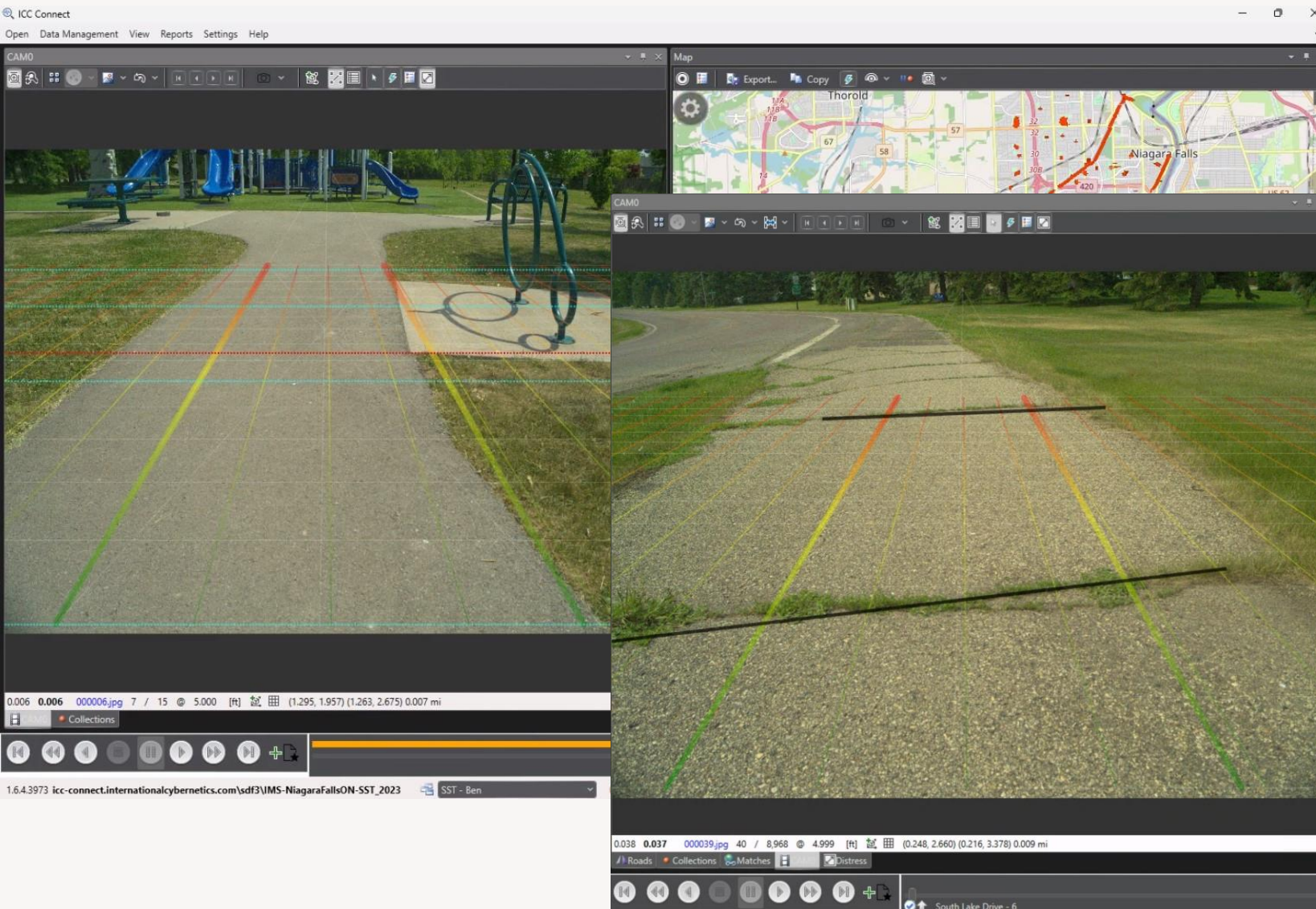
Vertical Displacements (Faults) - Automated

Protrusions - Manual



# Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

Asphalt and Concrete Distresses follow ASTM D6433 - Manual







# Typical Deliverables

- Condition Data GIS Layers
- Condition Index Calculation
- ArcGIS Dashboard or Story Map
- Easy Sidewalk Analysis (ESA)



# Data Dictionary

- Distress survey produces PCI for each trail segment



Asset	Code	Asset Type	Measurement	Definition
Trail	TRA	Linear	Meters	An identification of the start and end of definable trail structures. If no structure exists, no entry will be made. Driveway apron same construction method is used beyond the driveway apron. Intersections will cause the structures to be interrupted, even at intersections.

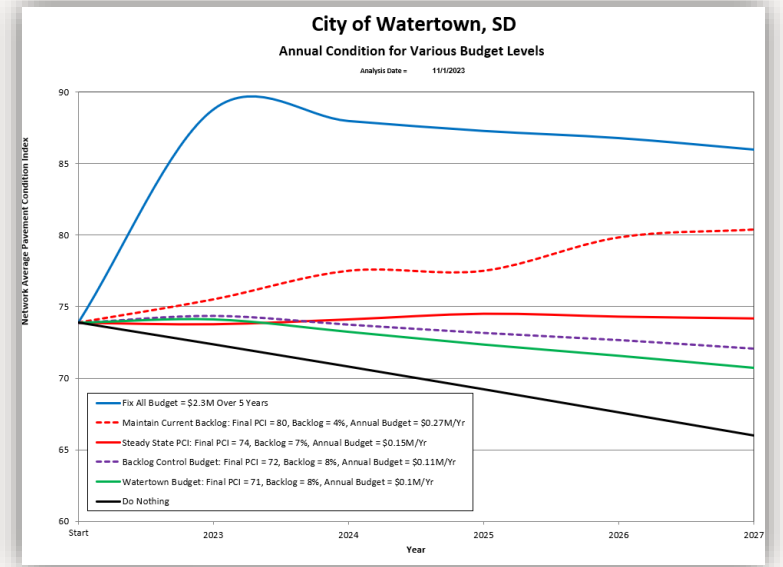
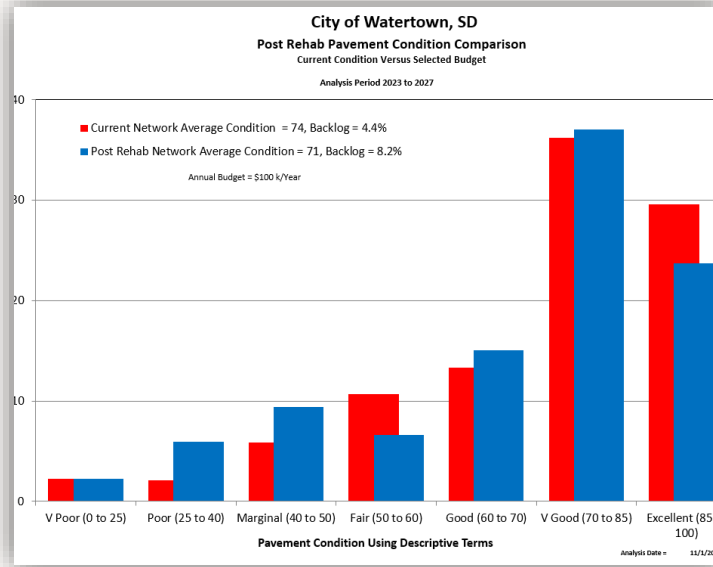
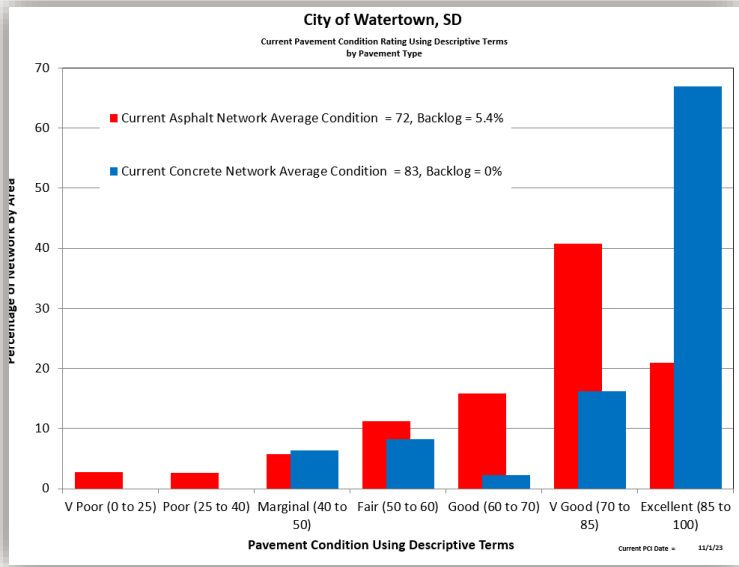
Attribute	Code	Reponses	Representation	Definition
TRA_SlabCount		Count slabs	Numeric - Count	If material type is concrete, this point should be dropped for each slab to obtain the total slab count
TRA_Distress_Asphalt - Rutting		Asphalt - Rutting	Numeric - Area	Area quantity of rutting that is visible on asphalt trails
TRA_Distress_Asphalt - Longitudinal Cracking		Asphalt - Longitudinal Cracking	Numeric - Length	Length quantity of longitudinal cracking that is visible on asphalt trails
TRA_Distress_Asphalt - Transverse Cracking		Asphalt - Transverse Cracking	Numeric - Length	Length quantity of transverse cracking that is visible on asphalt trails
TRA_Distress_Asphalt - Alligator Cracking		Asphalt - Alligator Cracking	Numeric - Area	Area quantity of alligator cracking that is visible on asphalt trails
TRA_Distress_Asphalt - Block Cracking		Asphalt - Block Cracking	Numeric - Area	Area quantity of block cracking that is visible on asphalt trails
TRA_Distress_Asphalt - Edge Cracking		Asphalt - Edge Cracking	Numeric - Length	Length quantity of edge cracking that is visible on asphalt trails
TRA_Distress_Asphalt - Distortions		Asphalt - Distortions	Numeric - Area	Area quantity of distortions that are visible on asphalt trails
TRA_Distress_Asphalt - Bleeding		Asphalt - Bleeding	Numeric - Area	Area quantity of bleeding that is visible on asphalt trails
TRA_Distress_Asphalt - Raveling		Asphalt - Raveling	Numeric - Area	Area quantity of raveling that is visible on asphalt trails
TRA_Distress_Asphalt - Patching		Asphalt - Patching	Numeric - Area	Area quantity of patching that is visible on asphalt trails
TRA_Distress_Asphalt - Potholes		Asphalt - Potholes	Numeric - Count	Count of potholes that are visible on asphalt trails
TRA_Distress_Concrete - Linear Cracking		Concrete - Linear Cracking	Numeric - Slab Count	Slab Count of linear cracking that is visible on concrete trails
TRA_Distress_Concrete - Divided Slab		Concrete - Divided Slab	Numeric - Slab Count	Slab Count of divided slabs that are visible on concrete trails
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TRA_Distress_Concrete - Joint Spalling		Concrete - Joint Spalling	Numeric - Slab Count	Slab Count of joint spalling that is visible on concrete trails
TRA_Distress_Concrete - Faulting		Concrete - Faulting	Numeric - Slab Count	Slab Count of faulting that is visible on concrete trails
TRA_Distress_Concrete - Polished Aggregate		Concrete - Polished Aggregate	Numeric - Slab Count	Slab Count of polished aggregate that is visible on concrete trails
TRA_Distress_Concrete - Scaling		Concrete - Scaling	Numeric - Slab Count	Slab Count of scaling that is visible on concrete trails
TRA_Distress_Concrete - Patching		Concrete - Patching	Numeric - Slab Count	Slab Count of patching that is visible on concrete trails
TRA_Distress_Concrete - Punchouts		Concrete - Punchouts	Numeric - Slab Count	Slab Count of punchouts that are visible on concrete trails

TRA_Severity	1	Moderate	Text	Severity observation for each LAD and Excessive Cross Slope - see SEVERITIES tab for details See Distress Severity tab for definitions
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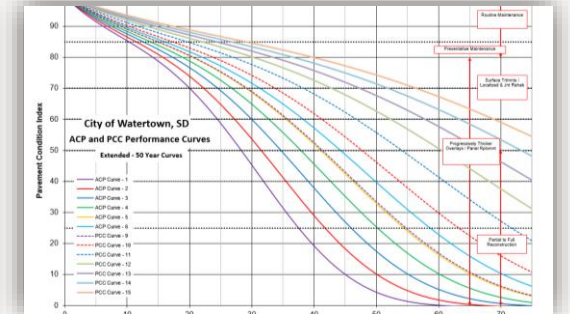


# Easy Sidewalk Analysis (ESA)

## Estimate Maintenance Costs and Plan Work



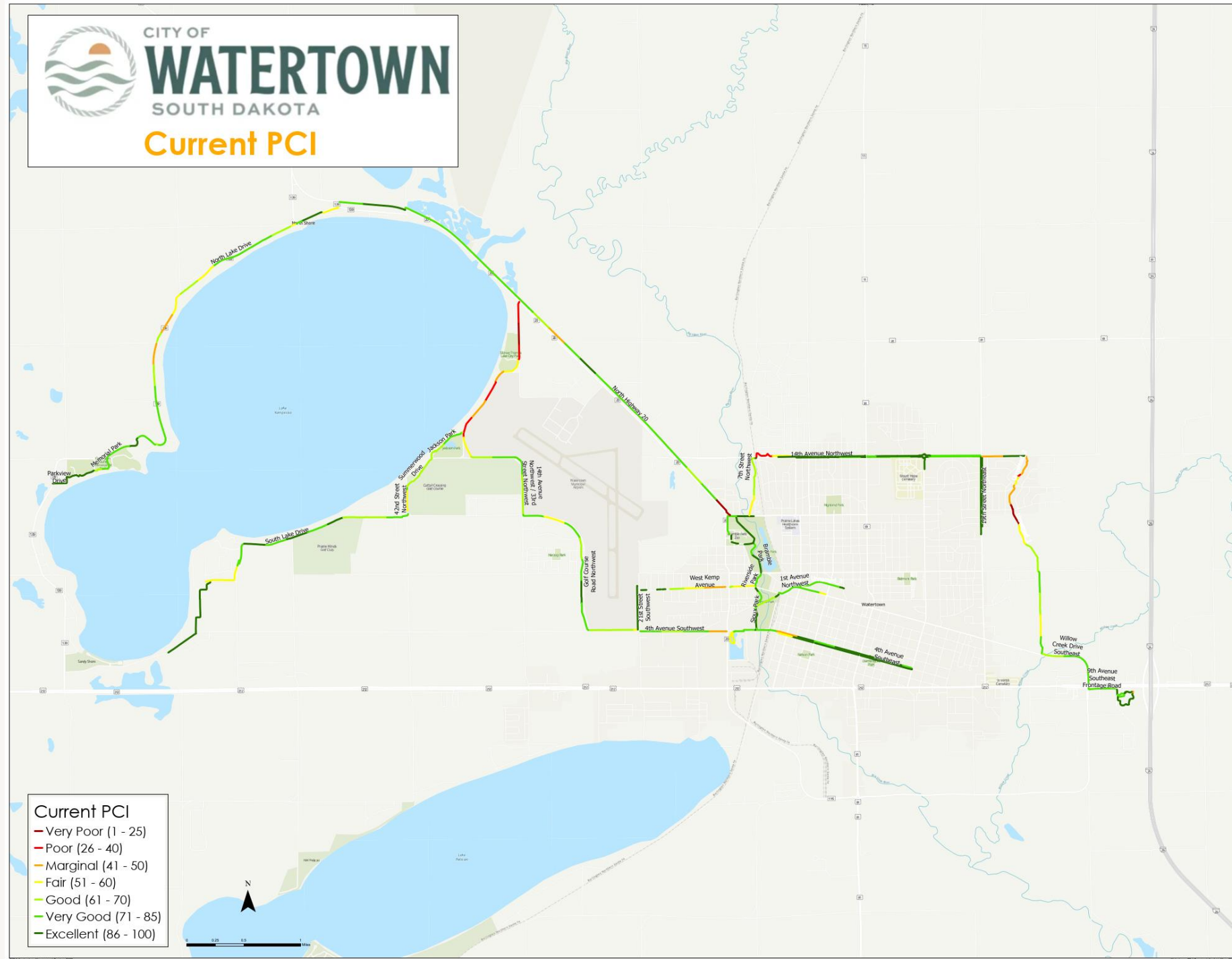
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103	Eastbound	1010	1	14th Avenue Northwest	1	Trail	1	Asphalt	8.8	1,000	56	1,167	0.0	0	10.0	6.9	8.0	8.8	9.0	10.0	9.8	10.0	9.1	30	100	80	30	6/14/2023	3	String	Poor	38	32	
104	Eastbound	1010	2	14th Avenue Northwest	1	Trail	1	Asphalt	5.8	1,000	56	1,167	0.0	0	10.0	5.7	9.3	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	58	100	60	58	6/14/2023	3	String	Fair	7	35	
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154	Westbound	1020	1	14th Avenue Northwest	1	Trail	1	Asphalt	6.3	1,000	56	1,167	0.0	0	10.0	8.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.1	10.0	83	100	60	83	6/14/2023	2	Mod	V Good	0	17	
155	Westbound	1020	2	14th Avenue Northwest	1	Trail	1	Asphalt	6.3	1,000	56	1,167	0.0	0	10.0	8.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.1	10.0	83	100	60	83	6/14/2023	2	Mod	V Good	0	17	
156	Westbound	1020	3	14th Avenue Northwest	1	Trail	1	Asphalt	6.2	284	16	321	0.0	0	10.0	8.6	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.2	10.0	84	100	60	84	6/14/2023	2	Mod	V Good	0	18	





# Condition

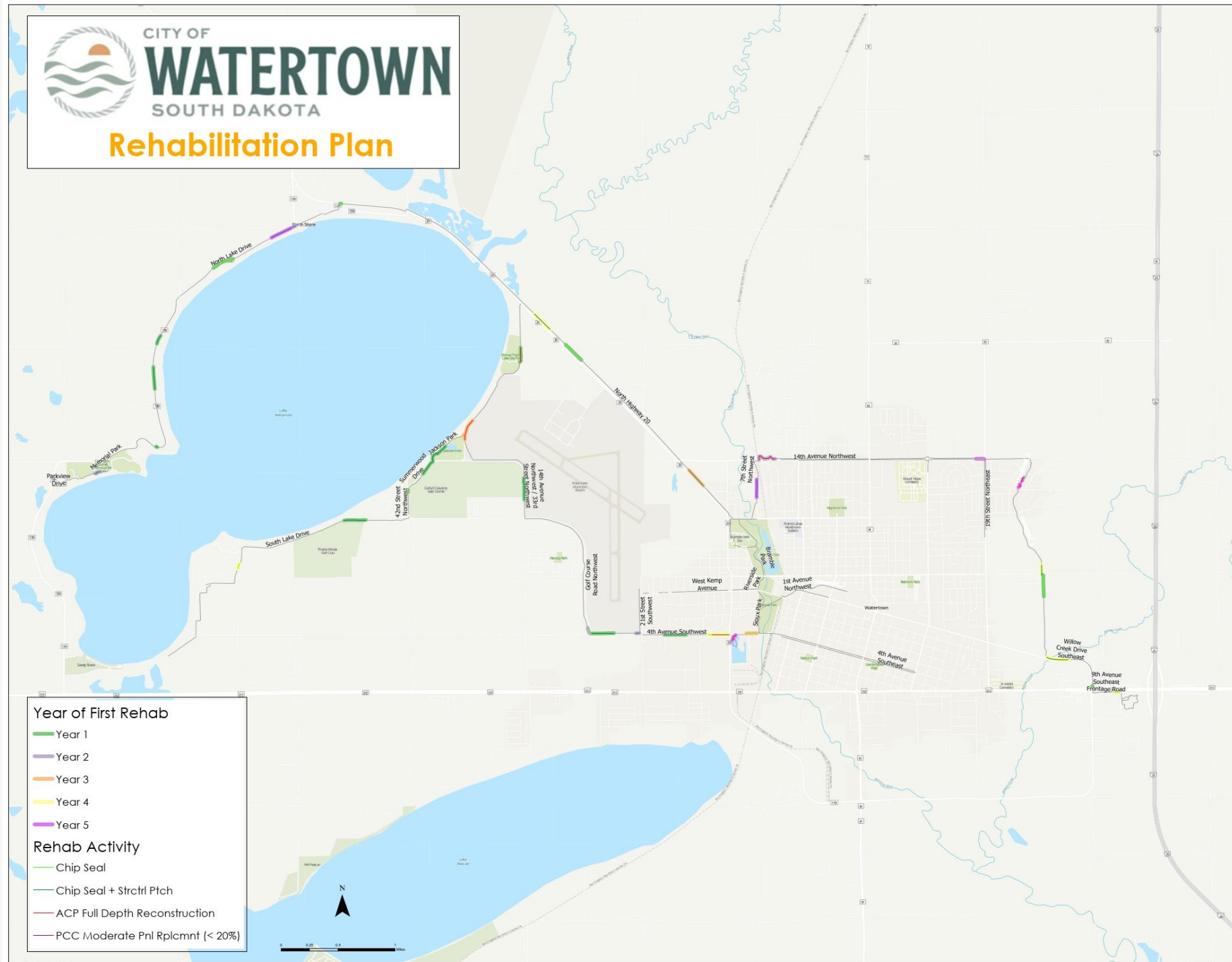
- Data is linked with Client's GIS and Asset Management Solution
- User-defined intervals, e.g. 2 m, 10 m, 100 m, segment-level





# Rehabs

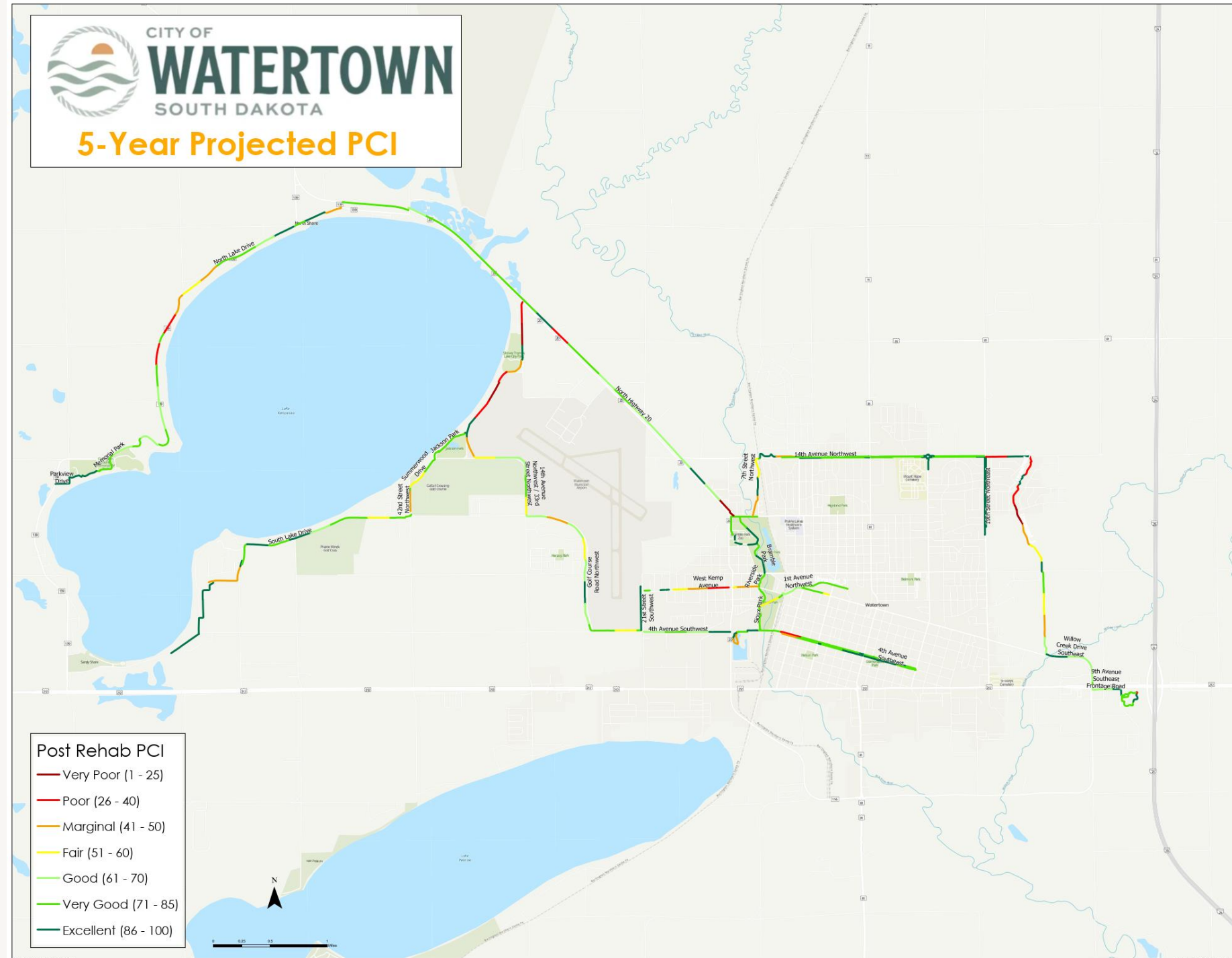
- 5-year rehab plan based on ESA optimization and client's budget and treatment types is presented as GIS layer





# Projection

- Future condition after 5 years is projected assuming the recommended rehab plan is followed



# Conclusions

- Cost-effective cycle path surveys can be done with a combination of automated and manual efforts
- High degree of variation in conditions and defect types may make implementation of AI more challenging as it requires large training data sets
- Further work is required to develop or adopt metrics that are suitable for characterizing safety and comfort on cycle paths and trails
- Software that has an open architecture and is extendable can allow agencies and research institutes to develop and test algorithms more rapidly







# Thank You

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