Maintenance and Preservation Treatment of Highways to Economically Enhance Service Life in Sustainable Manner

About NIT Rourkela

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Prof. Vivek Tandon, in the faculty of University of Texas at El Paso, USA. The main area of expertise and interest is development of innovative climate resilient materials for highway infrastructure that generates minimal carbon footprint. This includes modification of existing materials like asphalt, aggregate, asphalt concrete, soils, and PCC, and development of new materials like geopolymer. The minor areas of expertise include nondestructive testing of highways and impact of climate change on transportation infrastructure.

Prof. Mahabir Panda is a Professor in Civil engineering, NIT Rourkela, Odisha, India. He was received his M.Tech & Ph.D. from IIT Kharagpur. He teaches courses at Graduate (B.Tech) and Post-graduate (M.Tech) level for more than thirty years. He has published over 60 articles in national and international journals and conferences. His research area includes pavement materials, analysis and design. His present research interest covers use of waste, local and marginal materials in bituminous mixes, unbound granular bases and subbases and PQC for road pavements.
Course Overview

Diminishing budgets and the recent recognition of the benefits of considering life-cycle costs have motivated changes in agency policies that advocate environmental and financial sustainability through the practice of highway preservation. This is in stark contrast to the “worst-first” approach that was commonly practiced in the past, in which highways were allowed to deteriorate to a highly distressed condition before performing major (and more intrusive) rehabilitation. In fact, the Federal Highway Administration has been a strong proponent and supporter of the concept of cost effectively preserving the USA’s roadway network. This has helped to spur a countrywide movement of highway preservation and preventive maintenance programs, with an overall goal of improving safety and mobility, reducing congestion, and providing smoother, longer lasting highways. The philosophy of pavement preservation is often succinctly captured in terms of “applying the right treatment to the right pavement at the right time. Highway preservation is inherently a sustainable activity.

This course will cover topics like low-cost and low-environmental-impact treatments to prolong or extend the life of the highways by delaying major rehabilitation activities which will minimize energy consumption and use of virgin materials while reducing GHG emissions over the life cycle. Furthermore, well-maintained highways provide smoother, safer, and quieter riding surfaces over a significant portion of their lives, resulting in higher vehicle fuel efficiencies, reduced crash rates, and lower noise impacts on surrounding communities, which positively contributes to their overall sustainability.

International expert with demonstrated credentials in teaching, research, consulting, and training will deliver lectures, and discuss case studies and real life experience of highway preservation techniques.

Professors/ Experts from nearby IITs/renowned organisations will also deliver in this course.

Course Objectives

Primary objectives of the course are as follows:

- Identify Pavement Condition Assessment Tool and how to incorporate Falling Weight Deflectometer in evaluating and assessing existing condition of highway using accepted agency standards at a set inspection frequency.
- Identify conditions that can be beneficially addressed through preservation.
- Identify and select highway performance models to forecast future performance with and without the application of preservation treatments.
- Identify highway treatment rules and treatment impact rules.

You Should Attend If...

- You are a Civil/ Transportation engineer/ Planner or research scientist interested in non-destructive testing, assessment and planning related to Highway maintenance and rehabilitation.
- You are practicing Civil Engineers working in various private and government organizations
- You are a student or faculty from academic institution interested in learning how to do research / project/ field work related to highway preservation.

Registration/Course Fees...

- Faculty/ Staff from Academic Institutions: Rs.2000/-
- Industry/ Research Organizations: Rs.10000/-
- Students (India): Rs.1000/- (without award of Grade)
- Students (India): Rs.2000/- (with award of Grade)
- Students (abroad): US $100
- Participants from abroad : US $200

This regd./course fee is in addition to the one-time online fee of Rs.500/- for registration in the GIAN web portal.

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Accommodation

Out-station participants can be provided accommodation and boarding in the Institution Guest Houses in the campus on direct payment as the Registration charges do not include lodging and boarding. The lodging (twin sharing) and boarding charges may range from Rs. 4000/- to Rs. 8000/- for the entire duration of the course.

Important Dates

Last date for receiving applications: 28.11.2016

Intimation to Participants: 01.12.2016

Course Dates: December 21 – 30, 2016