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## ABBREVIATIONS

AAC	Pavement surface type - structural asphalt overlays of asphalt
AC	Pavement surface type - asphalt / hot mix / plant mix bituminous surface course
ACAH	Pavement Family - Asphalt Aprons With Higher Than 30,000 lb. Load Rating
ACAM	Pavement Family - Asphalt Aprons With Load Rating From 12,500 to 30,000 lb.
ACPL	Pavement Family - Asphalt Pavements With Less Than 12,500 lb. Load Rating
ACRH	Pavement Family - Asphalt Runways & Taxiways With Higher Than 30,000 lb. Load Rating
ACRML	Pavement Family - Asphalt RWs & TWs, Load Rating 12,500 to 30,000 lb, 5000 or Fewer Ops.
ACRMU	Pavement Family - Asphalt RWs & TWs, Load Rating 12,500 to 30,000 lb, Over 5000 Ops.
Agg	Aggregate / gravel as a manufactured structural layer of a pavement section
AIP	Airport Improvement Program - FAA funding for airport maintenance and construction
APC	Pavement surface type - structural asphalt overlays of concrete
BST	Pavement surface type - bituminous surface treatments / single shot / double shot / triple shot
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FAA AC	Federal Aviation Administration, Advisory Circular
FOD	Foreign object debris. Loose material on a pavement surface that could cause aircraft damage
Form 5320-1	FAA-format for an airport pavement map with construction and maintenance history
GA	General Aviation
Global	Maintenance policy applied to the whole pavement (e.g. fog seals, overlays)
H	High - degree of severity for an asphalt defect
HLN/ADO	FAA's Helena Airports District Office
L	Low - degree of severity for an asphalt defect
L & T CR	Longitudinal and transverse cracking
LF	Linear foot (unit of length)
Local	Maintenance policy applied to small sections of a pavement (e.g. crack seal, patching)
M	Medium - degree of severity for an asphalt defect
M&R	Maintenance and rehabilitation
MAD	Montana Aeronautics Division
Major<Crit	Reconstruction of a pavement after its condition has dropped below the critical PCI
Major>Crit	Reconstruction of a pavement before its condition has dropped below the critical PCI
MDT	Montana Department of Transportation
N	No degree of severity for an asphalt defect is defined, the defect is either present or not
NWM	FAA's Northwest Mountain Region
Ops	Aircraft operations (takeoff or landing)
P-152	FAA designation for compacting native soils
P-154	FAA designation for subbase gravel
P-208	FAA designation for basecourse gravel
P-209	FAA designation for crushed basecourse gravel
P-401	FAA designation for plant-mix bituminous pavement (asphalt)
P-403	FAA designation for small quantities of plant-mix bituminous pavement (asphalt) with less testing
P-501	FAA designation for Portland cement concrete surface course
P-609	FAA designation for an application of asphalt binder / emulsion to a pavement surface
PCAA	Pavement Family - Portland Concrete Cement - All Sections
PCC	Pavement surface type - Portland cement concrete
PCI	Pavement condition index
PFC	Porous Friction Course
PREV.	Preventative maintenance
RWY	Runway
SF	Square foot (unit of area)
ST	Pavement surface type - bituminous surface treatments / single shot / double shot / triple shot
STA	Station - formatted distance with implied direction used by surveyors
STPA	Pavement Family - Bituminous Surface Treated Pavements of All Load Ratings
USACERL	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Construction Engineering Research Laboratory
XX	Indicates an inspection and PCI rating were completed for a pavement previous to its reconstruction

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**CHAPTER 1**  
**INTRODUCTION**

## CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project, the 2009 Update to the Montana Aviation System Plan, continues development of a Pavement Management System for Montana's general aviation airports. This is an ongoing process begun in 1988 and updated on a three-year cycle since then. The Aeronautics Division of the Montana Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration, Helena Airports District Office, contracted with Robert Peccia and Associates to provide the surveys and analysis required for the on-going development of the State's airport pavement management system.

The pavement management system is designed to be a systematic, and objective tool for determining maintenance and rehabilitation needs and priorities for paved surfaces on Montana's general aviation airports. As such, it is intended to provide better information to airport and aviation officials, so that Federal, State, and local resources can be more efficiently allocated toward maintaining and improving airport pavements. The Pavement Condition Index (PCI) provides a dependable scale for comparing the existing operational condition and structural integrity of airport pavements. The pavement management system's PCI provides a rational basis for justifying pavement replacement or rehabilitation projects. It can also provide feedback on pavement performance to validate or revise pavement design, construction, and maintenance procedures.

The project consists of airport pavement records updates, map updates (FAA Form 5320-1), pavement condition surveys, PCI calculations, PCI analyses, PCI predictions, maintenance suggestions, and maintenance budget projections. This final report documents work completed, assesses system-wide conditions and potential, and recommends work for future updates to the pavement management system. Inspection results, PCI values, predictions, maintenance suggestions, and brief interpretation of the results are provided directly to the sponsor for each airport. Results will be provided in electronic format to Montana Aeronautics Division for posting on the MDT web site.

Airport maps and pavement records (FAA Form 5320-1) were updated in digital format for fifty-three (53) airports. These airports also had intensive field inspections of pavement samples, collecting data to estimate current and future airport conditions. Pavement deterioration at all fifty-eight (58) general aviation airports in Montana's database were forecast at 1-, 5-, and 10-years using the Pavement Condition Index.

Field surveys were performed in accordance with the criteria specified in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Advisory Circular AC 150/5380-6 "Guidelines and Procedures for Maintenance of Airport Pavements". Calculations, analysis, and predictions were completed using the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Construction Engineering Research Laboratory's (USACERL) "MicroPAVER" software system (versions 5.3.2 through 6.1.4).

Table 1.1 and Figure 1.1 show the airports surveyed and analyzed in this project.

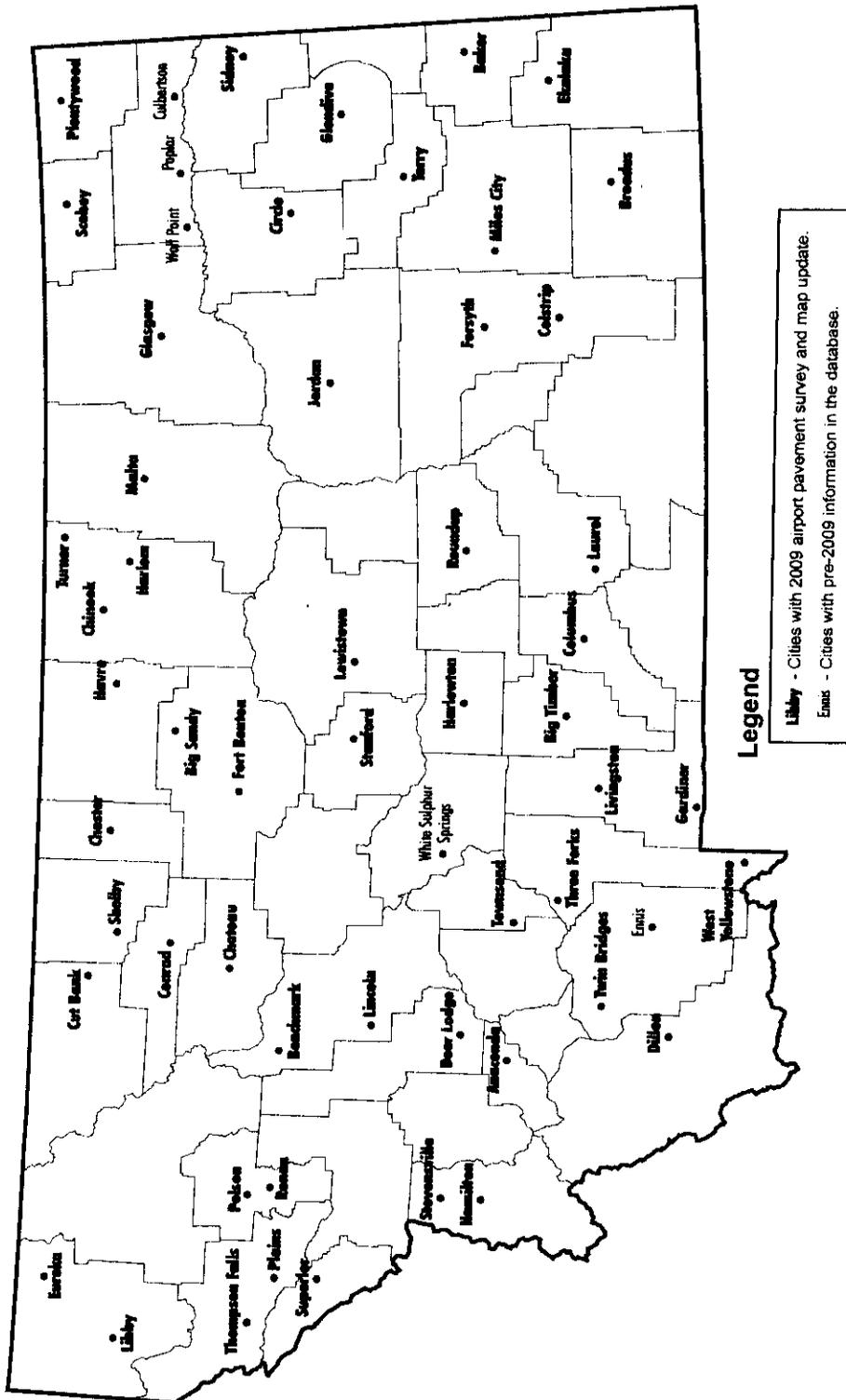
**TABLE 1.1**  
**MONTANA'S PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM - 2009 Update**

Airport (Database Branch Number)	2009 Inspection Report	2009 Inspection Photos	FAA Form 5320-1 Update	PCI Predict.
Anaconda Airport (09)	X	X	X	X
Baker Airport (56)	X	X	X	X
Benchmark Airport (11)	X	X	X	X
Big Sandy Airport (18)	X	X	X	X
Big Timber Airport (25)	X	X	X	X
Broadus (62)	X	X	X	X
Chester, Liberty County Airport (15)	X	X	X	X
Chinook Airport (58)	X	X	X	X
Choteau Airport (19)	X	X	X	X
Circle, McCone County Airport (38)	X	X	X	X
Colstrip Airport (48)	X	X	X	X
Columbus (59)	X	X	X	X
Conrad Airport (46)	X	X	X	X
Culbertson Airport, Big Sky Field (34)				X
Cut Bank Airport (13)	X	X	X	X
Deer Lodge City-County Airport (08)	X	X	X	X
Dillon Airport (52)	X	X	X	X
Ekalaka Airport (57)	X	X	X	X
Ennis Big Sky Airport (50)				X
Eureka Airport (54)	X	X	X	X
Forsyth Airport, Tillit Field (43)	X	X	X	X
Fort Benton Airport (60)	X	X	X	X
Gardiner Airport (64)	X	X	X	X
Glasgow International Airport (31)	X	X	X	X
Glendive, Dawson Community Airport (40)	X	X	X	X
Hamilton, Ravalli County Airport (06)	X	X	X	X
Harlem Airport (17)	X	X	X	X
Harlowton, Wheatland County Airport (22)	X	X	X	X
Havre City-County Airport (16)	X	X	X	X

**TABLE 1.1 (contd.)**  
**MONTANA'S PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM - 2009 Update**

Airport (Database Branch Number)	2009 Inspection Report	2009 Inspection Photos	FAA Form 5320-1 Update	PCI Predict.
Jordan Airport (37)	X	X	X	X
Laurel Municipal Airport (27)	X	X	X	X
Lewistown Airport (21)	X	X	X	X
Libby Airport (01)	X	X	X	X
Lincoln Airport (12)	X	X	X	X
Livingston Airport (24)	X	X	X	X
Malta Airport (61)	X	X	X	X
Miles City Airport, Frank Wiley Field (42)	X	X	X	X
Plains, Penn Stohr Field (63)	X	X	X	X
Plentywood, Sherwood Airport (36)	X	X	X	X
Polson Airport (03)	X	X	X	X
Poplar Airport (33)				X
Ronan Airport (53)	X	X	X	X
Roundup Airport (47)	X	X	X	X
Scobey Airport (35)	X	X	X	X
Shelby Airport (14)	X	X	X	X
Sidney-Richland Municipal Airport (39)	X	X	X	X
Stanford Airport (20)	X	X	X	X
Stevensville Airport (05)	X	X	X	X
Superior, Mineral County Airport (04)	X	X	X	X
Terry Airport (41)	X	X	X	X
Thompson Falls Airport (02)	X	X	X	X
Three Forks Airport (49)	X	X	X	X
Townsend Airport (55)	X	X	X	X
Turner Airport (29)	X	X	X	X
Twin Bridges Airport (51)	X	X	X	X
West Yellowstone Airport (10)	X	X	X	X
White Sulphur Springs Airport (23)				X
Wolf Point Airport (32)				X

**FIGURE 1.1**  
**MONTANA AIRPORTS' PAVEMENT DATABASE MAP**



## 1.2 THE PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

A pavement management system begins with an objective, repeatable method for determining present pavement condition. This project uses the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) developed at the US Army Corps of Engineers Research Lab (USACERL). The PCI is a numerical index from 0 to 100 that describes the pavement's overall structural integrity and operational condition, with 100 assigned to a new pavement with no flaws and zero to a highly degraded pavement. The PCI is based on the types, severities, and quantities of pavement distresses identified during on-site visual inspections.

A computerized database called MicroPAVER is used to store, manipulate, and present data that generates PCI values. This program was developed at USACERL specifically for use with the PCI. The MicroPAVER system is continually being improved and upgraded by Engineered Management Systems Software and is periodically reissued in a new version. Montana's pavement management system typically uses the most recent release of the software. The newer software has strived to enhance analysis and reporting tools, refine analysis routines, and improve the operator-computer interface. The current upgrade is a Windows-based program with reasonably easy data transfer and query routines. For this report MicroPAVER output was refined and supplemented using WordPerfect, Microsoft Excel, and Microsoft Access to improve readability and formatting.

As with any pavement management system, the following tasks are required to adequately document the process, obtain the required field data, and generate meaningful results.

- Assemble background data about the pavements to be studied.
- Prepare and update base maps, define the study areas.
- Conduct field inspections.
- Process the field inspection and background data.
- Analyze the data and generate appropriate reports.

The process begins with reviewing airport records to locate the pavements to be studied. Background information such as materials, thicknesses, construction dates, primary use (runway/taxiway/apron), surface area, and related data is assembled. This data is then used to divide pavements into a successively refined network by geographic location, functional use, consistency of characteristics, and manageable inspection size.

Each airport is considered a separate "zone" in Montana's airport database. Each zone (airport) is then divided by function or primary use into "branches." All aprons are grouped into a single branch, all taxiways into another branch, and each runway is placed in a separate branch. Branches are further divided into "sections" with similar characteristics. Each section is defined as a pavement of consistent age, construction materials, and maintenance history. Finally, since sections are generally still large pavement areas, each is divided as evenly as possible into "sample units." This last division of asphalt-surfaced areas into near 5000 square foot samples, and concrete-surfaced areas into near 20 slab samples is designated for convenient, manageable, and statistically valid pavement inspection.

After obtaining background information and dividing the pavements into zones, branches, sections, and sample units, the database network is created and base maps are drawn to document this network structure.

FAA Forms 5320-1, "Pavement Strength Survey" are revised and used as guides during field surveys. Base map layout is confirmed (or adjusted) on-site during visual pavement inspection.

As field inspections are completed, distress data is loaded into the MicroPAVER program. Pavement Condition Indexes are calculated providing a numerical rating of present condition by section. Sections are grouped by similar construction, strength, and primary use into "families" of pavements which should experience similar wear, deterioration, and useful lives. The PCI history of all pavements in a family are used to generate a pavement life cycle curve which can then be used to forecast PCI's for all member pavements in the family.

Finally, when the desired analyses have been completed, numerous reports can be generated to describe the pavement systems, their existing conditions, their approximate future conditions, and potential costs to improve performance and extend pavement life.

### 1.3 SCOPE OF SERVICES

The scope of services required for this phase of the pavement management system development consist of the following:

- Collecting and updating airport geometric and pavement condition information for fifty three (53) airports, excluding the following sections: Chester (A-2, A-3, A-4), Harlem (A-1), Laurel (R-2, R-3), and Lewistown (R-1);
- Updating base maps (FAA Form 5320-1) for the 53 airports whose pavement information has been reviewed. These maps are produced in AutoCAD and transferred to the more readily accessible Adobe PDF format. These maps are provided in hard copy and digital formats, for continued use in pavement management system updates;
- Define pavement zones, branches, sections, and sample units for any reconstruction, or new construction of airside pavements.
- Conduct visual condition surveys at 53 general aviation airports located throughout the State of Montana, load the survey data into MicroPAVER, and obtain current PCI values for each section;
- Develop "Family Analysis Curves" to model pavement performance by comparing similar pavements to one another. Predict future pavement conditions by using the Family Analysis Curves.
- Updating the State's MicroPAVER database, analyzing pavements, and producing summary reports for each airport studied;
- Delivering ten copies of a final report, organized and bound in a three-ring binder with cover graphics, table of contents, and appendices;
- Mailing pavement analysis results and recommendations for individual airports directly to airport managers.

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**CHAPTER 2**  
**PROJECT APPROACH**

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Work on this project began with a review of the report produced for the Montana Aviation System Plan Update in 2006. That project provided the most recent update for the pavement management system. Since consistency is extremely important to periodic pavement condition surveys, the pavement definitions, naming conventions, and recommendations from previous studies were incorporated into this project to the extent possible.

### 2.1 HISTORICAL DATA COLLECTION

Airport construction information was collected for airports within the project scope that received FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds in fiscal years 2006-2009. Pavement information was reviewed and updated for construction since 2006 for each of the study airports. This information was obtained from airport layout plans (ALP), construction plans, FAA Form 5320-1, design reports, the 2009 Montana Airport Facility Directory, airport sponsors, and in some cases, directly from the engineer in charge of construction. When available records did not agree with completed construction, our inspection teams collected as-built dimensions in the field to update maps and sample sections.

All of the information obtained was used to prepare and/or update schematic maps for each airport, using FAA Form 5320-1 as a base. The maps show pavement locations, dimensions, compositions, and dates of construction.

### 2.2 NETWORK AND SAMPLE DEFINITION

Each airport's pavement network consists of the primary paved areas that the Owner is responsible for maintaining. In each case, the airport's pavement network was assigned to a zone. It was then divided into branches (facilities), sections (features), and sample units as defined by MicroPAVER procedures and those of the FAA Advisory Circular, AC 150/5380-6, "Guidelines and Procedures for Maintenance of Airport Pavements". It should be noted that MicroPAVER and this report use the terms "branch" and "section", while the FAA procedures refer to these as "facility" and "feature".

Once the updated base maps depicting the location of sections and sample units were prepared, the minimum number of sample units (n) that needed to be surveyed to obtain an adequate estimate of the section PCI was determined. The required number of sample units was estimated using the procedure defined in Attachment A of the Northwest Mountain Region (NWM) handout, entitled "Selection of Minimum Number of Sample Units". This is reproduced here in Table 2.1. The number of sample units selected provides for a 92% probability that the estimate of the mean section PCI is within +/- 5 points of the true mean PCI.

At least one sample more than the NWM recommendation was inspected on each runway section. This provided additional accuracy for the sections most likely to drive airport maintenance or improvement projects. The increased sampling density usually generated one sample overlapping the most recent previous survey to aide in verifying consistent inspection techniques.

**TABLE 2.1**  
**SELECTION OF MINIMUM NUMBER OF SAMPLE UNITS**  
**92% Confidence Level**

FLEXIBLE PAVEMENT		RIGID PAVEMENT	
N=1	n=1	N=1	n=1
N=2	n=2	N=2	n=2
N=3-6	n=3	N=3-4	n=3
N=7-13	n=4	N=5-6	n=4
N=14-38	n=5	N=7-8	n=5
N>38	n=6	N=9-11	n=6
		N=12-14	n=7
		N=15-19	n=8
		N=20-27	n=9
		N=28-38	n=10
		N=39-58	n=11
		N=59-104	n=12
		N=105-313	n=13
		N>313	n=14

N = Number of sample units in a pavement section or feature  
 ( $\pm 5,000$  square feet per sample unit for asphalt pavements,  $\pm 20$  slabs for Portland Cement Concrete pavements)  
 n = Number of sample units to be surveyed

Reference: Northwest Mountain Region handout, "Pavement Condition Survey Program", (6/11/88 HLN/ADO)

After the number of sample units to inspect was determined, sample units to inspect were selected using "systematic random sampling". The method is described here, followed by an example in Table 2.2.

- 1) All the sample units within a section are numbered consecutively.
- 2) The sampling interval (I) is computed with the equation  $I=N/n$ , where N = total number of sample units in a section, n = the minimum number of sample units to be surveyed (from Table 2.1). The sampling interval (I) can be rounded up or down to a whole integer.
- 3) The first sample unit, is selected at random from numbers 1 through sampling interval (I).
- 4) Sample units to be inspected are identified as s, s+I, s+2I, s+3I, etc.. through the entire sample.

Sample units were selected before arriving at the site and inspections were conducted on the preselected sample units to avoid biasing the sample. In some cases systematic random sampling was not used either due to a decidedly "non-random" interaction of sample numbers and systematic survey points that concentrated sampling in a small area, or due to an effort to sample previously unsampled areas. The Anaconda example below illustrates the most common sample selection variations. Runway 16-34, designated "R-1", has few previously sampled areas, so the recommended systematic random sampling is used. Standard systematic random sampling is also used for T-1 in 2009. A variant "paired sample" systematic random sampling was used on taxiway T-1 in 2006 to pick-up several samples with no historical inspection. Section A-1 had samples selected entirely at random, for a good geometric distribution. Finally, on apron area A-2, samples were selected to include several previously uninspected samples, then completing the selection with

geometrically disbursed samples. On aprons and other areas where some locations may see much more wear than others, it is more important to get a good geometric distribution of samples, than to get a numerically random sampling..

**TABLE 2.2  
EXAMPLE SAMPLE UNIT SELECTION**

**ANACONDA AIRPORT**

Section Number	Total # of Sample Units (N)	Minimum # of Units to Inspect * (n)	Sample Spacing ** (I=N/n)	Random Start # (s)	Sample Units to Survey (s,s+i,s+2i,etc)	Actual Sample Units Surveyed
R-1	99	6 + 1 = 7*	14 or 15	6	<del>6,20,34,48,62,76,90</del> or 6,21,36,51,66,81,96	<del>6,20,34,48,62,76,90</del>
T-1	20	5	3 or 4 or	2 4	2,5,8,11,14,17 4,8,12,16,20	2,5,8,11,14
			Paired sample variant used in 2006:		4,5,9,10,16,17	
A-1	9	4	2	1 1 2	1,3,5,7 (used in '97) 1,5,7,9 (variant used in '03) 2,4,6,8 (used in '94)	
			or	3	1,4,7,10 (along one edge - not used)	
			Selecting only for geometric distribution:			1,5,9,2
A-2	17	5	3 or 4	3 2	3,6,9,12, 15 (along one edge - not used) 2,6,10,14,18,17 (variant used in '03)	
			Selecting mostly un-inspected samples:			3,5,11,15,16

\* Table 2.1, or engineer's judgement

\*\* Rounded up or down to a whole number

†Robert Peccia & Associates' engineers chose to increase sampling frequency by 1 on all runways, to provide a higher probability of an accurate PCI assessment on this most critical airport pavement.

The airport base maps (FAA Form 5320-1) show the sections and sample units defined for each airport. Sample units selected for evaluation in the various project years are marked with different hatch patterns as shown in the map legend. Sample units selected for evaluation in the 2009 Update are marked with a heavy cross-hatch (///).



## 2.3 PAVEMENT CONDITION SURVEYS

Visual condition inspections were conducted in general accordance with the procedure outlined in Appendix A of the FAA Advisory Circular 150/5380-6, "Guidelines and Procedures for Maintenance of Airport Pavements". Modifications were made in accordance with the Northwest Mountain Region handout, "Pavement Condition Survey Program", (6/11/88 HLN/ADO). This handout proposes the following major changes to the procedure outlined in AC 150/5380-6.

1. The number of pavements to be surveyed was reduced by eliminating T-hangar taxiways and pavement sections smaller than 10,000 square feet.
2. The survey confidence level was reduced from 95% to 92%.

Detailed visual inspections were conducted on paved surfaces at each of the airports selected for this project during the period June 2009 through November 2009. The sections defined on base maps were verified, or revised if necessary. Sample units to be surveyed were temporarily marked on the pavement. Visual inspections were conducted measuring types, severities, and quantities of pavement distresses while walking over each selected sample unit. Distresses were recorded on inspection sheets like those shown in Figure 2.1. Individual pavement distress types and severities were identified using Appendix B of the FAA Advisory Circular 150/5380-6 and USACERL generated PCI Field Manuals for asphalt surfaced airfields and jointed concrete airfields. Photographs documenting overall condition and/or specific distresses were taken during the field surveys and are included in Chapter 4. Sample selection strives to select "representative" areas, but *photos were often selected to show extreme (and possibly atypical) distresses.*

After consulting with M. Y. Shahin, MicroPaver's lead development engineer, two adjustments to previous field inspections were initiated beginning in 2000. Alligator cracking within one foot of the pavement edge was recorded as longitudinal cracks, and distresses recorded as "block cracking" in 1997 were reduced to longitudinal/transverse cracks. On larger airports, sections can be chosen to separate runway edge conditions from the center with separate PCI's produced for heavily used center and seldom used edges. With smaller GA airports, it's impractical to subdivide runway width, so edge failure can drive the PCI of a runway significantly below what its center section would warrant. Down-grading the type of distress recorded for edge failure better represents the quality of the commonly used portion of the pavement. Large, rectangular blocks seen on a few of Montana's airports were judged to be just off the block cracking continuum, and recording them as such was excessively harsh on the section PCI. These two changes brought Montana's pavement management system more in line with MicroPaver's empirical research.

## 2.4 PAVEMENT CONDITION INDEX (PCI)

The pavement condition index (PCI) is an objective, repeatable numerical rating or "grade" that describes the overall condition of a pavement section on a scale of 0 (failed pavement) to 100 (perfect pavement). It is based on visual inspections of manageable sample pavement areas for types, severities, and quantities of a number of specific distresses. "Field verification of the PCI inspection method has shown that the index gives a good indication of a pavement's structural integrity and operational condition. It has also been shown that, at the network level, the observation of existing distress in the pavement provides a useful index of both the current condition and an indication of future performance under existing traffic conditions."<sup>1</sup>

### FIGURE 2.2

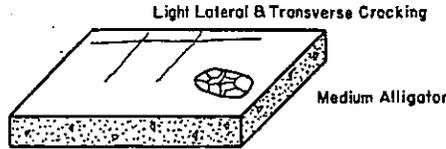
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<sup>1</sup>USACERL Technical Report M-90/05, July 1990, Paver Update, "Pavement Maintenance Management for Roads and Streets Using the PAVER System," by M. Y. Shahin & J. A. Walther, p40.

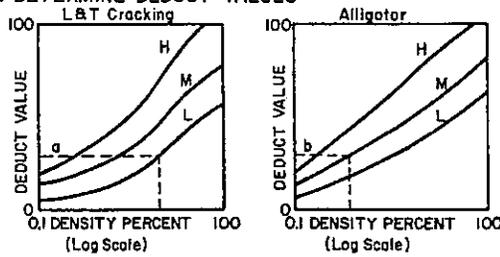
## FIGURE 2.2 PCI CALCULATION STEPS

STEP 1. DIVIDE PAVEMENT SECTION INTO SAMPLE UNITS.

STEP 2. INSPECT SAMPLE UNITS, DETERMINE DISTRESS TYPES AND SEVERITY LEVELS AND MEASURE DENSITY.

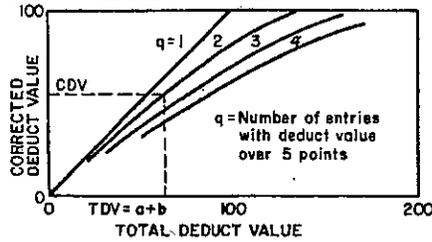


STEP 3. DETERMINE DEDUCT VALUES



STEP 4. COMPUTE TOTAL DEDUCT VALUE (TDV)  $a+b$

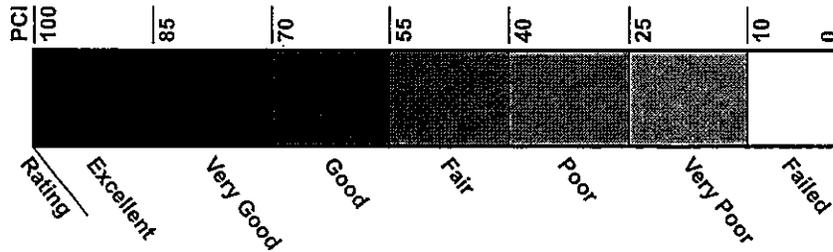
STEP 5. ADJUST TOTAL DEDUCT VALUE



STEP 6. COMPUTE PAVEMENT CONDITION INDEX (PCI)  $100 - CDV$  FOR EACH SAMPLE UNIT INSPECTED

STEP 7. COMPUTE PCI OF ENTIRE SECTION (AVERAGE PCI'S OF SAMPLE UNITS).

STEP 8. DETERMINE PAVEMENT CONDITION RATING OF SECTION



Source: USACERL Technical report M-90/05, July 1990, Paver Update, "Pavement Maintenance Management for Road & Streets Using the Paver System," by M.Y. Shahin & J.A. Walther, P41.

## 2.5 PCI CALCULATIONS

The PCI is produced for each surveyed sample unit with a series of calculations using the area of the sample and quantities of standard distress types as summarized in Figure 2.2. Pavements are divided into manageable sample areas and a random selection of these are intensively inspected (Figure 2.2, Step 1). Quantities of standardized distress types (**descriptions and example photos in Appendix B**) and severities are recorded during visual inspections by trained inspectors (Figure 2.2, Step 2). Quantities divided by the sample area give distress density for each type and severity of distress present. Distress densities are transferred to deduct values using composite curves generated from US Army Corps of Engineers pavement research (Figure 2.2, Step 3). The total deduct value is the sum of deducts due to individual distress types and severities (Figure 2.2, Step 4). To reflect the empirical fact that numerous minor defects are not as detrimental to a pavement's condition as a few major defects, this total deduct is scaled back when there are a large number of deducts recorded (Figure 2.2, Step 5). The Pavement Condition Index (PCI) is simply a perfect 100 pavement less the adjusted total deduct value (Figure 2.2, Step 6). The area-weighted average of the sample PCI's is taken as the section PCI (Figure 2.2, Step 7). There are seven discrete groupings of PCI values that describe the overall pavement quality with Pavement Condition Ratings (Figure 2.2, Step 8). The new version of MicroPAVER allows user-defined rating titles & ranges, and suggests that only PCI's above 55 are acceptable, with sub-55 PCI's rated as "poor" to "failed."

In addition to extrapolating PCI's from selected sample areas to larger sections of pavement, distress densities, distress quantities, and deducts are extrapolated for each section and included in the Inspection Report Summary. Extrapolated distress densities are the sum of distress quantities divided by the sum of the sampled areas. Distress densities are both scaled up by the section area to get extrapolated distress quantities, and also fed into the deduct curves to get extrapolated deducts for the section.

While these calculations can be completed by hand, the vast quantity of data collected for Montana's general aviation airports makes it much more feasible to use the MicroPAVER software package developed by USACERL expressly for PCI calculations. PCI's in this report were produced with MicroPAVER 5.3.2 - 6.1.4 for Windows.

## 2.6 PAVEMENT FAMILIES

In order to make sound management decisions, it is necessary to project the future condition of a pavement rather than just the present condition represented by the PCI. Comparing the eight airport pavement surveys spanning the last twenty-one years, it is apparent that a pavement's PCI degrades over time. By grouping pavements with similar properties, it is possible to distill an "average" behavior for the group. The MicroPAVER system calls groupings of like pavements "families." The intent is that grouped pavements will tend to perform similarly as they age. If this grouping is performed successfully, documented behavior of older pavements can be used to project probable behavior for younger pavements as they age. In other words, pavements within the same family should have PCIs that are roughly the same when their ages are the same. The choice of what properties, and ultimately which pavements are used to build a family are determined by the engineer. The number of families needs to be sufficiently large to cover different pavement types while preserving a statistically significant data set from the available survey data.

The database of Montana airports was configured in 1991 for sorting of families by parameters: surface type, primary use, pavement strength, rank, and asphalt thickness to total thickness ratio. In 1997 the medium strength asphalt runways were split into two families by approximate usage, or "operations count".

Surface types include: asphalt (AC), structural asphalt overlays of asphalt (AAC) or concrete (APC), bituminous surface treatments (ST), and Portland cement concrete (PCC). Concrete pads at the surface were designated “PCC,” while those overlaid with asphalt were labeled “APC.” When a pavement contained 1" or more of screed-applied asphalt cement coated aggregate it was called “AC,” unless it was upgraded to an asphalt overlay of asphalt (AAC) by being overlaid with 1" or more of AC or with greater than 1" of porous friction course (PFC). Single-, double-, and triple-shot surfaces were designated as surface treatments (ST). These bituminous surface treatments (BST) were upgraded to structural strength similar to asphalt and called “AC” when overlaid with 1" or more of P-401, or with greater than 1" of porous friction course (PFC).

Primary uses for airport pavements are aprons, runways, and taxiways. Sections were assigned as “Apron”, “Runway”, or “Taxiway” based upon their use, and designated on FAA form 5230-1.

Pavement strengths are split into single axle loads of less than 12,500 pounds, 12,500 pounds up to and including 30,000 pounds, and over 30,000 pounds (light, medium, and heavy). Asphalt to total pavement section thickness ratio is set at less than 30%, between 30% and 70% inclusive, and over 70%. Design strength and asphalt thickness/total thickness ratio were encoded into a single character and stored into the database “Section Category” and updated for new construction. While asphalt thickness to total thickness ratio was not used in the final analysis of this report, it facilitated exploration of potential family groupings and could be used in future projects, so was not removed from the database. Pavement sections were assigned to one of ten section categories based on information shown on existing FAA Form 5320-1 for each airport. Unspecified P-609's (BST) were assumed to be double shots and assigned a nominal thickness of 1". Bituminous surface treatments (BST) and porous friction coats (PFC) were given credit for only half their nominal thickness in equivalent asphalt depth. Table 2.3 presents the section categories used and the requirements for each.

**TABLE 2.3**  
**SECTION CATEGORY CRITERIA**

Section Category	AC/Total Depth Ratio	Design Strength (Single Wheel Load)
A	< 30%	< 12.5K
B	30% - 70%	< 12.5K
C	> 70%	< 12.5K
D	< 30%	12.5K - 30K
E	30% - 70%	12.5K - 30K
F	> 70%	12.5K - 30K
G	< 30%	> 30K
H	30% - 70%	> 30K
I	> 70%	> 30K
P	PCC, non-asphalt surface	

“Rank” is used to describe a pavement’s status in the database and its use on the airfield. Current database members that remain in use on the airport are designated with an “O”. Non-federally funded, abandoned, or demolished pavements are labeled with a rank of “N” or “A”. Those sections excluded from inspections and

the database by contractual agreement are ranked "E". Only pavements with a rank of "O" were included in the 2009 update calculations and reports, dropping data for abandoned pavements from the era before preventative maintenance. Ranking could be used to prioritize funding allocation to heavy use airfields over lighter use fields, or to apply external budget priorities to maintenance and rehabilitation planning.

In 2000, medium strength runway/taxiways were subdivided by operations estimates into those having 5000 or fewer annual operations (L), and heavy use strips averaging over 5000 ops (U). This separation into "light use" versus "busy" was explored with other groupings, but each lacked sufficient samplings (mostly of older pavements) to produce reliable forecasting. Operations estimates were updated using 2009 FAA 5010-1 forms and rounded to the nearest thousand up to fifteen thousand, then to the nearest 5000 for annual estimates exceeding 15,000.

In 2006, the two families of surface treatment pavements were combined, as were the two primary usages associated with low strength pavement. There were no longer enough pavements in these dwindling families to produce statistically significant groups, nor to require separate estimations.

While a number of other parameters are currently available in the database, few if any would be reasonable sort criteria. There are user definable fields for refining or redefining families as the available data set grows and it becomes possible to use additional delimiters such as "Maintained" vs. "Unmaintained," or "Harsh", "Moderate", "Minimal" to describe freeze-thaw cycle exposure at the site.

## 2.7 FAMILY ANALYSES

Families were assigned according to surface type, primary use, design strength (using section category values), and operations counts. These selection criteria made the most sense and produced results that fit well with common engineering judgement and measured data. Numerous grouping variations were explored with inferior results. Retaining the majority of the families used in earlier years allows meaningful comparisons with previous surveys. Family curves for all PCI system plans since 1991 are included in the appendix. The following eight families were defined, and are coded to indicate the combination of selection criteria used for each.

### FAMILY NAMES:

ACPL, ACAM, ACRML, ACRMU, ACAH, ACRH, STPA, PCAA

### FAMILY NAME CODING:

1st two letters = surface type

AC = all asphalt cement pavements

PC = all Portland cement pavements

ST = surface treatment

3rd letter = primary use

A = aprons

R = runways and taxiways

P = all primary uses (aprons, runways, and taxiways)

4th letter = design strength

A = all strengths

L = low strength (< 12.5K, single wheel)

M = medium strength (12.5K - 30K, single wheel)

H = high strength (> 30K, single wheel)

5th letter = operations count (where applicable)

L = light use ( $\leq 5000$  annual estimated operations)

U = busy (over 5000 annual estimated operations, or more than 1 op./daylight hour)

While there is scatter in the data that PCI families are based on, it is well within the limits expected from nearly sixty airports spread across a wide geographic region, with varying traffic loads and maintenance practices. While maintenance is great for airport pavements, the inspections that follow produce an upward spike in the pavements' "life cycle curve." These increases in PCI's over historical values create a certain amount of unavoidable "scatter" in the data. Likewise, a fog coat or crack sealant will likely age much more quickly than the original pavement; this steeper rate of decline also generates data scatter. There are a few pavement sections that exhibit an increase in successive PCI's, as well as a few with precipitous drops due to failed sealant or a transition from "cracking" to "alligator cracking". To compensate for the scatter we must realistically expect from the variations in the airport system, the database of accumulated PCI inspection results is statistically "screened." Six of the eight families used in this analysis are created from 90% of the available data, the remaining "outliers" are plotted but are not used to generate the family curve; the two most populous data sets ACRML and ACRMU screen only 1% of the outliers and allow for a maintenance "bump" in the data.

Pavement sections that are at the extremes of the pavement performance spectrum were removed from the data set used to construct the representative family curves. The engineer established a "boundary" of theoretical best and worst possible pavement life cycles to filter out abnormal pavement wear and maintenance spikes. Table 2.5 shows the typical boundary filter for asphalt pavements. A combination of factors may conspire to rapidly degrade a specific pavement -- excess moisture destabilizing the subgrade, poor construction practices, abuse, or overloading. Another branch could have all the luck (and care) - solid subgrade, conscientious construction, light usage, wintering the freeze-thaw cycles under an insulating blanket of snow. Uncommon PCI's are filtered out with best- and worst-case scenario boundaries. Occasionally, a section or two may be removed from the family construction due to the engineer's determination of irregular circumstances.

Table 2.4 on the following pages summarizes pavement section data from FAA 5320-1 forms, uses it to assign section categories and surface types, and then determines the family assignment for each section in the Montana airports database. This table has been updated to include approximate annual operations counts and documents the use of geotextiles in the pavement section. Table 2.4 includes all the information used to construct family groups, and additional data that was considered for new groupings.

**TABLE 2.4 - SECTION PROPERTIES & FAMILY ASSIGNMENTS**

BRANCH NAME (Airport City)	Section	Approx.	Geo-	Sub-	Base	Surface	Overlay	Gravel	Asphalt	%	Pvmnt	Section	Branch	Surface	FAMILY	
		Annual	Grid /	base	Course	Course	(Inches)	(Inches)	Depth	Depth	Asphalt					Strngth
		(1000)	(g / f)	(Agg)	(Agg) (AC)	(BST) (AC) (PCC)	(BST) (AC) (PFC)				(1,000					
											lbs.)					
Anaconda	A-1	5			9	3		9	3	25%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM	
Anaconda	A-2	5			9.7	4		9.7	4	29%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM	
Anaconda	R-1	5			9	3	2.75	9	5.75	39%	16	E	Runway	AAC	ACRML	
Anaconda	R-2	5			9.7	4		9.7	4	29%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRML	
Anaconda	T-1	5			9	3	2.8	9	5.8	39%	16	E	Taxiway	AAC	ACRML	
Anaconda	T-1A	5			9	3		9	3	25%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML	
Anaconda	T-2	5			9.7	4		9.7	4	29%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML	
Anaconda	T-4	5			6	2	1	6	2.5	29%	30	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML	
Anaconda	T-5	5			9.7	4		9.7	4	29%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML	
Baker	A-2A	7			11	2	5.25	11	7.25	40%	12.5	E	Apron	AAC	ACAM	
Baker	A-3A	7	f		6	1 2	1 5.25	6	8.25	58%	4	B	Apron	AAC	ACPL	
Baker	A-5	7	f	18	16	4		34	4	11%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM	
Baker	A-6	7	f	22	8	8		PCC	PCC	PCC	PCC	P	Apron	PCC	PCAA	
Baker	A-7	7	f	18	16	4		34	4	11%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM	
Baker	R-1	7		35	22	5		57	5	8%	17.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRMU	
Baker	T-1	7			11	2	3	11	5	31%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AAC	ACRMU	
Baker	T-2	7			6	1 2	3	6	5.5	48%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AAC	ACRMU	
Baker	T-3	7			11	2	4.5	11	6.5	37%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AAC	ACRMU	
Baker	T-4	7	f	18	16	4		34	4	11%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU	
Benchmark	A-1A	0			6	3		6	3	33%	45	H	Apron	AC	ACAH	
Benchmark	A-1B	0			6	3		6	3	33%	45	H	Apron	AC	ACAH	
Benchmark	R-1	0			6	3		6	3	33%	45	H	Runway	AC	ACRH	
Benchmark	R-2A	0			6	3		6	3	33%	45	H	Runway	AC	ACRH	
Benchmark	R-2B	0			6	3		6	3	33%	45	H	Runway	AC	ACRH	
Benchmark	T-1	0			6	3		6	3	33%	45	H	Taxiway	AC	ACRH	
Big Sandy	A-1	5					6	PCC	PCC	PCC	PCC	P	Apron	PCC	PCAA	
Big Sandy	R-1	5				2	0.25	0	2.125	100%	4	C	Runway	AC	ACPL	
Big Sandy	R-2	5			8	4		8	4	33%	4	B	Runway	AC	ACPL	
Big Sandy	T-1	5			8	4		8	4	33%	4	B	Taxiway	AC	ACPL	
Big Sandy	T-2	5			6	3		6	3	33%	4	B	Taxiway	AC	ACPL	
Big Timber	A-1	7			9.5	2.5		9.5	2.5	21%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM	
Big Timber	A-2	7			4	2.5		4	2.5	38%	12.5	E	Apron	AC	ACAM	
Big Timber	R-1	7			9.5	2.5		9.5	2.5	21%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRMU	
Big Timber	R-2	7			4	2.5		4	2.5	38%	12.5	E	Runway	AC	ACRMU	
Big Timber	T-1	7			4	2.5		4	2.5	38%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU	
Big Timber	T-2	7			4	2	2	4	3	43%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU	
Big Timber	T-3	7			4	2.5		4	2.5	38%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU	
Big Timber	T-4	7		30	6	4		36	4	10%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU	
Big Timber	T-5	7		30	6	4		36	4	10%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU	
Broadus	A-1	5		6	4	3.5		10	3.5	26%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM	
Broadus	R-1	5		6	4	3.5		10	3.5	26%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRML	
Broadus	T-1	5		6	4	3.5		10	3.5	26%	13.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML	
Chester	A-5	5			11	3		11	3	21%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM	
Chester	R-3	5			13	3		13	3	19%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRML	
Chester	T-2	5			13	3		13	3	19%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML	
Chester	T-3	5			12	3		12	3	20%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML	

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		(1000)	(g / f)	(Agg)	(Agg) (AC)	(BST) (AC) (PCC)	(BST) (AC) (PFC)				(1,000				
											lbs.)				
Chinook	A-1A	9			10	3		10	3	23%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Chinook	A-1B	9			10	3	2	10	5	33%	12.5	E	Apron	AAC	ACAM
Chinook	R-1	9			10	3	2	10	5	33%	12.5	E	Runway	AAC	ACRMU
Chinook	T-1	9			10	3	2	10	5	33%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AAC	ACRMU
Choteau	A-1	3			8	2	1	8	2	20%	24	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Choteau	R-11	3		6	13	2		19	2	10%	24	D	Runway	AC	ACRML
Choteau	R-12	3	f	5.5	6.5	2		12	2	14%	24	D	Runway	AC	ACRML
Choteau	R-2	3	f	7.5	6.5	3		14	3	18%	24	D	Runway	AC	ACRML
Choteau	T-1	3			12	3		12	3	20%	24	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Choteau	T-2	3	f	7.5	6.5	3		14	3	18%	24	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Circle	A-1	4			8	3		8	3	27%	21	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Circle	A-2	4		10	4	2		14	2	13%	16	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Circle	R-11	4		8	8	3		16	3	16%	30	D	Runway	AC	ACRML
Circle	T-1	4		6	13	3		19	3	14%	21	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Circle	T-2	4		12	13	3		25	3	11%	16	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Colstrip	A-1	6			9	3	3.5	9	6.5	42%	12.5	E	Apron	AAC	ACAM
Colstrip	R-1	6			9	3	3.5	9	6.5	42%	12.5	E	Runway	AAC	ACRMU
Colstrip	T-1	6			9	3	3.5	9	6.5	42%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AAC	ACRMU
Colstrip	T-2	6			9	3	3.5	9	6.5	42%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AAC	ACRMU
Columbus	A-1	9	f		13	3		13	3	19%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Columbus	R-1	9	f		13	3		13	3	19%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRMU
Columbus	T-1	9	f		13	3		13	3	19%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Columbus	T-2	9	f		13	3		13	3	19%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Columbus	T-3	9	f		13	3		13	3	19%	13.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Conrad	A-1	4			10	2	2.5	10	4.5	31%	12.5	E	Apron	AAC	ACAM
Conrad	R-3	4	f	8	3	3.5		11	3.5	24%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRML
Conrad	T-4	4			10	2	2.5	10	4.5	31%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AAC	ACRML
Culbertson	A-1	5			8	1	3	8	3.5	30%	12.5	E	Apron	AC	ACAM
Culbertson	R-1	5			8	1	3	8	3.5	30%	12.5	E	Runway	AC	ACRML
Culbertson	R-2	5			8	1	3	8	3.5	30%	12.5	E	Runway	AC	ACRML
Culbertson	T-1	5			8	1	3	8	3.5	30%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Culbertson	T-2	5			8	3		8	3	27%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Cut Bank	A-1	6					7	PCC	PCC	PCC	PCC	P	Apron	PCC	PCAA
Cut Bank	R-1	6			12	5.5	3	12	9	43%	12.5	E	Runway	AAC	ACRMU
Cut Bank	R-21	6	f	8	12	3		20	3	13%	28	D	Runway	AC	ACRMU
Cut Bank	T-1	6			8	5		8	5	38%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Cut Bank	T-2	6			6	2	1	6	2.5	29%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Cut Bank	T-4	6			9	9.5	1	9	10	53%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Cut Bank	T-5	6	f		11	3		11	3	21%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Cut Bank	T-6	6	f		12	3		12	3	20%	20	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Deer Lodge	A-3	4			6	2.5	1.5	6	4	40%	30	E	Apron	AAC	ACAM
Deer Lodge	A-4	4			4	2.5	1.5	4	4	50%	30	E	Apron	AAC	ACAM
Deer Lodge	R-3	4			6	2.5	2	6	4.5	43%	30	E	Runway	AAC	ACRML
Deer Lodge	R-4	4			4	4		4	4	50%	30	E	Runway	AC	ACRML
Deer Lodge	T-1B	4			8	2.5		8	2.5	24%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Deer Lodge	T-2	4			10	2.5		10	2.5	20%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML

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		Annual	Grid /	base	Course	Course	(Inches)	(Inches)	Depth	Depth	Asphalt					Strngth
		(1000)	(g / f)	(Agg)	(Agg) (AC)	(BST) (AC) (PCC)	(BST) (AC) (PFC)				(1,000					
											lbs.)					
Dillon	A-3	11		10	4	1.5	1.5	14	3	18%	16	D	Apron	AAC	ACAM	
Dillon	A-4	11	f	13	6	4		19	4	17%	33	G	Apron	AC	ACAH	
Dillon	A-11	11			11.5	3		11.5	3	21%	22	D	Apron	AC	ACAM	
Dillon	R-3	11			15	3		15	3	17%	30	D	Runway	AC	ACRMU	
Dillon	R-4	11	f	24	15	3		39	3	7%	30	D	Runway	AC	ACRMU	
Dillon	R-21	11			17	3		17	3	15%	30	D	Runway	AC	ACRMU	
Dillon	T-2	11		10	4	1.5	1.5	14	3	18%	16	D	Taxiway	AAC	ACRMU	
Dillon	T-3	11		7	4	3		11	3	21%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU	
Dillon	T-4	11	f	7	4	3		11	3	21%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU	
Dillon	T-5	11			15	3		15	3	17%	30	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU	
Ekalaka	A-1	2		11.5	2	1	3.5	13.5	4	23%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM	
Ekalaka	R-1	2		11.5	2	1	3.5	13.5	4	23%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRML	
Ekalaka	R-11	2	g,f		12	4		12	4	25%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRML	
Ekalaka	T-1	2		11.5	2	1	3.5	13.5	4	23%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML	
Ekalaka	T-11	2	g,f		10	4		10	4	29%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML	
Ennis	A-1	11			8	3		8	3	27%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM	
Ennis	A-2	11			8	3		8	3	27%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM	
Ennis	R-1	11			8	3		8	3	27%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRMU	
Ennis	T-1	11			8	3		8	3	27%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU	
Ennis	T-2	11			8	3		8	3	27%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU	
Eureka	A-1	2			4	3		4	3	43%	12.5	E	Apron	AC	ACAM	
Eureka	R-1	2			4	3		4	3	43%	12.5	E	Runway	AC	ACRML	
Eureka	T-1	2			4	3		4	3	43%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRML	
Eureka	T-2	2			4	3		4	3	43%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRML	
Eureka	T-3	2			6	3		6	3	33%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRML	
Eureka	T-4	2			6	3		6	3	33%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRML	
Forsyth	A-1	9			4	3	2.5	4	5.5	58%	18	E	Apron	AAC	ACAM	
Forsyth	R-1	9			7	3		7	3	30%	12.5	E	Runway	AC	ACRMU	
Forsyth	T-1	9			7	3		7	3	30%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU	
Forsyth	T-2	9			3	6	2.5	3	8.5	74%	12.5	F	Taxiway	AAC	ACRMU	
Forsyth	T-3	9			7	3		7	3	30%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU	
Forsyth	T-4	9			7	3		7	3	30%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU	
Fort Benton	A-1	5	f		6	3		6	3	33%	12.5	E	Apron	AC	ACAM	
Fort Benton	R-1	5	f		6	3		6	3	33%	12.5	E	Runway	AC	ACRML	
Fort Benton	T-1	5	f		6	3		6	3	33%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRML	
Fort Benton	T-2	5	f		6	3		6	3	33%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRML	
Fort Benton	T-3	5			8	3		8	3	27%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML	
Gardiner	R-1	9				4		0	4	100%	4	C	Runway	AC	ACPL	
Gardiner	T-1	9				4		0	4	100%	4	C	Taxiway	AC	ACPL	

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BRANCH NAME (Airport City)	Section	Approx. Annual Operations	Geo-Grid / Fabric	Sub-base (Inches)	Base Course (Inches)	Surface Course (Inches)			Overlay (Inches)			Gravel Depth	Asphalt Depth	% Asphalt Depth	Pvmnt Strngth (1,000)	Section Category	Branch Use	Surface Type	FAMILY
		(1000)	(g / f)	(Agg)	(Agg) (AC)	(BST)	(AC)	(PCC)	(BST)	(AC)	(PFC)				lbs.)				
Glasgow	A-3	30		6	3			3				9	3	25%	23	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Glasgow	A-4	30										PCC	PCC	PCC	PCC	P	Apron	PCC	PCAA
Glasgow	A-6	30	f	12	14							PCC	PCC	PCC	PCC	P	Apron	PCC	PCAA
Glasgow	A-7	30	f	25	5			3				30	3	9%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Glasgow	R-2	30		8		5		4		5		8	14	64%	75	H	Runway	AAC	ACRH
Glasgow	R-3	30		17	6			2				23	2	8%	75	G	Runway	AC	ACRH
Glasgow	R-13	30		8		5		4				8	9	53%	25	E	Runway	AC	ACRMU
Glasgow	R-14	30	g,f	11	4			3				15	3	17%	25	D	Runway	AC	ACRMU
Glasgow	T-1	30		8		5		4		2 2.63		8	12.32	61%	75	H	Taxiway	AAC	ACRH
Glasgow	T-3	30		8		5		4		2 2.6		8	12.3	61%	75	H	Taxiway	AAC	ACRH
Glasgow	T-4	30										0	0		12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Glasgow	T-5	30		6	6			4		5		12	9	43%	75	H	Taxiway	AAC	ACRH
Glasgow	T-7	30			10			3				10	3	23%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Glasgow	T-8	30			6			2				6	2	25%	75	G	Taxiway	AC	ACRH
Glasgow	T-9	30										0	0		12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Glasgow	T-10	30	f	12	13			5				25	5	17%	55	G	Taxiway	AC	ACRH
Glasgow	T-11	30	f	15	6			4				21	4	16%	25	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Glendive	A-1	6		6	6			4		1 2		12	6.5	35%	44	H	Apron	AAC	ACAH
Glendive	A-2	6						5		2.5		0	7.5	100%	12.5	F	Apron	AAC	ACAM
Glendive	R-1	6		6	6			4		2		12	6	33%	53	H	Runway	AAC	ACRH
Glendive	R-2	6		5	5			3		2		10	5	33%	38	H	Runway	AAC	ACRH
Glendive	R-3	6		6	6			3		2		6	5	45%	12.5	E	Runway	AAC	ACRMU
Glendive	T-1	6		6	6			4		1		12	4.5	27%	44	G	Taxiway	AC	ACRH
Glendive	T-2	6						5		2.5		0	7.5	100%	12.5	F	Taxiway	AAC	ACRMU
Glendive	T-5	6	f		12			5				12	5	29%	30	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Glendive	T-6	6	f		12			5				12	5	29%	30	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Hamilton	A-1	25		4	7			1				11	0.5	4%	17	D	Apron	ST	STPA
Hamilton	A-2	25			9			1				9	0.5	5%	17	A	Apron	ST	STPA
Hamilton	R-1A	25		4	7			1		1		11	1.75	14%	17	D	Runway	AC	ACRMU
Hamilton	R-2	25	f	40	4					1		44	2.5	5%	17	D	Runway	AC	ACRMU
Hamilton	T-2	25			9			1		1.5		9	1.25	12%	17	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Hamilton	T-3	25			9			1				9	0.5	5%	17	D	Taxiway	ST	STPA
Hamilton	T-5	25		12	8			4				20	4	17%	17	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Harlem	A-11	4		10.5	6			3				16.5	3	15%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Harlem	R-11	4		10.5	6			3				16.5	3	15%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRML
Harlem	R-12	4		10.5	6			3				16.5	3	15%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRML
Harlem	T-11	4		10.5	6			3				16.5	3	15%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Harlowton	A-11	2		4	7			2				11	2	15%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Harlowton	R-11	2			10			2				10	2	17%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRML
Harlowton	T-11	2		4	7			2				11	2	15%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML

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BRANCH NAME (Airport City)	Section	Approx.	Geo-	Sub-	Base	Surface	Overlay	Gravel	Asphalt	%	Pvmnt	Section	Branch	Surface	FAMILY	
		Annual	Grid /	base	Course	Course	(Inches)	(Inches)	Depth	Depth	Asphalt					Strngth
		(1000)	(g / f)	(Agg)	(Agg) (AC)	(BST) (AC) (PCC)	(BST) (AC) (PFC)				(1,000					
Havre	A-3	8			5	6	4	1	5	10.5	68%	30	E	Apron	AAC	ACAM
Havre	A-4	8			8	3			8	3	27%	25	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Havre	A-5	8		16	3	4		1	19	4.5	19%	45	G	Apron	AC	ACAH
Havre	R-5	8			14	3		1	14	3.5	20%	30	D	Runway	AC	ACRMU
Havre	R-11	8			8	2	2	1	8	4.5	36%	12.5	E	Runway	AAC	ACRMU
Havre	R-12	8		30	6	2	2	1	36	3.5	9%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRMU
Havre	T-2	8		8	6	3		1	14	3.5	20%	30	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Havre	T-3	8		6	6	2		1	12	2.5	17%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Havre	T-4	8		11.5	6	3		1	17.5	3.5	17%	30	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Havre	T-5	8		8	6	3		1	14	3.5	20%	30	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Jordan	A-11	2	g, f	11	4	3			15	3	17%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Jordan	R-1	2		7	5	1.5		3.5	12	4.25	26%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRML
Jordan	T-1	2		7	5	1.5		3.5	12	4.25	26%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Jordan	T-12	2	g, f	11	4	3			15	3	17%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Laurel	A-3	45	f		12	4			12	4	25%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Laurel	R-4	45	f		12	4			12	4	25%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRMU
Laurel	T-1	45			6	1		2	6	2.5	29%	14	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Laurel	T-2	45			6	1		2	6	2.5	29%	14	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Laurel	T-8	45	f		12	4			12	4	25%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Laurel	T-9	45	f		12	4			12	4	25%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Lewistown	A-1	15				7		2	APC	APC	APC	APC	P	Apron	APC	PCAA
Lewistown	A-2	15			6	2		1	6	2.5	29%	8	A	Apron	AC	ACPL
Lewistown	A-3A	15						3	0	3	100%	8	B	Apron	AC	ACPL
Lewistown	R-23	15			11	3			11	3	21%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRMU
Lewistown	R-32	15			10.5	6	1	4	10.5	8.5	45%	40	H	Runway	AAC	ACRH
Lewistown	R-33	15			10	3		1	10	3.5	26%	40	G	Runway	AC	ACRH
Lewistown	R-34	15			10	7		1	10	9.5	49%	40	H	Runway	AC	ACRH
Lewistown	T-1	15			6.25	5.75		3	6.25	7.25	54%	45	H	Taxiway	AAC	ACRH
Lewistown	T-4	15						3	0	3	100%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Lewistown	T-5	15			10	3		1	10	3.5	26%	40	G	Taxiway	AC	ACRH
Lewistown	T-7	15		6	4	3			10	3	23%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Lewistown	T-8	15		6	4	3			10	3	23%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Lewistown	T-9	15			11	3			11	3	21%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Lewistown	T-10	15	f		9	3			9	3	25%	18	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Lewistown	T-11	15	f		9	3			9	3	25%	18	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Libby	A-1	5			8	4		2	8	6	43%	23	E	Apron	AAC	ACAM
Libby	A-2	5		6	2	4		2	8	6	43%	23	E	Apron	AAC	ACAM
Libby	A-3	5		6	6	3		2	12	5	29%	60	G	Apron	AAC	ACAH
Libby	A-4	5		8		6			PCC	PCC	PCC	PCC	P	Apron	PCC	PCAA
Libby	A-5	5		6	6	6			PCC	PCC	PCC	PCC	P	Apron	PCC	PCAA
Libby	R-1	5		8		2		1.2	8	4.6	37%	23	E	Runway	AAC	ACRML
Libby	R-2	5		6	2	4		1.2	8	4.6	37%	23	E	Runway	AAC	ACRML
Libby	T-2	5		6	6	3			12	3	20%	60	G	Taxiway	AC	ACRH
Libby	T-5	5	f		8	4			8	4	33%	23	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Libby	T-6	5	f		8	4			8	4	33%	23	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRML

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BRANCH NAME (Airport City)	Section	Approx.	Geo-	Sub-	Base	Surface	Overlay	Gravel	Asphalt	%	Pvmnt	Section	Branch	Surface	FAMILY
		Annual	Grid /	base	Course	Course	(Inches)	(Inches)	Depth	Depth	Asphalt				
		(1000)	(g / f)	(Agg)	(Agg) (AC)	(BST) (AC) (PCC)	(BST) (AC) (PFC)				(lbs.)				
Lincoln	A-11	4		29	6.75	3		35.75	3	8%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Lincoln	A-2	4		29	6.75	3		35.75	3	8%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Lincoln	R-11	4		29	6.75	3		35.75	3	8%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRML
Lincoln	T-11	4		29	6.75	3		35.75	3	8%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Livingston	A-1	6		7	7	2	1	7	2.5	26%	45	G	Apron	AC	ACAH
Livingston	A-2	6		4	4	3	1	4	3.5	47%	12.5	E	Apron	AC	ACAM
Livingston	R-1	6		7	7	1.5	1	7	2.5	26%	40	G	Runway	AC	ACRH
Livingston	R-2	6		7	7	2	1	7	3	30%	30	E	Runway	AC	ACRMU
Livingston	T-1	6		7	7	1.5	1	7	2	22%	40	G	Taxiway	AC	ACRH
Livingston	T-5	6		8	6	3		14	3	18%	40	G	Taxiway	AC	ACRH
Malta	A-1	3	g, f	14	6	2		14	4	22%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Malta	A-3	3	g, f	12	6		6	PCC	PCC	PCC	PCC	P	Apron	PCC	PCAA
Malta	A-4	3		14	4	4		18	4	18%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Malta	R-1	3	g, f	14		4		14	4	22%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRML
Malta	T-1	3	g, f	14		4		14	4	22%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Malta	T-2	3	g, f	14		4		14	4	22%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Miles City	A-2	11	f	11	4	3		15	3	17%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Miles City	A-3	11				5	1	0	5.5	100%	12.5	F	Apron	AC	ACAM
Miles City	A-3A	11	f	11	4	3		15	3	17%	28	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Miles City	A-4	11	f	11	4	3		15	3	17%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Miles City	A-5	11					10	PCC	PCC	PCC	PCC	P	Apron	PCC	PCAA
Miles City	R-12	11			19	9		19	13	41%	38	H	Runway	AC	ACRH
Miles City	R-21	11	f		8	2.5		8	2.5	24%	24	D	Runway	AC	ACRMU
Miles City	T-1B	11			6	2.5	1 3	6	6	50%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AAC	ACRMU
Miles City	T-2A	11			6	2.5	1 3	6	6	50%	20	E	Taxiway	AAC	ACRMU
Miles City	T-3	11	f	11	4	3		15	3	17%	38	G	Taxiway	AC	ACRH
Miles City	T-3B	11	f		13	2.5		13	2.5	16%	38	G	Taxiway	AC	ACRH
Miles City	T-6	11	f		8	2.5		8	2.5	24%	24	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Miles City	T-7	11	f		8	2.5		8	2.5	24%	24	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Plains	A-1	4	f	8	3	3		11	3	21%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Plains	R-1	4	f	8	3	3		11	3	21%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRML
Plains	T-1	4	f	8	3	3		11	3	21%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Plains	T-2	4	f	8	3	3		11	3	21%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Plentywood	A-11	11			8	3	3	8	6	43%	12.5	E	Apron	AAC	ACAM
Plentywood	R-11	11	f		9	4		9	4	31%	12.5	E	Runway	AC	ACRMU
Plentywood	T-11	11	f		9	4		9	4	31%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Polson	A-11	10			12	3		12	3	20%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Polson	R-11	10	f		13	3		13	3	19%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRMU
Polson	T-11	10	f		13	3		13	3	19%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Polson	T-12	10	f		13	3		13	3	19%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Polson	T-14	10	f		12	3		12	3	20%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU

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BRANCH NAME (Airport City)	Section	Approx.	Geo-	Sub-	Base	Surface		Overlay		Gravel	Asphalt	%	Pvmnt	Section	Branch	Surface	FAMILY
		Annual	Grid /	base	Course	Course	Course	Course	Course	Depth	Depth	Asphalt	Strngth				
		(1000)	(g / f)	(Agg)	(Agg) (AC)	(BST)	(AC) (PCC)	(BST)	(AC) (PFC)				(1,000				
													lbs.)				
Poplar	A-1	5			6	2		1		6	2	25%	4	A	Apron	AC	ACPL
Poplar	R-1	5			6	2		1		6	2	25%	4	A	Runway	AC	ACPL
Poplar	T-1	5			6	2		1		6	2	25%	4	A	Taxiway	AC	ACPL
Poplar	T-2	5			6	2		1		6	2	25%	4	A	Taxiway	AC	ACPL
Ronan	A-11	4	f	8.5	6		2.5			14.5	2.5	15%	20	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Ronan	A-12	4	f	8.5	6		2.5			14.5	2.5	15%	20	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Ronan	R-11	4	f	8.5	6		2.5			14.5	2.5	15%	20	D	Runway	AC	ACRML
Ronan	T-5	4	f		14.5		3			14.5	3	17%	13	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Ronan	T-11	4	f	8.5	6		2.5			14.5	2.5	15%	20	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Roundup	A-1	5			10	1		2		10	2.5	20%	14	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Roundup	A-2	5			10		2	2		10	4	29%	22	D	Apron	AAC	ACAM
Roundup	R-1	5			10		2	2		10	4	29%	22	D	Runway	AAC	ACRML
Roundup	T-1	5			10	1		2		10	2.5	20%	14	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Roundup	T-3	5			8		3			8	3	27%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Scobey	A-11	4		8	6		4			14	4	22%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Scobey	A-12	4	g	6	6		4			12	4	25%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Scobey	R-11	4		6	6		4			12	4	25%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRML
Scobey	R-12	4			14		4			14	4	22%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRML
Scobey	T-11	4		6	6		4			12	4	25%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Scobey	T-12	4			14		4			14	4	22%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Scobey	T-13	4			10		4			10	4	29%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Shelby	A-21	8		18	6		3			24	3	11%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Shelby	A-22	8	g, f	18	4		6			PCC	PCC	PCC	PCC	P	Apron	PCC	PCAA
Shelby	R-21	8		18	14		3			32	3	9%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRMU
Shelby	R-22	8		18	14		3			32	3	9%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRMU
Shelby	T-6	8		8	4		3			12	3	20%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Shelby	T-21	8	f	18	6		3			24	3	11%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Shelby	T-22	8	f	18	6		3			24	3	11%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Sidney	A-3A	25	f		10		4			10	4	29%	25	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Sidney	A-11	25	f		8			8		PCC	PCC	PCC	PCC	P	Apron	PCC	PCAA
Sidney	A-12	25	f		10		4			10	4	29%	40	G	Apron	AC	ACAH
Sidney	A-13	25	f		10		4			10	4	29%	40	G	Apron	AC	ACAH
Sidney	A-14	25	f		8			8		PCC	PCC	PCC	PCC	P	Apron	PCC	PCAA
Sidney	A-15	25	f		6			6		PCC	PCC	PCC	PCC	P	Apron	PCC	PCAA
Sidney	R-11	25		6	3	2	4	4.5		9	9.5	51%	40	H	Runway	AAC	ACRH
Sidney	R-12	25		6	6	2	4	4.5		12	9.5	44%	40	H	Runway	AAC	ACRH
Sidney	T-2	25			6		4	4.5		6	8.5	59%	40	H	Taxiway	AAC	ACRH
Sidney	T-3	25		12		1	5			12	5.5	31%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Sidney	T-4	25		16	6		4			22	4	15%	40	G	Taxiway	AC	ACRH

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BRANCH NAME (Airport City)	Section	Approx.	Geo-	Sub-	Base	Surface	Overlay	Gravel	Asphalt	%	Pvmnt	Section	Branch	Surface	FAMILY
		Annual	Grid /	base	Course	Course	(Inches)	(Inches)	Depth	Depth	Asphalt				
		(1000)	(g / f)	(Agg)	(Agg) (AC)	(BST) (AC) (PCC)	(BST) (AC) (PFC)				(1,000				
											lbs.)				
Stanford	A-2	4			8	3		8	3	27%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Stanford	R-2	4			12	1	3	12	3.5	23%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRML
Stanford	R-3	4			8	3		8	3	27%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRML
Stanford	T-2	4			8	3		8	3	27%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Stevensville	A-1	13			5.5	1.8	1	5.5	1.4	20%	12.5	D	Apron	ST	STPA
Stevensville	A-2	13			6	2		6	2	25%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Stevensville	R-1	13			5.5	1.8	1	5.5	1.4	20%	12.5	D	Runway	ST	STPA
Stevensville	T-1	13			5.5	1.8	1	5.5	1.4	20%	12.5	D	Taxiway	ST	STPA
Stevensville	T-3	13			6	2		6	2	25%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Stevensville	T-4	13		12	4	3		16	3	16%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Superior	A-11	4		9	6	3		15	3	17%	30	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Superior	R-11	4		9	6	3		15	3	17%	30	D	Runway	AC	ACRML
Superior	T-11	4		9	6	3		15	3	17%	30	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Terry	A-11	1			11.5	2.5		11.5	2.5	18%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Terry	R-11	1			11.5	2.5		11.5	2.5	18%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRML
Terry	T-11	1			11.5	2.5		11.5	2.5	18%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Thompson Falls	A-1	7			6	1.5	2	6	2.75	31%	12.5	E	Apron	AC	ACAM
Thompson Falls	A-2	7			4	2.5		4	2.5	38%	12.5	E	Apron	AC	ACAM
Thompson Falls	R-1	7			6	1.5	2	6	2.75	31%	12.5	E	Runway	AC	ACRMU
Thompson Falls	R-2	7			4	2.5	2	4	3.25	45%	12.5	E	Runway	AC	ACRMU
Thompson Falls	T-4	7			4	2.5		4	2.5	38%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Thompson Falls	T-5	7			4	2.5		4	2.5	38%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Thompson Falls	T-6	7			4	2.5		4	2.5	38%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Three Forks	A-1	12			4	2.5	2	4	4.5	53%	12.5	E	Apron	AAC	ACAM
Three Forks	A-2	12				6		PCC	PCC	PCC	PCC	P	Apron	PCC	PCAA
Three Forks	R-1	12			4	2.5	2	4	4.5	53%	12.5	E	Runway	AAC	ACRMU
Three Forks	R-2	12			4	2.5	2	4	4.5	53%	12.5	E	Runway	AAC	ACRMU
Three Forks	T-1	12			4	2.5	2	4	4.5	53%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AAC	ACRMU
Three Forks	T-2	12			4	2.5	2	4	4.5	53%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AAC	ACRMU
Three Forks	T-3	12			4	2.5	2	4	4.5	53%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AAC	ACRMU
Three Forks	T-4	12			4	2.5		4	2.5	38%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU
Townsend	A-1	5			4	3	2	4	5	56%	12.5	E	Apron	AAC	ACAM
Townsend	R-1	5			4	3	2	4	5	56%	12.5	E	Runway	AAC	ACRML
Townsend	T-1	5			4	3	2	4	5	56%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AAC	ACRML
Townsend	T-2	5			12	4		12	4	25%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Turner	A-1	4	f	22	6	3		28	3	10%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Turner	R-1	4	f	22	6	3		28	3	10%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRML
Turner	T-2	4		22	6	3		28	3	10%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Turner	T-3	4	f	22	6	3		28	3	10%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML
Twin Bridges	A-1	3			11	1	1.8	11	2.3	17%	12.5	D	Apron	AC	ACAM
Twin Bridges	R-1	3			11	1	1.8	11	2.3	17%	12.5	D	Runway	AC	ACRML
Twin Bridges	T-1	3			11	1	1.8	11	2.3	17%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML

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BRANCH NAME (Airport City)	Section	Approx.	Geo-	Sub-	Base	Surface			Overlay			Gravel Depth	Asphalt Depth	% Asphalt Depth	Pvmnt Strngth (1,000)	Section Cate- gory	Branch Use	Surface Type	FAMILY
		Annual Operations	Grid / Fabric	base (Inches)	Course (Inches)	Course (Inches)	(Inches)	(Inches)	(Inches)	(Inches)	(Inches)								
		(1000)	(g / f)	(Agg)	(Agg)	(AC)	(BST)	(AC)	(PCC)	(BST)	(AC)	(PFC)							
													lbs.)						
West Yellowstone	A-1	7			8		3			0	11	100%	90	I	Apron	AC	ACAH		
West Yellowstone	A-2	7					1.5			0	1.5	100%	30	F	Apron	AC	ACAM		
West Yellowstone	A-3	7			7		4			0	11	100%	90	I	Apron	AC	ACAH		
West Yellowstone	A-4	7			6	1			2	6	1.5	20%	30	D	Apron	AC	ACAM		
West Yellowstone	A-5	7		32				16		PCC	PCC	PCC	PCC	P	Apron	PCC	PCAA		
West Yellowstone	R-1	7			7		2.5		3	0	12.5	100%	105	I	Runway	AAC	ACRH		
West Yellowstone	R-2	7			8		3		3	0	14	100%	90	I	Runway	AAC	ACRH		
West Yellowstone	T-1	7			8		3			0	11	100%	90	I	Taxiway	AC	ACRH		
West Yellowstone	T-2	7			4		3			4	3	43%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU		
White Sulphur Sprin	A-1	6			4		3		1	4	2	33%	12.5	E	Apron	ST	STPA		
White Sulphur Sprin	A-2	6			4		3		1	4	3.5	47%	12.5	E	Apron	AC	ACAM		
White Sulphur Sprin	R-1	6			8		1		1	8	1	11%	12.5	D	Runway	ST	STPA		
White Sulphur Sprin	R-2	6			4		3		1	4	3.5	47%	12.5	E	Runway	AC	ACRMU		
White Sulphur Sprin	T-1	6			8		1		1	8	1	11%	12.5	D	Taxiway	ST	STPA		
White Sulphur Sprin	T-2	6			4		3		1	4	3.5	47%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AC	ACRMU		
Wolf Point	A-5	5			15		3			15	3	17%	18	D	Apron	AC	ACAM		
Wolf Point	R-1	5			10		2		1.5 3 1	10	6.25	38%	47	H	Runway	AAC	ACRH		
Wolf Point	R-2	5			12.5		2		1.5 4 1	12.5	7.25	37%	42	H	Runway	AAC	ACRH		
Wolf Point	R-3	5			12.5		2		1.3 4.5 1	12.5	7.625	38%	57	H	Runway	AAC	ACRH		
Wolf Point	R-4	5			12.5		2		1.5 4 1	12.5	7.25	37%	42	H	Runway	AAC	ACRH		
Wolf Point	R-5	5		7	4		2		2.5 3 1	7	10.75	61%	43	H	Runway	AAC	ACRH		
Wolf Point	R-6	5		9	4.5		2		2.8 3 1	9	11.38	56%	38	H	Runway	AAC	ACRH		
Wolf Point	T-1	5			12.5		2		1.5 4	12.5	4.75	28%	38	G	Taxiway	AC	ACRH		
Wolf Point	T-2	5			5		6		0.3 3	5	9.125	65%	12.5	E	Taxiway	AAC	ACRML		
Wolf Point	T-3	5		8	2		2.5			10	2.5	20%	12.5	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML		
Wolf Point	T-4	5			15		3			15	3	17%	18	D	Taxiway	AC	ACRML		

NOTES:

Italic font indicates the airport was neither inspected nor mapped for this report, as such the included information is suspect. If construction has taken place it will not be reflected in this report. Section properties & families are assumed from the most current pre-2006 pavements.

(Agg)=AGGREGATE (AC) = ASPHALT CEMENT CONCRETE (BST) = BITUMINOUS SURFACE TREATMENT (PCC) = PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE (PFC) = POROUS FRICTION COURSE

MicroPAVER gives the user great flexibility in defining families. The user is also free to redefine families at any time, since family definition plays a very important part in PCI predictions. As the pavement management system continues to develop, better family definitions may become apparent, and they should be revised accordingly.

After families have been defined and each pavement section is assigned to the appropriate family, MicroPAVER generates "Family Analysis Curves." These are PCI versus Age curves derived from a least-squares adjustment of all known observations within the family. Graphically speaking, each time a PCI evaluation of a section is completed, that section's PCI is plotted against its Age, forming a single data point (or observation) on that section's family analysis curve. The model is further constrained by insisting that a pavement cannot improve its condition over time (without outside intervention), so a family curve can never rise in PCI with age. The least squares adjustment then yields a single curve that is most representative of the data. In lieu of better information, the life cycle curve for pavement ages greater than any sampled in the family group is assumed to continue at the same rate of decay as at the last data point. In other words, the PCI predictions follow the straight-line tangent to the curve at the oldest pavement life.

Figures 2.3 through 2.10 illustrate the family analysis curves for the eight families defined in this project. These curves are based on actual data from pavement condition surveys spanning 1988-2009. In some cases, pavements were filtered out of the curve analyses when they fit poorly with the other data within the family, when there was a known atypical repair to specific pavements, or simply using good engineering judgement about the possible quality versus pavement age. Table 2.5 shows the assumed acceptable extreme PCI's used as boundary filters for most family data.

**TABLE 2.5**  
**PCI vs. AGE - ALLOWABLE EXTREMES/BOUNDARIES**

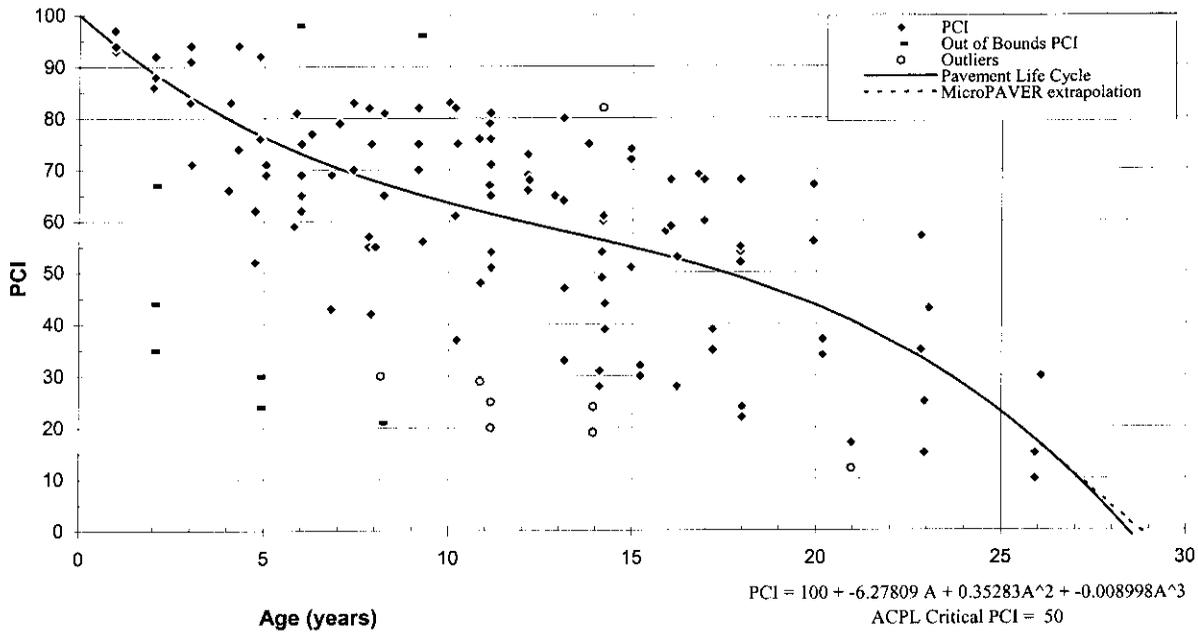
Age	Minimum PCI	Maximum PCI
0	90	100
3	58	100
5	36	95
15	0	90
20	0	86
25	0	70
30	0	54
40	0	20

Figures 2.3 through 2.10 show life cycle curves for each family as well as "valid" data points used to construct the curve, "out of bounds" data points, and "outliers" not used in the curve fit. Note that MicroPAVER uses the dashed linear projection rather than the curve for ages greater than sampled ages in the family. The lower right corner of each graph contains the family curve equation, as well as the "critical PCI" where the rate of deterioration increases markedly.

# FAMILY LIFE CYCLE CURVES

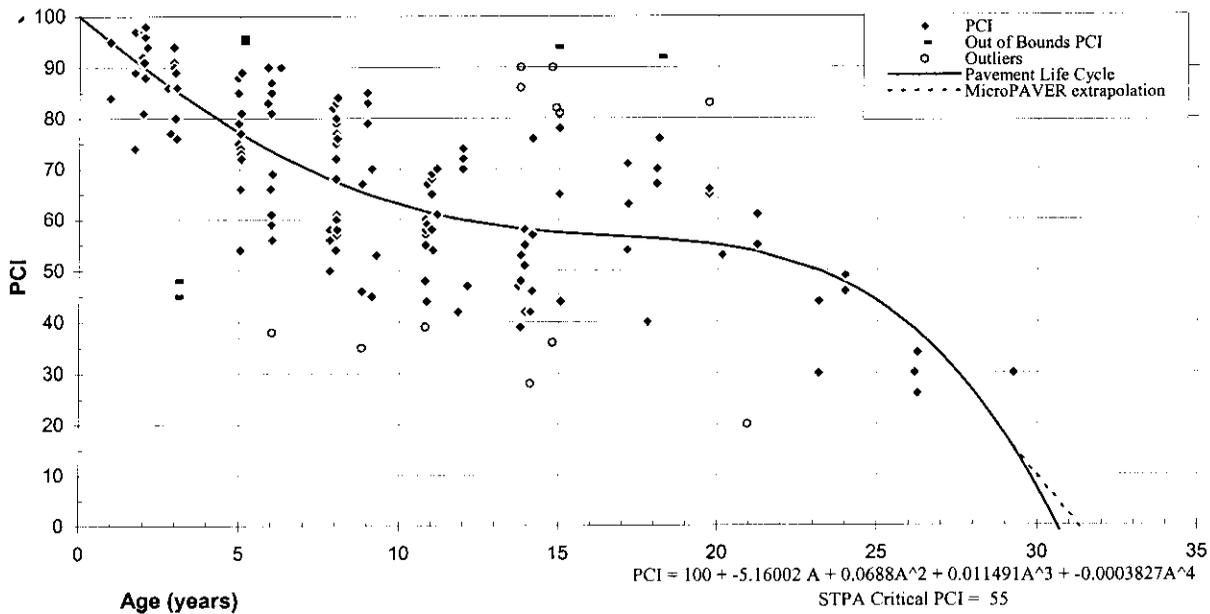
## FIGURE 2.3

ACPL - Asphalt Pavements with less than 12,500 lb. Load Rating

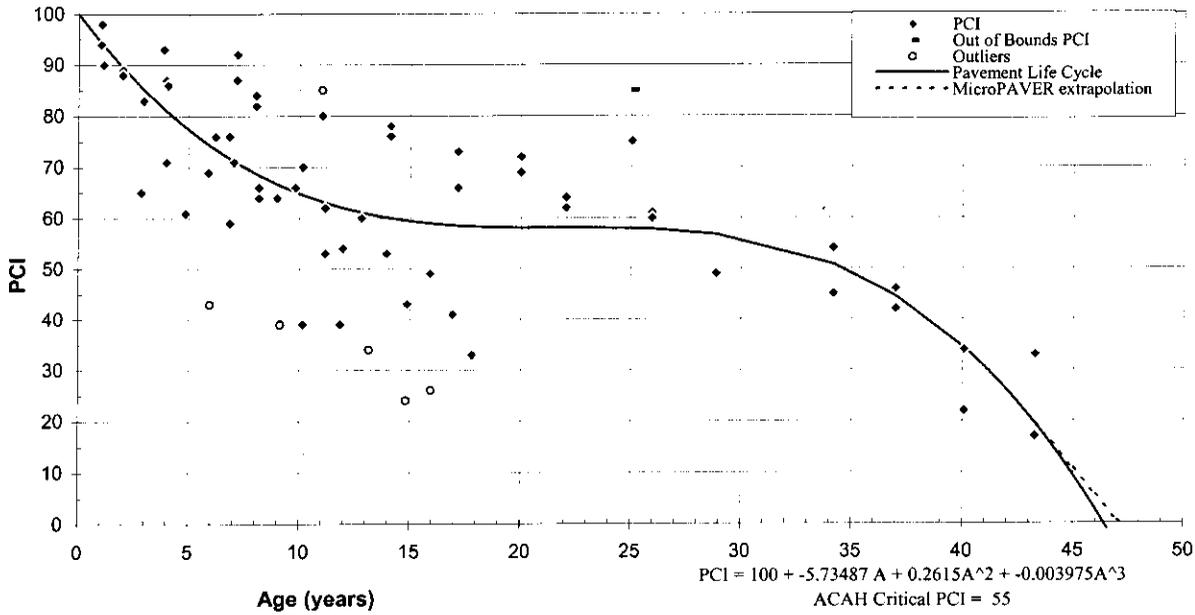


## FIGURE 2.4

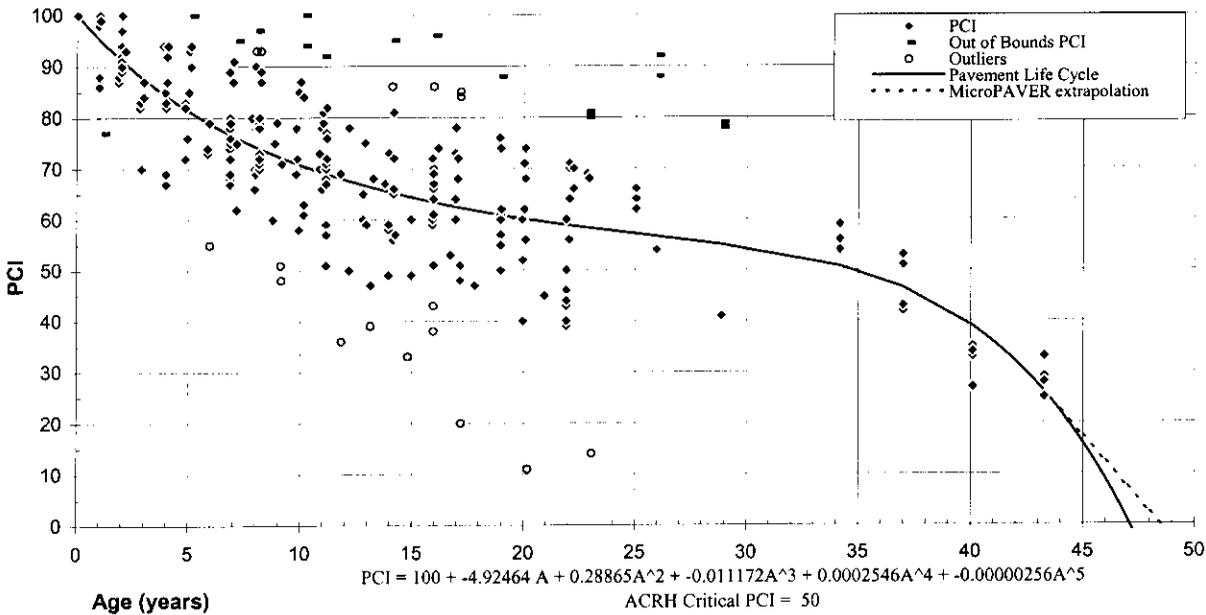
STPA - Bituminous Surface Treated Pavements of All Load Ratings



**FIGURE 2.5**  
**ACAH - Asphalt Aprons With Higher Than 30,000 lb. Load Rating**

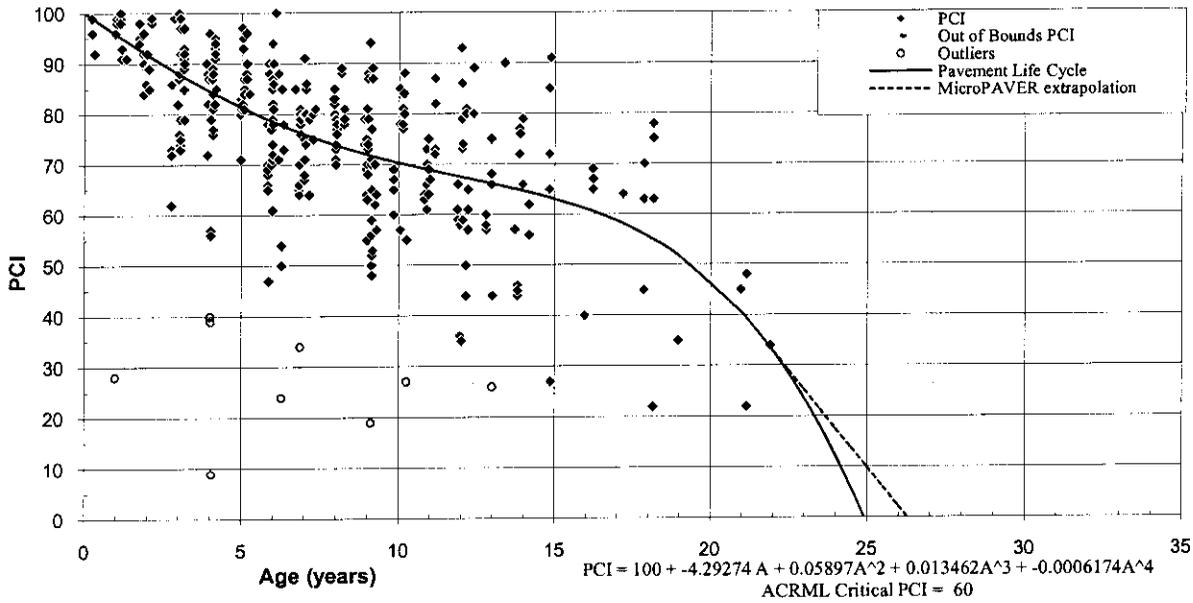


**FIGURE 2.6**  
**ACRH - Asphalt Runways And Taxiways With Higher Than 30,000 lb. Load Rating**



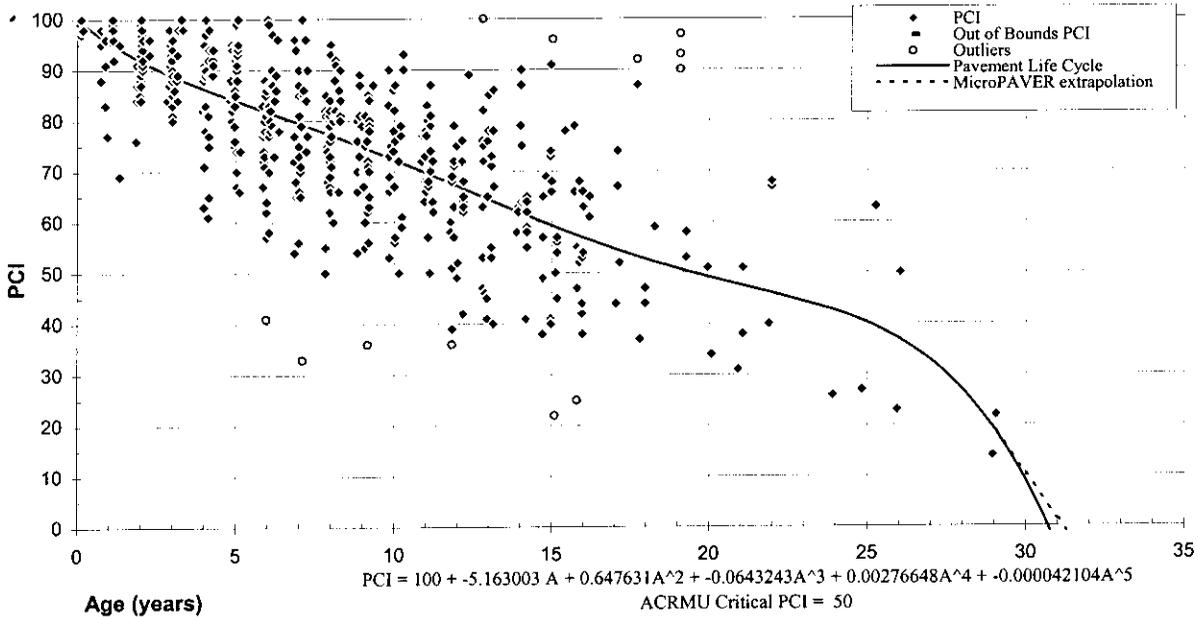
**FIGURE 2.7**

**ACRML - Asphalt RWs And TWs, Load Rating 12,500 To 30,000 lb, 5000 or Fewer Ops.**

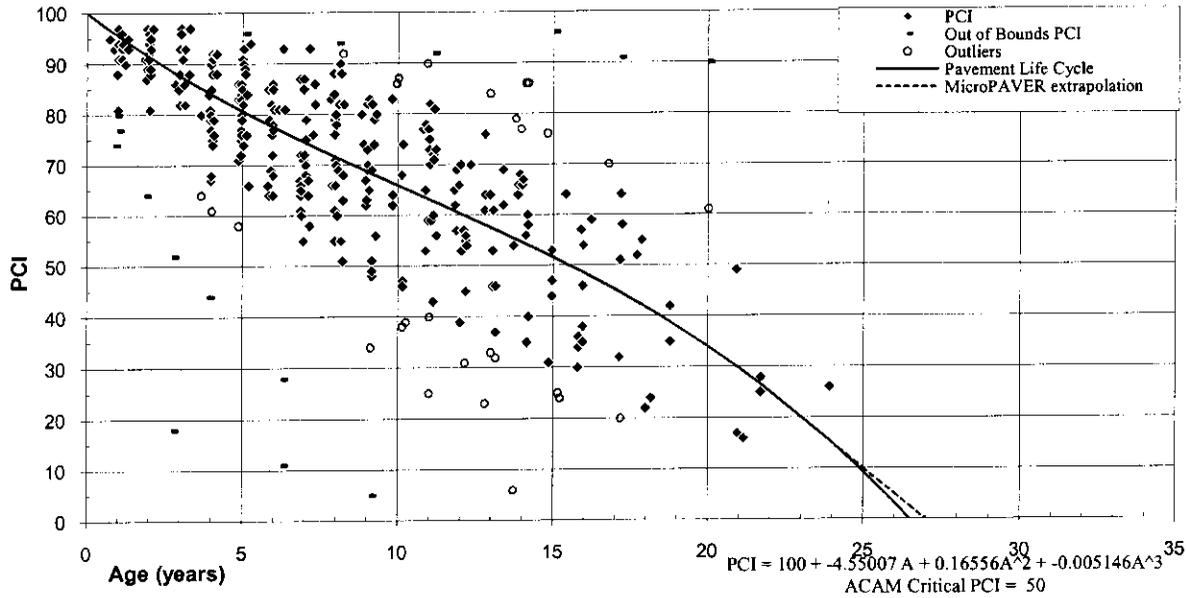


**FIGURE 2.8**

**ACRMU -Asphalt RWs And TWs, Load Rating 12,500 To 30,000 lb, Over 5000 Ops.**



**FIGURE 2.9**  
**ACAM - Asphalt Aprons With Load Rating From 12,500 To 30,000 lb.**



**FIGURE 2.10**  
**PCAA - Portland Concrete Cement - All Sections**

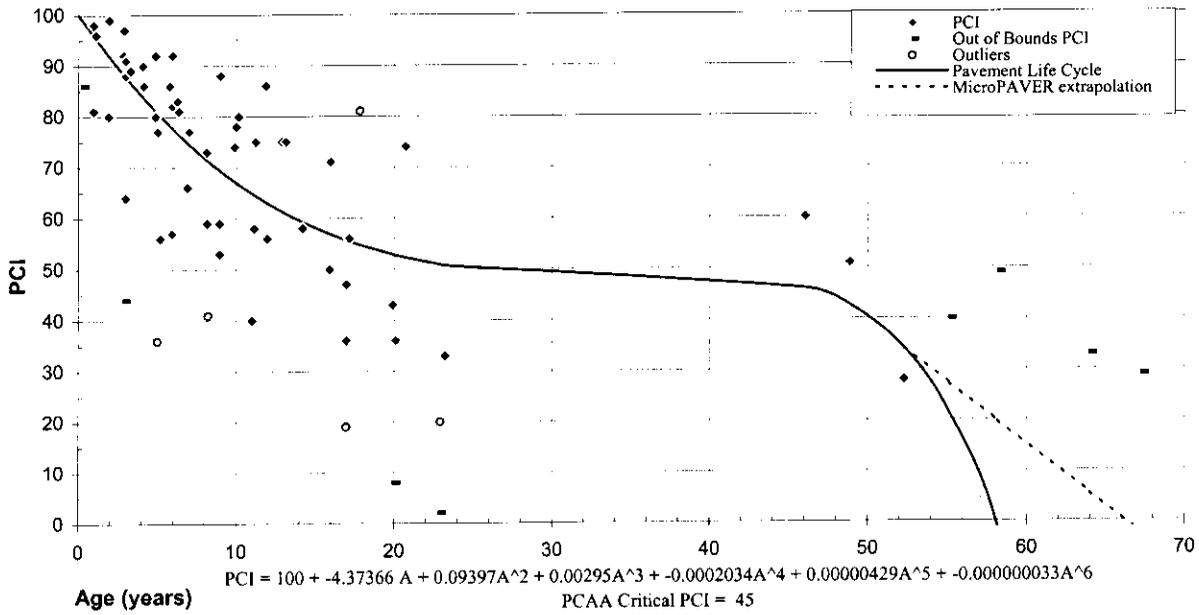
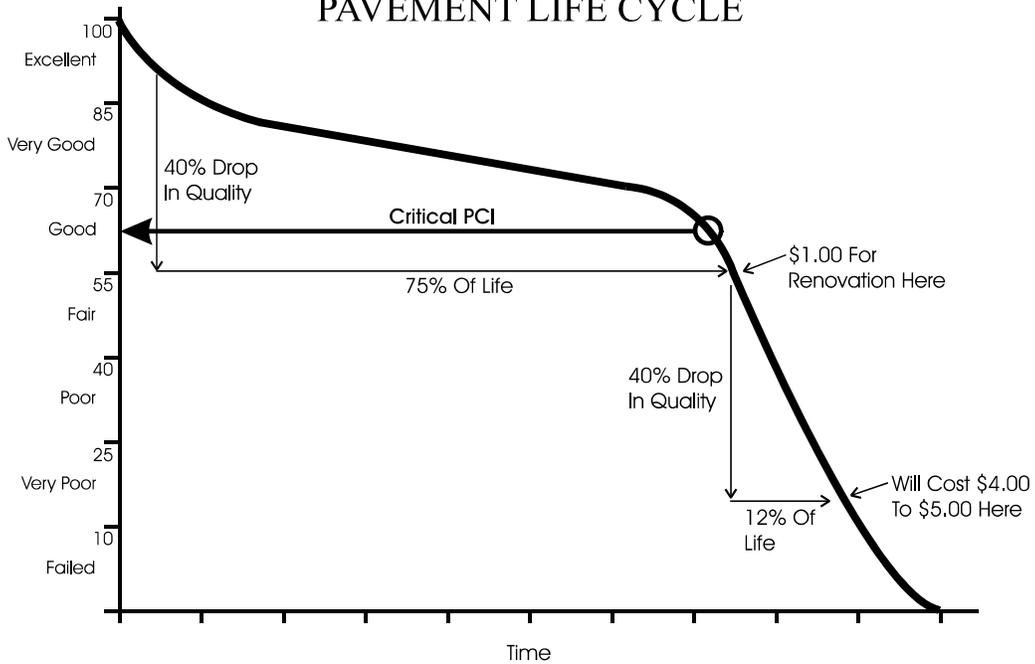


Figure 2.11 illustrates a theoretical pavement life cycle, and some very general observations about renovation costs throughout the pavement's life. The critical PCI is at the crest of the curve where continued maintenance costs begin to be less economical than reconstruction.

**FIGURE 2.11**  
**PAVEMENT LIFE CYCLE**



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**CHAPTER 3**  
**RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

## CHAPTER 3 RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### 3.1 FAMILY ANALYSIS CURVES

Pavement families for this analysis are slowly evolving from the consistent 1988-1997 family groups. The families are designed to group similar pavements based on material type, primary use, design strength, and annual operations within the context of the current pavement design and maintenance norms. The core of the original family groupings have been retained since they are providing increasingly stable and accurate predictors of Montana airport pavement behavior. With pavement maintenance norms changing the database's oldest pavement's behavior is no longer an accurate predictor of future condition. So, inspection data from abandoned, demolished, and non-maintained sections are no longer included in the family curve determinations. These dropped inspections are no longer representative "typical" sections and there are sufficient inspections to provide statistical validity without these data points. The two original surface treatment families were combined into a single family in 2006, and remain so this year, since very few of these pavements remain. Likewise, pavements with design loads under 12,500 pounds are now rarely constructed, so the dwindling remnants of these "light" pavements have been grouped into a single family, regardless of their use. Comparison of the family curves from 1991 to the present provides some insight into the appropriateness of the family definition criteria, and the likely long-term usefulness of the curves. (See Figure A.1 of the Appendix)

**2009 family ACPL (Asphalt Concrete, All Pavements, Low Strength)** combined former families ACAL and ACRL, light duty asphalt aprons and runway/taxiways, respectively. FAA policies no longer encourage constructing asphalt pavements with design loads less than 12,500 pounds, so the remaining members of this shrinking family are upgraded to medium strength whenever reconstruction or maintenance is required. The family exhibits about 7 years of rapid aging followed by 10 years of slower decline. After approximately 17 years of acceptable performance, the family curve passes through a critical PCI of 50 and begins a rapidly accelerating decline in pavement quality. A good deal of scatter in ACPL data indicate variations in construction quality, maintenance, use, and climate. Improving maintenance practices are documented by a raised graph in the 5-10 year range. Additional inspections of older pavements show slightly better performance than predicted in 2006.

**2009 family STPA (Surface Treatment, All Pavements, All Strengths)** has the same basic shape as the 2006 curve, but returns to the "55" critical PCI of 2003 and marginally extends the decaying performance. The bulk of the data for this family comes from pavements 15-years old or less, with only two airports continuing to contribute data for pavement over 20-years of age. These relatively low-strength pavements exhibit a fairly uniform rate of deterioration through their first 13 years, followed by an 8-year plateau, giving just over 20-years of usable life before rapidly declining to an unserviceable condition. Double- and triple-shot surfaces continue to be replaced by dense-grade mixes, decreasing the pool of family members.

**2009 family ACAH (Asphalt Concrete, Aprons, High Strength)** is a statistically small, scattered data set with most of its data in the first 15 years. High strength aprons exhibit the same rapid aging over the initial 12-years as other aprons, but are projected to have nearly 20 years of good quality performance, rather than the 5 to 10 years predicted for lower design strength pavements. Family ACAH predicts 30 years of good, usable pavement life before the accelerated aging after critical PCI of 55. However, all data for pavements in this family older than 20-years are from Benchmark and Yellowstone Airports, both of which are protected from much of our winter freeze-thaw cycling by a blanket of snow and sustained cold temperatures. The end-of-life behavior promised by this family curve will be representative of these "special case" airports, but

is likely 5 to 10 years overly optimistic for the remaining family members.

**2009 family ACRH (Asphalt Concrete, Runways/Taxiways, High Strength)** shows very consistent curves from 2000 through 2009. A large number of sections (43) helps to stabilize this family curve for the first 20 years. All ACRH data beyond 26 years is from Benchmark Airport, where the transition past critical PCI into rapid deterioration has occurred. The long usable life demonstrated at Benchmark is probably not realistic for the other airports of this family that are exposed to consistently greater use and are not generally protected by a wintertime blanket of snow. Rather than the approximate 30- to 35-years of usable life predicted by ACRH, most pavements in this family will probably expect about 25 years above their critical PCI of 50.

**2009 family ACRML (Asphalt Concrete, Runways/Taxiways, Medium Strength, Light Use)** show better than average performance over the first 10 years of life, the results of preventative maintenance programs in common application across the State. Most of the pavements in this family have been crack sealed and fog sealed, or overlaid since the previous inspection. This is one of the largest sets in the database, and the pavement behavior is quite uniform -- boundary limits are not used when establishing this family, and only 1% of the data is removed as "outliers." ACRML has a very slow initial aging rate, plus more than typical time in the over-70 PCI range. These pavements can expect about 17-years of useable life above their critical PCI of 60.

**2009 family ACRMU (Asphalt Concrete, Runways/Taxiways, Medium Strength, Busy Use)** shows a pronounced preventative maintenance "bump" in the 5- to 10-year range of the life cycle curve. All boundary filters and most of the statistical filtering were removed from this data-rich family since the few irregularities have virtually no statistical significance. ACRMU pavements, as a group, are the busiest and best maintained pavements in the GA airport system. Changes in maintenance strategies and funding resulted in nearly every ACRMU pavement that was inspected showing signs of recent preventative maintenance. This maintenance appears to be producing a consistently better quality pavement, in addition to significantly extending the pavements' usable life. This family projects over 20 years of good service before passing the critical PCI of 50 and beginning rapid aging.

**2009 family ACAM (Asphalt Concrete, Aprons, Medium Strength)** has good high-density data for 20-years of pavement behavior. This data has consistently shown a near-linear decline in quality with age, rather than the typical asphalt "plateau" separating two rapid drops. The pattern is clear, even though the graph is not what is usually expected. This family has a couple airports with PCIs rated below 30 at less than 10 years of age, and a couple pavements that were recently sealed resulting in temporarily elevated PCI's that were filtered out of the data set. A wide dispersion of data points suggests that pavements within these families are following different aging patterns, possibly because of differences in construction quality, maintenance practices between airports, varied wear and traffic loads, or because of other design, or environmental conditions. A linear decline in quality typically indicated heavy wear and hard use.

**2009 family PCAA (Portland Cement, Aprons, All Strengths)** displays a 22-year decline to PCI 50 based on many concrete aprons across the State. Cut Bank Airport's ramp provided expected PCI's for 43- to 51-years, before they started replacing slabs and no longer represented "typical" aging. Further, the heavy design strength and relatively light usage of Cut Bank Airport's main apron may not give an accurate projection for less "over-designed" slabs. Engineering judgement would indicate a PCAA life span for concrete regularly exposed to it's design loads to be about 35 years.

### 3.2 PCI PREDICTIONS

Pavement Condition Index values were predicted for one, five, and ten years into the future for all pavements in the database, using the previously discussed pavement families: ACPL, ACAM, ACRML, ACRMU, ACAH, ACRH, STPA, and PCAA. The MicroPAVER software predicts PCI's by taking the last inspected PCI value, finding the corresponding PCI value on the family curve for that pavement, and assuming the particular pavement ages in the same way the family curve declines. Graphically, the family curve is moved *horizontally* until it lies on top of the last inspected PCI-verses-age point, then the family curve is followed forward.

**FIGURE 3.1  
MICROPAVER PCI PREDICTION PROCESS**

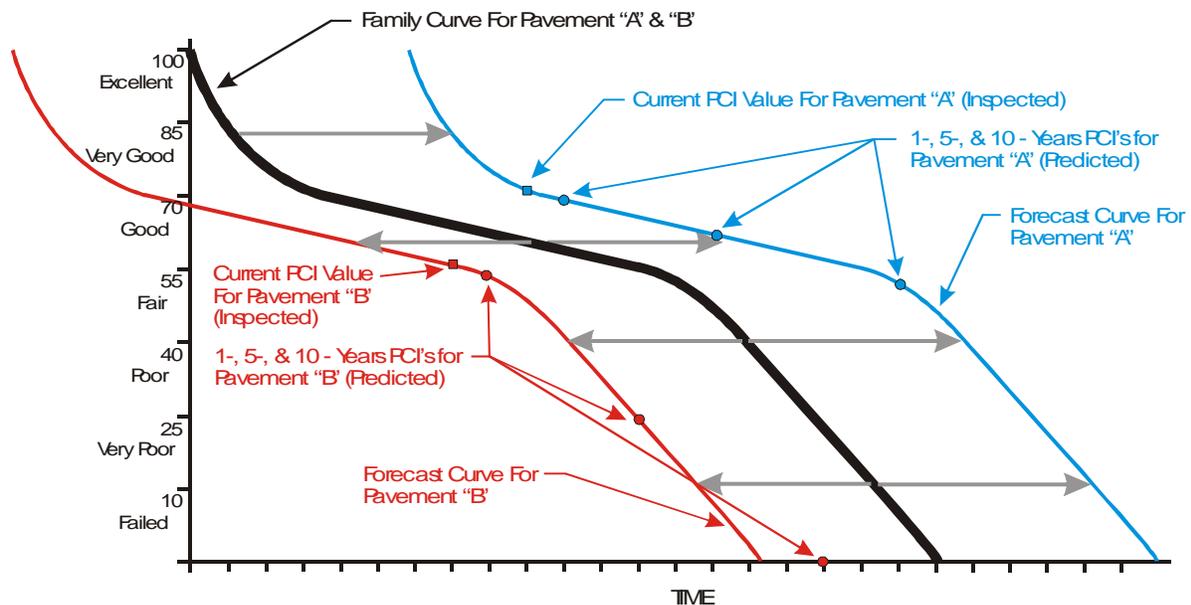


Table 3.1

Table 3.1 shows inspected PCI values for all pavement sections included in the Montana airport pavement database. It also includes predicted PCI values for the years 2010, 2014, and 2019, based on the last inspected PCI-verses-age for each airport and the 2009 family curves. PCI's calculated from inspections are separated from projected estimates by a "critical PCI" unique to the pavement family. Pavements above their critical PCI can be economically maintained, while those "below critical" have begun rapid decay and are typically reconstructed. The "critical PCI" is the pavement condition rating (PCI value) shortly before the family curve predicts a dramatic decrease in pavement quality.

Older PCI values for a pavement section are replaced with "XX" whenever the pavement is demolished and reconstructed. 2009 PCI inspections were not conducted on a number of airports that were reconstructed or rehabilitated since the 2006 survey, nor were inspections completed on a few airports with an extended period of maintenance inactivity. Airports not inspected in 2009 are shown in italics - please realize that predictions for these airports may not reflect their current conditions.

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Airport City (Branch Name)	Section	Section Area (sq. feet)	Constr. Year	Family Group	Surveyed PCIs					Critical Predicted PCIs				
					1994	1997	2000	2003	2006	2009	PCI	2010	2014	2019
Anaconda	A-1	49,140	1992	ACAM	96	84		81	77	58	50	57	45	25
Anaconda	A-2	84,000	1993	ACAM	94	92		74	64	61	50	60	49	30
Anaconda	R-1	450,000	2009	ACRML	97	88		82	66	99	60	98	83	71
Anaconda	R-2	271,200	1993	ACRML	99	95		80	75	69	60	69	63	46
Anaconda	T-1	108,800	2009	ACRML	XX	XX		XX	XX	96	60	95	81	70
Anaconda	T-1A	15,450	1992	ACRML	99	96		87	79	77	60	77	69	62
Anaconda	T-2	21,000	1993	ACRML	100	92		84	66	65	60	65	56	27
Anaconda	T-4	8,925	1985	ACRML	71	50		63	45	44	60	43	17	0
Anaconda	T-5	12,075	1993	ACRML	97	94		88	68	67	60	67	60	37
Baker	A-2A	120,000	1992	ACAM	XX	93	83	77	79	70	50	69	58	42
Baker	A-3A	14,700	1992	ACPL		100	82	76	75	69	50	68	60	51
Baker	A-5	40,000	1997	ACAM		100	88	86	62	66	50	65	53	36
Baker	A-6	14,994	1997	PCAA		100	88	81	59	56	45	55	52	49
Baker	A-7	12,885	2001	ACAM				90	80	79	50	78	66	52
Baker	R-1	367,500	2001	ACRMU	96	70	50	85	79	67	50	66	56	47
Baker	T-1	33,750	2001	ACRMU	98	66	69	88	74	69	50	68	58	48
Baker	T-2	137,200	2001	ACRMU	97	74	55	85	75	73	50	72	61	50
Baker	T-3	53,620	2001	ACRMU	94	66	50	94	76	79	50	78	68	55
Baker	T-4	45,415	1997	ACRMU		100	88	87	79	75	50	74	63	52
Benchmark	A-1A	22,500	1966	ACAH			54	46	34	33	55	32	13	0
Benchmark	A-1B	45,000	1966	ACAH			45	42	22	17	55	16	0	0
Benchmark	R-1	465,000	1966	ACRH			59	51	35	29	50	28	11	0
Benchmark	R-2A	75,000	1966	ACRH			56	53	33	28	50	27	11	0
Benchmark	R-2B	60,000	1966	ACRH			54	42	27	25	50	24	8	0
Benchmark	T-1	13,500	1966	ACRH			56	42	34	33	50	32	15	0
Big Sandy	A-1	5,760	1986	PCAA			64	36	8	2	45	1	0	0
Big Sandy	R-1	192,000	1986	ACPL		67	60	60	67	35	50	33	12	0
Big Sandy	R-2	36,000	1993	ACPL	100	94	83	82	80	68	50	67	59	50
Big Sandy	T-1	26,720	1986	ACPL		79	82	68	56	57	50	56	48	31
Big Sandy	T-2	14,400	1993	ACPL	100	72	69	61	64	59	50	58	51	36
Big Timber	A-1	40,000	1996	ACAM	XX		90	87	86	61	50	60	48	29
Big Timber	A-2	23,750	1996	ACAM			90	85	86	61	50	60	48	29
Big Timber	R-1	348,750	1996	ACRMU	XX		91	87	78	67	50	66	56	47
Big Timber	R-2	47,625	1996	ACRMU			95	90	86	71	50	70	60	49
Big Timber	T-1	4,650	1996	ACRMU	XX		89	75	74	53	50	52	46	32
Big Timber	T-2	39,600	1996	ACRMU	XX		83	73	67	55	50	54	47	36
Big Timber	T-3	13,750	1996	ACRMU			90	85	78	73	50	72	62	51
Big Timber	T-4	85,365	2003	ACRMU					93	83	50	82	73	60
Big Timber	T-5	35,020	2003	ACRMU					89	76	50	75	65	53
Broadus	A-1	99,855	2005	ACAM						86	50	84	72	58
Broadus	R-1	330,000	2005	ACRML						85	60	83	73	66
Broadus	T-1	45,500	2005	ACRML						89	60	87	76	67
Chester	A-5	96,824	1997	ACAM			82	76	74	54	50	54	40	18
Chester	R-3	345,000	1997	ACRML			91	81	79	65	60	65	56	27
Chester	T-2	10,850	1997	ACRML			89	77	74	57	60	57	35	4
Chester	T-3	16,825	1997	ACRML			85	79	79	61	60	61	46	13
Chinook	A-1A	92,627	1991	ACAM		64	65	62		52	50	50	36	13
Chinook	A-1B	39,000	2006	ACAM						82	50	80	68	54
Chinook	R-1	300,000	2006	ACRMU		57	60	51		87	50	86	77	64
Chinook	T-1	103,075	2006	ACRMU		39	55	36		92	50	90	81	68
Choteau	A-1	46,336	2001	ACAM	XX			91	88	82	50	81	69	55
Choteau	R-11	198,000	2001	ACRML	XX			92	85	78	60	78	70	62
Choteau	R-12	24,000	2001	ACRML	XX			88	88	79	60	79	70	63
Choteau	R-2	375,000	2001	ACRML				83	81	78	60	78	70	62
Choteau	T-1	38,760	2001	ACRML	XX			81	84	81	60	81	71	64
Choteau	T-2	35,560	2001	ACRML				89	87	79	60	79	70	63

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Circle	A-1	27,000	2007	ACAM	76	61	60	48		65	50	64	52	35
Circle	A-2	34,860	2007	ACAM	87	56	57	53		66	50	65	53	36
Circle	R-11	307,500	2007	ACRML						90	60	88	76	67
Circle	T-1	2,900	2007	ACRML	82	76	63	45		84	60	82	72	65
Circle	T-2	2,900	2007	ACRML	74	60	58	39		83	60	81	72	65
Colstrip	A-1	66,000	2008	ACAM	87	68	64	64	30	90	50	89	76	62
Colstrip	R-1	382,500	2008	ACRMU	88	65	66	72	47	97	50	96	84	73
Colstrip	T-1	27,300	2008	ACRMU	77	70	53	53	25	93	50	92	82	70
Colstrip	T-2	19,600	2008	ACRMU	96	71	69	75	55	90	50	89	80	68
Columbus	A-1	77,012	1998	ACAM				79	80	59	50	58	46	26
Columbus	R-1	285,000	1998	ACRMU				85	81	67	50	66	56	47
Columbus	T-1	76,575	1998	ACRMU				92	84	57	50	56	49	39
Columbus	T-2	14,640	1998	ACRMU				90	82	68	50	67	57	48
Columbus	T-3	45,275	2001	ACRMU				88	83	60	50	59	51	42
Conrad	A-1	95,000	2002	ACAM	XX	XX		77	76	76	50	76	64	50
Conrad	R-3	345,000	2002	ACRML	XX	XX		95	76	76	60	76	69	61
Conrad	T-4	23,040	2002	ACRML	XX	XX		86	88	80	60	80	71	64
Culbertson	A-1	47,000	1993	ACAM	100	61	65	62	61		50	51	37	14
Culbertson	R-1	180,000	1993	ACRML	100	57	70	65	58		60	42	16	0
Culbertson	R-2	48,000	1993	ACRML	100	79	65	69	57		60	40	14	0
Culbertson	T-1	25,000	1993	ACRML	100	39	64	60	58		60	43	17	0
Culbertson	T-2	25,000	1993	ACRML	100	56	66	67	60		60	47	21	0
Cut Bank	A-1	102,000	1942	PCAA	28	40	49		33	29	45	29	18	6
Cut Bank	R-1	397,500	1984	ACRMU	89	78	61		67	63	50	63	53	45
Cut Bank	R-21	437,850	2007	ACRMU	XX	XX	XX		XX	93	50	92	82	70
Cut Bank	T-1	34,125	1990	ACRMU	93	85	77		54	53	50	53	46	33
Cut Bank	T-2	92,000	1990	ACRMU	90	86	79		63	58	50	58	50	41
Cut Bank	T-4	156,800	1991	ACRMU	99	90	84		68	59	50	59	50	42
Cut Bank	T-5	104,013	2000	ACRMU			100		67	72	50	72	61	50
Cut Bank	T-6	19,600	2007	ACRMU						96	50	95	84	72
Deer Lodge	A-3	55,310	1996	ACAM		95	88	82		62	50	61	50	32
Deer Lodge	A-4	15,904	1996	ACAM		93	92	86		69	50	68	57	41
Deer Lodge	R-3	330,000	1996	ACRML		91	85	80		90	60	89	77	68
Deer Lodge	R-4	59,987	2006	ACRML						92	60	91	78	69
Deer Lodge	T-1B	5,392	1997	ACRML			90	78		89	60	88	76	68
Deer Lodge	T-2	31,000	1997	ACRML		91	81	74		80	60	79	71	64
Dillon	A-3	92,250	1994	ACAM	100	86	84	79	65	96	50	95	80	66
Dillon	A-4	78,200	2002	ACAH				95	87	92	55	91	75	64
Dillon	A-11	193,569	2008	ACAM						94	50	93	79	64
Dillon	R-3	467,400	1998	ACRMU			91	90	81	81	50	80	71	58
Dillon	R-4	58,500	1998	ACRMU			76	84	82	83	50	82	73	60
Dillon	R-21	178,680	2009	ACRMU						98	50	97	85	73
Dillon	T-2	16,510	1994	ACRMU	100	88	82	76	68	96	50	95	84	72
Dillon	T-3	212,275	1998	ACRMU			84	88	85	80	50	79	70	57
Dillon	T-4	26,575	2002	ACRMU				95	88	96	50	95	84	72
Dillon	T-5	33,288	2009	ACRMU						97	50	96	84	73
Ekalaka	A-1	100,000	2004	ACAM	95	66	58	55	89	86	50	84	72	58
Ekalaka	R-1	249,150	2004	ACRML	97	73	50	48	92	83	60	82	72	65
Ekalaka	R-11	35,850	2004	ACRML	88	56	55	39	84	79	60	78	70	63
Ekalaka	T-1	73,500	2004	ACRML	88	56	55	39	92	85	60	83	73	66
Ekalaka	T-11	29,556	2004	ACRML	88	56	55	39	86	80	60	79	70	63

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Ennis	A-1	112,350	1990	ACAM	92	93	87	84	54		<b>50</b>	43	27	2
Ennis	A-2	88,128	1992	ACAM	92	89	88	78	66		<b>50</b>	56	44	23
Ennis	R-1	370,100	1990	ACRMU	97	84	56	78	38		<b>50</b>	18	0	0
Ennis	T-1	96,425	1990	ACRMU	94	96	87	85	66		<b>50</b>	57	49	41
Ennis	T-2	117,775	1992	ACRMU	95	95	77	77	58		<b>50</b>	51	44	27
Eureka	A-1	76,125	1991	ACAM	92	77	73		76	55	<b>50</b>	54	41	19
Eureka	R-1	315,000	1991	ACRML	96	94	73		72	63	<b>60</b>	62	50	18
Eureka	T-1	56,700	1991	ACRML	87	85	74		85	70	<b>60</b>	69	64	49
Eureka	T-2	42,000	1991	ACRML	100	87	68		65	45	<b>60</b>	43	17	0
Eureka	T-3	60,000	2002	ACRML					96	74	<b>60</b>	73	67	58
Eureka	T-4	17,500	2002	ACRML					94	78	<b>60</b>	77	69	62
Forsyth	A-1	89,640	1994	ACAM			69	74	69	25	<b>50</b>	24	4	0
Forsyth	R-1	360,000	1994	ACRMU			71	81	71	56	<b>50</b>	56	48	38
Forsyth	T-1	53,120	1994	ACRMU			78	81	63	45	<b>50</b>	45	34	2
Forsyth	T-2	95,550	1994	ACRMU			73	73	57	45	<b>50</b>	45	34	2
Forsyth	T-3	19,600	1994	ACRMU			80	89	72	57	<b>50</b>	57	49	40
Forsyth	T-4	12,600	1994	ACRMU			88	87	79	54	<b>50</b>	54	47	35
Fort Benton	A-1	98,784	1999	ACAM				79	79	68	<b>50</b>	67	56	39
Fort Benton	R-1	322,500	1999	ACRML				84	85	77	<b>60</b>	76	69	61
Fort Benton	T-1	45,640	1999	ACRML				81	86	81	<b>60</b>	80	71	64
Fort Benton	T-2	31,745	1999	ACRML				77	80	78	<b>60</b>	77	69	62
Fort Benton	T-3	181,300	1959	ACRML				46	26	21	<b>60</b>	19	0	0
Gardiner	R-1	165,015	1996	ACPL						42	<b>50</b>	40	23	0
Gardiner	T-1	3,823	1996	ACPL						41	<b>50</b>	39	21	0
Glasgow	A-3	47,400	2002	ACAM	XX	XX		81	68	55	<b>50</b>	54	40	19
Glasgow	A-4	5,250	1986	PCAA	59	58		47	43	20	<b>45</b>	19	9	0
Glasgow	A-6	12,800	2000	PCAA				64	57	53	<b>45</b>	53	50	49
Glasgow	A-7	68,675	2002	ACAM				83	79	71	<b>50</b>	70	58	43
Glasgow	R-2	410,000	1987	ACRH	62	94		86	76	66	<b>50</b>	66	62	58
Glasgow	R-3	90,000	1987	ACRH	74	84		96	88	70	<b>50</b>	70	65	60
Glasgow	R-13	101,250	2003	ACRMU	XX	XX		100	93	86	<b>50</b>	86	77	64
Glasgow	R-14	298,125	2003	ACRMU				100	92	86	<b>50</b>	86	77	64
Glasgow	T-1	58,500	1986	ACRH	69	77		78	71	68	<b>50</b>	67	63	59
Glasgow	T-3	70,900	1996	ACRH				71	58	59	<b>50</b>	59	57	54
Glasgow	T-4	29,000	1980	ACRMU				47	23	14	<b>50</b>	11	0	0
Glasgow	T-5	74,250	1996	ACRH	XX	77		87	85	68	<b>50</b>	68	63	59
Glasgow	T-7	36,750	1993	ACRMU				57	41	53	<b>50</b>	52	46	31
Glasgow	T-8	20,000	1995	ACRH		93		90	78	73	<b>50</b>	72	66	61
Glasgow	T-9	12,400	1993	ACRMU				56	45	42	<b>50</b>	41	22	0
Glasgow	T-10	11,200	2000	ACRH				88	79	79	<b>50</b>	78	70	64
Glasgow	T-11	16,000	2003	ACRMU				100	92	89	<b>50</b>	89	79	67
Glendive	A-1	145,700	2003	ACAH	XX	XX	XX	XX	83	69	<b>55</b>	68	61	58
Glendive	A-2	50,000	2002	ACAM	XX	XX	XX	93	81	60	<b>50</b>	58	46	27
Glendive	R-1	465,000	2007	ACRH	77	59	59	64		81	<b>50</b>	80	71	65
Glendive	R-2	105,400	2007	ACRH	79	57	59	73		80	<b>50</b>	79	71	64
Glendive	R-3	174,000	2003	ACRMU	XX	XX	XX	XX	88	74	<b>50</b>	73	62	51
Glendive	T-1	31,000	2007	ACRH	72	51	49	60	60	69	<b>50</b>	68	64	60
Glendive	T-2	38,000	2002	ACRMU	XX	XX	XX	94	82	68	<b>50</b>	67	56	47
Glendive	T-5	59,220	2007	ACRMU						94	<b>50</b>	92	82	70
Glendive	T-6	20,545	2007	ACRMU						91	<b>50</b>	89	80	68
Hamilton	A-1	57,000	1980	STPA	46	64	53		30	30	<b>55</b>	29	0	0
Hamilton	A-2	145,800	1983	STPA	69	76	71		44	34	<b>55</b>	33	1	0
Hamilton	R-1A	165,000	1992	ACRMU	99	95	95		87	67	<b>50</b>	67	56	47
Hamilton	R-2	150,000	1992	ACRMU	98	99	93		90	74	<b>50</b>	74	63	52
Hamilton	T-2	56,550	1994	ACRMU	93	88	64		52	22	<b>50</b>	21	0	0
Hamilton	T-3	82,050	1983	STPA	60	57	55		30	26	<b>55</b>	25	0	0
Hamilton	T-5	53,912	2002	ACRMU					89	90	<b>50</b>	90	80	68

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					1994	1997	2000	2003	2006	2009		2010	2014	2019
Harlem	A-11	65,320	2003	ACAM					92	84	50	82	70	56
Harlem	R-11	288,750	2003	ACRML					90	84	60	82	72	65
Harlem	R-12	18,750	2003	ACRML					88	84	60	82	72	65
Harlem	T-11	28,174	2003	ACRML					87	77	60	76	69	61
Harlowton	A-11	50,600	1997	ACAM	XX		91	81	83	53	50	52	38	15
Harlowton	R-11	273,600	1997	ACRML	XX		76	71	77	59	60	58	39	7
Harlowton	T-11	17,045	1997	ACRML	XX		88	88	94	74	60	73	67	58
Havre	A-3	25,000	1987	ACAM			53	34	42	25	50	22	2	0
Havre	A-4	25,000	1987	ACAM	64		46	36	35	28	50	25	6	0
Havre	A-5	109,350	1994	ACAH			76	64	54	43	55	41	26	2
Havre	R-5	530,000	1993	ACRMU	100		84	82	76	68	50	67	56	47
Havre	R-11	21,400	1994	ACRMU	96		77	66	60	49	50	48	41	15
Havre	R-12	171,600	1994	ACRMU	100		83	80	68	65	50	64	54	46
Havre	T-2	28,000	1994	ACRMU	97		58	54	58	38	50	36	12	0
Havre	T-3	17,500	1994	ACRMU	97		70	70	63	57	50	56	48	39
Havre	T-4	31,500	1993	ACRMU	97		79	73	76	66	50	65	55	46
Havre	T-5	127,750	1993	ACRMU	100		74	67	65	52	50	51	45	28
Jordan	A-11	50,000	2003	ACAM					90	88	50	86	73	59
Jordan	R-1	322,500	2003	ACRML	76	69	67		91	83	60	81	72	65
Jordan	T-1	24,538	2003	ACRML	40	50	41		94	90	60	88	76	67
Jordan	T-12	14,425	2003	ACRML					90	84	60	82	73	65
Laurel	A-3	171,360	2001	ACAM				93	84	69	50	68	57	41
Laurel	R-4	390,000	2000	ACRMU				93	81	70	50	69	59	49
Laurel	T-1	85,680	1988	ACRMU	78			66	44	51	50	50	44	25
Laurel	T-2	51,566	1988	ACRMU	86			66	47	38	50	37	13	0
Laurel	T-8	98,550	2000	ACRMU				91	81	75	50	74	64	52
Laurel	T-9	67,060	2001	ACRMU				95	86	80	50	79	69	57
Lewistown	A-1	100,800	1993	PCAA	98	90	77	78	75	50	45	50	49	48
Lewistown	A-2	30,744	1993	ACPL	97	83	79	83	65	58	50	57	50	35
Lewistown	A-3A	15,000	1983	ACPL	76	43	39	34	43	30	50	28	7	0
Lewistown	R-23	246,000	1996	ACRMU		95	89	77	72	67	50	66	56	47
Lewistown	R-32	327,000	1989	ACRH	93	87	72	66	68	56	50	56	53	47
Lewistown	R-33	205,000	1989	ACRH	89	89	76	72	72	68	50	68	63	59
Lewistown	R-34	78,000	1999	ACRH			98	85	89	73	50	72	66	62
Lewistown	T-1	299,000	1993	ACRH	100	94	91	87	75	72	50	71	66	61
Lewistown	T-4	21,250	1989	ACRMU	65	66	62	40	44	34	50	32	6	0
Lewistown	T-5	88,200	1989	ACRH	99	93	82	81	72	74	50	73	67	62
Lewistown	T-7	183,706	1999	ACRMU			96	94	81	76	50	75	65	53
Lewistown	T-8	68,272	1999	ACRMU			92	92	66	57	50	56	49	39
Lewistown	T-9	70,000	1980	ACRMU				72	50	22	50	19	0	0
Lewistown	T-10	15,540	2005	ACRMU					96	82	50	81	72	59
Lewistown	T-11	36,781	2006	ACRMU						82	50	81	72	59
Libby	A-1	18,600	2002	ACAM	XX	XX		93	79	70	50	69	58	42
Libby	A-2	110,700	2002	ACAM	XX	XX		91	80	75	50	74	63	48
Libby	A-3	107,040	2002	ACAH	XX	XX		90	87	71	55	70	63	59
Libby	A-4	1,050	2004	PCAA						36	45	35	15	0
Libby	A-5	2,700	2004	PCAA						77	45	76	66	57
Libby	R-1	285,000	1999	ACRML	XX	XX		82	67	57	60	56	33	3
Libby	R-2	90,000	1999	ACRML	XX	XX		82	68	57	60	56	33	3
Libby	T-2	82,600	1987	ACRH	94	100		74	62	56	50	56	53	47
Libby	T-5	68,501	1999	ACRML				91	80	78	60	77	69	62
Libby	T-6	17,400	1999	ACRML				93	91	85	60	84	73	66

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					1994	1997	2000	2003	2006	2009	PCI	2010	2014	2019
Lincoln	A-11	54,954	2005	ACAM						80	<b>50</b>	79	67	53
Lincoln	A-2	18,040	2005	ACAM						80	<b>50</b>	79	67	53
Lincoln	R-11	318,000	2005	ACRML						85	<b>60</b>	84	73	66
Lincoln	T-11	62,575	2005	ACRML						84	<b>60</b>	83	73	65
Livingston	A-1	69,993	1993	ACAH	93	86	76	66	60	49	<b>55</b>	48	37	14
Livingston	A-2	55,550	1993	ACAM	96	92	87	83	76	57	<b>50</b>	56	43	23
Livingston	R-1	318,750	1993	ACRH	99	92	78	78	60	59	<b>50</b>	59	57	54
Livingston	R-2	108,750	1993	ACRMU	99	90	77	83	63	54	<b>50</b>	53	47	34
Livingston	T-1	20,000	1993	ACRH	100	87	75	69	65	60	<b>50</b>	60	57	55
Livingston	T-5	89,775	2005	ACRH						85	<b>50</b>	84	74	66
Malta	A-1	95,800	1997	ACAM				81	67	57	<b>50</b>	55	43	22
Malta	A-3	13,824	2003	PCAA					92	86	<b>45</b>	84	72	61
Malta	A-4	4,500	2007	ACAM						64	<b>50</b>	62	51	33
Malta	R-1	337,500	1997	ACRML				81	75	59	<b>60</b>	57	38	6
Malta	T-1	37,100	1997	ACRML				78	64	61	<b>60</b>	60	43	11
Malta	T-2	28,200	1997	ACRML				73	69	66	<b>60</b>	65	57	29
Miles City	A-2	38,750	2001	ACAM	48	55	48		77	55	<b>50</b>	54	41	19
Miles City	A-3	60,000	1985	ACAM	49	56	53		49	26	<b>50</b>	24	4	0
Miles City	A-3A	63,950	2001	ACAM	66	50	40		83	71	<b>50</b>	70	59	43
Miles City	A-4	53,500	2001	ACAM	48	45	44		76	61	<b>50</b>	60	48	29
Miles City	A-5	2,500	1989	PCAA	56	41	40		19	8	<b>45</b>	7	0	0
Miles City	R-12	560,100	2008	ACRH	XX	XX	XX		XX	98	<b>50</b>	96	82	71
Miles City	R-21	426,000	1998	ACRMU			93		76	67	<b>50</b>	66	56	47
Miles City	T-1B	38,000	1985	ACRMU	62	63	41		31	26	<b>50</b>	23	0	0
Miles City	T-2A	63,000	1998	ACRMU	XX	XX	84		72	73	<b>50</b>	72	61	50
Miles City	T-3	43,750	2001	ACRH	48	50	47		76	66	<b>50</b>	65	62	58
Miles City	T-3B	28,000	1998	ACRH	XX	XX	90		70	66	<b>50</b>	65	62	58
Miles City	T-6	50,400	1998	ACRMU			89		80	73	<b>50</b>	72	61	50
Miles City	T-7	33,250	1998	ACRMU			87		76	68	<b>50</b>	67	57	47
Plains	A-1	141,750	2006	ACAM						86	<b>50</b>	85	72	58
Plains	R-1	348,750	2006	ACRML						89	<b>60</b>	88	76	67
Plains	T-1	47,775	2006	ACRML						88	<b>60</b>	87	75	67
Plains	T-2	27,540	2006	ACRML						84	<b>60</b>	83	73	65
Plentywood	A-11	73,348	2001	ACAM	XX	XX	XX	81	72	66	<b>50</b>	64	53	36
Plentywood	R-11	292,500	2001	ACRMU	XX	XX	XX	89	83	75	<b>50</b>	74	63	52
Plentywood	T-11	141,080	2001	ACRMU				88	85	74	<b>50</b>	73	62	51
Polson	A-11	199,475	1998	ACAM	XX	XX		76	66	56	<b>50</b>	55	43	22
Polson	R-11	315,000	1998	ACRMU	XX	XX		74	66	62	<b>50</b>	61	52	44
Polson	T-11	170,450	1999	ACRMU	XX	XX		75	73	64	<b>50</b>	63	54	45
Polson	T-12	32,925	1999	ACRMU	XX	XX		65	56	59	<b>50</b>	59	50	42
Polson	T-14	23,875	2003	ACRMU					92	84	<b>50</b>	84	74	61
Poplar	A-1	75,000	1982	ACPL			54				<b>50</b>	23	2	0
Poplar	R-1	180,000	1982	ACPL			52				<b>50</b>	17	0	0
Poplar	T-1	29,160	1982	ACPL			68				<b>50</b>	50	39	15
Poplar	T-2	23,400	1982	ACPL			55				<b>50</b>	26	5	0
Ronan	A-11	162,800	2000	ACAM				87	85	79	<b>50</b>	78	67	52
Ronan	A-12	41,600	2000	ACAM				89	78	74	<b>50</b>	73	62	47
Ronan	R-11	360,000	2000	ACRML				86	71	62	<b>60</b>	62	48	16
Ronan	T-5	23,500	2008	ACRML						87	<b>60</b>	86	75	67
Ronan	T-11	192,675	2000	ACRML				92	74	70	<b>60</b>	70	64	50

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					1994	1997	2000	2003	2006	2009	PCI	2010	2014	2019
Roundup	A-1	36,400	2002	ACAM	XX	XX	XX	83	75	66	50	64	53	36
Roundup	A-2	15,390	2002	ACAM	XX	XX	XX	88	74	65	50	63	52	35
Roundup	R-1	382,500	2002	ACRML	XX	XX	XX	96	84	76	60	75	68	60
Roundup	T-1	36,720	2002	ACRML	XX	XX	XX	95	84	79	60	78	70	62
Roundup	T-3	15,800	2002	ACRML				97	90	85	60	83	73	66
Scobey	A-11	46,500	1998	ACAM	XX				88	53	50	51	38	15
Scobey	A-12	9,728	1998	ACAM	XX				84	65	50	63	52	35
Scobey	R-11	255,000	1998	ACRML	XX				80	70	60	69	64	48
Scobey	R-12	46,500	1998	ACRML	XX				82	73	60	72	66	56
Scobey	T-11	40,640	1998	ACRML	XX				83	61	60	60	43	11
Scobey	T-12	5,750	1998	ACRML	XX				85	66	60	65	57	29
Scobey	T-13	12,577	2003	ACRML					92	86	60	84	74	66
Shelby	A-21	97,273	2003	ACAM					83	77	50	77	65	51
Shelby	A-22	22,193	2003	PCAA					91	83	45	82	71	60
Shelby	R-21	375,000	2004	ACRMU					83	80	50	80	70	57
Shelby	R-22	222,000	2003	ACRMU					81	78	50	78	68	55
Shelby	T-6	115,000	1994	ACRMU	100	86	83		63	50	50	50	43	23
Shelby	T-21	89,250	2003	ACRMU					86	78	50	78	68	55
Shelby	T-22	64,400	2004	ACRMU					78	69	50	69	58	48
Sidney	A-3A	55,000	2007	ACAM	XX	XX	XX		XX	84	50	82	70	56
Sidney	A-11	80,156	2004	PCAA					99	92	45	90	76	64
Sidney	A-12	21,000	2004	ACAH					97	71	55	70	62	59
Sidney	A-13	114,774	2006	ACAH						77	55	75	65	60
Sidney	A-14	30,000	2006	PCAA						97	45	95	80	66
Sidney	A-15	9,375	2006	PCAA						88	45	86	73	62
Sidney	R-11	402,000	2003	ACRH					91	73	50	72	66	61
Sidney	R-12	570,500	2003	ACRH					95	72	50	71	66	61
Sidney	T-2	30,000	1997	ACRH	XX	100	70		75	69	50	68	64	60
Sidney	T-3	30,000	1984	ACRMU	50	35	44		40	27	50	23	0	0
Sidney	T-4	338,250	1992	ACRH	100	85	80		67	53	50	53	48	34
Stanford	A-2	60,000	1997	ACAM	XX		93	81	82	70	50	69	58	42
Stanford	R-2	70,000	1997	ACRML	XX		93	86	88	79	60	78	70	63
Stanford	R-3	262,500	1997	ACRML	XX		92	81	79	73	60	72	66	56
Stanford	T-2	13,100	1997	ACRML			97	90	87	86	60	85	74	66
Stevensville	A-1	70,000	1991	STPA	79	81	79	70	65	70	55	69	61	57
Stevensville	A-2	90,425	1994	ACAM	100	97	93	80	70	64	50	64	52	35
Stevensville	R-1	228,000	1991	STPA	89	85	83	72	78	67	55	67	60	57
Stevensville	T-1	29,225	1991	STPA	85	86	85	75	81	67	55	67	60	57
Stevensville	T-3	161,448	1994	ACRMU	100	98	96	87	89	78	50	78	68	55
Stevensville	T-4	12,600	2003	ACRMU					97	94	50	93	83	71
Superior	A-11	37,284	2004	ACAM	XX	XX	XX		92	74	50	73	62	47
Superior	R-11	270,979	2004	ACRML	XX	XX	XX		92	84	60	83	73	65
Superior	T-11	72,413	2004	ACRML	XX	XX	XX		89	80	60	79	71	63
Terry	A-11	52,234	2001	ACAM	XX	XX		94	75	76	50	75	63	49
Terry	R-11	322,500	2001	ACRML	XX	XX		95	83	79	60	78	70	63
Terry	T-11	23,463	2001	ACRML	XX	XX		92	71	73	60	72	66	56
Thompson Falls	A-1	26,790	1995	ACAM			91	82	90	66	50	65	54	37
Thompson Falls	A-2	52,490	1995	ACAM			93	88	77	67	50	66	55	38
Thompson Falls	R-1	252,000	1995	ACRMU			93	88	83	79	50	78	68	56
Thompson Falls	R-2	63,000	1995	ACRMU			88	82	67	64	50	63	54	45
Thompson Falls	T-4	66,300	1995	ACRMU			93	91	78	75	50	74	64	52
Thompson Falls	T-5	50,090	2000	ACRMU			99	97	90	81	50	80	70	58
Thompson Falls	T-6	15,175	2003	ACRMU				97	98	85	50	84	75	62

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					1994	1997	2000	2003	2006	2009	PCI	2010	2014	2019
Three Forks	A-1	63,800	2000	ACAM	XX	XX		91	82	70	<b>50</b>	69	58	43
Three Forks	A-2	5,400	1986	PCAA	73	75		56	36	33	<b>45</b>	32	22	9
Three Forks	R-1	246,000	2000	ACRMU	XX	XX		89	78	70	<b>50</b>	69	59	49
Three Forks	R-2	60,000	2000	ACRMU	XX	XX		93	87	80	<b>50</b>	80	70	57
Three Forks	T-1	12,975	2000	ACRMU	XX	XX		83	82	63	<b>50</b>	62	53	45
Three Forks	T-2	74,150	2000	ACRMU	XX	XX		93	87	79	<b>50</b>	78	69	56
Three Forks	T-3	33,300	2000	ACRMU				90	80	65	<b>50</b>	64	55	46
Three Forks	T-4	70,344	2000	ACRMU				97	87	78	<b>50</b>	77	67	55
Townsend	A-1	105,000	2002	ACAM	XX	XX	XX	94	84	72	<b>50</b>	70	59	44
Townsend	R-1	240,000	2002	ACRML	XX	XX	XX	91	87	81	<b>60</b>	79	71	64
Townsend	T-1	34,700	2002	ACRML	XX	XX	XX	93	87	80	<b>60</b>	78	70	63
Townsend	T-2	7,750	2002	ACRML				92	82	78	<b>60</b>	77	69	62
Turner	A-1	33,800	1995	ACAM			94	70	59	64	<b>50</b>	62	51	33
Turner	R-1	216,000	1995	ACRML			84	79	75	72	<b>60</b>	71	65	54
Turner	T-2	6,360	1995	ACRML			90	70	64	81	<b>60</b>	79	71	64
Turner	T-3	20,000	1995	ACRML			87	74	69	76	<b>60</b>	75	68	60
Twin Bridges	A-1	90,000	2000	ACAM	XX	XX		85	72	48	<b>50</b>	47	32	8
Twin Bridges	R-1	258,000	2000	ACRML	XX	XX		82	70	48	<b>60</b>	47	21	0
Twin Bridges	T-1	67,500	2000	ACRML	XX	XX		87	72	52	<b>60</b>	51	26	0
West Yellowstone	A-1	195,680	1980	ACAH	75	66	72		61	49	<b>55</b>	48	36	13
West Yellowstone	A-2	125,000	1980	ACAM	56	51	61		47	37	<b>50</b>	35	16	0
West Yellowstone	A-3	125,000	1980	ACAH	77	73	69		60	49	<b>55</b>	48	36	13
West Yellowstone	A-4	75,000	1980	ACAM	86	91	90		79	58	<b>50</b>	56	44	23
West Yellowstone	A-5	4,320	1988	PCAA	91	88	86		81	74	<b>45</b>	72	63	56
West Yellowstone	R-1	1,012,500	2003	ACRH	86	85	71		92	78	<b>50</b>	77	69	63
West Yellowstone	R-2	247,500	2003	ACRH	80	84	71		88	79	<b>50</b>	78	70	64
West Yellowstone	T-1	750,000	1980	ACRH	94	84	63		54	41	<b>50</b>	39	23	3
West Yellowstone	T-2	7,000	1993	ACRMU	98	100	94		82	79	<b>50</b>	78	68	55
<i>White Sulphur Springs</i>	<i>A-1</i>	<i>18,960</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>STPA</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>79</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>58</i>		<b>55</b>	<i>56</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>37</i>
<i>White Sulphur Springs</i>	<i>A-2</i>	<i>57,870</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>ACAM</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>68</i>		<b>50</b>	<i>59</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>White Sulphur Springs</i>	<i>R-1</i>	<i>276,000</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>STPA</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>55</i>		<b>55</b>	<i>50</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>White Sulphur Springs</i>	<i>R-2</i>	<i>102,000</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>ACRMU</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>63</i>		<b>50</b>	<i>55</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>37</i>
<i>White Sulphur Springs</i>	<i>T-1</i>	<i>23,364</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>STPA</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>51</i>		<b>55</b>	<i>39</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>White Sulphur Springs</i>	<i>T-2</i>	<i>38,495</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>ACRMU</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>62</i>		<b>50</b>	<i>54</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>36</i>
<i>Wolf Point</i>	<i>A-5</i>	<i>106,363</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>ACAM</i>			<i>68</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>57</i>		<b>50</b>	<i>47</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Wolf Point</i>	<i>R-1</i>	<i>285,000</i>	<i>1984</i>	<i>ACRH</i>			<i>66</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>39</i>		<b>50</b>	<i>25</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Wolf Point</i>	<i>R-2</i>	<i>43,900</i>	<i>1984</i>	<i>ACRH</i>			<i>61</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>43</i>		<b>50</b>	<i>32</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Wolf Point</i>	<i>R-3</i>	<i>42,500</i>	<i>1984</i>	<i>ACRH</i>			<i>64</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>50</i>		<b>50</b>	<i>44</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Wolf Point</i>	<i>R-4</i>	<i>20,000</i>	<i>1984</i>	<i>ACRH</i>			<i>70</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>40</i>		<b>50</b>	<i>26</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Wolf Point</i>	<i>R-5</i>	<i>65,000</i>	<i>1984</i>	<i>ACRH</i>			<i>67</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>60</i>		<b>50</b>	<i>58</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>52</i>
<i>Wolf Point</i>	<i>R-6</i>	<i>52,500</i>	<i>1984</i>	<i>ACRH</i>			<i>69</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>46</i>		<b>50</b>	<i>37</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Wolf Point</i>	<i>T-1</i>	<i>9,750</i>	<i>1984</i>	<i>ACRH</i>			<i>51</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>44</i>		<b>50</b>	<i>33</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Wolf Point</i>	<i>T-2</i>	<i>11,920</i>	<i>1984</i>	<i>ACRML</i>			<i>40</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>34</i>		<b>60</b>	<i>13</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Wolf Point</i>	<i>T-3</i>	<i>21,875</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>ACRML</i>			<i>61</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>36</i>		<b>60</b>	<i>14</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Wolf Point</i>	<i>T-4</i>	<i>28,200</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>ACRML</i>			<i>79</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>58</i>		<b>60</b>	<i>42</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>0</i>

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NOTES:

"XX" in PCI columns indicates previous PCI values have been voided to account for new construction.

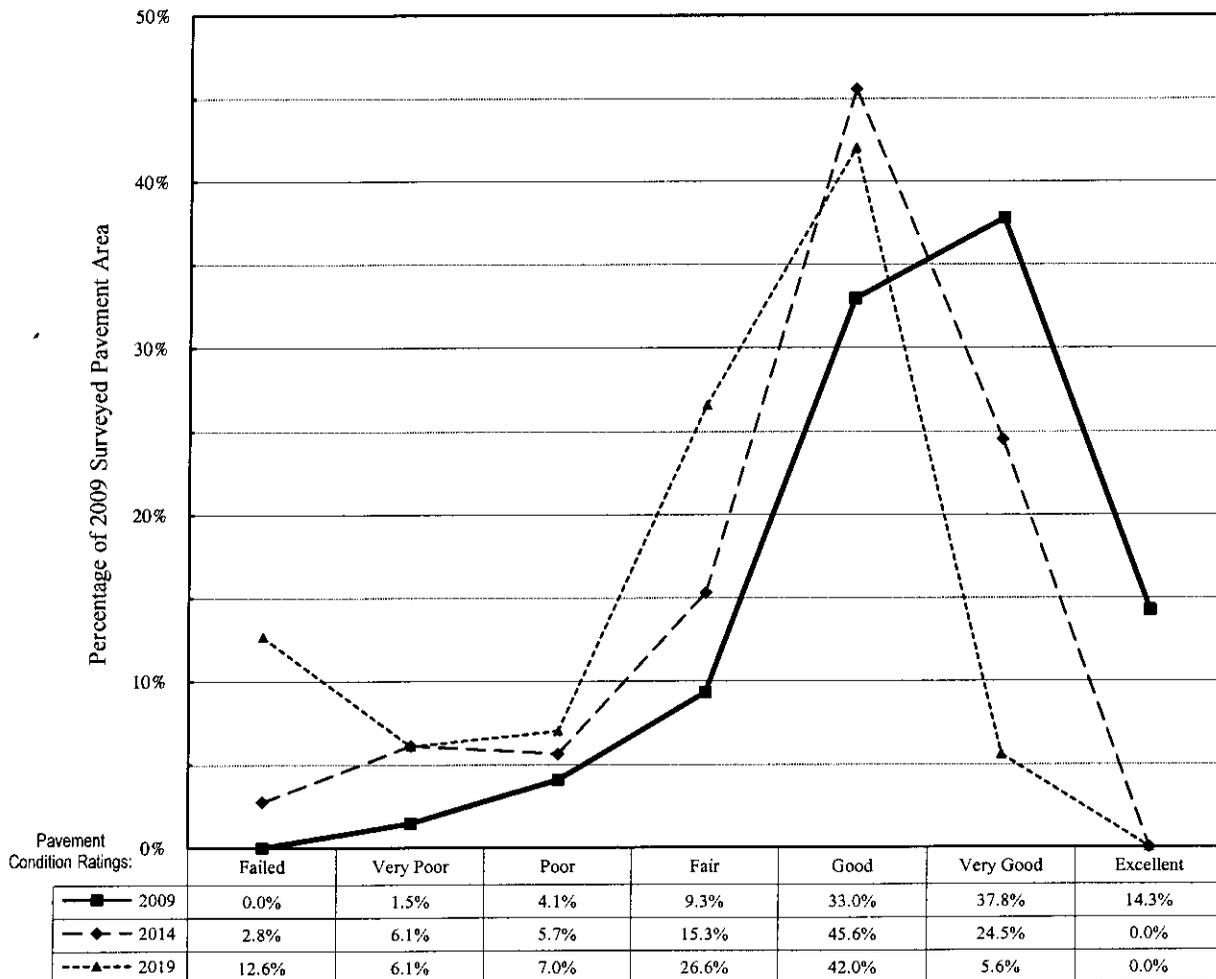
No entry in PCI columns indicates no inspection of the pavement section for the given year.

Italics indicates the airport was not inspected for this report, as such the included information is suspect. If construction has taken place it will not be reflected in this report. Families and PCI predictions are assumed from pre-2006 pavements.

### 3.3 SYSTEM-WIDE PAVEMENT CONDITIONS

MicroPAVER uses current PCI values as a starting point on the pavement section’s family curve, then continues down the family curve to project PCI’s in the future. The constrained “best-fit” life cycle curves generated for each family are valid only to the age for which there is survey data, after which they assume a straight-line projection of the curve’s slope (shown with dashed lines on the family curves). An Excel spreadsheet was used to summarize, organize, and enhance the presentation of MicroPAVER-processed information into system-wide pavement condition ratings (Figure 3.2). The Pavement Condition Ratings shown are area-weighted to portray the percentage of 2009-surveyed Montana airport pavement area falling into each rating class. Square footages for each pavement section were accumulated into one of seven Pavement Condition Ratings, based on their inspected or predicted PCI values, and the rating scale shown in Figure 2.2, Step 8. The pavement area in each condition rating was then converted to percentages by dividing by the total 2009-surveyed area. The resulting distribution of Pavement Condition Ratings shown in Figure 3.2 projects a representative aging of all inspected airport pavements given continued maintenance practices, but no major rehabilitation or reconstruction.

**FIGURE 3.2**  
**SYSTEM-WIDE PAVEMENT CONDITION RATINGS**  
 "No Action" Alternative For Pavements Surveyed in 2009



The data in Table 3.1 and Figure 3.2 both show unequivocally that if reconstruction programs on Montana airports were suspended or discontinued, airport pavements would degrade to marginal serviceability within about 10 years. While there are many finer points to be gleaned from the graph of system-wide pavement condition ratings (Figure 3.2), splitting the pavement ratings into three groups (below fair, fair, and above fair) will help translate the extensive data set to more comprehensible insights.

Pavements rated as “Fair” are generally in a state of transition on two fronts: surface defects are beginning to be noticeable in both type and frequency, and the expense of reconstruction is becoming more economical than continued preventative maintenance. While surface distresses indicating deterioration of the pavement/base course system are visible, they are subtle enough to not have major effects on ride quality nor are they generating significant foreign object debris (FOD). Studies continue to indicate that reconstruction of “good” to “fair” quality asphalt surfacing is more economical than waiting until major distresses appear. While it may seem counterintuitive to reconstruct good-looking pavement, reconstruction before the gravel base deteriorates is much less expensive. The area of transitional pavements in the absence of reconstruction is projected to escalate from 9% to 15% to 27% in the years 2009, 2014, and 2019, respectively.

Those pavements rated above “Fair” are high-quality surfaces providing trouble-free use and relatively low maintenance costs. Currently, lower-cost preventative maintenance is the recommended course of action for 85% of the pavement area in the PCI database. Without investments in (re)construction, the area of pavement in this high service/low cost maintenance class drops to 70% in five years and 48% in 10 years.

Pavements assessed as below “Fair” condition provide increasing maintenance headaches, growing probabilities of damaging aircraft, decreasing ride quality, and escalating repair and reconstruction costs. “Below fair” pavements range from showing noticeable defects, all the way to near gravel surfaces. These serviceable, but low quality pavements grow from 6% (by area) of the database pavement area to 15% and 26% of the State-wide system pavements in 2014 and 2019, respectively.

This prediction is based on the assumption that current maintenance practices, aircraft activity, and loadings will continue, and that no new construction or major reconstruction will occur. In other words, they show what would happen if Montana airports discontinued pavement construction / reconstruction programs.

### 3.4 MAINTENANCE PRIORITIES

As an aid to pavement maintenance project prioritization three summary tables have been constructed using PCI projections from Table 3.1. These tables consider project prioritization from a system-wide approach, a community-based vantage, and a “maintain vs. reconstruct” option. These summary tables are meant only as an “early warning indicator” and should not be misconstrued as being an absolute authority. Where a rehabilitation or reconstruction project has been completed since the most recent PCI inspection, projections are shown with a ~~strike out~~.

Preserving the current investment in Montana’s general aviation (GA) airport pavements may include prioritizing maintenance projects as in Table 3.2. Fog seals, crack sealing, and thin-lift overlays *applied before the pavement crosses its critical PCI* are the most economical way of extending pavement life. By prioritizing projects by their square footage, it’s possible to allocate State and Federal dollars to best extend the life of the greatest pavement area. Table 3.2 can be used to guide a *system-wide approach to economical pavement maintenance*.

**TABLE 3.2  
PAVEMENT PROJECTED TO GO SUBCRITICAL  
BY PAVEMENT AREA**

2009-2014		2014-2019		2009-2019	
City	(sq. ft.)	City	(sq. ft.)	City	(sq. ft.)
Chester	458,649	Havre	733,100	Havre	878,350
Forsyth	392,200	Cut Bank	646,300	Polson	717,850
Eureka	391,125	Lewistown	603,744	Cut Bank	680,425
Ronan	360,000	Laurel	561,360	Lewistown	672,016
Sidney	338,250	Baker	561,250	Laurel	647,040
Ennis	302,328	Miles City	523,200	Miles City	615,450
<del>White Sulphur Springs</del>	<del>217,325</del>	Polson	518,375	Ronan	594,275
Polson	199,475	Big Timber	396,375	Baker	561,250
Livingston	164,300	Three Forks	356,075	Eureka	507,825
Malta	161,100	Columbus	344,915	Big Timber	504,375
Anaconda	154,140	Stanford	322,500	Columbus	498,502
Columbus	153,587	Scobey	311,228	Chester	458,649
Havre	145,250	Anaconda	283,275	Anaconda	437,415
Shelby	115,000	Turner	249,800	Scobey	404,118
Big Timber	108,000	Ronan	234,275	Forsyth	392,200
Scobey	92,890	Libby	211,900	Three Forks	356,075
Chinook	92,627	Hamilton	165,000	Sidney	338,250
Miles City	92,250	Thompson Falls	142,280	Stanford	322,500
Laurel	85,680	Eureka	116,700	Ennis	302,328
Glasgow	84,150	Townsend	105,000	Turner	249,800
West Yellowstone	75,000	Fort Benton	98,784	<del>White Sulphur Springs</del>	<del>217,325</del>
Lewistown	68,272	Stevensville	90,425	Libby	211,900
Harlowton	50,600	Terry	75,697	Shelby	179,400
Glendive	50,000	Plentywood	73,348	Hamilton	165,000
Culbertson	47,000	Deer Lodge	71,214	Livingston	164,300
Cut Bank	34,125	Glasgow	68,675	Malta	161,100
<del>Poplar</del>	<del>29,160</del>	Shelby	64,400	Glasgow	152,825
Big Sandy	26,720	Circle	61,860	Thompson Falls	142,280
		Roundup	51,790	Townsend	105,000
		Glendive	38,000	Fort Benton	98,784
		Superior	37,284	Chinook	92,627
		Harlowton	17,045	Stevensville	90,425
		Big Sandy	14,400	Glendive	88,000
				Terry	75,697
				West Yellowstone	75,000
				Plentywood	73,348
				Deer Lodge	71,214
				Harlowton	67,645
				Circle	61,860
				Roundup	51,790
				Culbertson	47,000
				Big Sandy	41,120
				Superior	37,284
				<del>Poplar</del>	<del>29,160</del>

~~strike-out~~ indicates a pavement rehabilitation/replacement project has taken place since the previous PCI inspection.

When inconvenience and/or the future rehabilitation burden on local communities is of prime importance, maintenance can be prioritized by the percent of each airport's pavement forecasted to drop below the critical PCI. Table 3.3 is a ranking of airport communities that could be investing most economically in pavement maintenance. These communities can get their biggest "bang for the buck" if available maintenance dollars are spent before the critical PCI transition. Table 3.3 can help establish a *community-based emphasis to economical pavement maintenance*.

Tables 3.2 and 3.3 each provide three different time frames to consider in the project prioritization scenario, the first and second five-year period following inspection, and a ten-year overview. Please note that critical PCI transition tables do not give an indication of the type of maintenance that would be most beneficial, only the timing of the application. Inspection Summary Reports and Maintenance Reports are better indicators of the need for thin lift overlays, fog seals, crack sealing, localized patching, or other remediation.

Airports listed in Table 3.4 are candidates for reconstruction or repairs. Continued investments in maintaining these pavements produce diminishing returns, and are not the best investment of funds. The airports with greater than 75% of their pavements subcritical should be targeted for complete reconstruction, while those in the 25% range just need a section or two of pavement reconstructed.

The break-out of pavement ratings ("fair", "poor", etc.) can be used to determine the need for action. For example, since 100% of Benchmark's pavements have subcritical PCI's, and all are rated "poor" to "very poor", Benchmark Airport should be encouraged to reconstruct as soon as possible to avoid accelerating degradation, continued loss of base course structural strength, and rising reconstruction costs. Wolf Point is showing 87% subcritical pavements. While Wolf Point's airport will remain serviceable with only localized "safety" repairs for quite a number of years, the monies invested would be better directed toward acquiring an AIP local match for a reconstruction project. White Sulphur Springs shows up in the partial reconstruct list, but a quick consideration of their remaining sections show they are near-critical, bumping this airport into a recommended complete reconstruction (currently in progress). Havre, Laurel, Cut Bank, Miles City, and Sidney each has an overall high quality pavement with an isolated "historical" section in need of repairs. A significant number of airport operations combined with "poor", or "very poor" pavement conditions should boost an airport to the top of the reconstruction list.

These tables are provided only as an aid in the larger framework of GA airport funding allocation. Used judiciously, they can simplify and improve the airport improvement prioritization process.

**TABLE 3.3  
PAVEMENT PROJECTED TO GO SUBCRITICAL  
BY % OF EACH AIRPORT'S PAVEMENT AREA**

2009-2014		2014-2019		2009-2019	
City		City		City	
Chester	98%	Turner	90%	Columbus	100%
Eureka	69%	Stanford	80%	Chester	98%
Forsyth	62%	Scobey	75%	Scobey	97%
Ronan	46%	Polson	70%	Polson	97%
<del>White Sulphur Springs</del>	42%	Columbus	69%	Turner	90%
Ennis	39%	Havre	67%	Eureka	90%
Malta	31%	Baker	67%	Havre	81%
Columbus	31%	Laurel	65%	Stanford	80%
Polson	27%	Three Forks	63%	Big Timber	79%
Livingston	25%	Big Timber	62%	Ronan	76%
Scobey	22%	Cut Bank	48%	Laurel	75%
Sidney	20%	Miles City	36%	Baker	67%
Chinook	17%	Lewistown	34%	Three Forks	63%
Big Timber	17%	Ronan	30%	Forsyth	62%
Anaconda	15%	Anaconda	28%	Cut Bank	51%
Harlowton	15%	Townsend	27%	Anaconda	43%
Culbertson	14%	Thompson Falls	27%	Miles City	42%
Havre	13%	Libby	27%	<del>White Sulphur Springs</del>	42%
Shelby	12%	Hamilton	23%	Ennis	39%
Laurel	10%	Eureka	21%	Lewistown	38%
Big Sandy	10%	Terry	19%	Malta	31%
<del>Poplar</del>	9%	Circle	16%	Townsend	27%
Miles City	6%	Stevensville	15%	Thompson Falls	27%
Glasgow	6%	Fort Benton	15%	Libby	27%
Glendive	5%	Plentywood	14%	Livingston	25%
Lewistown	4%	Deer Lodge	14%	Hamilton	23%
West Yellowstone	3%	Roundup	11%	Sidney	20%
Cut Bank	3%	Superior	10%	Harlowton	20%
		Shelby	7%	Terry	19%
		Big Sandy	5%	Shelby	18%
		Glasgow	5%	Chinook	17%
		Harlowton	5%	Circle	16%
		Glendive	3%	Stevensville	15%
				Big Sandy	15%
				Fort Benton	15%
				Plentywood	14%
				Culbertson	14%
				Deer Lodge	14%
				Glasgow	11%
				Roundup	11%
				Superior	10%
				<del>Poplar</del>	9%
				Glendive	8%
				West Yellowstone	3%

~~strike out~~ indicates a pavement rehabilitation/replacement project has taken place since the previous PCI inspection.

**TABLE 3.4**  
**% OF EACH AIRPORT'S PAVEMENT WITH 2010 SUBCRITICAL PCI**

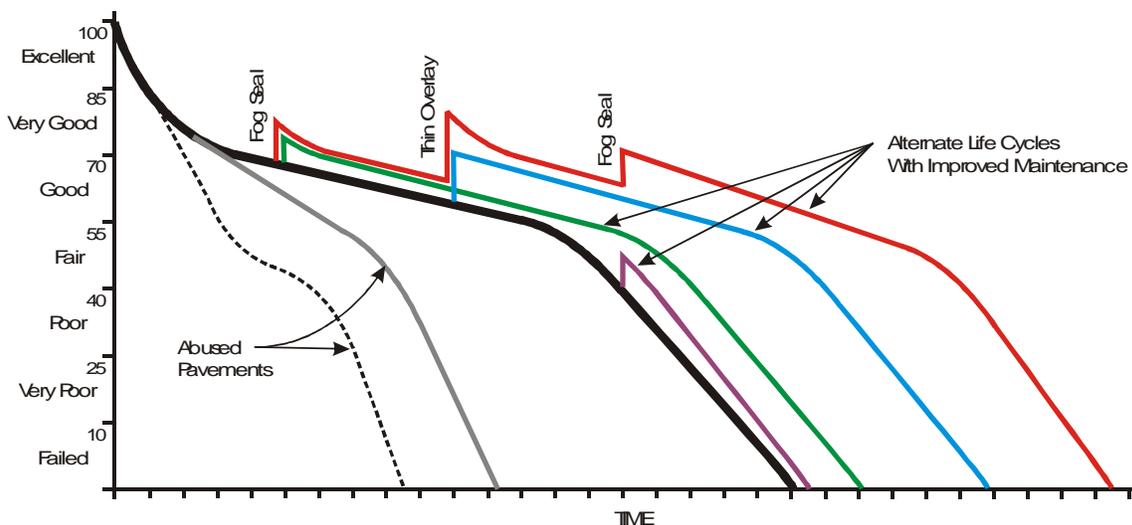
Airport City	SubCritical 0-55	Failed 0-10	Very Poor 11-25	Poor 26-40	Fair 41-critical PCI	
Complete Reconstruct when Appropriate	Poplar	100%		83%	8%	9%
	Benchmark	100%		15%	85%	
	Gardiner	100%			2%	98%
	Twin Bridges	100%				100%
	Wolf Point	87%		45%	18%	25%
	Culbertson	86%			15%	71%
	Harlowton	80%				80%
	Big Sandy	72%	2%		70%	
Malta	72%				72%	
Partial Reconstruct when Appropriate	<del>Ennis</del>	61%		47%		14%
	<del>White Sulphur Spring</del>	58%			5%	53%
	Hamilton	48%		20%	29%	
	West Yellowstone	47%			34%	13%
	Libby	48%			0%	48%
	Forsyth	38%		14%		24%
	<del>Fort Benton</del>	27%		27%		
Localized Repair / Reconstruct	Havre	19%		5%	3%	12%
	Laurel	16%			6%	10%
	Shelby	12%				12%
	Livingston	11%				11%
	Scobey	10%				10%
	Cut Bank	8%			8%	
	Miles City	7%	0%	7%		
	Eureka	7%				7%
	Lewistown	6%		4%	2%	
	Glasgow	3%		3%		1%
	Chester	2%				2%
	Sidney	2%		2%		
	Three Forks	1%			1%	
Anaconda	1%				1%	

strike-out indicates a pavement rehabilitation/replacement project has taken place since the previous PCI inspection.

### 3.5 MAINTENANCE PRACTICES

All of the results obtained from this analysis are affected by maintenance practices. In general, improved maintenance raises all points of the curve, produces a “bump up” in quality, and/or extends the “flat” portion of the pavement life cycle, providing a longer usable pavement life before dropping off at the critical condition. Figure 3.3 revisits the pavement life cycle curve from Figure 2.12 showing the benefits of improved maintenance practices. While occasional maintenance extends pavement life, regular preventative maintenance clearly extends the usable life of pavement well beyond its non-maintained expected usable life. Most pavements around the State are already benefitting from recent increases in federal airport funding and improved maintenance policies. Families have more data scatter than previous years, due in large part to new maintenance policies mixed with the old data. Future analyses may be able to quantify these effects by studying maintenance practices more closely along with the PCI evaluations, and redefining pavement families to account for maintenance practices.

**FIGURE 3.3  
EXTENDED PAVEMENT LIFE CYCLE**



### 3.6 MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION PLANNING

MicroPAVER for windows consolidates the Maintenance & Rehabilitation (M&R) planning into a single work plan with a number of application, modeling, and reporting options. The scope of policy application is set by a sort routine, just like that used to set families. The sort can be structured to report on all database members, currently maintained pavements, one airport, or even a single section of an airport pavement. Once the scope of the M&R plan has been defined a choice of three modeling routines is available: Minimum Condition Report, Consequence Model Report, and Limit to Budget Report. These three reports take dramatically different approaches to modeling pavement aging and its effect on budgeting for optimum pavement quality. The final option of establishing an M&R routine is to set-up the table(s) specific to each model. These range from target minimum PCI's for future years, simple cost by condition tables, to elaborate webs of costs and consequences of specific remedies to be applied to specific grades of distress.

The first step in establishing a work plan is to determine the scope of application. This scope may be restricted for such reasons as reducing computing time, or exploring optimum repair strategy at a single airport. Within the Selection Criteria option of the work plan, the user may select “All Items” to get past and present pavement sections stored in the database, or choose “Build Selection” to construct a smaller group. To choose currently maintained pavements filter using “Rank = O,” i. e. select all pavements that have been classified as “current” (This is the same as previous MicroPAVER versions’ “Network Report”). Airports can be addressed individually by setting “Zone” equal to the airport’s four-character code **and** setting “Rank = O.” Smaller selections are filtered out using “BranchID” or “SectionID.”

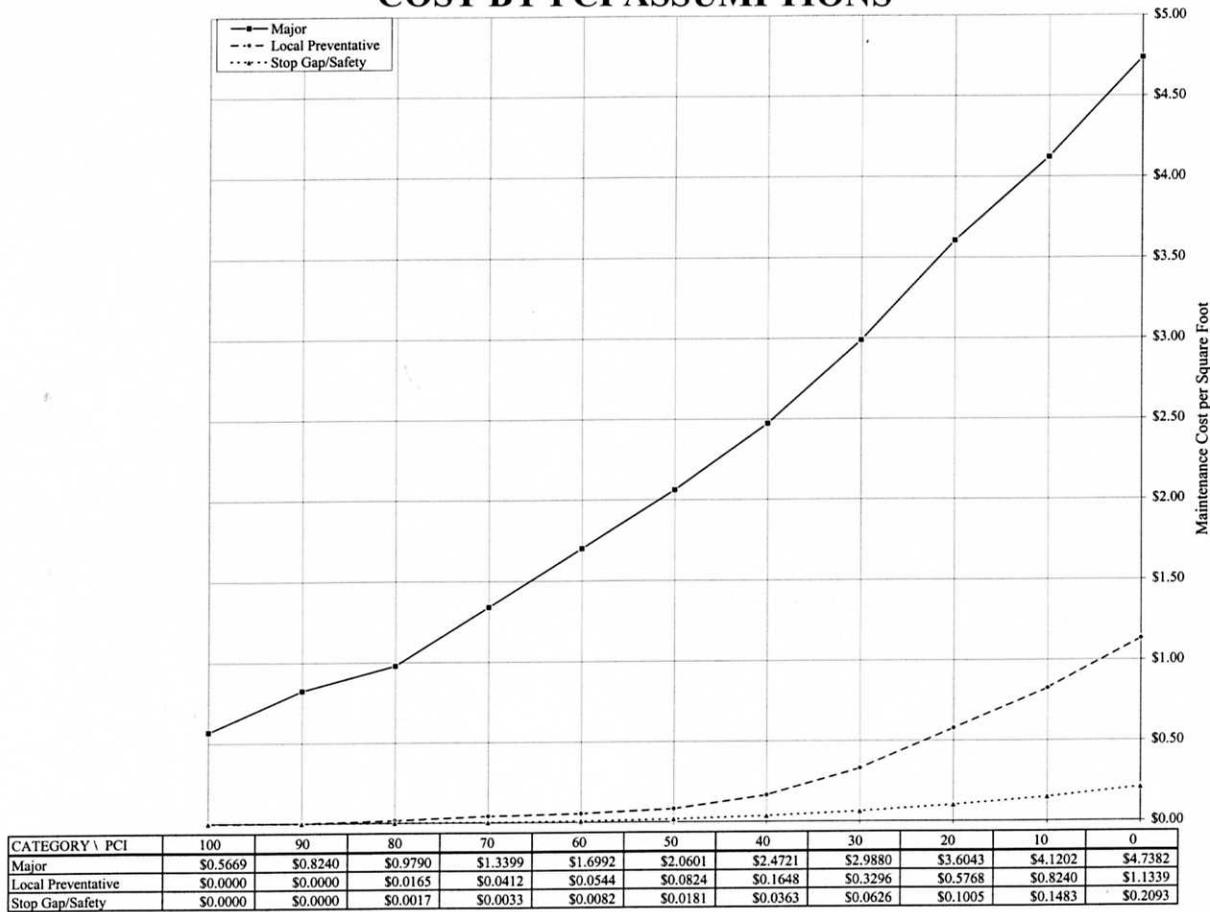
The **Minimum Condition Report** is the simplest of the modeling routines. This report allows the user to set a single PCI minimum for each future year, then calculates the cost to repair any pavement that falls below these predetermined minimums. Costs of improvements increase with decreasing PCI and are calculated from a 1997 composite of nation-wide Department of Defense airfield maintenance costs adjusted for inflation of construction costs (see Figure 3.4). These PCI-based repair cost estimates are a systematic reflection of increasing repair costs for decreasing pavement quality. The minimum allowable PCI can be set for each year in the future to phase in repairs acceptable to available funding. For example, budget constraints might only allow raising the system-wide minimum PCI to 35 the first year, but this could then be raised to 41, 46, and 50 in successive years. Major M&R budgeting is predicted reasonably well for any number of years with little change in the validity of the results.

The **Consequence Model Report** treats extrapolated distress quantities with specific remedies (see Table 3.5) to remediate pavement distresses and increase the overall section PCI. For a preset cost (see Table 3.6) the pavement distress associated with the treatment replaces the original more severe distress in PCI calculations (see Table 3.7). For example, crack sealing AC pavements costs about one dollar and fifty cents per linear foot and fills medium- and high-severity cracks, reducing them to low-severity cracks. If an airport owner paid for recommended repairs to each pavement distress on their pavement and had their airport inspected immediately after completion of the repairs, the airport’s new PCI and the bill for improvements would be approximately that predicted by the Consequence Model Report. The Consequence Model Report uses only localized repair options and makes no attempt to increase quantity or severity of distresses to account for the natural aging process nor to project distresses that have not already been recorded during an inspection. This report is designed to provide projections of the localized repair costs and consequences *only when repairs are applied within a year of the airport inspection.*

The **Limit to Budget Report** optimizes pavement quality using a set budget cap and four targeted maintenance policies: Localized Safety, Localized Preventative, Global, and Major Reconstruction. Localized Safety treatments attempt to keep an airport pavement safe for operation using only local treatments while waiting for funds to replace the entire pavement section. For example, a high severity depression could be patched to eliminate hydroplaning potential, but underlying subgrade problems could still necessitate eventual reconstruction. Local Preventative treatments are applied to above-critical-PCI pavements to prolong the pavement life and reduce the effect of nonstructural and minor structural local defects. Crack sealing is a common Local Preventative repair that will stop moisture penetration into the subgrade and preserve subgrade integrity and extend pavement life. Global Preventative measures are applied to above-critical-PCI pavements when defects affect the whole surface. For example, raveling can be slowed significantly by applying a surface seal, rebinding the aggregate into a high quality surface at a fraction of the cost of a new surface. Major M&R is a total reconstruction of a pavement section applied when that section is below the critical PCI for its family curve, or if alligator cracking, rutting, and the like, indicate structural failure even above the critical PCI. The “Major Under-Critical” case of Major M&R assumes that the critical PCI was chosen such that reconstruction is a more economical option than continued maintenance once a section has passed below its critical PCI. While it is very rare, structural failure of parts of a section

indicate structural failure even above the critical PCI. The “Major Under-Critical” case of Major M&R assumes that the critical PCI was chosen such that reconstruction is a more economical option than continued maintenance once a section has passed below its critical PCI. While it is very rare, structural failure of parts of a section (like a culvert crossing of a runway settling) may produce an unusable pavement with a PCI rating above critical. This “Major Above-Critical” special case can only be treated effectively by reestablishing a sound foundation for the surface layer, hence its inclusion in the Major M&R policy.

**FIGURE 3.4**  
**COST BY PCI ASSUMPTIONS**



The Limited to Budget Report is an hybrid report which makes the best use of detailed inspection data for short-range predictions then switches to a more general, empirically verified long-range scheme. The first year predictions are based on a Consequence Model Report plus Global and Major repair options, while successive years use the same costs (see Figure 3.6) as the Minimum Condition Report. First year predictions of costs for local maintenance and conditions are determined from Localized Safety and Localized Preventative Maintenance Policies (Table 3.5) and their associated cost and consequence tables (Tables 3.6 and 3.7). In succeeding years, both Localized Safety and Preventative Maintenance costs are determined from the Cost by PCI table illustrated in Figure 3.4. Global M&R always takes its costs and consequences from user-defined values irrespective of pavement PCI’s (see Table 3.8). In other words fog seals will have the same cost and useful life regardless of the quality of pavement they’re applied to. Major Rehabilitation costs for all projection years are used from the Cost by PCI table in Figure 3.4.



**TABLE 3.7  
EXAMPLE FIRST YEAR REPAIR CONSEQUENCES**

**Crack Sealing - AC**

<b>Distress Description</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>New Distress Description</b>	<b>New Severity</b>
Block Cracking	M	Block Cracking	L
Block Cracking	H	Block Cracking	L
Jt. Ref. Cracking	M	Jt. Ref. Cracking	L
Jt. Ref. Cracking	H	Jt. Ref. Cracking	L
L & T Cracking	M	L & T Cracking	L
L & T Cracking	H	L & T Cracking	L

**TABLE 3.8  
GLOBAL MAINTENANCE COSTS AND CONSEQUENCES**

<b>Repair Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Application Interval</b>	<b>Years for PCI to Return to Preapplication Value</b>
Overlay - AC Thin (Global)	\$1.60/sf	10	5
Surface Seal - Fog Seal	\$0.20/sf	5	2

Money is first allocated to sub-critical PCI sections for “stop gap” Localized Safety treatments. If it’s determined later that funding is available for major reconstruction of a section, then its stop-gap funds are redistributed. The second fiscal priority is to prolong the life of above-critical-PCI pavements with Local, then Global Preventative treatments. Local and Global Preventative funds are the example \$1 invested near the critical PCI as shown in Figure 2.12 to avoid the necessity of spending \$4 to \$5 later. This investment in pavements before rapid deterioration produces an extended pavement life cycle as shown in Figure 3.2 and optimizes pavement quality per dollar spent. Major Under Critical and Major Above Critical repair treatments are prioritized for replacement by PCI and primary use as shown in Table 3.9.

**TABLE 3.9  
EFFECTIVE MAJOR M&R PRIORITIES**

<b>M&amp;R Policy</b>	<b>PCI Range</b>	<b>Runways</b>	<b>Taxiways</b>	<b>Aprons</b>
Major Above-Critical	100 - 70	2	4	6
	70 - Critical	1	3	5
Major Under-Critical	Critical - 40	1	3	5
	40 - 0	2	4	6

### 3.7 OTHER MICRO PAVER REPORTS (Available, but not included in this System Plan Update)

MicroPAVER provides several reporting options that are not included in this report since they do not directly address the intent of this project. They are briefly discussed here to provide insight on the potential advantages of implementing the pavement management system.

The **Inspection Schedule Report** allows the user to plan which pavements need to be inspected based on their current and expected conditions. This allows the user to time inspections for maximum effectiveness in identifying pavements in critical need of maintenance and/or reconstruction.

The **Condition History Report** allows the user to plot a specific pavement's history of PCI values through all of its existing PCI inspections. This option gives the user an at-a-glance assessment of an individual airport pavement's performance over time. This is available in graphical and tabular form under the heading "Condition Table" as part of the M&R Report, but was not included in this text. A 1-, 5-, and 10-year sampling are included in Table 3.1.

The MS Excel spreadsheets included in this report as Tables 2.4 and 3.1 can also be manipulated to perform many of the tasks possible in the MicroPAVER database. Depending on the computer equipment available and the expertise of the user, this spreadsheet format may be more convenient for some types of analysis.

MicroPAVER provides several other analysis routines to help the user decide among various maintenance and repair alternatives. These analysis and reporting options provide decision making information that may be useful for evaluating system-wide programs or for individual airport planning.

### 3.8 CONTINUED MICROPAVER IMPLEMENTATION

In addition to this report, the product for this 2009 Update to the Montana Aviation System Plan includes an up-to-date copy of the pavement database, and a current licensed copy of the MicroPAVER software. This will allow the Montana Aeronautics staff to use the software and database in their planning and budgeting efforts. Inspection reports and airport maps will be provided to Montana Aeronautics in a pdf-format for inclusion on their web site where they will be available to the public. Excerpts of the information contained in the reports are provided directly to airport managers, so they have a current indication of their pavement conditions and needs.

The continued success of this pavement management system is dependent on ongoing efforts to keep the database up to date. PCI surveys, conducted on a regular three-year cycle beginning in 1988, have collected pavement condition information for 64 of Montana's airports. Continued implementation of the current family models need not include surveys of each airport each time an update is completed. Instead, the frequency of inspections at each airport should be based on the likelihood of significant change since the last inspection. If previous survey results indicate an approaching PCI plateau, an airport could be skipped for a phase or two, allowing additional airports to be surveyed on available funds. Conversely, survey frequency should increase as conditions approach the critical PCI. The frequency of inspections at any given airport may also be based on the importance of that airport to the system, or the sponsor's needs for information to assess their maintenance and construction programs.

The PCI survey program depends on consistent inspection information to provide accurate and reliable estimates of condition and predictions of future condition. This is best achieved through strict compliance with the requirements of FAA Advisory Circular 150/5380-6 with the modifications from the Northwest Mountain Region handout "Pavement Condition Survey Program", since MicroPAVER is designed to work

with these procedures. Personnel selected to conduct the PCI visual inspections should be well-trained, and experienced in the procedures outlined in these documents, to ensure the needed quality and consistency of data.

The program also benefits from close attention to detail in documenting the inspection and analysis processes. The MicroPAVER database, if properly maintained, preserves much of this data. FAA Forms 5320-1 also provide much of the needed information about pavement design criteria, and the definitions of sections and sample units. It is very important that these forms and the information they contain for Montana airports continue to be updated as changes occur, and that the information is updated in the MicroPAVER database. Coordination with the FAA, airport sponsors, and engineers working on airport improvement projects is essential in maintaining up-to-date records of the pavement systems in the database. Additional information, such as the spreadsheet summaries provided in this report should be carefully updated or noted as obsolete when database updates occur. Additionally, the MicroPAVER database may be compatible with other airport information management systems, providing a powerful combination of information in convenient formats. Because of the architecture of the database, it can be coordinated with other programs. Such efforts may require direct coordination with the developers of the program at the United States Army Corps of Engineers Research Labs.

Predictions developed for this update use a slowly evolving set of families. As noted earlier in this chapter, family analysis curves can be re-defined in any way the user desires. Results obtained in this update suggest that maintenance practices actually occurring on Montana's airports may play an increasingly important role in slowing pavement aging. As a result, future updates to the plan may be improved by increased attention to actual maintenance on each pavement section, and revised family analysis curves that account for differences in maintenance. Changes to the family analysis curves should not be undertaken without careful analysis however, since consistency of results is of great importance to the success of the program. Three rounds of inspections under a new maintenance regimen and increased federal investment in Montana's airport infrastructure does not yet provide enough data to split families into "well-maintained" and "poorly-maintained" groups. Most of the current families do not have enough survey points to divide without compromising the statistical validity of the data, especially on the aged end of the graph. In fact, should excellent maintenance continue, the database will not add any "below critical PCI" information; and while this will be good news to airport users, it adds more uncertainty to end-of-cycle PCI predictions.

Even with Montana's current wealth of data (using all inspections from 1988-2009; roughly 2760 PCI determinations from 39,000 recorded distresses) we are probably limited to 5-15 families. It is a very fine line between having enough types of families to fairly accurately model the different pavements in the State, and having too many families to be accurately defined by the existing data. To be "well-defined" a family must have inspections of representative pavements at a good range of ages. If pavements are less representative of the group, or data is lacking for a cluster of ages (especially the downward curve after critical PCI) a family can only be constructed with a good deal of engineering judgement, and as such, it may represent that judgement, more than the empirical reality. The challenge becomes choosing which few of the numerous common-sense delimiters create families with good statistical properties.

As this pavement management system evolves, it may be appropriate to slowly phase in one or more new criteria (maintenance practices, freeze-thaw cycling, insolation, etc.) in place of, or in addition to the current four criteria (pavement type, functional use, design strength, operations counts) while trying to maintain approximately 10 families. For example, operations counts were phased into the most data-rich family in 2003 as a way to split an overly large set (ACRM became ACRML and ACRMU). Functional usage was dropped from the light-duty design load pavements in 2006 creating two families where formerly there were four. There were not nearly enough "under 12,500 lb design load" or "surface treatments" remaining in the

State to warrant four families, so ACAL and ACRL were combined into ACPL, while STAA and STRA were lumped into STPA. There are no families with an excess of data, ripe for dividing into meaningful subsets. The families STPA and ACPL represent very few active pavements, but enough to keep around for a few more iterations. In short, the set of families from 2006 are currently functioning very well with no indications of a need for change at this time.

Appendix Figure A.1 is included to illustrate that the current set of families is fairly robust, although it also hints at how the high-age end of the graphs (with the least data) can show significant variation from year to year. Note how slight raising of the 0-5 year portions of each graph reflect a number of reconstructed airports and improving early preventative maintenance.

Finally, the Montana airport pavement database and associated software systems can only provide benefits if they are actively used to help manage Montana's airport pavements. The entire purpose of the program is to provide information to decision makers. Whether it is used by the Montana Aeronautics Division, the Federal Aviation Administration, airport sponsors, planners, or engineers, the system can be used to provide meaningful information about pavement conditions, performance, policies, and budget allocations.

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**CHAPTER 4**  
**AIRPORT REPORT SUMMARIES**

## CHAPTER 4 AIRPORT REPORT SUMMARIES

### 4.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains the airport inspection report summaries, maintenance reports, inspection photos, and updated FAA forms 5320-1 (Airport Layout Maps with Pavement Strength Survey / Pavement Condition Survey) for each airport surveyed in the 2009 Update to the Montana Aviation System Plan.

Airports are arranged alphabetically by the name of the city in which they are located and maps are folded so that the city name sticks out to provide a convenient locating tab. The city name also appears in large, bold print at the top left corner of each inspection report and maintenance report page. Inspection and summary data is grouped by section and samples which are called out on the included map. The first character of a section name is coded to its primary use, so **A-3** will be an apron, **R-1** a runway, and **T-5A** a taxiway. These section designations are in large, bold print at the top right corner of each inspection report page.

### 4.2 INSPECTION REPORT SUMMARIES

The Airport Inspection Report Summaries are presented for each airport using MicroPAVER's "Inspection Report" to compile the 2009 PCI survey project data and perform calculations, then refined and reformatted using MS Access. A variety of descriptive information about the section is listed immediately below the header on the left three quarters of the page, while the database classification codes for the section are on the right margin. The Inspections section presents first and foremost the section PCI in a medium-sized, bold print, followed by the sampling rate and date of inspection. The specific, recorded distresses for a number of samples completes the documentation of the field surveys. The Extrapolated Distress Quantities section approximates the distresses present in the entire section from those measured in the sampled areas, and shows values for intermediate steps in the PCI calculation routine. The Distresses are listed in order of decreasing "deducts," so the distresses listed first are those causing most damage to the pavement. Maintenance concerns should be prioritized to address these distresses in the order they appear. The classification by distress mechanism may point to the most significant force in pavement deterioration. Finally, no entry in a given section of an inspection report simply means there were no measurable distresses in the sample inspected.

### 4.3 MAINTENANCE REPORT SUMMARIES

The Maintenance Report Summaries are presented for each airport using MicroPAVER's Budget Constrained M&R Report with Unlimited Budget to project the 2009 survey data into a local repair recommendation and a fifteen year budgeting projection. The results are refined and reformatted using MS Access. The First Year Local Report lists a number of distresses that could be repaired locally to promote safety and pavement life and suggests types of repairs and probable costs. Fifteen Year Projections estimate an annual budget necessary to keep all airport pavements above their critical PCI's, as well as detailing a time line of suggested repairs. The section designation requiring work and an abbreviated treatment suggestion are located along the left edge of the page, with total cost and resulting change in PCI along the right page edge. The detailed breakdown of cost by treatment is listed in the center. A section is not called out in parts of the maintenance report if it is in satisfactory condition and needs no repairs.

### 4.4 INSPECTION PHOTOS

One or more pages of inspection photos are provided for each airport to illustrate specific pavement distresses identified in the 2009 survey, or to show the overall appearance of pavement sections. We have increased the number and size of the photos, typically providing both an overview and close-up detail of each pavement section. This “virtual tour” of Montana’s airports will provide the report reader with a clearer understanding of the conditions that contributed to our evaluations.

While inspections are completed for typical representative sample areas, photos often strive to document the worst pavement distresses of a section - *they often show the exception, not the rule*. These photos document the extremes of our evaluation and instruct airport managers and others charged with maintaining Montana’s pavements what to look for on an airport pavement. Copies of these photos will be provided for inclusion on Montana Aeronautics Division’s web site.

#### 4.5 FAA FORM 5320-1

The FAA form 5320-1 for each airport is a standard form that describes the components of each pavement section, and identifies pavement improvement dates. The form has been adapted to also show sample units defined for each pavement section. This allows the field-inspected sample units to be precisely located on the airport, and allows consistent sampling from PCI project to project.

#### 4.6 REPORTS

The information presented in this chapter for individual airports is also provided directly to each airport's manager, for their use in planning improvements to their airport pavements.

Some pavement sections were not included in the current survey, either because they were brand new and assumed to be in "perfect" condition, or because they are abandoned, not maintained, not part of the federally financed system, T-hangar taxiways, or too small to significantly affect the program. A few sections were left out of the 2009 scope of work since they have deteriorated well below the critical PCI, so no significant information could be gained from their inspection. These omitted pavement sections are listed in Table A.3 in the appendix along with reasons for omission.

Individual airport reports for 2009 surveyed airports follow:

## TABLE A.1 PAVEMENT DISTRESSES

### ASPHALT PAVEMENTS

Distress Name	Description
Alligator Cracking	Load related - a major distress
Bleeding	Excess asphalt cement on surface reduces traction - design or construction defect
Block Cracking	Rectangular, interconnected cracks - related to climate, age, durability
Corrugation	Closely spaced ridges & valleys, perpendicular to traffic, caused by braking action & unstable pavement base.
Depression	Low spots by settlement or load, cause roughness and future deterioration
Jet Blast	Asphalt has been burned by jet engines
Joint Reflection	Caused by movement of Portland cement under an asphalt overlay - will cause future problems
Longitudinal & Transverse Cracking (L & T Crack)	Random cracks, usually not load related, but due to poor construction joints or climate/age/durability
Oil Spillage	Usually on aprons - softens asphalt and speeds aging process
Patching	A defect no matter how well-done
Polished Aggregate	Aggregate is worn smooth - poor traction
Ravelling/Weathering	Pavement is disintegrating - asphalt cement has hardened with age, or extreme load damage
Rutting	Surface depression in wheel path - almost always from snowplows and sand trucks
Shoving from PCC	Asphalt is crushed from adjacent PCC movement
Slippage Cracking	Minor cracks - caused by braking or turning wheels
Swell	Upward bulge - usually from frost heave or expansive clays below pavement.

**TABLE A.1 (continued)**  
**PAVEMENT DISTRESSES**

**PORTLAND CEMENT PAVEMENTS**

<b>Distress Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
Blow-Up	Slabs expand in hot weather and crush each other
Corner Break	Poor support at corner of slab, combined with loading
Longitudinal / Transverse / Diagonal Cracks	Cracks extend clear across a slab dividing it into two or three pieces
“D” Crack	Durability Cracks - climate related
Joint Seal Damage	Poor or missing crack sealant - lets water and incompressible materials between slabs - can cause blow-up, pumping, spalling
Patching < 5 ft <sup>2</sup>	A defect no matter how well-done
Patching / Utility Cuts	A defect no matter how well-done
Popouts	Small piece of pavement dislodged from surface - freeze / thaw or poor aggregate
Pumping	Subgrade materials are liquefied and then “pumped” up through cracks when loaded
Scaling/Map Cracking/Crazing	Hairline cracks in surface - usually caused by over-finishing the surface, or by climate factors
Settlement Fault	Slabs move up/down at joint with respect to each other
Shattered Slab	Cracked into four or more pieces
Shrinkage Crack	Short, fine surface cracks, usually a construction defect
Spalling - Joints	Edges broken along slab joints, usually near surface only - due to incompressible materials in joints
Spalling - corners	Breaks in slab at joint corners, usually near surface only - due to incompressible materials in joints

**TABLE A.2**  
**SECTIONS OMITTED FROM 2009 PCI SURVEY**

<b>AIRPORT</b>	<b>OMITTED SECTION</b>	<b>REASON FOR OMISSION</b>
Anaconda	A-3, T-3	Private Apron & Taxiway
Baker	Adjacent to Hangars A-8	Private Taxiways Area < 10,000 sf
Big Sandy	North Apron	Private Apron
Chester Old Runway Turnaround	Not Maintained A-2, A-3, A-4	Not Maint. / Scope Agreement
Choteau Southeast Apron	Private Apron A-2	Not Maintained
Circle	T-4	Private Taxiways
Colstrip Hangar Taxiways	Area < 10,000 sf	
Conrad	A-2, T-3 Turnaround	Private / Not Maintained Area < 10,000 sf
Cut Bank	Adjacent to Hangars	Private Taxiways
Deer Lodge	T-1C	Not Maintained
Dillon	R-4A, Apron Remnants	Area < 10,000 sf
Forsyth A-2	Area < 10,000 sf Various	Private Hangar Taxiways
Glasgow	North Apron	Improved Gravel- Not Pavement
Glendive	T-4	Hangar Taxiways
Hamilton	T-1 T-4, T-6	Area < 10,000 sf Private Hangar Taxiways
Harlem	T-3 A-1	Area < 10,000 sf Not Maintained / Scope Agreement
Havre	Various	Private Aprons & Hangar Taxiways
Laurel	T-5, T-6, T-7, T-10 R-2, R-3	Private Hangar Taxiways Not Maintained / Scope Agreement
Lewistown	R-1A, R-31, T-6 R-1	Not Maintained Not Maintained / Scope Agreement
Libby	T-3	Hangar Taxiways

**TABLE A.2 (continued)**  
**SECTIONS OMITTED FROM 2009 PCI SURVEY**

<b>AIRPORT</b>	<b>OMITTED SECTION</b>	<b>REASON FOR OMISSION</b>
Livingston	Midfield Turnaround A-3, T-2, T-3, T-4	Not Maintained Area < 10,000 sf
Malta	A-2	Area < 10,000 sf
Miles City	A-1, Various R-11A, R-21A, T-5A	Private Hangar Taxiways Not Maintained
Plentywood	A-2 T-3	Private Apron Hangar Taxiway
Polson	A-3 T-13	Area < 10,000 sf Hangar Taxiway
Ronan	T-2, T-3, T-4	Hangar Taxiways
Roundup	T-2	Hangar Taxiway, Area < 10,000 sf
Shelby	Turnarounds	Area < 10,000 sf
Sidney	Various A-1A, A-5A, T-5	Private Hangar Taxiways Area < 10,000 sf
Stanford	Chemical Washpad Runway Transition	Private Apron Area < 10,000 sf
Stevensville	Adjacent to Hangars	Private Taxiway
Superior	Adjacent to Hangars	Private Taxiway
Terry	Turnaround & Access Taxiway	Area < 10,000 sf
Thompson Falls	T-3 North Side Hangar Access	Area < 10,000 sf Private Taxiway
Three Forks	Various	Private Access / Taxiway
Turner	T-1	Area < 10,000 sf / Private
Twin Bridges	Turnarounds A-2, Various	Area < 10,000 sf Private Hangar Access
West Yellowstone	USFS facilities	Private Taxiway & Apron

### TABLE A.3 FIRST YEAR REPAIR CONSEQUENCES

#### Crack Sealing - AC Consequences

<b>Distress / Description</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>New Distress / Desc</b>	<b>New Severity</b>
Block Cracking	H	Block Cracking	L
Block Cracking	M	Block Cracking	L
Jt. Ref. Cracking	H	Jt. Ref. Cracking	L
Jt. Ref. Cracking	M	Jt. Ref. Cracking	L
L & T Cracking	H	L & T Cracking	L
L & T Cracking	M	L & T Cracking	L

#### Patching - AC Deep Consequences

<b>Distress / Description</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>New Distress / Desc</b>	<b>New Severity</b>
Alligator Cracking	H	Patching	L
Alligator Cracking	M	Patching	L
Depression	H	Patching	L
Depression	M	Patching	L
Patching	H	Patching	L
Patching	M	Patching	L
Rutting	H	Patching	L
Rutting	M	Patching	L
Swelling	H	Patching	L
Swelling	M	Patching	L

#### Patching - AC Shallow Consequences

<b>Distress</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>New Distress</b>	<b>New Severity</b>
Oil Spillage	X	Patching	L
Weathering/Raveling	H	Patching	L
Shoving	H	Patching	L
Shoving	M	Patching	L
Slippage Cracking	X	Patching	L

**TABLE A.3 (continued)**  
**FIRST YEAR REPAIR CONSEQUENCES**

**Crack Sealing - PCC Consequences**

<b>Distress</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>New Distress</b>	<b>New Severity</b>
Linear Cracking	H	Linear Cracking	L
Linear Cracking	M	Linear Cracking	L

**Slab Replacement - PCC Consequences**

<b>Distress</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>New Distress</b>	<b>New Severity</b>
Blow-Up	H		
Blow-Up	M		
Corner Break	H		
Durability Cracking	H		
Large Patch/Utility	H		
Scaling/Crazing	H		
Scaling/Crazing	M		
Faulting	H		
Shattered Slab	H		
Shattered Slab	M		

**Patching - PCC Full Depth Consequences**

<b>Distress</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>New Distress</b>	<b>New Severity</b>
Blow-Up	H	Large Patch/Utility	L
Blow-Up	L	Large Patch/Utility	L
Blow-Up	M	Large Patch/Utility	L
Corner Break	H	Large Patch/Utility	L
Corner Break	M	Large Patch/Utility	L
Durability Cracking	M	Large Patch/Utility	L
Small Patch	H	Small Patch	L
Small Patch	M	Small Patch	L
Large Patch/Utility	H	Large Patch/Utility	L
Large Patch/Utility	M	Large Patch/Utility	L

**Patching - PCC Partial Depth Consequences**

<b>Distress</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>New Distress</b>	<b>New Severity</b>
Small Patch	H	Small Patch	L
Joint Spalling	H	Large Patch/Utility	L
Joint Spalling	M	Large Patch/Utility	L
Corner Spalling	H	Large Patch/Utility	L
Corner Spalling	M	Small Patch	L



**FIGURE A.2****ASPHALT PAVEMENT DISTRESSES BY CAUSES**

<b>Load</b>	<b>Climate/Durability</b>	<b>Other</b>
Alligator Cracking	Block Cracking	Bleeding
Rutting	Joint Reflection Cracking	Corrugation
	Longitudinal/Transverse Cracking	Depression
	Patching	Jet Blast
	Weathering/Raveling	Oil Spillage
		Polished Aggregate
		Shoving
		Slippage Cracking
		Swelling

**CONCRETE PAVEMENT DISTRESSES BY CAUSES**

<b>Load</b>	<b>Climate/Durability</b>	<b>Other</b>
Corner Break	Blow-Up	Small Patch
Linear Cracking	Durability Cracking	Large Patch/Utility
Shattered Slab	Joint Seal Damage	Popouts
		Pumping
		Scaling/Crazing
		Faulting
		Shrinkage Cracking
		Joint Spalling
		Corner Spalling

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**PRIMER**

# PRIMER

## Pavement Distresses – Descriptions, Causes, Classification, & Repair

The following pavement distresses commonly found on Montana’s airport pavements are included in this “primer”:

### Asphalt (AC) Pavement Distresses:

Alligator Cracking  
Bleeding  
Block Cracking  
Depression  
Joint Reflection Cracking from PCC  
Longitudinal & Transverse Cracking (Filled)  
Longitudinal & Transverse Cracking (Non-Filled)  
“Oil” Spillage  
Patching  
Raveling and Weathering (Mechanical)  
Raveling and Weathering (Wear)  
Rutting  
Shoving from PCC  
Swell

### Concrete (PCC) Pavement Distresses:

Corner Break  
Cracks: Longitudinal, Transverse, & Diagonal  
Joint Seal Damage  
Scaling, Map Cracking, and Crazing  
Settlement or Fault  
Shattered Slab  
Spalling (Corner)  
Spalling (Joints)

Technical material in this section is based on the following sources:

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Pavement Management for Airports, Roads and Parking Lots, M.Y. Shahin, 1994, Chapman and Hall.

Guidelines and Procedures for Maintenance of Airport Pavements  
FAA AC 150/5380-6, 1982.

All photos are taken by employees of Robert Peccia & Associates.

Development of the pavement condition index (PCI) and the “PAVER” system is conducted by the US Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratory with support from: American Public Works Association, Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Highway Administration, US Air Force Engineering and Services Center, US Army Corps of Engineers, and US Navy.

Pavement Maintenance Management Systems like MicroPAVER® have been developed to:

- ❖ Assess overall pavement condition based on accumulated pavement distress.
- ❖ Set standard repair practices for common pavement distresses.
- ❖ Determine maintenance and rehabilitation needs and priorities.
  - Project life-cycle costs of repair and replacement options.
  - Decide when replacement is more economical than continued repair.
  - Optimize timing of repairs to preserve the infrastructure investment.
- ❖ Optimize pavement performance with available funds.
- ❖ Project future pavement conditions and maintenance requirements.

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# Alligator Cracking

AC

**Description:** A series of interconnecting cracks caused by fatigue failure on the asphalt concrete surface under repeated traffic loading.

**Causes:** Loads in excess of the current pavement strength. Heavy aircraft, snow plows, fuel trucks, delivery trucks. Substandard installation or degradation of subgrade, subbase, and / or base course.

**Light** Fine parallel hairline cracks with few or no interconnecting cracks. No spalling.  
Repair: Do nothing / SurfaceSeal / Overlay



**Medium** Pattern or network of cracks that may be lightly spalled.  
Repair: Partial or full depth patch / Overlay / Reconstruct



**High** Pattern or network of cracks with well-defined pieces and spalled edges  
Repair: Partial or full depth patch / Overlay / Reconstruct



# Bleeding

AC

**Description:** A film of bituminous material on the pavement surface that usually becomes sticky when hot and can cause hydroplaning when wet.

**Causes:** Excessive amounts of asphalt cement or tars in the mix and/or low air void content.

Yes/No

Extensive enough to cause reduced skid resistance.  
Repair: Do Nothing / Heat, Sand & Sweep



# Block Cracking

AC

**Description:** 1x1 foot to 10x10 feet interconnected cracks that divide the pavement into approximately rectangular pieces.

**Causes:** Shrinkage of the asphalt concrete and daily temperature cycling coupled with significant asphalt hardening.

## Light

Non- or only lightly-spalled Blocks with no foreign object damage/debris (FOD) potential. Nonfilled cracks have ¼ inch or less mean width and filled cracks have filler in satisfactory condition. Repair: Do nothing / Apply rejuvenator



## Medium

\* filled or nonfilled cracks that are moderately spalled  
\* nonfilled cracks with mean width greater than approximately ¼ inch  
\* filled medium cracks with failed sealant  
Repair: Seal cracks / Apply rejuvenator / Recycle surface / Heater scarify & overlay



## High

Severely spalled cracks with a definite FOD potential  
Repair: Seal cracks / Recycle surface / Heater scarify and overlay

# Depression

AC

**Description:** Localized pavement surface areas having elevations slightly lower than those of the surrounding pavement; "birdbath" areas; could cause hydroplaning & accelerate pavement decay.

**Causes:** Settlement of the foundation soil or improper construction.

**Light** Mean Depth: Runways/Taxiways: 1/8-1/2 inch Apron: 1/2-1 inch  
Repair: Do nothing



**Medium** Mean Depth: Runways/Taxiways: >1/2-1 inch  
Apron: >1-2 inches  
Repair: Partial or full depth patch.



**High** Mean Depth: Runways/Taxiways: >1 inch  
Apron: >2 inches  
Repair: Partial or full depth patch



# Joint Reflection Cracking From PCC

AC

**Description:** Cracks translated upward through an asphalt or tar surface over a portland cement concrete (PCC) Slab at the slab joints.

**Causes:** Movement of the PCC slab beneath the asphalt concrete (AC) surface due to thermal and moisture changes.

**Light**

- Filled or nonfilled cracks have light or no spalling.
- Nonfilled cracks have a mean width of ¼ inch or less.
- Filled cracks are of any width, but with filler material in satisfactory condition.

Repair: Do nothing / Seal cracks over 1/8 inch



**Medium**

- Filled or nonfilled cracks are moderately spalled.
- Filled cracks are not spalled or are only lightly spalled but with failed filler.
- Nonfilled cracks have mean crack width greater than ¼ inch with light/no spalling.

Repair: Seal cracks / Partial depth patch



**High** Cracks are severely spalled (definite FOD potential).  
Repair: Seal cracks / Partial depth patch / Reconstruct Joint

# Longitudinal & Transverse Cracking (Filled)

AC

**Description:** Asphalt pavement cracking along or across the laydown direction.

**Causes:** Poorly constructed paving lane joint, shrinkage of the AC surface due to low temperatures or hardening of the asphalt, or a reflective crack caused by cracks beneath the surface course.

## Light

- Nonfilled cracks have a mean width of 1/4 inch or less
  - Filled cracks are of any width, but their filler material is in satisfactory condition
  - Cracks have no or minor spalling (little or no FOD potential).
- Repair: Do nothing seal cracks over 1/8 inch / Surface seal



## Medium

- Nonfilled cracks have mean crack width greater than 1/4 inch possibly with light spalling.
  - Filled or non filled cracks are moderately spalled (some FOD potential).
  - Filled cracks have failed sealant with possible light spalling.
- Repair: Seal cracks



## High

- Cracks are severely spalled, causing definite FOD potential. They're usually greater than 1 inch wide.
- Repair: Seal cracks; Partial depth patch



# Longitudinal & Transverse Cracking (Non-Filled)

AC

**Description:** Asphalt pavement cracking along or across the laydown direction.

**Causes:** Poorly constructed paving lane joint, shrinkage of the AC surface due to low temperatures or hardening of the asphalt, or a reflective crack caused by cracks beneath the surface course.

**Light**

- Nonfilled cracks have a mean width of 1/4 inch or less
- Filled cracks are of any width, but their filler material is in satisfactory condition
- Cracks have no or minor spalling (little or no FOD potential).

Repair: Do nothing seal cracks over 1/8 inch / Surface seal



**Medium**

- Nonfilled cracks have mean crack width greater than 1/4 inch possibly with light spalling.
- Filled or non filled cracks are moderately spalled (some FOD potential).
- Filled cracks have failed sealant with possible light spalling.

Repair: Seal cracks



**High**

Cracks are severely spalled, causing definite FOD potential. They're usually greater than 1 inch wide.

Repair: Seal cracks; Partial depth patch



# "Oil" Spillage

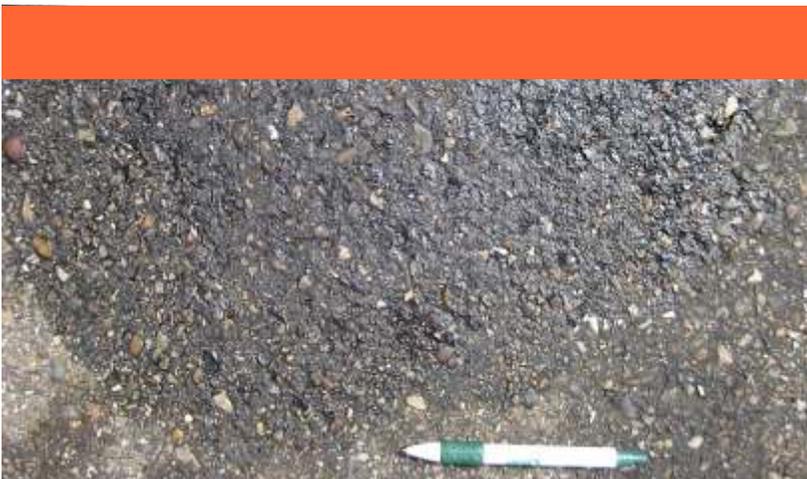
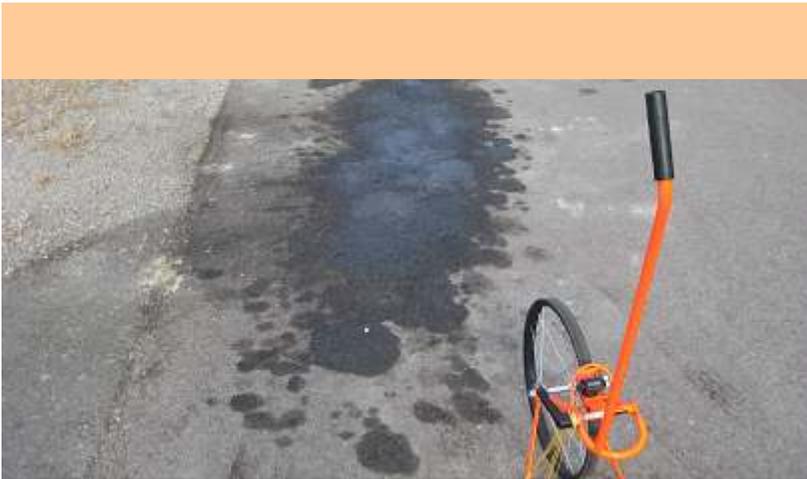
AC

**Description:** Deterioration or softening of the pavement surface caused by the spilling of oil, fuel, or other solvents.

**Causes:** Spills, leaks, accidents, etc.

Yes/No

spillage exists  
Repair: Do nothing / Partial or full depth patch



# Patching

AC

**Description:** An interruption in the continuous pavement mat. which reduces mat strength and may provide a path for moisture intrusion or adversely affect ride quality. A patch is considered a defect, no matter how well it is performing.

**Causes:** Tiedown anchors, pavement cores, utility cuts, and other pavement removal and replacement.

**Light** Patch is in good condition and is performing satisfactorily.  
Repair: Do nothing



**Medium** Patch and/or patch joint has deteriorated and/or affects riding quality.  
Repair: Seal cracks/Repair distress in patch/Replace patch



**High** Patch and/or patch joint has badly deteriorated resulting in high FOD potential and poor ride quality.  
Repair: Replace patch



# Raveling and Weathering (Mechanical)

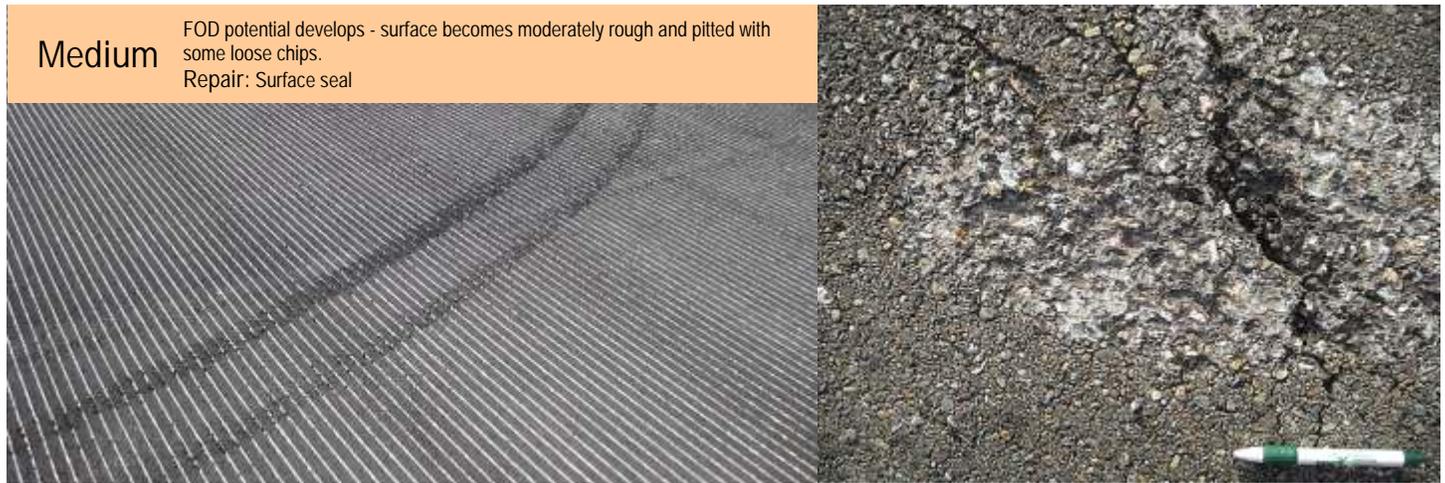
**Description:** Wearing away of the pavement surface including dislodging of aggregate particles and loss of asphalt or tar binder.

**Causes:** Plow scrapes, tracking of mud and gravel onto airport pavements by automobiles and sweeping.

**Light** Aggregate or binder has started to wear away, causing little or no FOD potential.  
Repair: Do nothing



**Medium** FOD potential develops - surface becomes moderately rough and pitted with some loose chips.  
Repair: Surface seal



**High** High FOD potential - surface is severely rough and pitted with numerous loose chips.  
Repair: Overlay / Recycle / Reconstruct



# Raveling and Weathering (Wear)

AC

**Description:** Wearing away of the pavement surface including dislodging of aggregate particles and loss of asphalt or tar binder.

**Causes:** Use (including especially plow scrapes, touchdowns, braking and turning) and/or ultraviolet exposure that oxidizes & hardens the asphalt binder.

**Light** Aggregate or binder has started to wear away, causing little or no FOD potential.  
Repair: Do nothing / Surface seal



**Medium** FOD potential develops - surface becomes moderately rough and pitted with some loose chips.  
Repair: Surface seal



**High** High FOD potential - surface is severely rough and pitted with numerous loose chips.  
Repair: Overlay / Recycle / Reconstruct



# Rutting

AC

**Description:** A surface depression in the wheel path indicating structural failure of the pavement. Pavement uplift may occur along the sides of the rut.

**Causes:** Traffic loads exceeding the pavement section's strength, resulting in a permanent consolidation or lateral movement of the pavement layers or subgrade. A heavily loaded plow on wet spring subgrades may be the most common cause of rutting.

**Light**  $\leq \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2}$  inch mean depth  
Repair: Do nothing



**Medium**  $> \frac{1}{2}$  inch  $\leq$  1 inch mean depth  
Repair: Partial or full depth patch / Patch and overlay



**High**  $>$  1 inch mean depth  
Repair: Partial or full depth patch / Patch and overlay



# Shoving From PCC

**Description:** A swelling and cracking of asphalt pavements where they adjoin concrete slabs.

**Causes:** Concrete pavements grow in size as the joints between slabs fill with debris. The increasing size of the slabs shoves and deforms adjacent asphalt pavements.

**Light** A slight amount of shoving has occurred, with little effect on ride quality and no asphalt break-up.  
Repair: Do nothing



**Medium** A significant amount of shoving has occurred, causing moderate roughness and little or no asphalt break-up.  
Repair: Partial depth patch / full depth patch



**High** A large amount of shoving has occurred, causing severe roughness or break-up of the asphalt pavement.  
Repair: Partial depth patch / full depth patch

# Swell

AC

**Description:** An upward bulge in the pavement's surface, sharply over a small area, or as a longer, gradual "wave" possibly accompanied by surface cracking.

**Cause:** Frost action in the subgrade or construction errors.

**Light** < 3/4 inch height differential  
Repair: Do nothing



**Medium** 3/4 - 1 1/2 inches height differential  
Repair: Reconstruct / Patch



**High** > 1 1/2 inch height differential  
Repair: Reconstruct / Patch



## Corner Break

PCC

**Description:** A crack that intersects the joints at a distance less than or equal to one-half the slab length on both sides, measured from the corner of the slab. The crack extends vertically through the entire slab thickness.

Causes: Load repetition combined with loss of support and curling stresses.

### Light

Crack has either no spalling or minor spalling (no FOD potential) with a mean width less than approximately 1/8 inch.

Repair: Do nothing / Seal cracks / Undersealing project

### Medium

\* A nonfilled crack has a mean width between 1/8 inch and 1 inch.

\* Moderately spalled.

\* Failed filler.

Repair: Seal cracks / Full depth patch / Slab replacement / Undersealing project



### High

\* A nonfilled crack has a mean width greater than approximately 1 inch.

\* Severely spalled.

Repair: Seal cracks / Full depth patch / Slab replacement / Undersealing project

# Cracks: Longitudinal, Transverse, & Diagonal

PCC

**Description:** Cracks that divide the slab into two or three pieces.

**Causes:** Load repetition, curling stresses and shrinkage stresses.

**Light**

- \* No spalling or minor spalling.
- \* Nonfilled cracks less than 1/8 inch wide.
- \* Filled crack with satisfactory filler.
- \* The slab is divided into three pieces by low severity cracks.

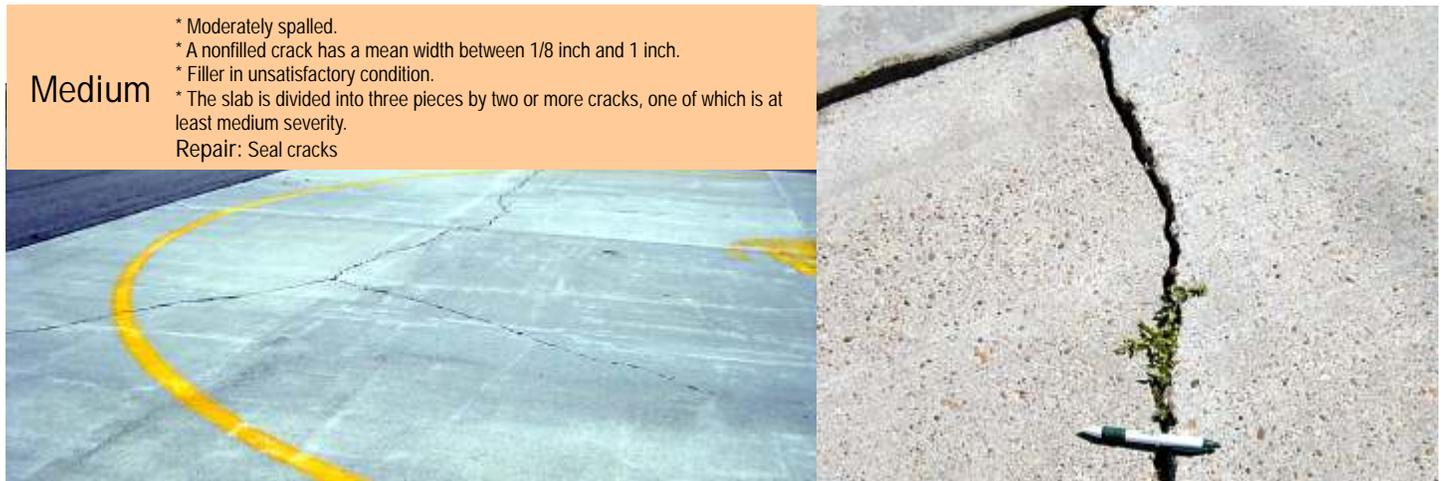
Repair: Do nothing / Seal cracks



**Medium**

- \* Moderately spalled.
- \* A nonfilled crack has a mean width between 1/8 inch and 1 inch.
- \* Filler in unsatisfactory condition.
- \* The slab is divided into three pieces by two or more cracks, one of which is at least medium severity.

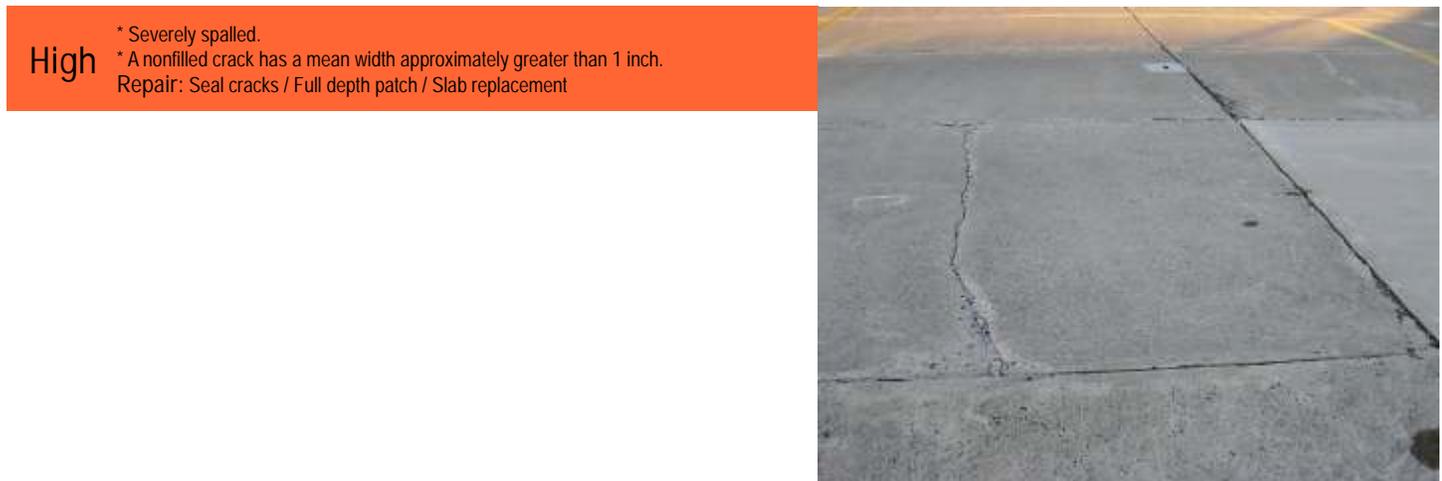
Repair: Seal cracks



**High**

- \* Severely spalled.
- \* A nonfilled crack has a mean width approximately greater than 1 inch.

Repair: Seal cracks / Full depth patch / Slab replacement



# Joint Seal Damage

PCC

**Description:** Any condition that allows significant infiltration of water or enables soil or rocks to accumulate in the joints preventing the slabs from expanding (may result in slab buckling, shattering, or spalling). Sealant hardens and cracks, loses edge bond, doesn't fill the joint, or has weed penetration.

**Causes:** Reduced pliability from weathering, or poor construction practices.

**Light** Sealant is performing well with minor, if any, damage.  
Repair: Do nothing



**Medium** Joint sealer is in generally fair condition with some moderate damage.  
Repair: Sealant needs replacement within 2 years



**High** Joint sealer is in generally poor condition, or lacking over the entire surveyed section.  
Repair: Sealant needs immediate replacement or application



# Scaling, Map Cracking & Crazing

PCC

**Description:** A network of shallow, fine, or hairline cracks tending to intersect at angles of 120 degrees, which extend only through the upper surface of the concrete. May lead to "scaling" of the surface (the breakdown of the slab's top approx. ¼" - ½").

**Causes:** Over-finishing the concrete, use of deicing salts, freeze-thaw cycles, and poor aggregate.

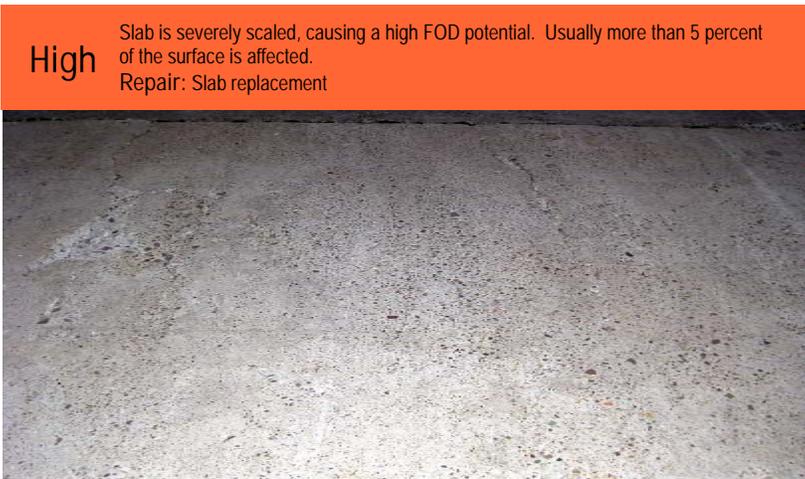
## Light

Crazing or map cracking exists over most of the slab area; the surface is in good condition with no scaling.  
Repair: Do nothing



## Medium

Slab is scaled over approximately 5 percent or less of the surface, causing some FOD potential.  
Repair: Partial depth patch / Slab replacement



## High

Slab is severely scaled, causing a high FOD potential. Usually more than 5 percent of the surface is affected.  
Repair: Slab replacement



# Settlement or Faulting

PCC

**Description:** A difference of elevation at a joint or crack.

**Causes:** Water intrusion into expansive subgrades, base course leach-out and consolidation or contamination, and/or poor construction practices.

## Light

Edge Elevation Difference: Runways/Taxiways: < 1/4 inch  
Aprons: 1/8 - 1/2 inch  
Repair: Do nothing / Joint seal / Injection-fill under slab / Underseal.



## Medium

Edge Elevation Difference: Runways/Taxiways: 1/4 - 1/2 inch  
Aprons: 1/2 - 1 inch  
Repair: Slab grinding / Joint seal / Injection-fill under slab / Underseal.



## High

Edge Elevation Difference: Runways/Taxiways: > 1/2 inch  
Aprons: > 1 inch  
Repair: Slab grinding / Slab replacement / Joint seal / Injection-fill under slab / Underseal.



# Shattered Slab

**Description:** The slab is broken into four or more pieces, not all contained in a corner break.

**Cause:** Overloading or inadequate support of the slab.

**Light** The slab is broken into 4 or 5 pieces with over 85% of the cracks of low severity  
Repair: Seal cracks



**Medium** The slab is broken into 4 or 5 pieces with over 15% of the cracks of medium severity or the slab is broken into 6 or more pieces with over 85% of the cracks of low severity.  
Repair: Seal cracks / full depth patch / slab replacement



**High** The slab is broken into 4 or 5 pieces with some or all of the cracks of high severity or the slab is broken into 6 or more pieces with over 15% of the cracks of medium or high severity.  
Repair: Full depth patch / slab replacement



# Spalling (Corner)

PCC

**Description:** The raveling or breakdown of the slab within approximately 2 feet of the corner. Spalls angle downward to intersect the joint, not vertically through the slab.

**Causes:** Infiltration of incompressible materials, excessive traffic loads, or weak (overworked) concrete at the joint.

**Light** Corner edges are lightly frayed with few pieces (little or no FOD potential).  
Repair: Do nothing



**Medium** Moderately frayed edge, fractured pieces may be loose or absent (some FOD or tire damage potential).  
Repair: Partial depth patch



**High** Severely frayed, high severity cracks, fractured pieces absent (high FOD or tire damage potential).  
Repair: Partial depth patch



# Spalling (Joint)

PCC

**Description:** The breakdown of the slab within 2 feet of the edge. A joint spall usually does not extend vertically through the slab, but intersects the joint at an angle.

**Causes:** Infiltration of incompressible materials, excessive traffic loads, or weak (overworked) concrete at the joint.

**Light** Joint is lightly frayed with few pieces (little or no FOD potential).  
Repair: Do nothing



**Medium** Moderately frayed edge, fractured pieces may be loose or absent (some FOD or tire damage potential).  
Repair: Partial depth patch



**High** Severely frayed, high severity cracks, fractured pieces absent (high FOD or tire damage potential).  
Repair: Partial depth patch

