

**THE TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD'S DATA ANALYSIS WORK GROUP  
CONDUCTED A FORUM ON PAVEMENT PERFORMANCE DATA ANALYSIS  
AT THE 81<sup>st</sup> TRB ANNUAL MEETING IN WASHINGTON, DC  
ON JANUARY 12, 2002**

The Transportation Research Board's Data Analysis Working Group --- "the DAWG" --- conducted a forum on pavement performance data analysis in Washington, DC, on January 12, 2002, immediately prior to the opening of TRB's 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting. All attendees of the Annual Meeting who are interested in the analysis of pavement performance data were welcome to attend without charge.

The agenda of the forum, and a full set of abstracts of the presentations, are attached.

[DAWG Agenda and Abstracts for Web](#)

The DAWG is an international forum for the discussion of methods of analysis of pavement performance data. Presentations at DAWG-sponsored forums address the technical interests of professionals engaged in highway research and engineering design, maintenance, and rehabilitation who are engaged in collecting, processing, and analyzing such data and developing insights into the behavior of pavements. Presentations offered by forum attendees focus on work-in-progress concerning the development of techniques for extracting and analyzing data, and early results of recent applications of these techniques. Topics such as model building, sensitivity analysis, and development of transfer functions linking structural response to distress are especially popular.

A DAWG forum has a minimum of formality to encourage open discussion among attendees and minimize the time between the presenters' preparation and dissemination of analytical results. The agenda is prepared in advance, based on responses to a call for abstracts. Abstracts are reviewed solely for conformity with DAWG guidelines, and as many as time permits are placed on the agenda. Presentations are not subjected to prior technical review. Copies of presentation materials are not distributed. Presentations are not published. Comments by forum attendees are not recorded.

DAWG forums are held twice each year: immediately preceding the TRB Annual Meeting in Washington DC in January, and approximately at the midyear at another location. The midyear meeting is usually held in conjunction with a major highway pavement conference where it is expected that many attendees will also be interested in participating in a DAWG forum.

As a TRB committee, the DAWG has appointed members who serve as a steering committee to guide the planning of future meetings. However, DAWG forums are open to everyone interested in the subjects to be discussed, and all attendees enjoy equal status. There is no registration requirement or fee required to attend these forums, but advance notice of the intent to attend a particular forum is recommended and appreciated.