



LONG TERM PAVEMENT PERFORMANCE PROGRAM DIRECTIVE



For the Technical Direction of the LTPP Program

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Subject: Release Policy for Non-IMS Data

This directive supplements General Operations Directive 2, Data Release Policy.

Background

There are large quantities of LTPP data not stored in IMS, some in electronic form (25-mm profile data, FWD time histories, PASCO distress maps) and others in paper form (SMP installation reports, SPS construction reports, manual survey distress maps). To date, those data have not been made available to the public, although many of them could prove extremely beneficial. Unlike IMS data, the data in question are not subjected to the same QC, but most of them receive some level of QC review. The purpose of this directive is to establish a policy for release of those data, which supplements policy in place for IMS data.

Policy

Non-IMS data shall be released to the public only when sections for which data are to be released have RECORD_STATUS equal to E in the **EXPERIMENT_SECTION** table. Data requested by highway agency personnel for sections within their state may be provided without a requirement on the value of RECORD_STATUS in **EXPERIMENT_SECTION**.

Data Requests

All requested non-IMS data must be handled through the LTPP IMS Customer Support Services representative. All non-IMS data will be provided with the following disclaimer:

The data provided were obtained using the procedures for both acquisition and field review which were current at the time of collection. Changes in LTPP procedures over time are generally documented, although separately from the unprocessed data. This is particularly true of electronic data acquisition requiring software modifications. Changes in procedures used by other parties may or may not be documented. While every effort has been made to consistently and correctly obtain values of interest, some errors can only be identified after further processing.

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