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Sufficiency Rating Refinement & Detour Routing Automation

Problem Background

 Nova Scotia Department of Public Works (NSDPW) is responsible for 4100+ bridges along 23,000 km of provincial highways

Initial Conditions

- No standardized bridge repair or maintenance identification processes
- No streamlined detour calculation process in place for any of the 4100+ bridges
- Detour calculations carried out using Google Maps

Project Scope

- Review and refine bridge Sufficiency Rating (SR) documentation
- Develop a tool to generate an SR for each of the provinces' 4100+ bridges
- Implement a planning tool to calculate detour routes along the highway network
- Generate bridge deterioration models

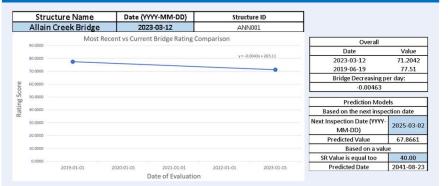
Tool Creation

- Reviewed existing SR documentation
- SR flow charts created from the existing methodology
- SR & bridge deterioration tools created based on flow charts and guidance from a structural assessment and retrofit research advisor
- Detour routing tool created using Google API, JavaScript, HTML, and CSS

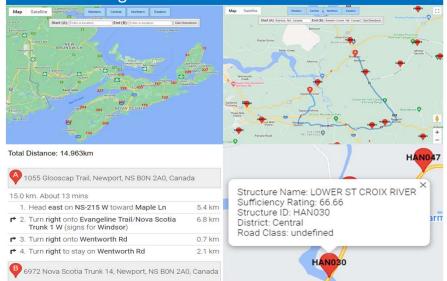
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Bridge Deterioration Modeling



Detour Routing



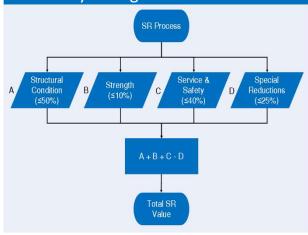
Implementation

- .. Real-time bridge deterioration levels and detour routes may be calculated
- 2. Adoption of dynamic detour routing & bridge deterioration processes
- 3. Publication of SR & detour tools for organizational-wide information sharing
- 4. Distribution of standard work instructions

Defining a Sufficiency Rating

- Using four impact categories, the SR evaluates the current ranking of a bridge relative to all other bridges along the highway network
- The SR represents:
 - Present Condition
 - · Level of Service
 - Safety
 - · Approach Roads

Sufficiency Rating Breakdown



Final Design Outcomes

- Streamlined SR methodologies & process flow models
- Complex bridge deterioration modeling capabilities
- · Live asset management capabilities
- Improved communication between the Structures Asset Management Engineer and District Bridge Engineers
- Dynamic detour routing tool which identifies and displays the most effective route based on SR, road class, district, & criticality to the highway network
- Upwards of 6,000 lines of code