Ice Sensor and Warning System



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Background

 Section of TH 12 near Dassel-Cokato High School routinely ices up from snow blowing onto the road







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- MnDOT District 8 plows this section of roadway out of Litchfield truck station, 17 miles away
- Snow blows from field to north
- Snow fence was not effective







- In-pavement sensor is placed in the wheel path at three locations
- Detects pavement surface state
 - Dry, Moist, Wet, Streaming
 Water, Frost, Snow, Ice
- Measures pavement temperature





Active Warning Signs

- Active signs flash while any sensor detects snow or ice
- Sends email alert to project stakeholders
 - Alerts will be used to monitor road conditions
 - Link to camera access via website

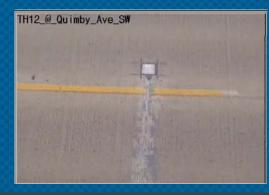






Pan-Tilt-Zoom (PTZ) Camera

 Camera can zoom in to see road conditions or to see the general road conditions









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Data Logger/Controller



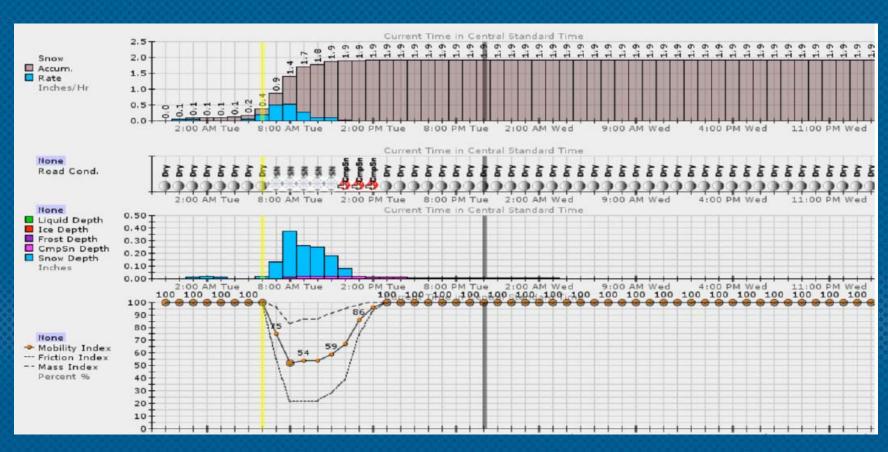




Data Analysis/Calibration



Winter 2014-2015 Data Compared to MnDOT's MDSS







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