



Simplified Life Cycle Cost Analysis

LCCA for Local Agencies

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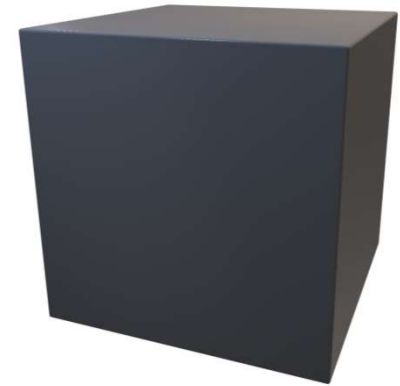
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Life-Cycle Cost Analysis

What is it ?

- Economic procedure
 - That uses Engineering inputs
- Compares competing alternates over their life
 - by considering all significant costs (and benefits)
 - Construction, Maintenance, Rehabilitation
 - User
 - Performance
- Expressed in equivalent dollars.

What it isn't:

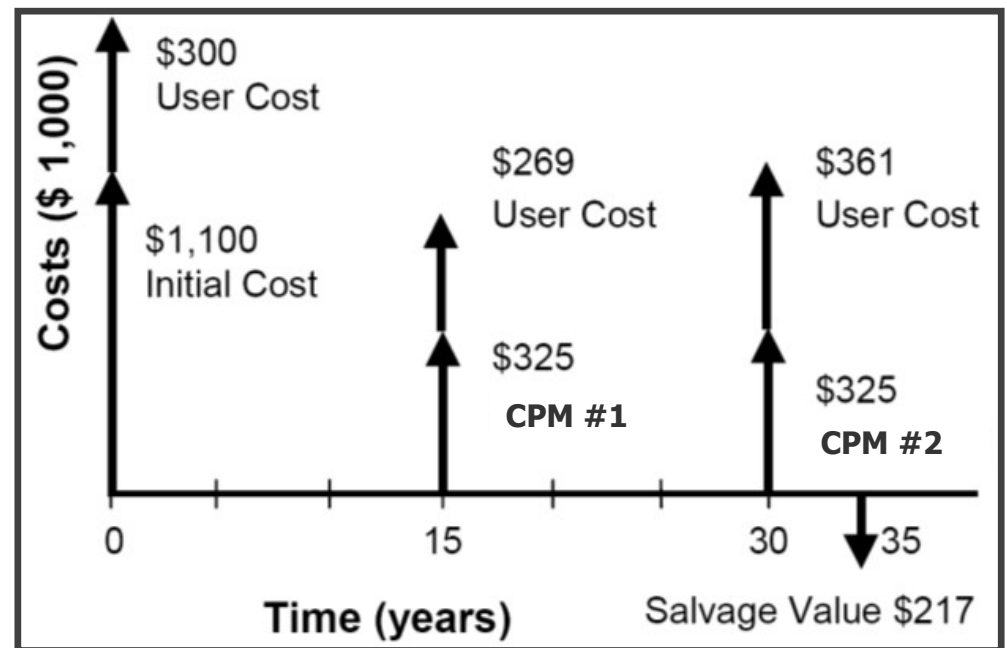


LCCA: What is it?

"A life cycle cost analysis calculates the cost of a system or product over its entire life span."

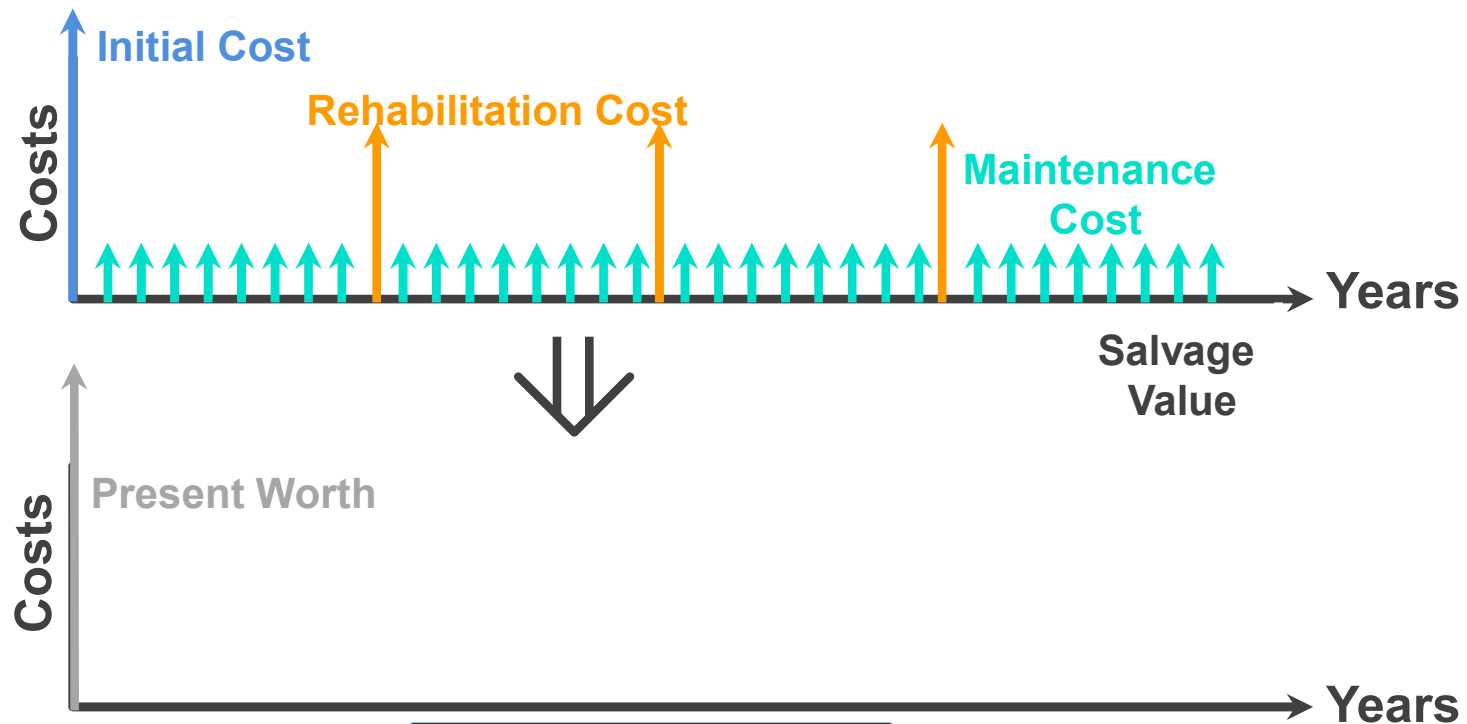
For pavements, can include :

- Initial Construction Costs
- Maintenance Costs
- User Delay Costs
- Salvage/Remaining Life Value



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Present Worth Analysis:



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Present Worth Analysis:

$$PW = IC + \sum_{t=0}^{t=n} pwf [MC+UC+FRC] - pwf(S)$$

IC = Initial Cost

MC = Maintenance Cost

UC = User Cost

FRC = Rehabilitation Cost

S = Salvage (Recycling value)

pwf = Present Worth Factor

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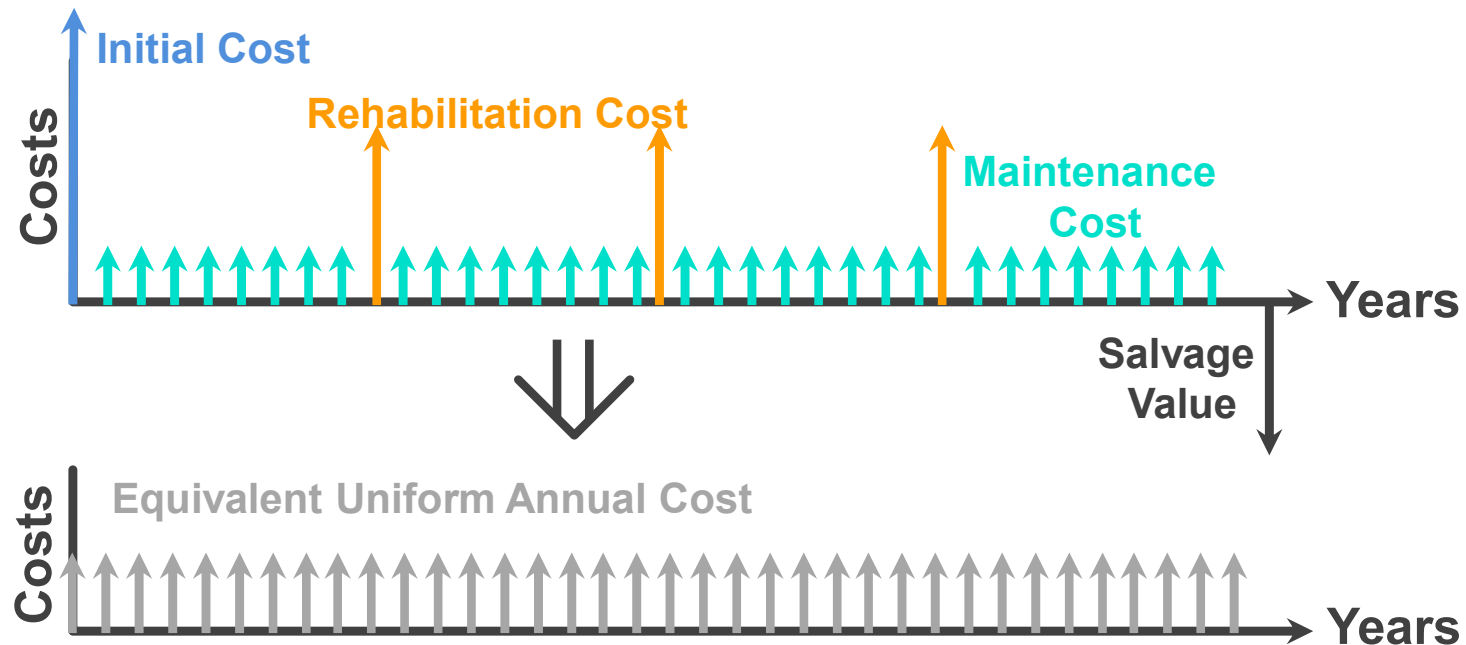
Present Worth Factor:

$$pwf = \frac{1}{(1 + i)^n}$$

- pwf = Present Worth Factor
for discount rate i and year n
- i = Discount rate
- n = Number of years when cost (benefit)
will occur

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Equivalent Uniform Annual Cost:



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$$EUAC = crf (IC) + AM + AUC + \left[crf \sum_{t=0}^{t=n} pwf(FRC) \right] - crf(S)$$

IC	= Initial Cost
AM	= Annual Maintenance Cost
AUC	= Annual Users Cost
FRC	= Future Rehabilitation Cost(s)
S	= Salvage Value
crf	= Capital Recovery Factor
pwf	= Present Worth Factor

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Capital Recovery Factor:

$$crf = \frac{i (1 + i)^n}{(1 + i)^n - 1}$$

crf = Capital Recovery Factor
 for discount rate i and year n

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 will occur

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Discount Rate:

$$DR = \frac{\text{Interest} - \text{Inflation}}{1 + \text{Inflation}}$$

Discount Rate = *Real Interest Rate*

Interest - The return of an investment that raises the future value of a dollar

Inflation - The erosion of a dollar's value that raises the cost of future expenses



LCCA: Simple spreadsheet

(Initial Costs)

PAVEMENT TYPE COMPARISON												
Lake Township, MI												
Concrete vs. Asphalt												
Equivalent Designs - using 6" Concrete as starting point												
		Project Size =	20,000 syd									
Asphalt								Back-of-the-envelope comparison				
Item	Description	Thickness		Price	Unit	Quantity	Cost		layer coeff	SN		
Top	HMA, 5EL	3.25 in.		\$90.00	ton	3575	\$321,750.00		0.44	1.43		
Leveling	HMA, 4EL	3.25 in.		\$80.00	ton	3575	\$286,000.00		0.44	1.43		
Agg Base	21AA	8 in.		\$12.00	syd	20000	\$240,000.00		0.14	1.12		
						TOTAL	\$847,750.00		S SN	3.98		
Concrete												
Concrete	Conc Pavt, Nonreinf, 6 inch	6 in.		\$40.00	syd	20000	\$800,000.00		0.55	3.3		
Agg Base	21AA	6 in.		\$10.00	syd	20000	\$200,000.00		0.14	0.84		
							\$1,000,000.00		S SN	4.14		
						% diff. =	17.96%					

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(Maint/Rehab Costs)

Maintenance/Rehab Costs						
				Conc. Transverse Joint Spacing	12 ft	
Interest Rate	3.0%			Service Life	30 yrs	
Inflation Rate	2.5%					
Discount Rate	0.49%					
Asphalt						
Year	Action	Quantity	Unit Cost	Extended	pwf	Present Cost
6	Crack sealing	4,000 ft	\$2.00	\$8,000.00	0.971225	\$7,769.80
10	HMA Patching	1500 syd	\$20.00	\$30,000.00	0.952503	\$28,575.09
12	Mill & Overlay 1.5"	20,000 syd	\$7.00	\$140,000.00	0.943278	\$132,058.91
15	Crack sealing	5,000 ft	\$2.00	\$10,000.00	0.929607	\$9,296.07
20	Chip seal	20,000 syd	\$2.50	\$50,000.00	0.907262	\$45,363.11
17	HMA Patching	3000 syd	\$20.00	\$60,000.00	0.920604	\$55,236.24
25	Crack sealing	5,000 ft	\$2.00	\$10,000.00	0.885454	\$8,854.54
					TOTAL	\$287,153.78
Concrete						
Year	Action	Quantity	Unit Cost	Extended	pwf	Present Cost
15	Conc Patching	500 syd	\$100.00	\$50,000.00	0.929607	\$46,480.37
25	Conc Patching	600 syd	\$100.00	\$60,000.00	0.885454	\$53,127.24
					TOTAL	\$99,607.62
Total Life Cycle Cost (Net Present Cost)						
	Asphalt		Concrete			
	\$1,134,903.78		\$1,099,607.62			
	% diff. =	-3.11%				

Requires:

- Estimated amounts of future maintenance & rehab

Benefits:

- Can use today's prices



Summary

- Life cycle cost analysis (LCCA) can be used to compare pavement alternatives that have different initial costs
- LCCA doesn't have to be difficult
- Can be done with a simple spreadsheet
- Be careful with inputs that can sway results





QUESTIONS?



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