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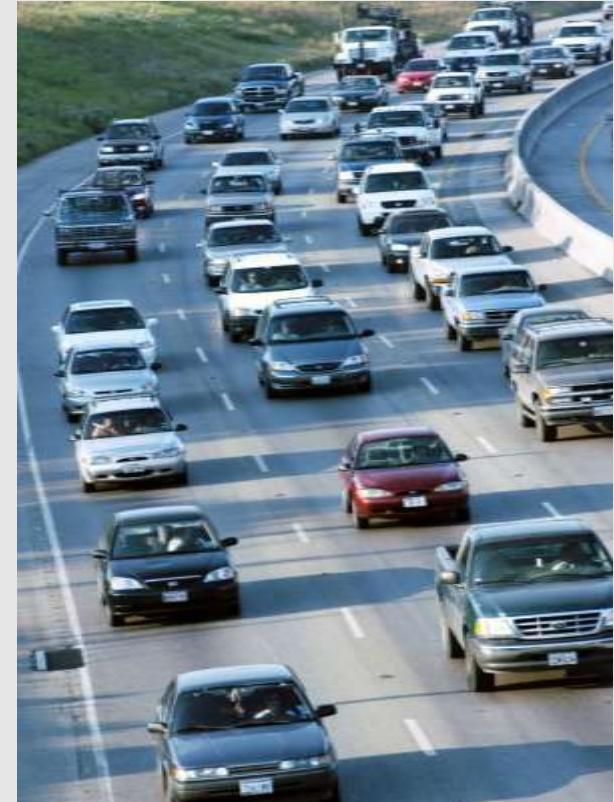


A COMPARISON STUDY OF TRAFFIC SPEED DEFLECTOMETER AND FALLING WEIGHT DEFLECTOMETER ON TEXAS ROADS

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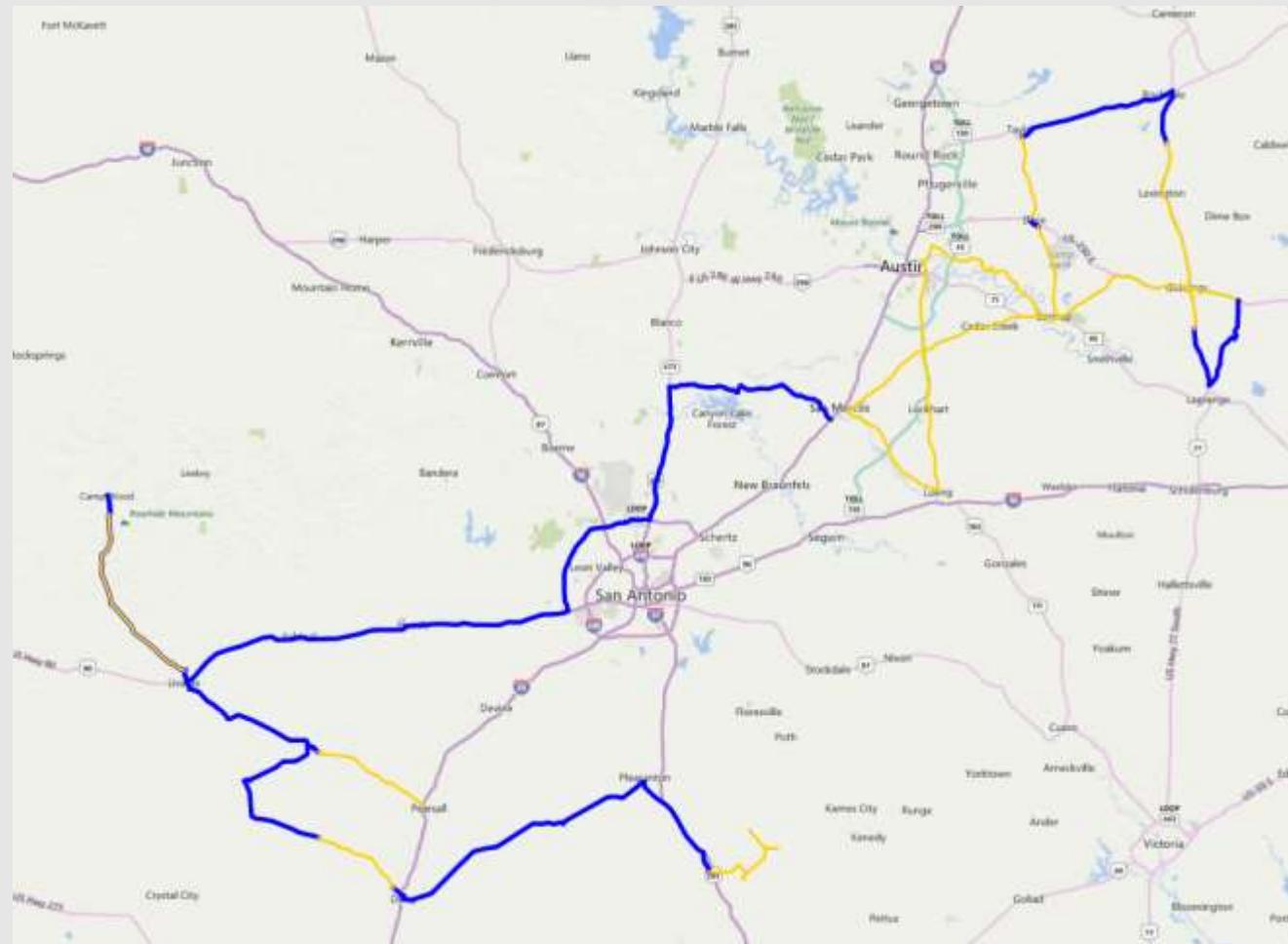
Outline

- Introduction
- Testing routes in Texas
- Testing Devices
- Data Components
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- Summary

Introduction

- Transportation pool fund study 385
 - Project: Pavement Structural Evaluation with Traffic Speed Deflection Devices (TSDDs)
 - Objective: establish a research consortium focused on providing participating agencies guidelines on how to specify collection and use data collected with TSDDs for network- and project-level (if feasible) pavement management applications.
 - Led by Virginia DOT
 - TxDOT: Pilot road testing conducted in 2019
 - Ongoing study

TSD Routes in Texas



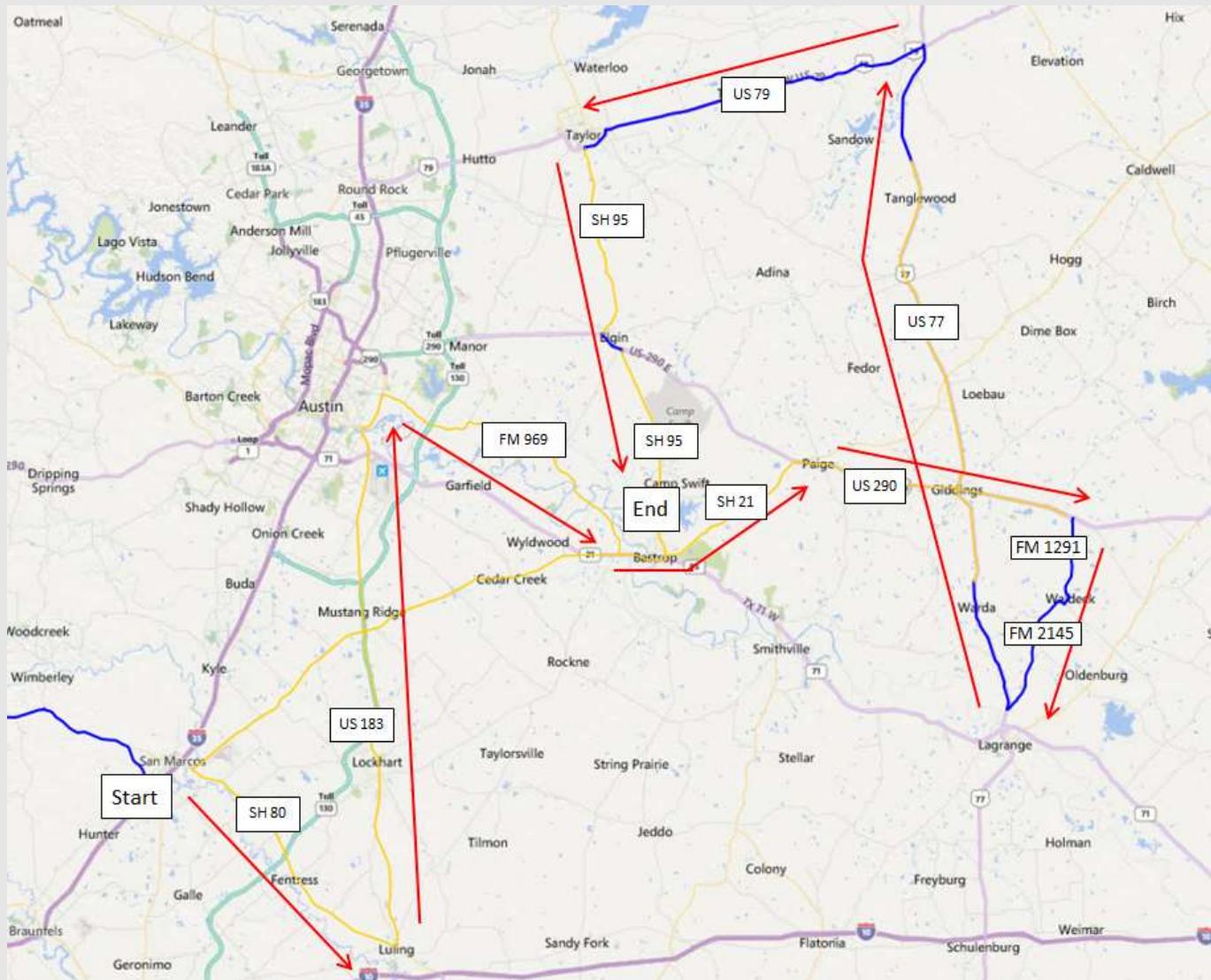
All Routes

Primary Routes in Yellow

Connecting Routes in Blue

Route	Total Mileage
All routes	757
Primary routes	362
Connecting routes	395

TSD Routes in Texas: Austin Area



Austin Area

- Primary Routes in Yellow
- Connecting Routes in Blue

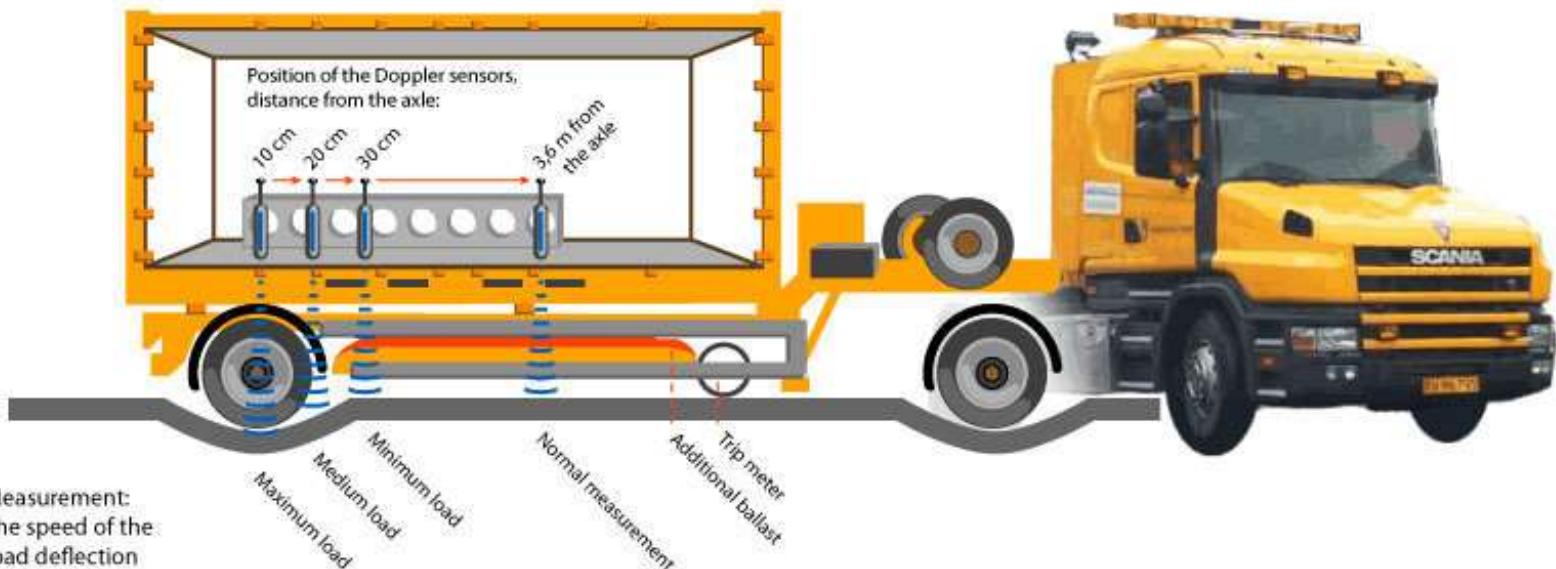
Route	Total Mileage
All routes	253
Primary routes	186
Connecting routes	67

iPAVe Data Collection



TSD Device (Cont'd)

How the High Speed Deflectograph works:



Measurement:
The speed of the
road deflection

Axle load:
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Speed:
50 - 80 km/h

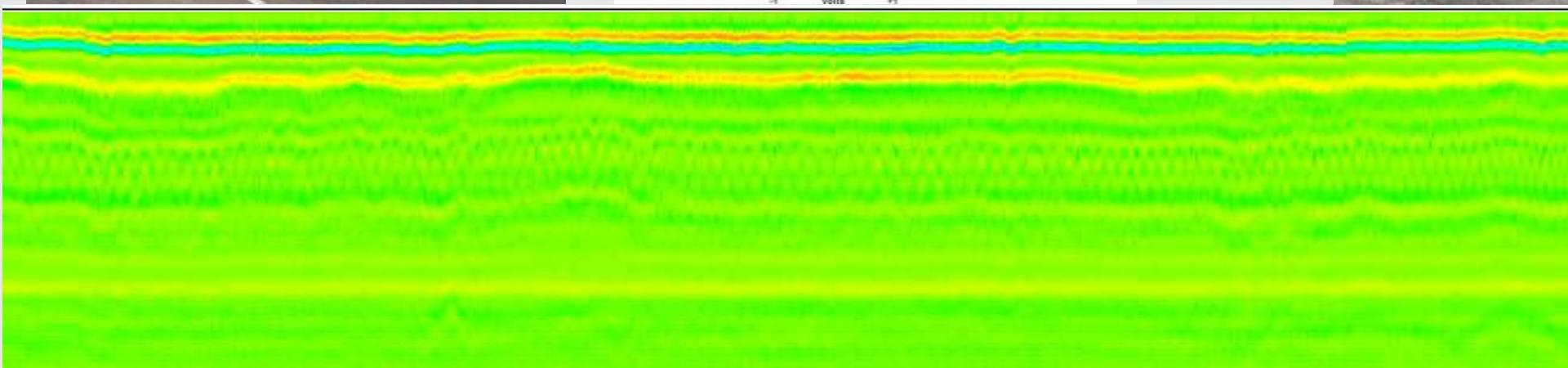
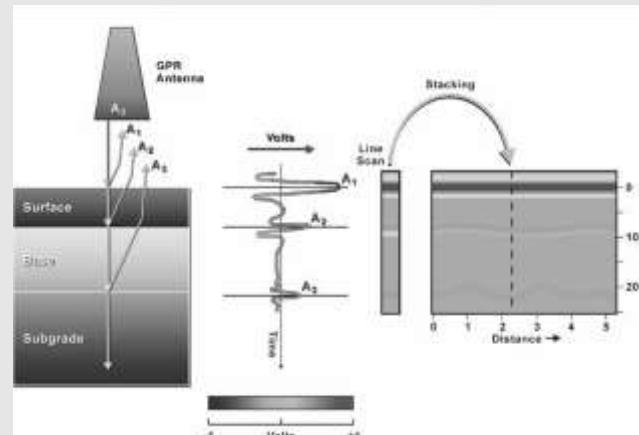
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FWD

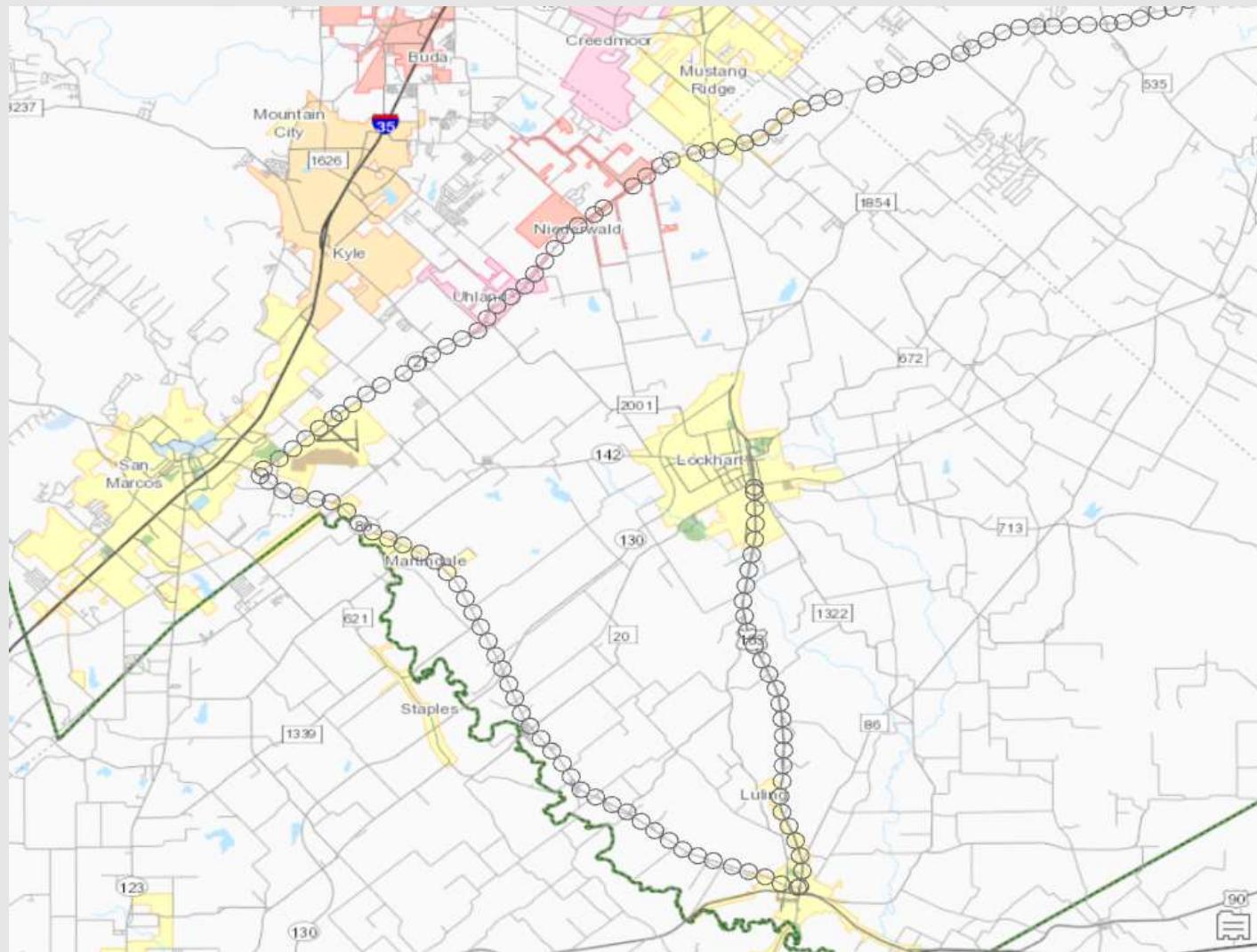


GPR Data Collection

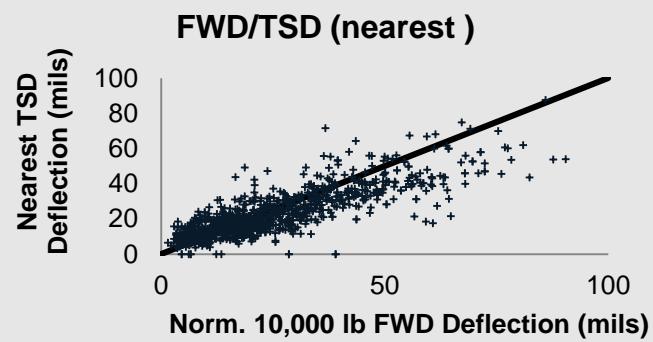
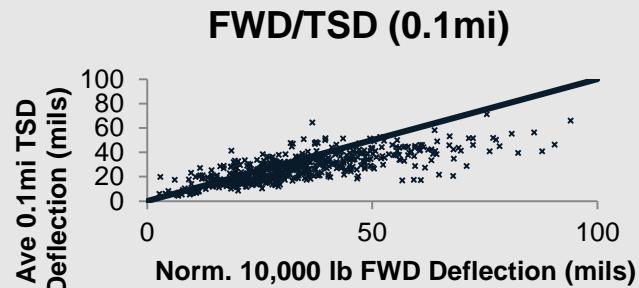
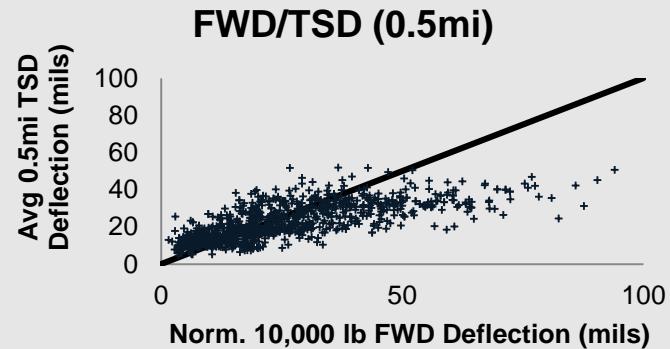
- TxDOT 1 GHz air-launched GPR



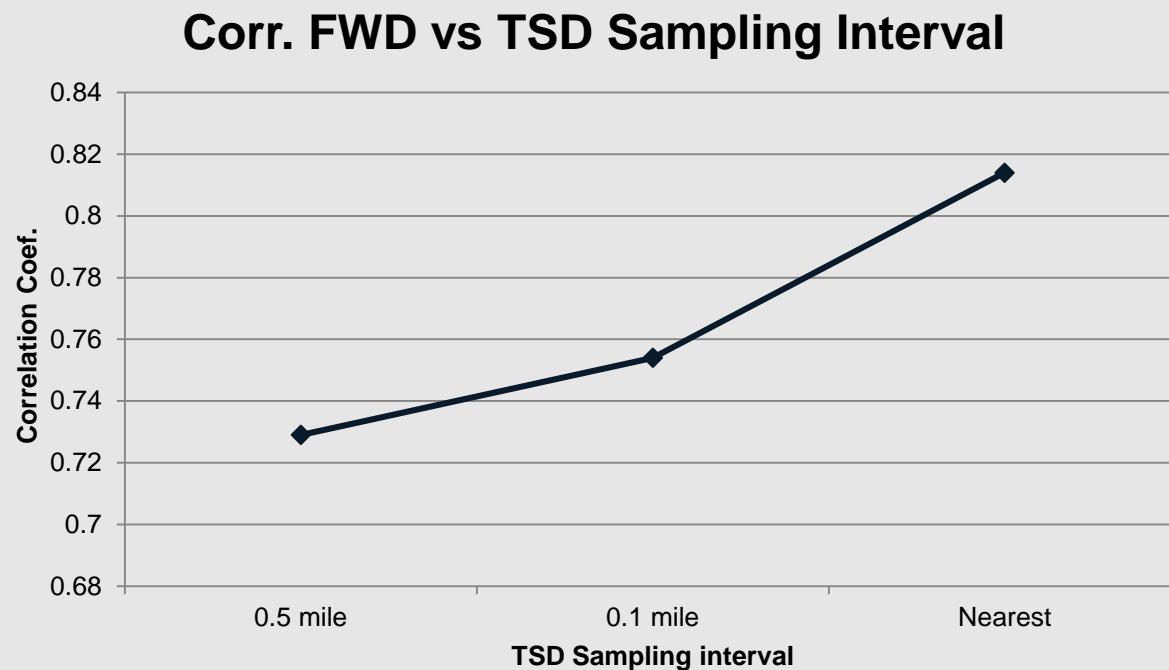
TSD Deflection Data Spatial Sampling



Deflection: FWD vs TSD Sampling

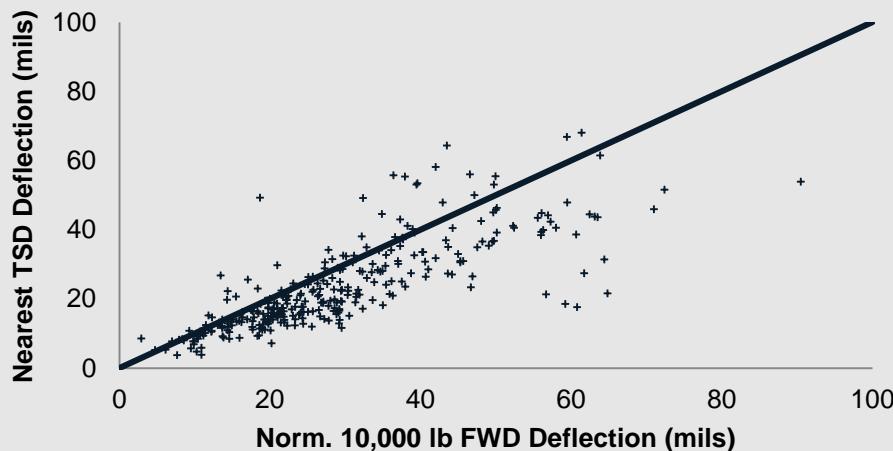


Deflection: Correlation between FWD and TSD Sampling

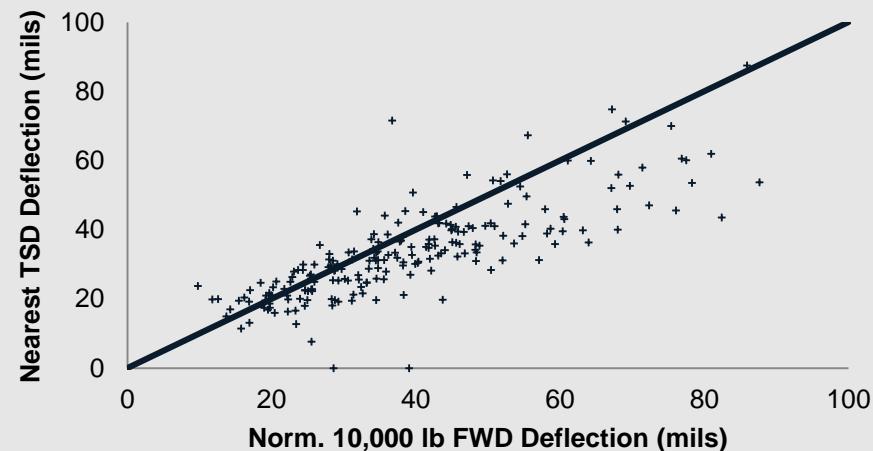


Deflection: FWD vs TSD, Highway specific

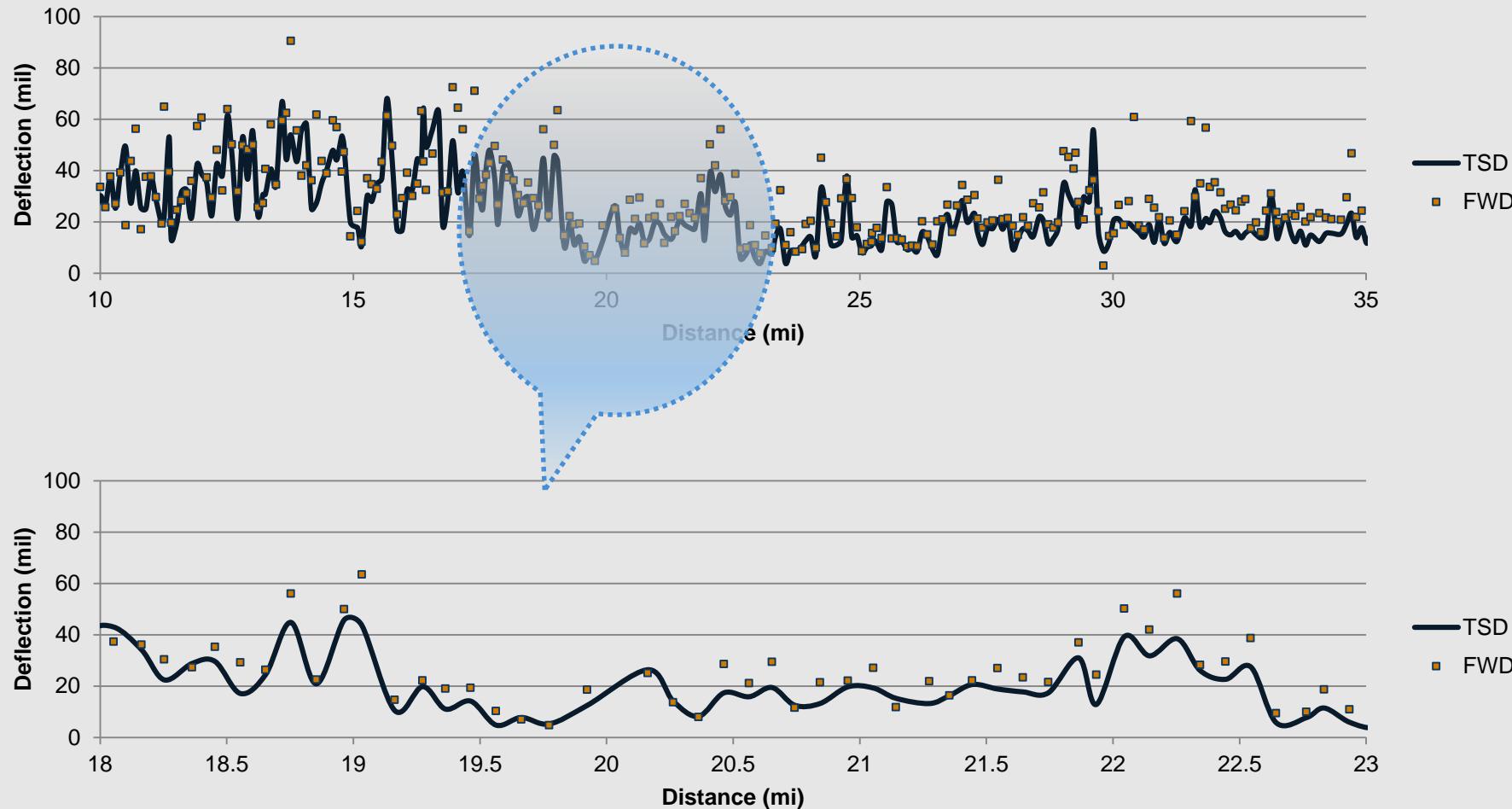
FWD/TSD Comparison, SH55



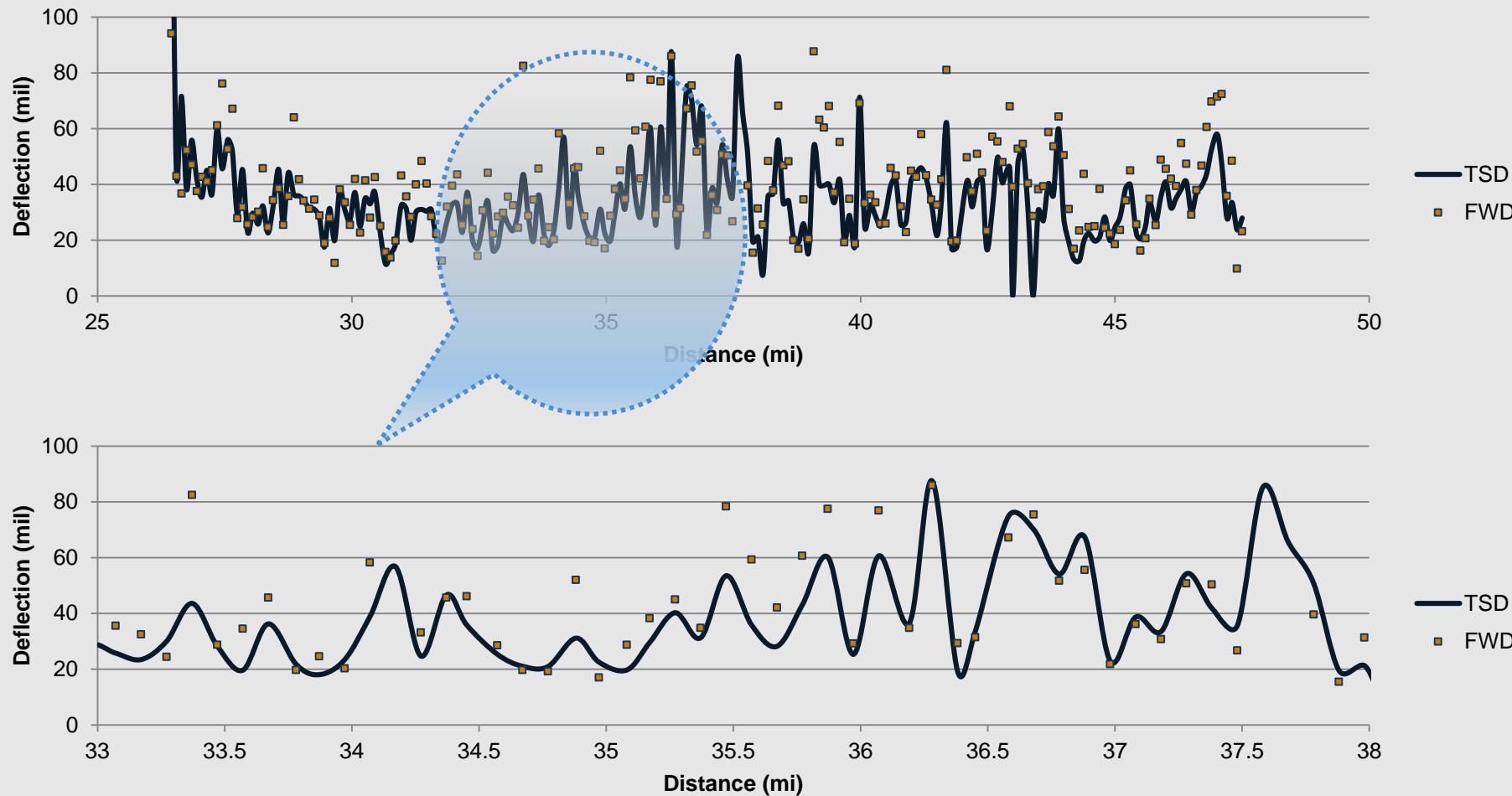
FWD/TSD Comparison, FM140



Deflection on SH55: TSD vs FWD



Deflection on FM140: TSD vs FWD



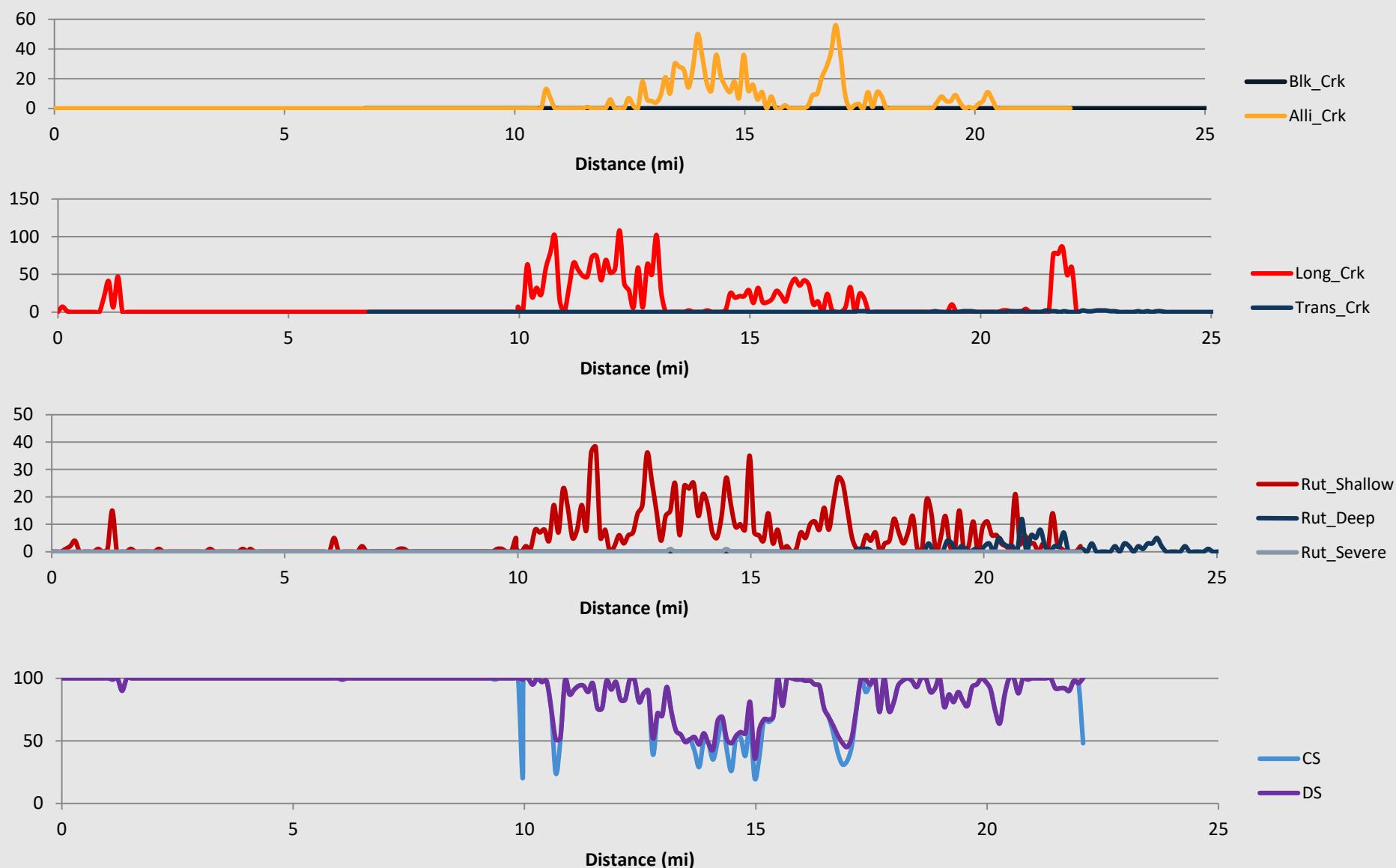
More In-Depth Study: FM969

- Length about 22 miles
- Pavement:
 - Flexible pavement
 - Structure varies
- Dataset
 - Surface condition data
 - Subsurface
 - TSD deflection
 - FWD deflection
 - GPR imaging

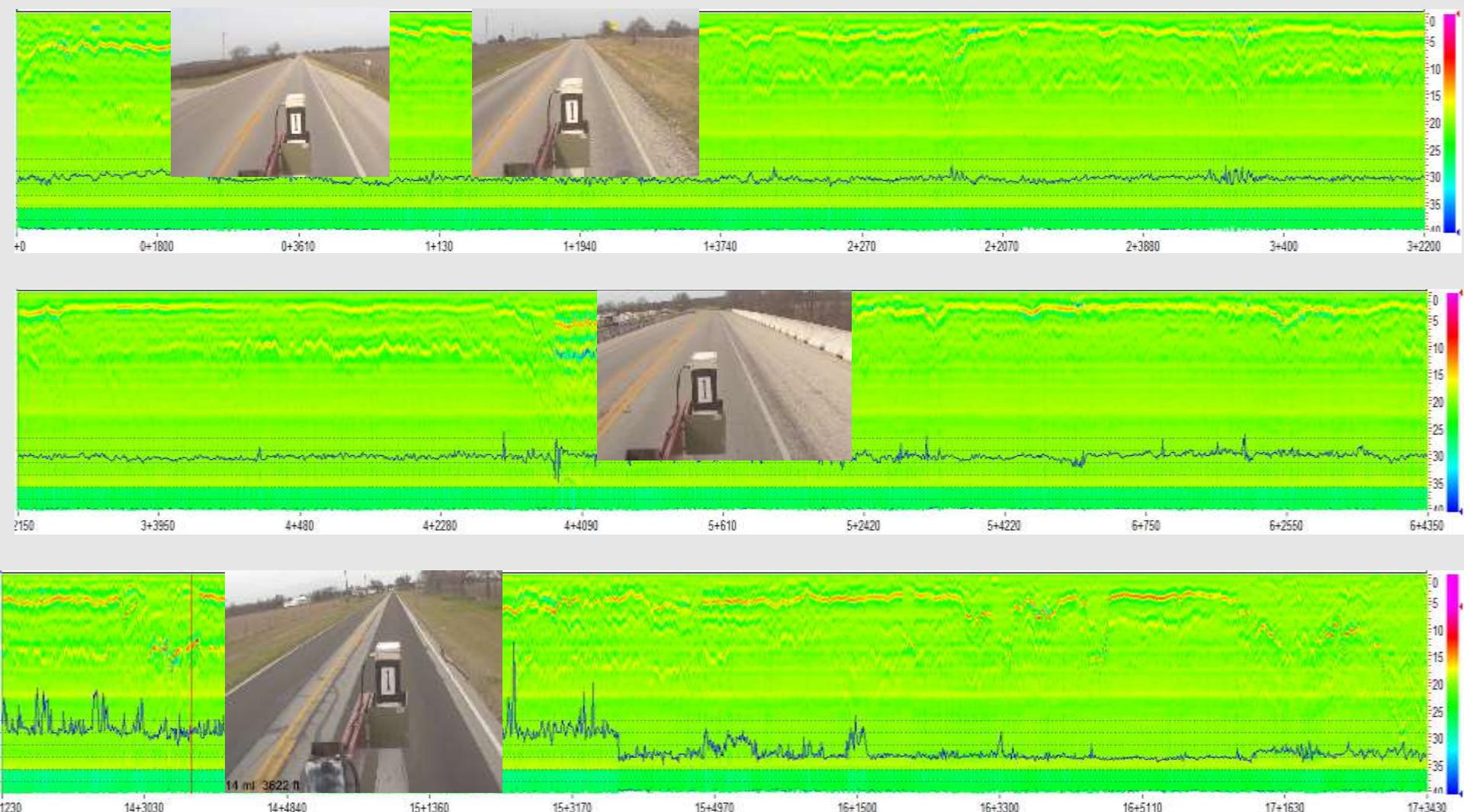
FM969: Surface Condition Overview



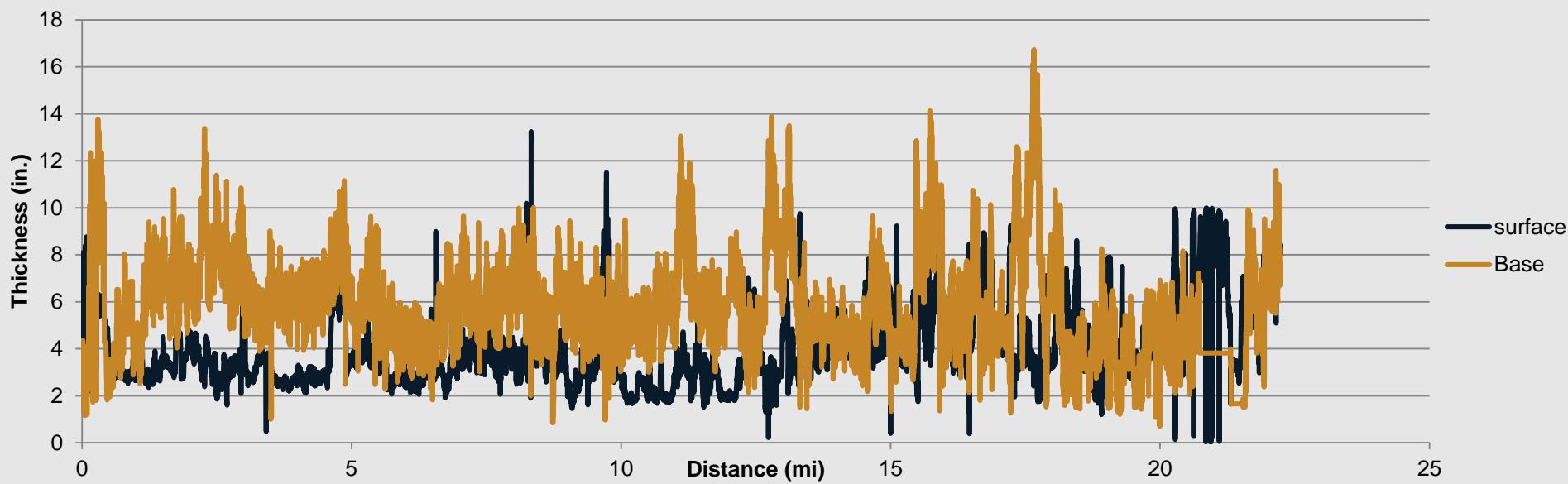
FM969: Surface Condition Evaluation



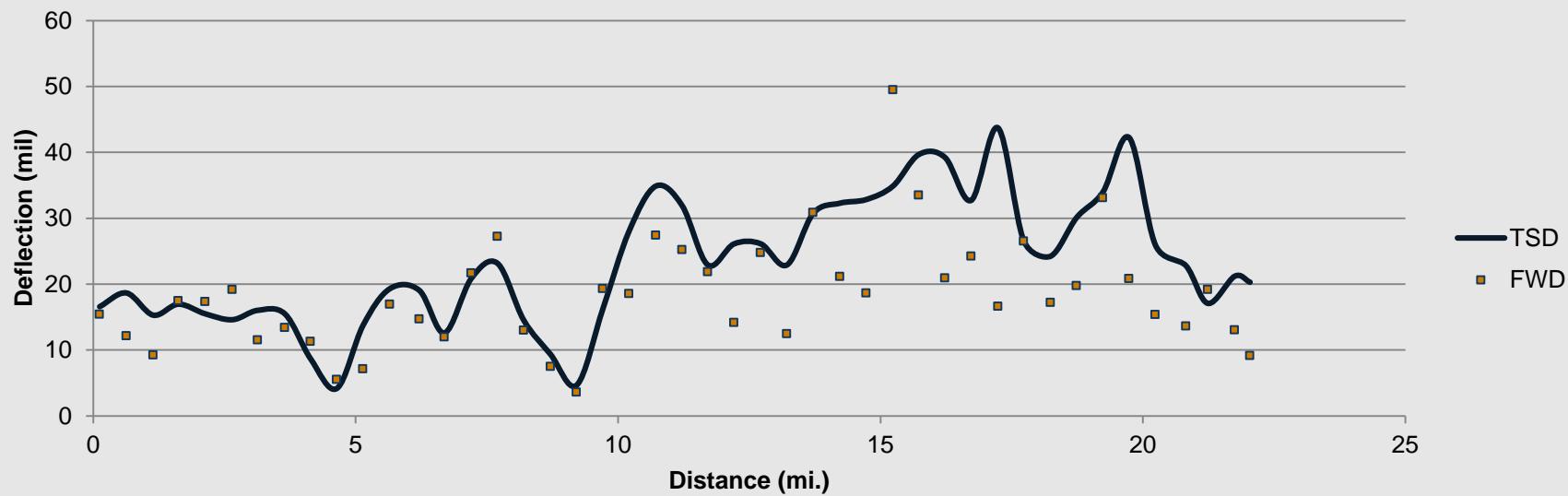
FM969: Subsurface Condition



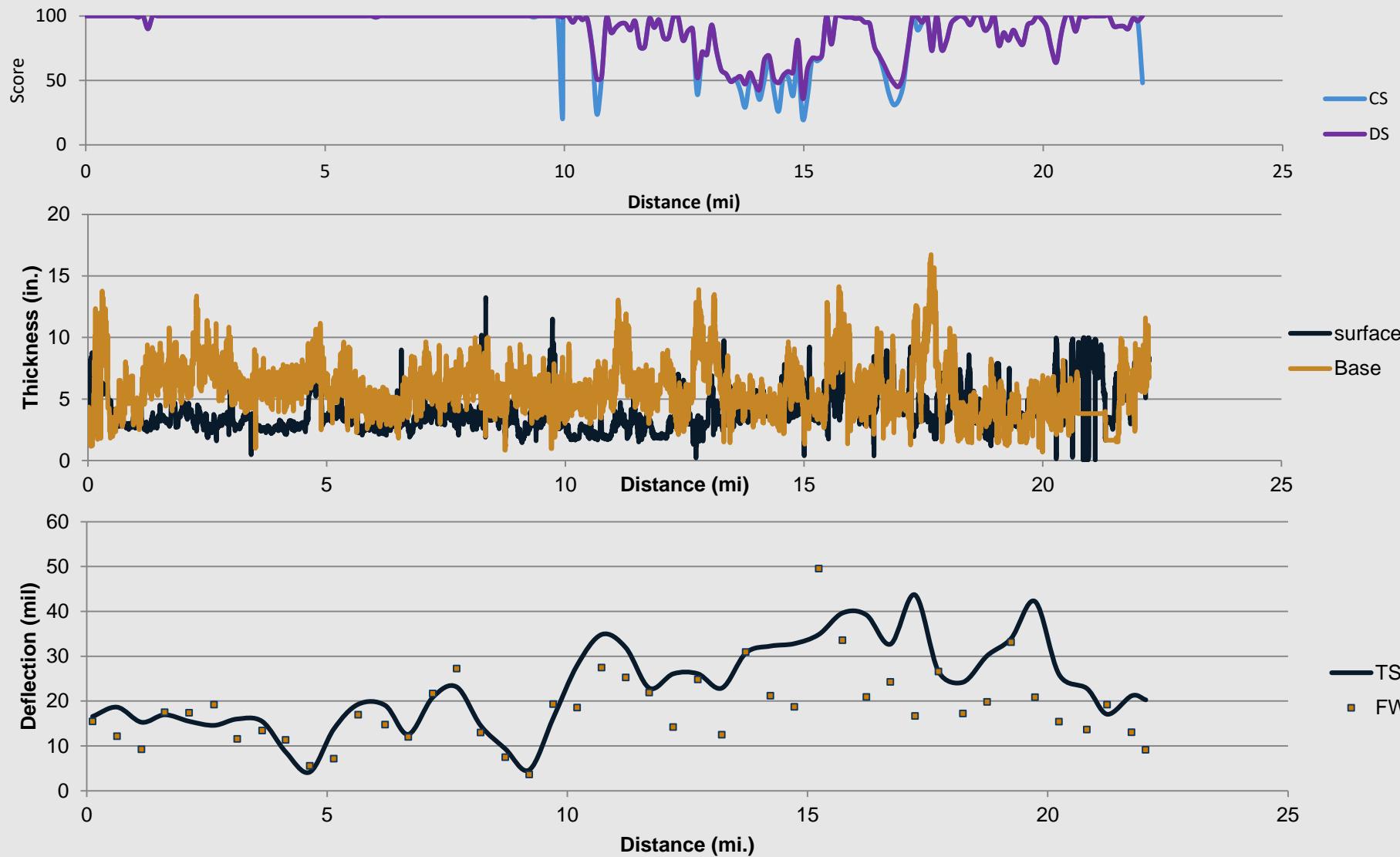
FM969: Pavement structure



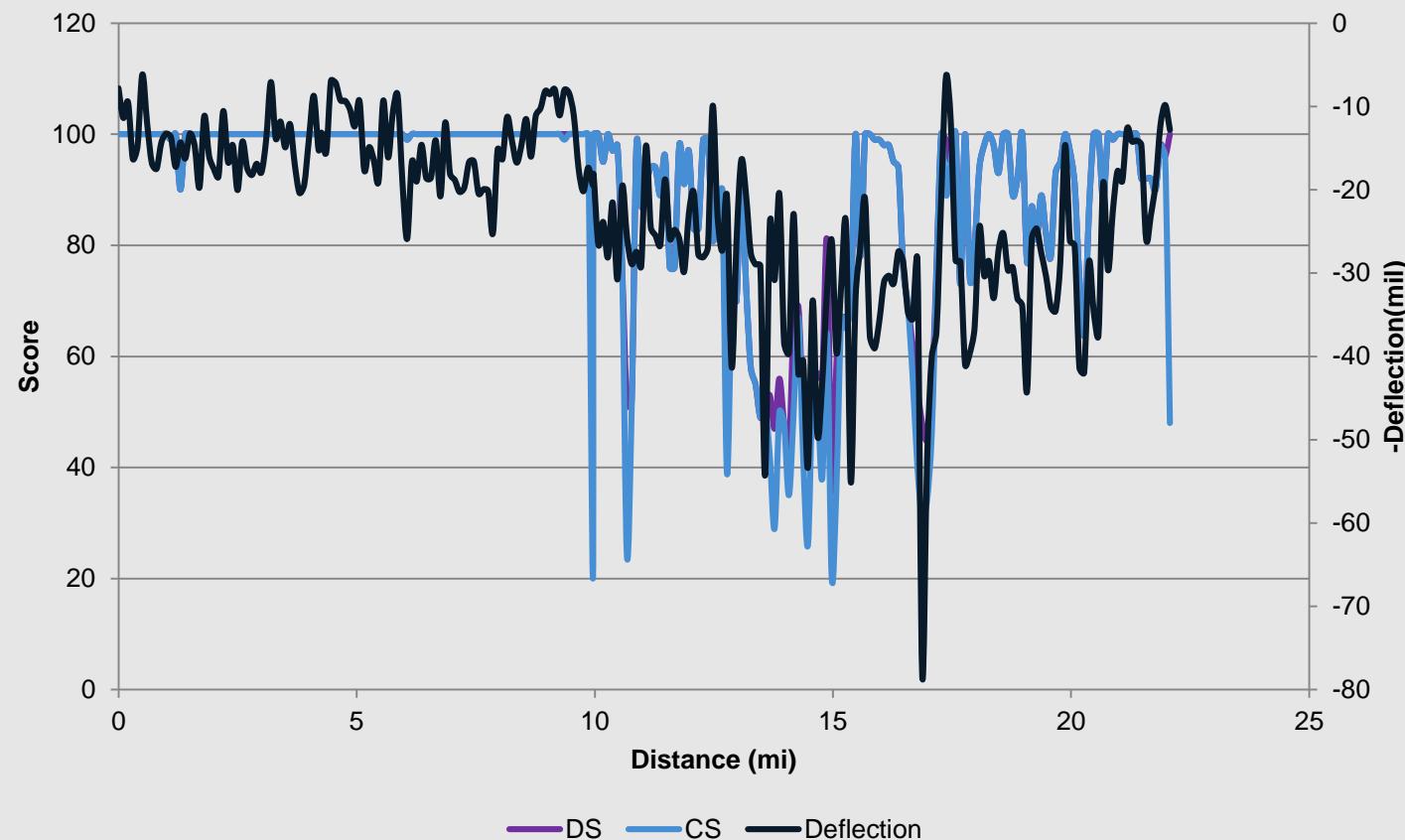
FM969: Load bearing capacity



FM969: Index Comparison



FM969: TSD deflection vs pavement scores



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DS vs Dflection	-0.64
CS vs Dflection	-0.58

Summary

- A preliminary study was done to evaluate pavements structural capacity under Transportation Pool fund study 385
- Data focus
 - Traffic speed deflectometer
 - Falling weight deflectometer
 - Ground penetrating radar
 - Pavement surface conditions
- Analysis approaches
 - Visual comparison
 - Statistics



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THANK YOU
