



# Italian Roads in the 20th Century FROM RUPTA TO HIGH-QUALITY ROAD AND MOBILITY MANAGER A century-long process

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# THE ITALIAN AND EUROPEAN ROAD CULTURE

# EUROPEAN ROADS "SPEAK" LATIN LANGUAGE

From the times of the ancient Rome....



**VIA SILICE STRATA** νία -> VIA RUPTA VEHA->VEHERE for absence of maintenance The place where the goods pass but also used -PAVIMENTUM -NUCLEUS Pilgrims of Jubilea RUDERATIO follow the "ROTTA" STATUMEN Today in Italy is only a sailor's word STRASSE WEG ROUTE Z RUTA STRADA WAY ROAD 007

# **100 YEARS AGO, IN ITALY**



# Roads were always "ruptae" (broken)

#### Many roads were "white"



# and many heavy vehicles had one HP engine



# **1924 MOTORWAY's BIRTH**

ROAD WITH GOOD GEOMETRY, WITHOUT CROSSROADS, ONLY FOR ENGINED CARS









Engineer Pietro Puricelli

One Carriageway

Designed in 1922 open 1924 by Società Anonima Autostrade

the first modern Concessionary Company



#### **MOTORWAY WAS BORN IN ITALY**

# **1<sup>st</sup> CONCRETE PAVEMENT**

# ROAD WITH GOOD GEOMETRY, WITHOUT CROSSROADS, ONLY FOR ENGINED CARS

Cantú

COMO

VARESE

NOVARA

Tradate



All motorways had pavement made of reinforced concrete slabs with an average thickness of 20 cm.



Engineer Puricelli was involved also in the design of the German Motorway Network with concrete pavements, built before II World War **23e Congrès mondial de la Route - Paris 2007** 

## **MODERNITY OF ANCIENT ITALIAN MOTORWAYS**

#### ROAD WITH GOOD GEOMETRY, WITHOUT CROSSROADS, ONLY FOR ENGINED CARS





L'AUTOSTRADA FIRENZE-MARE.

#### GENOVA TRUCK MOTORWAY (1935)





488 km before II<sup>nd</sup> W.W.

# **1928 ITALIAN ROAD REORGANISATION**

# BIRTH OF A.A.S.S. (1° name of ANAS)

In the same period in Italy was born A.A.S.S., Independent organization for State Roads, to develop national road network.

# To be free from general bureaucracy !

• A.A.S.S. aimed at Constructing new roads



With A.A.S.S. homogenization criteria, structures and methodologies were born to be applied to the most important Italian roads





#### **1928 FIRST ITALIAN GLOBAL ROAD MANAGEMENT**

With A.A.S.S.was born a *ROAD MANAGEMENT SYSTEM* with numerous activities of maintenance and operation.





Roads were broken down into stretches under the supervision of a head-roadman.



"RED" HOUSES

# "ALL IN HOUSE" SYSTEM

Roadmen operated locally for all problems, with special equipment, material warehousing and roadman houses. 23e Congrès mondial de la Route - Paris 2007

#### 1928 - 1939 FIRST ITALIAN GLOBAL ROAD MANAGEMENT

All the ACTIVITIES were made "A POSTERIORI" with the criteria "repair what is broken" or "reintegrate the function interrupted"

# **Example: SNOW exploitation**



A.A.S.S. roadmen were re-tracing road on a mountain pass, before re-opening it with rotary-type snow plough (1932) PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE WILL BE BORN LATER, WITH HIGH TRAFFIC MOTORWAYS.

#### **1956 First Italian Project-Financing : new motorways**

# IT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT AFTER THE DISTRUCTION AND RECONTRUCTION CAUSED BY II W.W. II generation of Italian motorways: the "Autostrada del Sole" Milan-Bologna-Florence-Rome-Naples (A1) 755 km BUILT IN 4 YEARS





Project manager autostrade Co.

24 m LARGE; 2 SEPARATED CARRIAGEWAYS; DISTANCE OF VISIBILITY ≥ 150m; FLEXIBLE PAVEMENTS IN BITUMINOUS MIXES

#### **II GENERATION OF MOTORWAYS = TOLL MOTORWAYS**



AFTER THE SUCCESS OF A1, THE DEVELOPEMENT OF THE NETWORK WAS SUBMITTED TO *"CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT CONCESSIONARIES"* 

6000 Km WERE CONSTRUCTED IN 20 YEARS (integrated with OTHER 1000 CONSTRUCTED BY *ANAS* (THE OLD A.A.S.S.)

THE "CONCESSIONARIES" ALSO GAVE BIRTH TO THE MODERN MAINTENCE and EXPLOITATION of ROADS

#### 1970 – Modern Road Maintenance and Management

With *autostrade Co.(the greatest of the concessionaries)* the modern exploitation was born (made not only directly but also with external firms).

# TRANSFORMING THE "ALL IN HOUSE" SYSTEM, USED BY ANAS

Another very important transformation was:

ALL ACTIONS HAD TO BE PREVENTIVE OR IN REAL TIME

**Example: SNOW Exploitation** 

ICE CONTROL AND SNOW REMOVAL ARE MADE WITHOUT STOPPING THE TRAFFIC (from 1965) 23e Congrès m



1980 – Programmed Maintenance (P.M.)

P.M. was first born for the PAVEMENTS



#### P.M. ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS

- WHERE WORK - WHEN WORK - HOW WORK

HOW MUCH WORK COST

**USING SPECIFIC MEASURES** 

### 1980 – Programmed Maintenance (P.M.)



**1**<sup>st</sup> - STUDY AND MEASURE THE DEGRADATION with TECHNICAL PARAMETERS



2<sup>nd</sup> - DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT REPAIR WORK

#### From 1983

# Degradation measured by Performance Indicators



The use of Performance Indicators allows the **PREVISION** of **RUPTURES** and thus the exploitation of P.M. called:



# 1980-1990 – Programmed Maintenance (P.M.)

# **1**<sup>st</sup> - MEASURE THE DEGRADATION

TO IMPLEMENT PAVEMENT P.M. A SERIES OF SUB-INDICATORS (Technical Parameters) WERE DEFINITED :

•ADHERENCE

- •TEXTURE
- EVENESS

•BEARING CAPACITY •ROLLING NOISE MEASURABLE WITH HIGH PERFORMANCE MACHINES

# IN THIS WAY IT WAS DEFINED THE PERFORMANCE INDICATOR OF PAVEMENT:

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# 1980 - 1990 – Programmed Maintenance (P.M.)



#### 1975 - 1985 – Programmed Maintenance (P.M.)

# 2<sup>nd</sup> - DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT REPAIR WORK

# ADVANCED STUDIES ON PAVEMENTS Started in 1977

#### (USING RESULTS FROM EXPLOITATION OF ROADS VERIFIED WITH FULL SCALE EXPERIMENTS)



# From the results of this experiment, the measure of different aggressiveness or heavy vehicle.

1980 - 1998 – Programmed Maintenance (P.M.)

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#### **INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES - IN SITU HOT RECYCLING**

#### Started in 1985





#### **INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES – P.C.P. INSERTION**

## Started in 1990

#### "P.C.P." Polyfunctional Composite Pavement

POROUS FRICTION COURSE

CONCRETE SLAB

LEAN CONCRETESUBBASE

NOT BINDED FOUDATION (or foamed bitumen mix in place)

CONTINUOUS REINFORCING CONCRETE SLABS inserted in cracked old pavement



#### LAYING TRAIN



2<sup>nd</sup> - DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT REPAIR WORK INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES – *IN SITU* COLD RECYCLING

# On site COLD recycling approach

#### Started in 1999



•with modified bitumen emulsion and cement

 with foamed bitumen and cement









#### **One century of Italian Pavement Evolution**



#### **PAVEMENTS FRIENDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

#### **One century of Italian Pavement evolu**



#### TEROTECHNOLOGICAL APPROACH FOR ALL PARTS OF ROAD STRUCTURES

THE SAME APPROACH USED FOR THE PAVEMENT WAS USED ON ALL PART OF ROADS, DEFINING SPECIFIC TECHNICAL PARAMETERS (T.P.) AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS.



#### DIAGNOSTIC OF THE STATE AD REHABILITATION TECHNICS ARE DEVELOPED – WE SHOW PRINCIPAL RESULTS

#### **TEROTECHNOLOGICAL APPROACH FOR BRIDGES**

# **One century of Bridges Earth Quake security**

Antiseismic devices evolution Connected to the bearing devices







1907-1960 Nothing

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# **One century of Bridges Earth Quake security**

#### Antiseismic devices evolution From 1990 - Italy



#### **TEROTECHNOLOGICAL APPROACH FOR BRIDGES**

## **One century of Bridges Earth Quake security**

Antisismic devices evolution FROM 1990 - Italy

#### **II EVOLUTION**

Always to retrofit old bridges and also for new ones



ALL DIRECTIONS DEVICES





#### ALL DISSIPATORS REVERSIBLE



**DEFORMABLE FRAMES** 

#### TEROTECHNOLOGICAL APPROACH FOR ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT



PROVE CRASH

CESANO 1964

# **ROAD PASSIVE SAFETY – SAFETY BARRIERS**

#### First modern safety barriers 1964 Massive use for motorway center lane



Verified in ANAS Center of CESANO 1° Italian CRASH TEST facility

#### NO VARIATION UNTIL 1987

# **ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT**



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# **ROAD PASSIVE SAFETY – SAFETY BARRIERS**

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1° GENERATION STEEL VAWE ARE TOO MUCH HIGH





**ON THE STEEL VAWE 2° GENERATION** STEEL BARRIERS TRANSFORMED WITH TRIPLE VAWE BEAM LOWER (less 90 cm)

BUT THE REAL "REVOLUTION" HAS BEEN ....



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THE HEAD CAN IMPACT

# **ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT**



# **ROAD PASSIVE SAFETY – SAFETY BARRIERS**

#### From 1985





CONCRETE BARRIER NEW JERSEY PROFILE "MOVEABLE"



Dynamic control

Moveability







Up - down on the barrier profile, Without vehicle and barrier damages <u>in the low energy</u> <u>crashes</u>

<u>For heavier crashes</u>, the barrier moves and dissipates energy (friction on the ground)

**NO PROBLEMS FOR THE HEAD!!** 

# **BRIDGE SAFETY MANAGEMENT**



From 1990 CONCRETE BARRIER NEW JERSEY PROFILE "MOVEABLE" ALSO FOR BRIDGES



#### 1,2,3 Retaining Devices



the deadly falls



# From 1995 - ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT

# All part of the road can protect the land/environment: many solution has been developed



#### **ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT**

**ITALIAN SYSTEM AIR POLLUTION** is the last frontier **ECOLOGICAL** of control of pollution using the **KIT** elements of the road themselves. In artificial Air pollued cutting inlet **U** artificial Depolluted section air outlet Catalyzer) Side view

#### ACTIVE SYSTEMS (VACUUM CLEANER EQUIPPED BY CATALYST) INSTALLED IN LONGITUDINAL TUNNEL

#### **ITALIAN SYSTEM** ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT

Air pollution is the last frontier of control of pollution using the elements of the road themselves.

Other action:

(Japanese system)

filtered air



From 2005 This **ECOLOGICAL KIT** can be inserted on side of every road section (on the cutting too)



# FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

THE NUMERICAL ROAD ONE MEASURE FOR EVERYTHING, EVERYTHING MEASURED

# ITALIAN EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT THE MANAGEMENT WITH MEASUREMENT IS THE BEST ONE



The PERFORMANCE INDICATORS MANAGEMENT

THIS APPROACH WAS USED ALSO IN ALL ACTIONS FOR THE ROAD MANAGEMENT

NOT ONLY FOR THE ROAD STRUCTURES, BUT ALSO:

• FOR THE TRAFFIC FLOW

From 1999

• FOR THE CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

FOR EVERYTHING, EVERYTHING MEASURED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS NEEDS FOR •SECURITY COMFORT **•TRIP TIMES**  SERVICES •ENVIRONMENT

E NUMERICAL ROAD

UALITY ROADS: Safe, Comfortable, Rapid, Clean and Silent



# MUST BE SHARED WITH THE USER.

# THIS REQUIRES

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#### THE PUPPETMAN

- M.B. maintains the forecast level of the Quality of the road
- M.B. measures traffic and meteorological conditions
- M.B. exchanges information between different road managers
- M.B. diffuses traffic data among the users

# THIS IS THE FUTURE

