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Improving Bridge Assessment, Prognosis, and Interventions through Emerging Technology

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While additional funding is a necessary condition to meet the challenges posed by the aging U.S. bridge population, funding alone will not be sufficient. Rather, realizing a sustainable approach to our transportation infrastructure will require new assessment

strategies that better quantify risks, diagnose performance problems, and inform decisions related to infrastructure interventions. In addition, more accurate means of forecasting future condition and identifying new and effective intervention approaches is also needed. The objective of this presentation is to provide a high-level overview of three emerging technologies that aim to fill these critical roles. In particular, the presentation will provide an overview of (a) the state-of-the-art in nondestructive evaluation of reinforced concrete bridge decks, (b) a self-contained vehicle capable of performing rapid modal testing and refined load rating of highway bridges, and (c) the newly commissioned Bridge Evaluation and Accelerated Structural Testing (BEAST) Laboratory at Rutgers.

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