

# AASHTO Subcommittee on Materials

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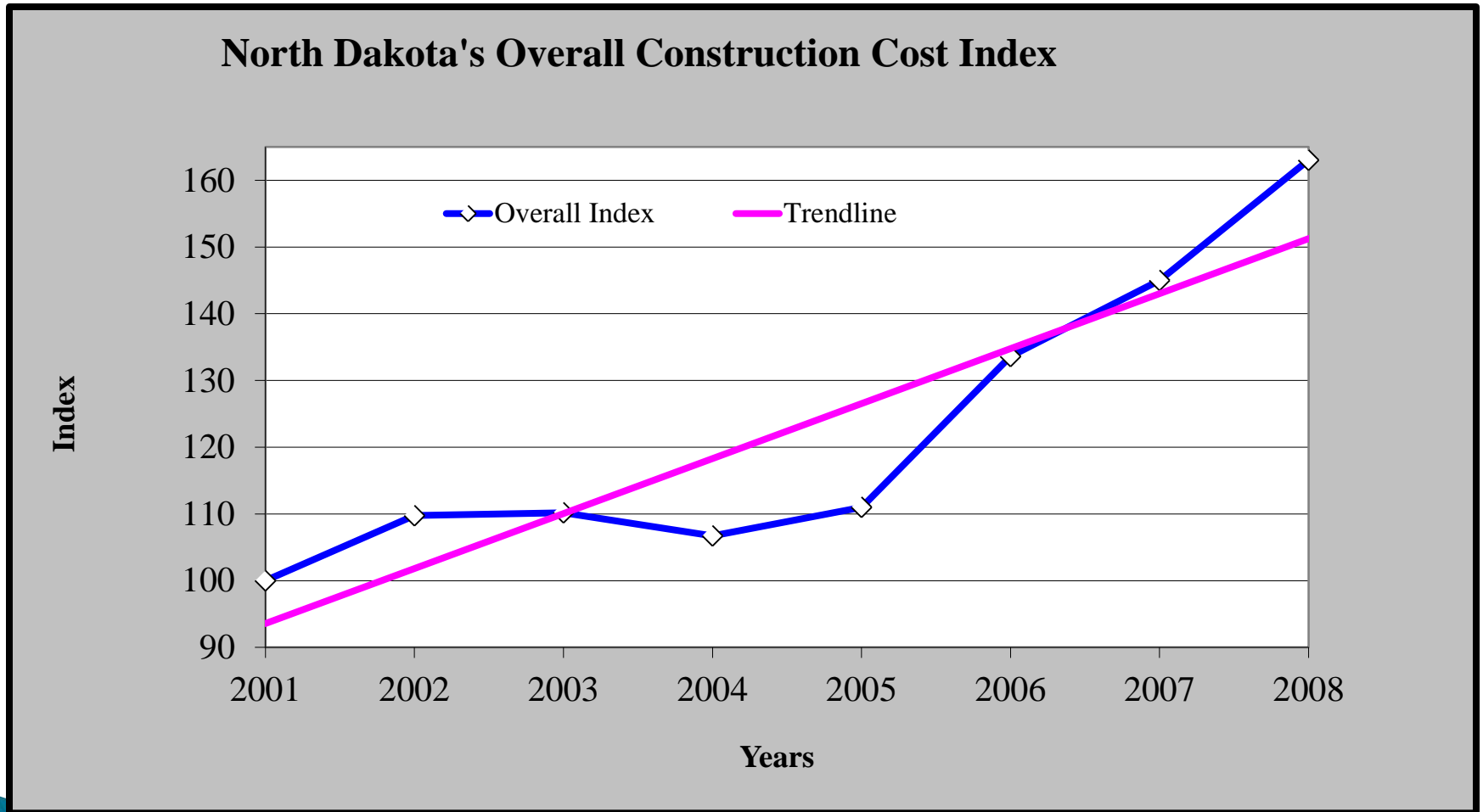
# Transportation Business is Changing

- ▶ Federal Program
- ▶ Inflation
- ▶ Construction Supplies

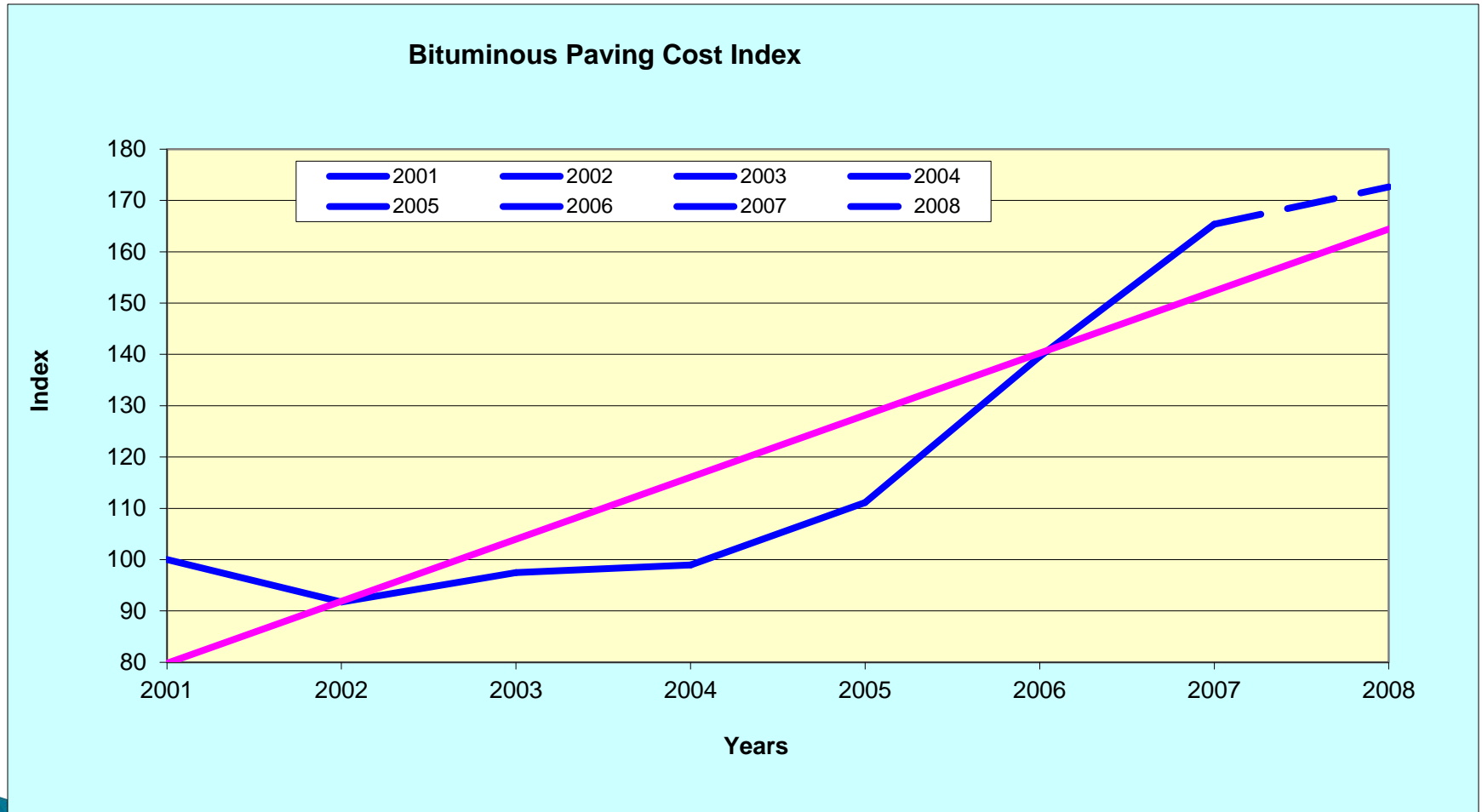
# Federal Program

- ▶ Highway Trust Fund – Projected Shortfall
- ▶ New Transportation Legislation

# Inflation - Overall



# Inflation - Asphalt



# Construction Supplies

- ▶ Polymers
- ▶ Asphalt Cement

# We May Need to Make Changes

- ▶ Bidding Practices (Risk Transfer)
- ▶ Project Types
- ▶ Caution Implementing New Standards



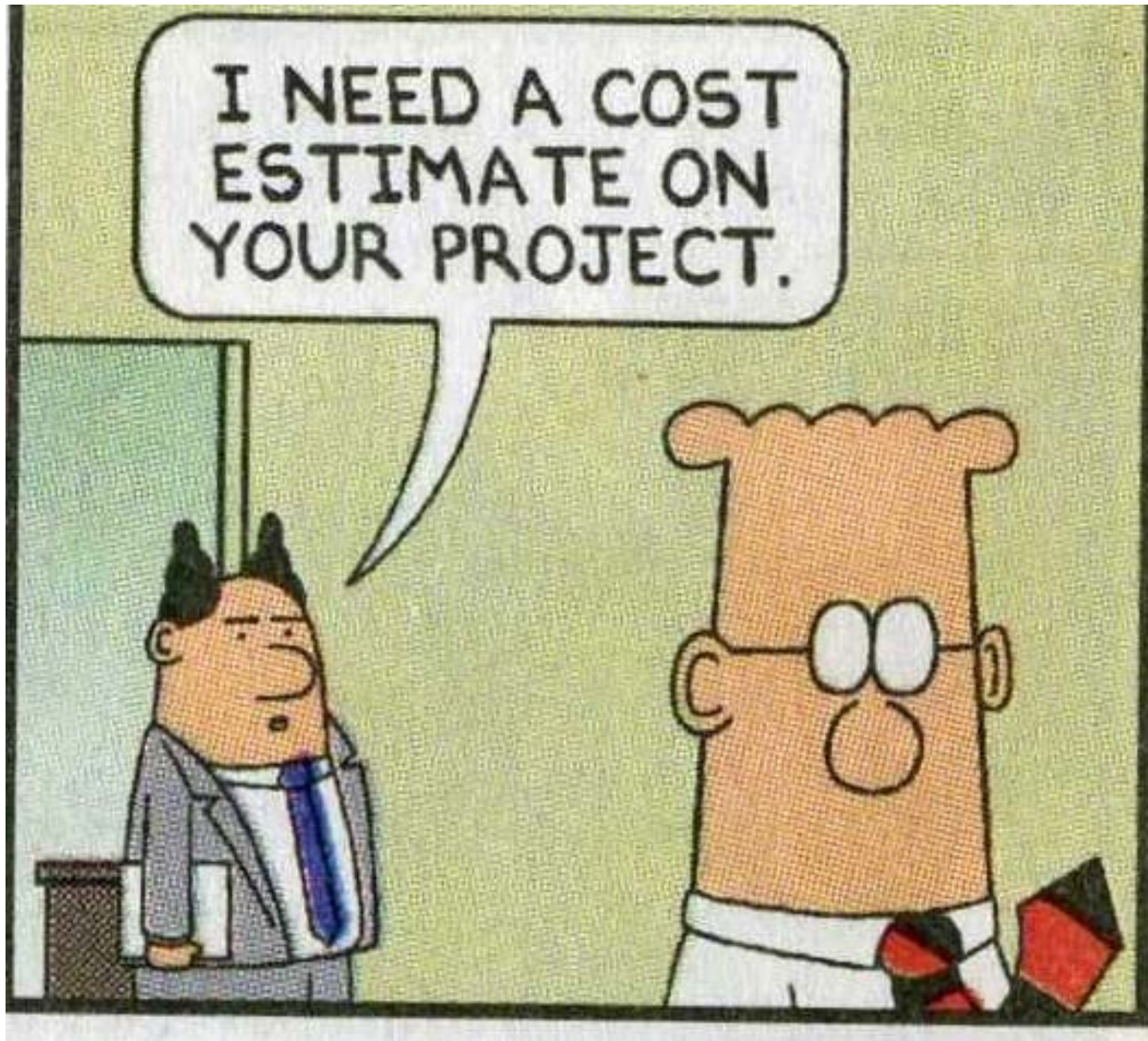
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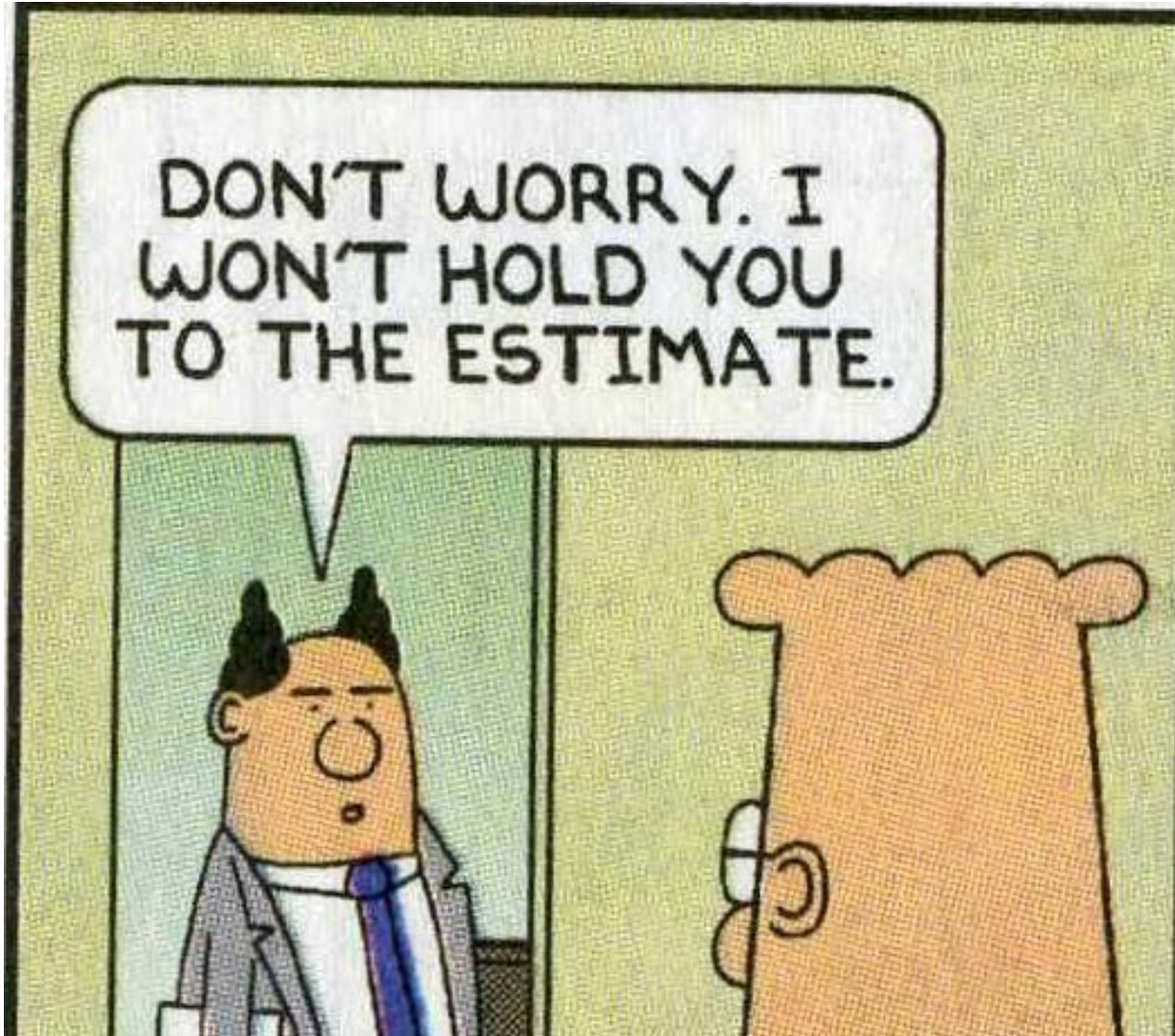
I NEED A COST  
ESTIMATE ON  
YOUR PROJECT.



I HAVE NO IDEA.  
I HAVEN'T EVEN  
GATHERED THE USER  
REQUIREMENTS.



DON'T WORRY. I  
WON'T HOLD YOU  
TO THE ESTIMATE.



YES YOU WILL.  
YOU WILL PUT IT  
IN THE PLAN, FORGET  
WE HAD THIS  
CONVERSATION, AND  
FIRE ME WHEN I GO  
OVER BUDGET.



GIVE ME A NUMBER  
OR I'LL FIRE YOU  
RIGHT NOW.





OKAY, IT WILL  
COST TEN MILLION  
DOLLARS.



THAT'S  
TOO  
HIGH.

IF YOU  
ALREADY  
KNOW THE  
COST, WHY  
ARE YOU  
ASKING ME?

SO YOU'LL  
FEEL LIKE  
YOU HAD  
INPUT.

IS INPUT  
SUPPOSED  
TO FEEL  
THIS BAD?

