Perpetual Pavements





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- Not a new concept
 - -Full-Depth
 - -Deep Strength
 - –Mill & Fill



Perpetual Pavement Principles



Fatigue and Rutting



Thinner pavements – High Strain

- » Minimize Tensile Strain with Pavement Thickness
- » Thin Asphalt Pavement = Higher Strain
- » Higher Strain = Shorter Fatigue Life



Thicker pavements – Low Strain

- » Minimize Tensile Strain with Pavement Thickness
 - » Thicker Asphalt Pavement = Lower Strain
 - » Strain Below Fatigue Limit = Indefinite Life



Mechanistic Performance Criteria



It starts with the Base

- > Bottom-up Design and Construction
- > Foundation
 - » Stable Paving Platform
 - » Minimize Seasonal Variability and Volume Change in Service
- > Fatigue Resistant Lower Asphalt Layer
- > Rut Resistant Upper Asphalt Layers



Fatigue Resistant Asphalt Base

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» High Effective Asphalt Content Mixes = Greater Strain Capability

» Modified Binders = Greater Strain Capability



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Keep Deformation in Surface

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Rut Resistant Upper Layers



- Aggregate Interlock
 - » Crushed Particles
 - » Stone-on-Stone Contact
- Binder
 - » High Temperature PG
 - » Polymers
 - » Fibers
- Air Voids
 - » Avg. 4% to 6% In-Place
- Surface
 - » Renewable
 - » Tailored for Specific Use



Rut Resistant Upper Layers

- Rutting Occurs in Upper Asphalt Layers
 - Full-Scale Tracks
 - » Mn/ROAD
 - » WesTrack
 - » NCAT
 - Accelerated Pavement Testing
 - » CalAPT
 - » FHWA

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Temperature SMA, OGFC or SP 1.5 - 3" High Perf. PG Binder Rut Resistant Use proper PG Binder as Material dictated by climate and (Varies) depth. Use proper PG Binder as **Fatigue Resistant** dictated by climate and Material 3" to 4" depth. Pavement Foundation

Impact of Temperature Gradient on Asphalt Grade.



Low Temperature Cracking



- •Historical Performance
- •Maintenance
- •Maintain Mix Volumetrics
- •Use proper Binder Grade



New Jersey Turnpike





First Perpetual Award Winner
Built in 1950
Has never been reconstructed
175,000 ADT
40% Trucks



LOCATION I-695, NBL, Baltimore Beltway

COMPLETION DATE 1993

19 mm GG AC-20 w/ fibers

<u>TRAFFIC</u> AADT - 175,000 Trucks - 19%



PERFORMANCE DATA - 1999

DENSITY, %MAX		PG BINDER GRADE	PAVEMENT DEFORMATION
<u>Wheelpath</u> 99.0 98.0 97.5	<u>Centerline</u> 98.4 96.0 95.5	70-22	ARAN average, 0.12" ARAN change, 0.04" (4 yr.) Measurement, 1

Perpetual Pavements in China

- Unregulated Loads
- 150,000-250,000# + Loads
- Will not purchase US or European Trailers
 - Build their own to accommodate loads
 - Use our wheel/axle configuration
- Perpetual Pavement Design by John D 'Angelo's Team
- ~15 inches

Where can it be used?

- Perpetual Pavements are not just for highway projects
- Many municipal pavements can also be designed as Perpetual Pavements
- Increasing the thickness of the hot mix layers by 25 to 35 percent will likely result in a perpetual pavement
- There are tools to allow municipalities to look at Perpetual Pavement options
- PerRoad v3.3 and PerRoadXPress v1.0 are both available free of Charge



PerRoad 3.3

- Sponsored by APA
- Developed at Auburn University / NCAT
- M-E Perpetual Pavement Design and Analysis Tool



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http://www.asphaltroads.or g/documents/Perpetual_Pa vement_Synthesis.pdf



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Design of long-life flexible pavements for heavy traffic

by M.E.Nann, A.Brown, D.Presion and J.C.Nicholis

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Perpetual Pavement Award Winners

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Figure 8. Distribution of Perpetual Pavement Awards



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Source: Perpetual Asphalt Pavements – A Synthesis

Award Criteria

- Pavement must be a minimum of 35 years old.
- Pavement must have hot-mix or warmmix asphalt binder and surface layers.
- No rehabilitation or series of rehabilitations over the preceding 35 years that has increased the total pavement thickness by more than 4 inches.



Award Criteria

- Resurfacing intervals of no less than 13 years on the average.
- Minimum project length is two miles for all roadway types.
- In the case of "stage construction," the 35-plus year time frame against which the award criterion is evaluated begins when all stage construction is completed.

Tacked layers are very important





Washington State - Top-Down in Asphalt Pavements > 150





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Perpetual Pavement

- > Structure Lasts 50+ years.
 - » Bottom-Up Design and Construction
 - » Indefinite Fatigue Life
- > Renewable Pavement Surface.
 - » High Rutting Resistance
 - » Tailored for Specific Application
- > Consistent, Smooth and Safe Driving Surface.
- > Environmentally Friendly
- > Avoids Costly Reconstruction.



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LCCA - Zero Salvage Value?



