

# Full Depth Reclamation & Soil Stabilization

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Purchased the family road construction business in 2002
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"The reasonable man adapts himself to the world: the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man."

~George Bernard Shaw







Asphalt Recycling & Reclaiming Association's (ARRA) primary function has been to promote the recycling of existing roadway materials through various construction methodology, to preserve resources and reduce costs. Made up of a mix of Material & Equipment Manufactures, Engineers, DOT's and Contractors.



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# **PAVEMENT LIFECYCLE CURVE**



**PAVEMENT AGE** 



### RIGHT PROCESS at the RIGHT TIME on the RIGHT PROJECT for the RIGHT PRICE

- Visual site investigation
- Subsurface investigation (includes subgrade)
- Is there a need for water control?
- Classify & Quantify each layer to determine existing condition/performance
- Mix Design and/or recommendations from experienced person for all present varying conditions, choose the "right team"
- Cost comparison of available options
- Fix subgrade drainage issues if needed
- Utilizing a competent "team" of civil engineer, geotechnical engineer and contractor
- Realize and inform customer that there can be field changes due to unforeseen circumstances at times
- Infield QC/QA when possible



# FDR FULL DEPTH RECLAMATION

Full Depth Reclamation is a technique in which the full flexible pavement section and a predetermined portion of the underlying materials are uniformly crushed, pulverized, or blended, resulting in a stabilized base course; further stabilization may be obtained through the use of available additives. By addressing the entire pavement section, full depth reclamation is able to correct delinquent cross sections, increase the load-bearing strength of the base, and utilize 100% of the existing materials. (ARRA)





# CONVENTIONAL METHODS

# vs. FDR





# FDR: Types

#### Mechanical

- Asphalt Pulverization
  - Can add rock to change the matrix of the gravel base

#### **Bituminous**

- Emulsified Asphalt
  - Typically 3-3.5%
- Foamed/Expanding Asphalt
  - Typically 2.5%+-
- Single pass or multiple passes for consistency with thick/irregular pavements **Chemical**
- Portland Cement (dry or slurry)
  - Typically 3-6%
- Fly Ash Type "C" not "F"
  - Typically 6-12%
- Polymers, Enzymes & Ect.



**FRD: Process Cross Section** 



EXISTING ROAD Removal of existing material if necessary



PULVERIZATION TO DESIRED DEPTH





FINAL SURFACE TREATMENT







# 108<sup>th</sup> FDR vs. REMOVE & REPLACE



Base/Sub-base











0.14 S<sup>n</sup>/in. 2.52 IBR

0.30 S<sup>n</sup>/in. 2.55 IBR **\$813.000**  0.25 S<sup>n</sup>/in. 2.50 IBR **\$385,000** 



FDR: When & Where

#### • Frequent Deep Cracking

- Reflective Cracking
- Heavy Pothole Patching
- Severe Rutting/ Shoveling
- Frost Heaves (may require drainage corrections)
- Insufficient Base Strength

#### Spec'd or Value Engineered on Asphalt Pavements in Need of Replacement

- Parking Lots
- Industrial Storage Lots
- Secondary Roads
- City Streets
- Interstate Highways
- Airport Runways



The Reclaimer uses a powerful milling and mixing rotor to granulate and mix the existing soil without added binders

**Reclaimer Vs. Cold** 

- Keeps pulverized material in same path
- Creates homogenous blend
- Adds volume/ raises grade
- > 6" ?compact before grading



 Collects millings into central windrow

PULVERIZATI Recycling Mill

• Utilize to remove surface asphalt if your project is sensitive to grade/ elevation





## Pre-Pulverization

- Using a Reclaimer, the old asphalt and granular base is crushed & mixed to a predetermined depth.
- Water is the only additional material used in this process to achieve the required density





## Pre-Shape/ Grade

 Important to meet desired elevations & cross slope of the finished plans. To avoid cuts and fills after the fact





# Transport

- Pneumatic hauling
- Bulkers are necessary to transport materials that will be used with a spreader



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# Spread

- Computerized & meter controlled for uniform distribution
- Spreaders cause less dust then old dup and spread methods, making it more environmentally friendly





## Incorporating Stabilizing Agents

- Mixing powders with water injection creates greater control over water distribution and percentages than top dressing
- Mixing with a Tiller ensures a uniform cut depth and consistent gradation





## Incorporating Bituminous Agents

- Direct incorporation with water injection creates consistent distribution
- Mixing with a Tiller ensures a uniform cut depth and consistent gradation





# Initial Compacting/ Breakdown

- Intelligent compaction
- Proper roll patterns
- Density testing
- Speed Control
- Proper "break" times
- Quality testing





# Grading

• Match predetermined cross sections





## Smooth Finish Roll

- Static rolling
- Initial curing
  - Wet curing (fogging)
  - Emulsify curing
- After 48 hours, microcracking is possible







### **FDR:** Benefits

- Eliminates rutting below surface
- Reduces moisture susceptibility
- Reuses up to 100% of the existing road bed
- Allows for thinner pavement sections
- Increase rigidity spreads weight loads

	FDR	Overlay	Remove & Replace
New pavement	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Fast construction	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	X
Minimal traffic dissruption	$\checkmark$	Х	X
Minimal material transportation	$\checkmark$	X	X
Conserves resources	$\checkmark$	X	X
Maintains existing elevation	$\checkmark$	X	$\checkmark$
Lower cost	$\checkmark$	Х	Х









# SOIL STABILIZATION VS. SOIL MODIFICATION

#### **Soil Modification**

- sometimes referred to as "mud drying"
- primarily intended to reduce moisture content and the plasticity in order to expedite construction

### **Soil Stabilization**

 long-term physical and chemical alteration of soils to enhance their physical and engineering properties incorporating available additives can increase the shear strength of a soil and/or control the shrink-swell properties of a soil, thus improving the load bearing capacity of a subgrade to support pavements and foundations. (ARRA)



# SOIL STABILIZATION VS. SOIL MODIFICATION

**Stabilized Subgrade** 





# SOIL STABILIZATION/ SOIL MODIFICATION: Candidates



# Soil ModificationUp to 20'+

- Dry wet/ unstable soil that cannot be properly compacted due to high moisture
  - High groundwater
  - Previous rain events
  - Unstable soil
- Reduce moisture/ strengthen subgrade

#### Soil Stabilization

- Spec'd to add strength to the top 8" 14" of subgrade
- Spec'd to reduce moisture and stabilize soil characteristics of swelling and/or shrinkage





#### Soil Modification - Soil Stabilization NIMC Change Order

**Example:** Road project, 9,000 SY, 80 – 85% failed proof roll

#### **12" UNDERCUTTING**

Excavation of 2500 CY at \$50.00/CY \$125,000.00 (unsuitable soil hauled off site)

SOIL STABILIZATION 9,000 SY stabilized @ 12" depth @ \$4.25/ SY\_\_\_\_\_ \$38,250.00

Undercut vs. Stabilization savings of \$86,750.00

 Modified Pavement Cross Section - Value Engineering

 7,900 SY of 2" HMA @ \$4.80/ SY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\$37,920.00

 9,000 SY Stabilized @ 12" depth @ \$4.25/ SY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(\$38,250.00)

Change Order Costs after Value Engineering \$0!



SOIL STABILIZATION/ MODIFICATION: Reactive Uses

#### Reactive

- To avoid project delays
- To reduce costs of undercuts
- To utilize onsite materials
- To improve subgrade prior to aggregate placement (pass a proof roll)
- With stands future moisture influx in the soils and has retained strength





## SOIL STABILIZATION/ MODIFICATION: Specified Uses

Spec'd To improve structural integrity of the entire pavement section

To reduce thickness of aggregate base or asphalt to achieve overall structural strength determined by the engineer 1" stabilized subgrade = 1" compacted aggregate base (.10 - .14 structural coefficient)





### SOIL STABILIZATION/ MODIFICATION: Typical Stabilizers & Binders

<b>GOOD</b> <b>KEY:</b> Fair Poor		Fine -Grained: More than 35% Passing No. 200					<b>irse-Gra</b> ess than 3 ssing No.	<b>ained:</b> 35% 200
Type of Stabilizer	0	10	20	30	40+	0	10	+
Portland Cement								
Lime								
Kiln Dust								
Class C Fly Ash								
Bituminous *Special Applications			Not	Applicab	le			N/A



# SOIL STABILIZATION/ MODIFICATION: Benefits

Prevents lateral spreading of the base
Increases the stiffness and strength of the base
Improves vertical stress distribution on the subgrade
Reduces overall stress in the subgrade
Increases the pavement life and reduces the potential for reactive maintenance





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