Promoting Sustainability – Without Compromising Performance

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Pavement Sustainability Aspects

- Pavement design
- Reclaimed and recycled materials
- Construction procedures
- Pavement preservation
- Promoting awareness



Improved Pavement Designs

Updated Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design

- Full-Depth Hot-Mix Asphalt (HMA) Pavements
- Jointed Plain Concrete Pavements
- Monitoring performance to update life-cycle cost analysis models
 - Distresses, patching, and overlays
 - Physical Research Report (PRR)165: 2012 2015 Performance Monitoring of Mechanistically Designed Pavements

http://www.idot.illinois.gov/Assets/uploads/files/Transportation-System/Research/Physical-Research-Reports/PRR%20165%20-%202012-2015%20Performance%20Monitoring%20of%20Mechanistically-Designed%20Pavements.pdf



Improved Pavement Designs

Added supplemental designs

- Rubblized Concrete with HMA Overlay
- Unbonded Concrete Overlay



Reclaimed/Recycled Materials

- Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP)
- Reclaimed Asphalt Shingles (RAS)
- Recycled Concrete Aggregate (RCA)
- Other Aggregates
 - Air-Cooled Blast Furnace Slag
 - Steel Slag
 - Wet-Bottom Boiler Slag



Construction Procedures

Longitudinal Joint Seal (LJS)

- Placed along centerline prior to lift of HMA
- Reduces permeability of centerline joint
- Reduces deterioration and improves performance
- Updating pavement smoothness index
 - Transition from Profile Index to International Roughness Index
 - More closely resembles ride experienced by driver
 - Better long-term performance and safer
 - Promote \$avings for everyone
 - Less maintenance for the owner-agency
 - Better fuel economy for the traveling public
 - Less vehicle maintenance for the traveling public



Pavement Preservation

Increasing use of preventive maintenance treatments on state system

- Cape Seals
- Chip Seals
- Micro-Surfacing
- Slurry Seals
- Monitoring performance to determine potential addition to life-cycle models
- Conducting research to review performance and create deterioration curves



Promoting Awareness

- Department policies
- Specifications
- Research projects
- Material usage monitoring

Illinois Highway Materials Sustainability Efforts of 2015

https://apps.ict.illinois.edu/projects/getfile.asp?id=5016



Questions

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