MAINTAINING ASPHALT PAVEMENT

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30+ YEARS OF MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING - ROAD CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, DRAINAGE, CONCRETE, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND INSPECTIONS

50+ YEARS EXPERIENCE OF BUILDING
DEVELOPMENT STREETS, SEWERS, CURB AND
SIDEWALK

Essentials of a Good Road

- Keep water away from the road.
- Build on a firm foundation.
- Use the best soils available.
- Compact soils well.
- Design for winter maintenance.



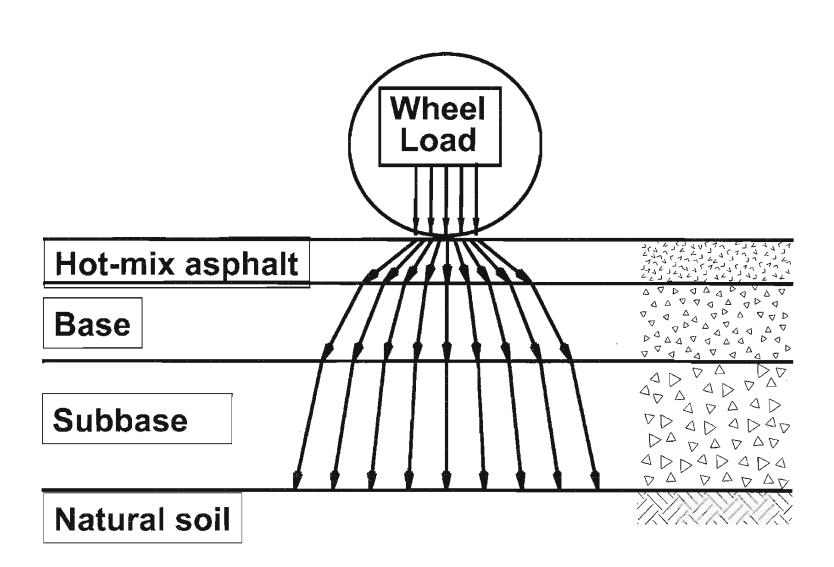
Factors Affecting Pavement Performance

- Subgrade soil support
- Materials
- Layer thickness
- Construction variation from specs
- Maintenance programs
- WATER! (and other environmental factors)

ENEMIES OF YOUR ROADS

- WATER
- AGE
- OXIDATION
- SHRINKAGE/CRACKING
- FROST HEAVE
- TRUCKS 80 TIMES THE IMPACT OF CARS
- SETTLEMENT DUE TO POOR COMPACTION
- LACK OF REGULAR MAINTENANCE
- POOR INITIAL INSTALLATION
- LACK OF DRAINAGE
- LACK OF PROPER CROWN
- INADEQUATE DESIGN ELEMENTS

Distribution of Wheel Load



SUBGRADE ISSUES

- KEY TO A GOOD ROAD IS A GOOD FOUNDATION (STONE, DRAINAGE, THICKNESS)
- SUBGRADE ISSUES OFTEN NOT SEEN UNLESS PAVING IS REMOVED AND STONE IS PROOF-ROLLED.
- PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF SUBRGADE FAILURE
- TOO MUCH SUBGRADE WATER
- INADEQUATE SUBGRADE THICKNESS

 Base & surface important



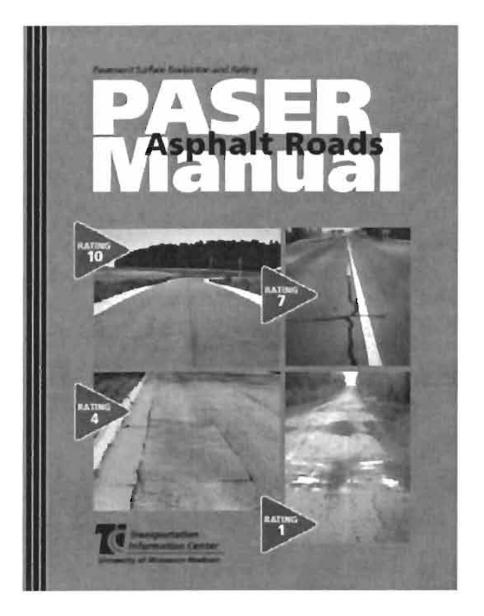












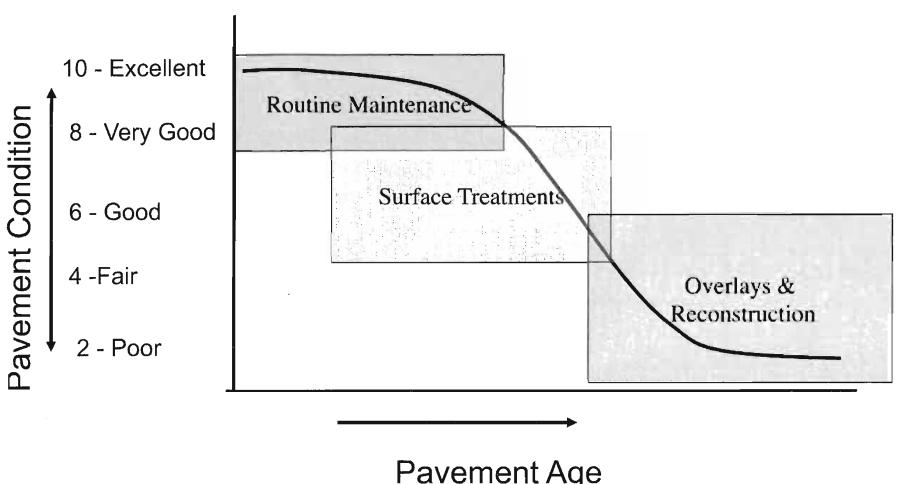
The rating system and distress terminology in this presentation are from the PASER manual series.

Manuals are available for Asphalt, Concrete, Sealcoat, Gravel,

Unimproved Roads and Brick and Block roads.

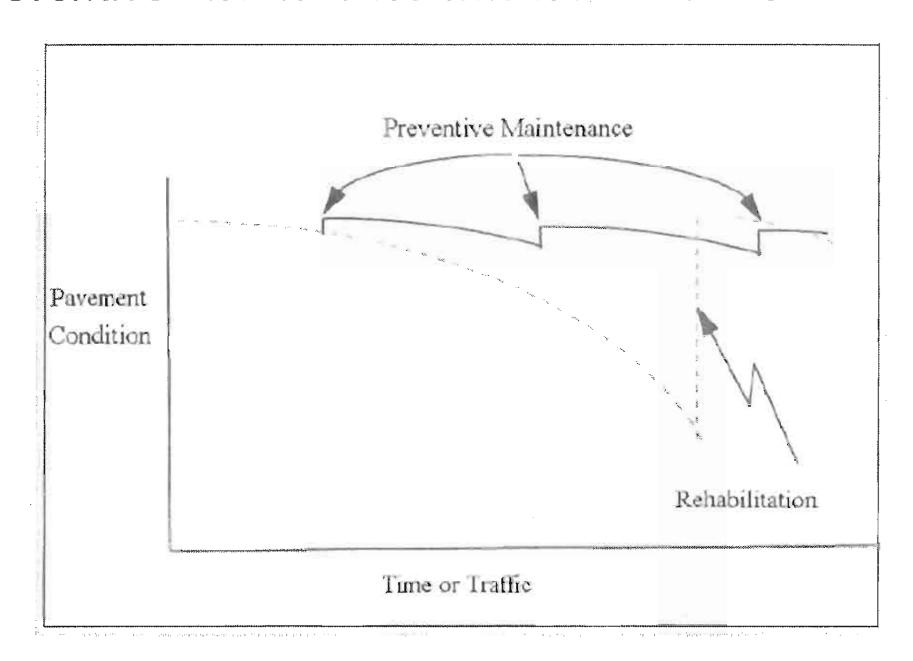
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Pavement Rating Related to Maintenance or Repair Strategy



Pavement Age

Preventive Maintenance extends useful life



Cracking

- Transverse Cracking
- Reflective Cracking
- Slippage Cracking
- Longitudinal Cracking
- Block Cracking
- Alligator Cracking

Top Down vs. Bottom Up Researchers consider two types of cracking:

- Bottom up cracking begins at the bottom of the asphalt layer and propagates up. Caused by fatigue of the pavement due to repeated loading
- Top down cracking begins at the surface and propagates down. Caused by temperature changes, asphalt aging and possibly tire forces on the surface









Fatigue Cracking



Why Crack Treatment?

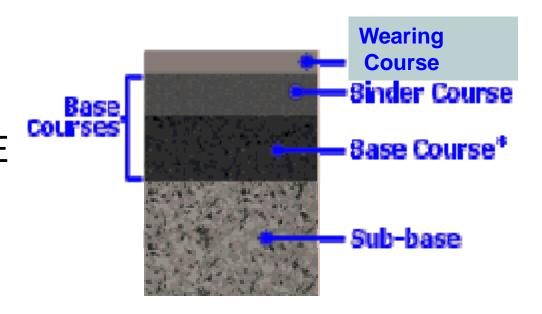
- Prevents water intrusion into subbase
- Prevents incompressible intrusion
- Improves ride quality smoothness
- Slows down pavement deterioration
- COST-EFFECTIVE

Why You Should Treat Cracks

- Protect your largest investment
- Pavement failure imminent
- •Crack treatments are cost-effective, up to 9 years of (75% effectiveness) performance
- Extends pavement life

ORIGINAL PAVEMENT DESIGN

- 1.0" WEARING COURSE
- 1.5" BINDER COURSE
- 8" CRUSHED AGGREGATE BASE COURSE (#4/#1)
- RATIO = 2.16



ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION

- STORM SEWER, SANITARY SEWER, CURB, AND UTILITIES INSTALLED
- STONE BASE INSTALLED (#4/#1)
- BINDER PAVED (1.5")
- HOMES CONSTRUCTED
- WEARING COURSE INSTALLED
- ENTRANCE ROAD IS OFTEN THE MOST DAMAGED AND FAILS FIRST

ROADWAY REPAIR / REPLACEMENT METHODS

- Overlay Existing Pavement
- 1.5" Mill / Overlay
- Structural Mill / Overlay
- Repair Base Failures, Cold Mill Recycle, Overlay
- Reconstruction Base Replacement, Geotextile
 Fabric as Required, Proof Roll Base, New Binder, New Wearing Course, Seal Joints

MAINTENANCE & REPAIR METHODS

- CRACK SEALING
- CHIP SEALS
- PETROTAC OR PETROMAT
- RALUMAC
- MICROSURFACING
- ULTRATHIN OVERLAYS

ISSUES OFTEN OBSERVED

- VARIABLE THICKNESS OF EXISTING PAVEMENT (NEED CORE TESTS)
- MINIMAL CROWN TO DRAIN WATER TO EDGE OF ROAD
- TRANSVERSE, BLOCK, AND EDGE CRACKING
- ALLIGATOR TYPE CRACKING (BASE AND SUB-BASE FAILURE)
- JOINT FAILURE
- BASE FAILURE
- BIRD BATHS, PUDDLES
- SURFACE DEGRADATION & WEATHERING
- SETTLEMENT OF PAVING DUE TO LOADING (WHEEL PATHS)
- CONDITION OF INLETS CRACKED AND DEGRADED TOPS, SPALLING, LOOSE BRICK, SETTLEMENT AROUND INLET, BENT FRAMES, WRONG FRAMES
- CONDITION OF CURB SPALLING, CRACKED, MIS-ALIGNMENT, DIVOTS,
- CONDITION OF SIDEWALK CRACKED, SPALLING,

STEP 1 - EVALUATION

- EVALUATE ROADS, CURB, INLETS
- DETERMINE UTILITY OWNERSHIP
- VERIFY QUANTITIES (AREAS, LENGTHS)
- OBTAIN CORE TESTS OF EXISTING PAVEMENT TO DETERMINE THINKNESS AND TYPE OF BASE
- PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS ON REPAIRS,
 REPLACEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE NEEDED
- ESTIMATE COSTS FOR REPAIRS, TIMING
- PRESENT REPORT TO ASSOCIATION MEMBERS
- MEET WITH BOARD RE BUDGET, TIMING, METHODS

STEP 2 - BIDDING

- COMPLETE ASSESSMENT
- PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS AND BID DOCUMENTS
- BIDDING TO REPUTABLE CONTRACTORS
- BID REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

STEP 3 - CONSTRUCTION

- CONTRACTOR NEGOTIATION
- REVIEW CONTRACT AGREEMENTS & BONDS
- PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING
- CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS
- LIAISON, COORDINATION, MANAGEMENT
- CHANGE ORDERS
- PAYMENT RELEASES (10% RETAINAGE)
- TROUBLESHOOTING (FIELD ISSUES)
- PUNCHLIST
- FINAL INSPECTIONS
- CLOSEOUT

NEGLECTED ASPHALT PAVEMENT















