

# SECTION DESIGN, MIXTURE DESIGNS AND QUALITY CONTROL

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# Pavement Design Components

- Material Type
  - Asphalt Concrete
  - Aggregate Base
  - Cement Treated Base/Recycled CTS
- Traffic Use
- Subgrade Soil Support
  - R-value
  - CBR
  - Modulus
- Design period

# Terms

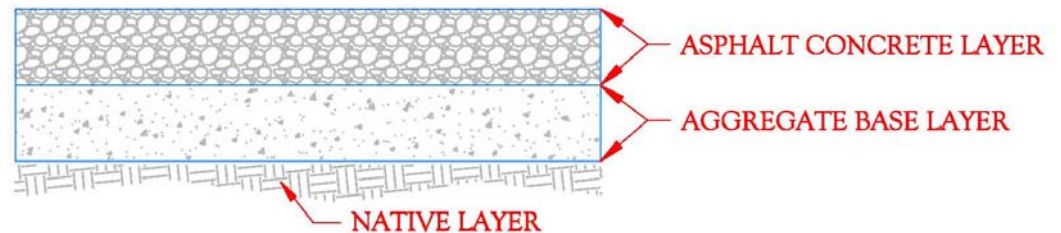
- Subgrade
- Aggregate Subbase (ASB)
- Aggregate Base (AB)
- Asphalt Concrete (AC)
- Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
- Cement Treated Soil/Base (CTS/CTB)
- Lime Treated Soil (LTS)

# Full Depth Reclamation Mix Design

- Proportional Blend
- Variable Application Rates
- Measure design parameters including R-value, compressive strength, appearance, density

# Proportion Blend

- Determine existing pavement section
  - Asphalt concrete thickness
  - Aggregate base thickness
  - Subgrade soil conditions
- Develop preliminary section requirements
  - Subgrade R-value



# Proportion Blend (cont'd)

- Determine site preparation method
  - Asphalt concrete removal/pulverization
  - Aggregate base thickness
- Determine site export requirements
  - Asphalt concrete thickness
  - Aggregate base thickness

# Proportion Blend (cont'd)

- Duplicate site blend
  - Mix with various Portland Cement application rates (probable 4% to 8%)
  - Observe mixing characteristics
  - Compact and determine treated maximum density
  - Determine 7 day compressive strengths

# TYPICAL ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

- 7 Day Compressive Strength
  - 400 psi to 1100 psi
  - 750 psi typical



# Section Design - Conventional

- Total Section
  - $T=0.0032(100-R)TI$

Where R = Subgrade R-Value and TI is Traffic Index

- Asphalt Concrete
  - $(0.0032(100-22) + SF)/Gf$

# Section Design – Stabilized Layer

- Total Section
  - R-Value + Traffic Index
- Asphalt Concrete
  - $(40\% \text{ Total Section} + \text{SF})/G_f$

# Section Design Example

- Subgrade R-value 5
- Traffic Index 5.0 & 7.0
- Conventional Design
- Full Depth Reclamation

# Section Design Example

- Full Depth Reclamation
  - Conventional Design Procedures
  - Asphalt Concrete = 40% Total Section+ SF
  - Asphalt Concrete based on limiting FDR R-value

# Section Design Example- Conventional Section

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{Total}} &= 0.0032(100-5)5.0 \\ &= 1.52' \text{ (18.24"')} \end{aligned}$$

$$T_{\text{AC}} = 2.64'' \quad \text{use 3''}$$

$$T_{\text{AB}} = 9.76'' \quad \text{use 10''}$$

## Section Design Example- 40% Procedure

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{Total}} &= 0.0032(100-5)5.0 \\ &= 1.52' (18.24'') \end{aligned}$$

$$T_{\text{AC}} = 3.87'' \quad \text{use } 4''$$

$$T_{\text{FDR}} = 6.87'' \quad \text{use } 8''$$

# Section Design Example- Conventional Section

Limit FDR R-value to 50 maximum

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{Total}} &= 0.0032(100-5)5.0 \\ &= 1.52' (18.24'') \end{aligned}$$

$$T_{\text{AC}} = 4.80'' \quad \text{use } 5''$$

$$T_{\text{AB}} = 4.78'' \quad \text{use } 8''$$

# Section Design Summary – TI 5.0

● Asphalt Concrete	3"	4"	5"
● Aggregate Base	10"	-	-
● FDR	-	8"	8"
● Subgrade Compaction	90%	N/A	N/A



# Section Design Summary – TI 7.0

● Asphalt Concrete	4"	6"	4"	7 ½"
● Aggregate Base	15 ½"	-	7"	-
● FDR	-	11"	8"	8"
● Subgrade Compaction	90%	N/A	N/A	N/A

# Asphalt Concrete Material Selection

- Enhance Tensile Strength
- Enhance durability
- Recommend Use of
  - Type B AR8000
  - Type III B3 AR8000
  - Type A  $\frac{3}{4}$ " Maximum AR8000
  - Type B  $\frac{3}{4}$ " Maximum AR8000

# What is Quality Control?

- Any combination of documentation, inspection, observations or sampling that increases the understanding of the final product, individual components, and production variability



# Construction Controls

- Thickness control
  - Grade tolerances
    - Prior to treatment
    - After treatment

# Construction Controls

- Spread Rate
  - Pan weights
  - Truck yield
  - Daily yield
- Mixing Depth
  - Test holes
- Mixing Uniformity
  - Test holes/observations/pH indicator

# Construction Controls

- Mixture Characteristics
  - Maximum Density
  - Optimum Moisture
  - 7 Day Compressive Strengths

# Construction Controls

- Fine Grading
  - Timeliness
  - Compaction

# Construction Controls

- Curing
  - Moist Cure
  - Curing Seal
  - Traffic Limits



# Critical Elements

- Grade tolerances
  - Impacts thickness of completed layer
- Spread Rate/Mixing Depth
  - Impacts effective application rate
  - Impacts thickness of completed layer
- Mixture Uniformity
  - Impacts effective application rate
  - Impacts thickness of completed layer
  - Impacts short and long term performance

# Why Quality Control ?

- Increase probability of contract compliance
- Protect City, Contractor and Material Supplier
- Better understand performance issues over time
- Provide improved basis for future project design



# Proactive Production Control

- Construction Documentation
  - Material source confirmation
  - Material quantities
    - Mixture proportions
    - Spread rate
  - Material qualities
    - Mixture proportions
    - Spread rate
    - Layer strength



# Proactive Production Control

- Date and Location of work (street and limits)
- Construction equipment
  - Size
  - Number
  - Operating condition
- Weather conditions
- Existing surface conditions
- Set/cure time
- Rolling patterns (where applicable)



# Proactive Production Control

- Post construction inspection
  - Initial Performance review
  - Identify required corrective action
  - Comparison with quality control information
  - Long term performance review
  - Provide input relative to material or construction changes for future work



# ALTERNATIVE TO QC

- TRUST EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT
- ACCEPT VARIABLE PERFORMANCE WITHOUT EXPLANATION
- ACCEPT VARIABLE PERFORMANCE WITHOUT POTENTIAL FOR IMPROVEMENT OF FUTURE PERFORMANCE