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CIM

- BS degree in CIM with minor in Business Administration
- 5 universities
- Industry Involvement
- Chico: CIM for the West
 - Western University Exchange (WUE)
 - Applied Concrete Sustainability
 - Concrete Repair

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- Expertise and exposure to national and international knowledge
- Fast-track technology transfer
- Training and deployment of pavement preservation innovations
- Timely solutions
- Solid working relationships and partnerships with industry, academia and other public agencies
- Credible technical advice and consultations

Unique Academic/Industry/Government Partnerships









Chico State Highlights: Pointe du Hoc

Non-Destructive and Destructive Testing, Structural Evaluation, Historic Structure Reports



Chico State Highlights: Alcatraz Field School



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Lithium Nitrate for Treatment of ASR

Plethora of available ASR research
Potential of Lithium

- Goal: Prevent further ASR damage for extended service life
- Challenges:
 - How to get lithium into hardened concrete at functional depth
 - How to prevent additional alkali penetration

Combined Method: ASR Treatment + Surface Preparation

Methods of Surface Preparation – Delaware DOT study

– Shot Blasting

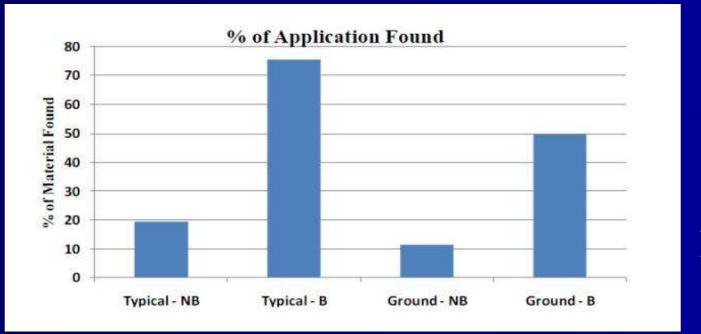
"These results showed a marked increase in penetration in the blasted areas compared with non-blasted areas" *

– Diamond Grinding

"The diamond ground areas were less than the non-ground areas, ..., the [addition of] surface blasting significantly increased penetration."*

* FMC extrapolated information from results in "Lithium Content of Concrete," Tourney Consulting Group, 6/17/10, from study conducted with Delaware DOT

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NB = Not Blasted B = Blasted Ground = Diamond Ground

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Combined Method:

ASR Treatment + Surface Preparation + Friction Enhancement/Bonding

Increased penetration

- ASR treatments
- Densifiers

Increased bonding of surface applied treatments

- Sealers
- Overlays

Added benefit of texturing surface for friction enhancement

Friction Enhancement for Increased Highway Safety

Pavement skid resistance is perhaps the most important engineering component of the road from a safety standpoint.

"During the period 1995-2001, nearly a half a million injuries and over 6,000 fatalities were attributed to roadway accidents caused by slippery pavements."

- "Life Cycle Cost Analysis of Surface Retexturing with Shotblasting as a Pavement Preservation Tool," Douglas D. Gransberg, PhD, PE, University of Oklahoma. Quoted from Noyce, D.A., Bahia, H.U. Yambo, J.M. and Kim, G. "Incorporating Road Safety into Pavement Management: Maximizing Asphalt Surface Friction for Road Safety Improvements," Midwest Regional University Transportation Center, Madison, Wisconsin, 2005.

Friction Enhancement for Increased Highway Safety

"Slippery pavements are the result of several causes, chief of which is the loss of both pavement surface micro and macrotexture.

A recent European study found that increasing the pavement's macrotexture not only reduced total accidents under both wet and dry conditions but also reduced low speed accidents"

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Friction Enhancement for Increased Highway Safety

"Pavement managers must not only manage the structural condition of their roads but also their skid resistance.

In fact it is possible for a structurally sound pavement to be rendered unsafe due to a loss of skid resistance due to polishing of the surface aggregates."

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Surface Texture

Surface Texture Types

(Megatexture - surface profile; how flat the surface is)

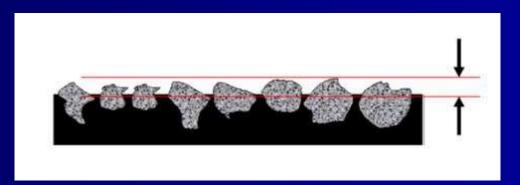
Macrotexture

– Microtexture

Surface Texture

MACROTEXTURE: space or voids between aggregate particles

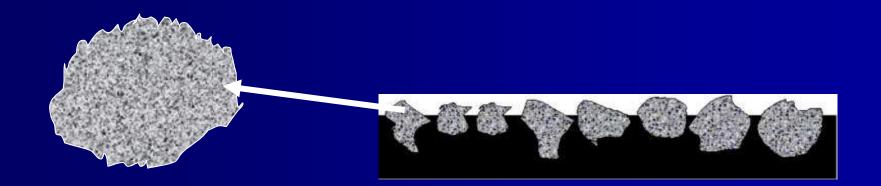
Allows water to drain away from surface and greatly contributes to skid resistance in wet conditions



Surface Texture

Microtexture: provided by roughness or texture of surface of individual aggregate particles

Main contributor to providing grip or skid resistance with tires, particularly at low speeds



Shot Blasting Summary

- Increased penetration of ASR and other surface applied treatments for extending service life
- Friction enhancement for safety
- Environmentally friendly
 - Shot is reused
 - Clean/efficient capture of shot dust
 - Research uses for shot dust

Shot Blasting Summary

Doug Gransberg's study

•Economic analysis of a typical highway to determine the life cycle costs of using various options for a hypothetical project.

Utilized Federal Highway Administration pavement life cycle cost methodology

•"shotblasting is an economically viable alternative to traditional methods for restoring lost skid resistance. It also allows the desired engineering objective to be achieved without the consumption of additional materials thus making it an environmentally sustainable alternative as well."

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CalTrans & I80 Donner Pass/Tahoe





Industry/Academic/Public Partnership:

Less than one month from CalTrans meeting to completed application on Donner Pass

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Initial test area at Chico State

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Transil: Surface wear protector in conjunction with shot blasting (or Diamond Grinding) to reintroduce friction and protect from chlorides and moisture. New technology in partnership with Dow Corning.

Testing for Surface Profile



Sand Patch

Flow Meter



One Year Later . . .



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Options

Option 1: \$42,000/lane mile asphalt overlay, Expected service life?

Option 2: \$21,000/lane mile shot blast plus surface treatment Expected service life?



Recent Testing & Next Steps

Drilled cores, test results expected

Visual acceptance

Ruler test

What's next? Additional pavement preservation treatments for crack repair, etc., as part of tool box system for new and older surfaces.



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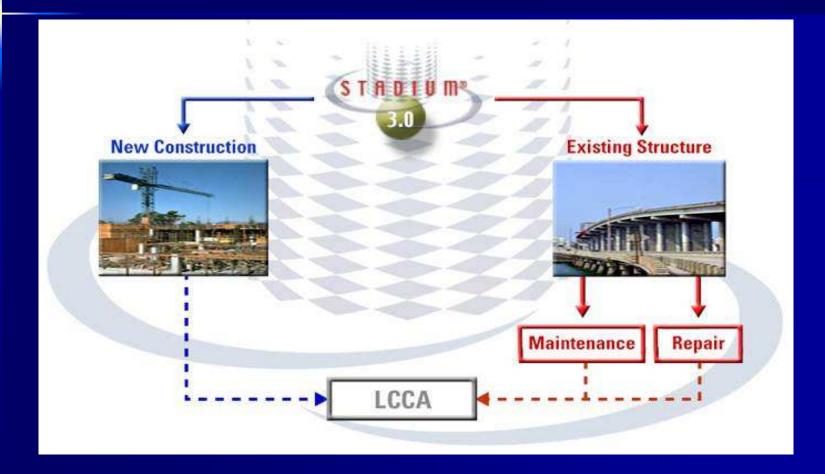


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