

Perpetual Pavement: Superior Performance & Sustainability

A photograph showing a cross-section of a road construction site. The image displays several distinct layers of material, including a dark top layer, a middle layer of dark aggregate, and a base layer of reddish-brown soil or subgrade. The layers are separated by horizontal lines, suggesting a multi-layered pavement structure. In the background, there is a line of green trees under a clear sky.

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Outline

- Overview
- Advantages
- Sustainability
- Top 10

What is a Perpetual Pavement?

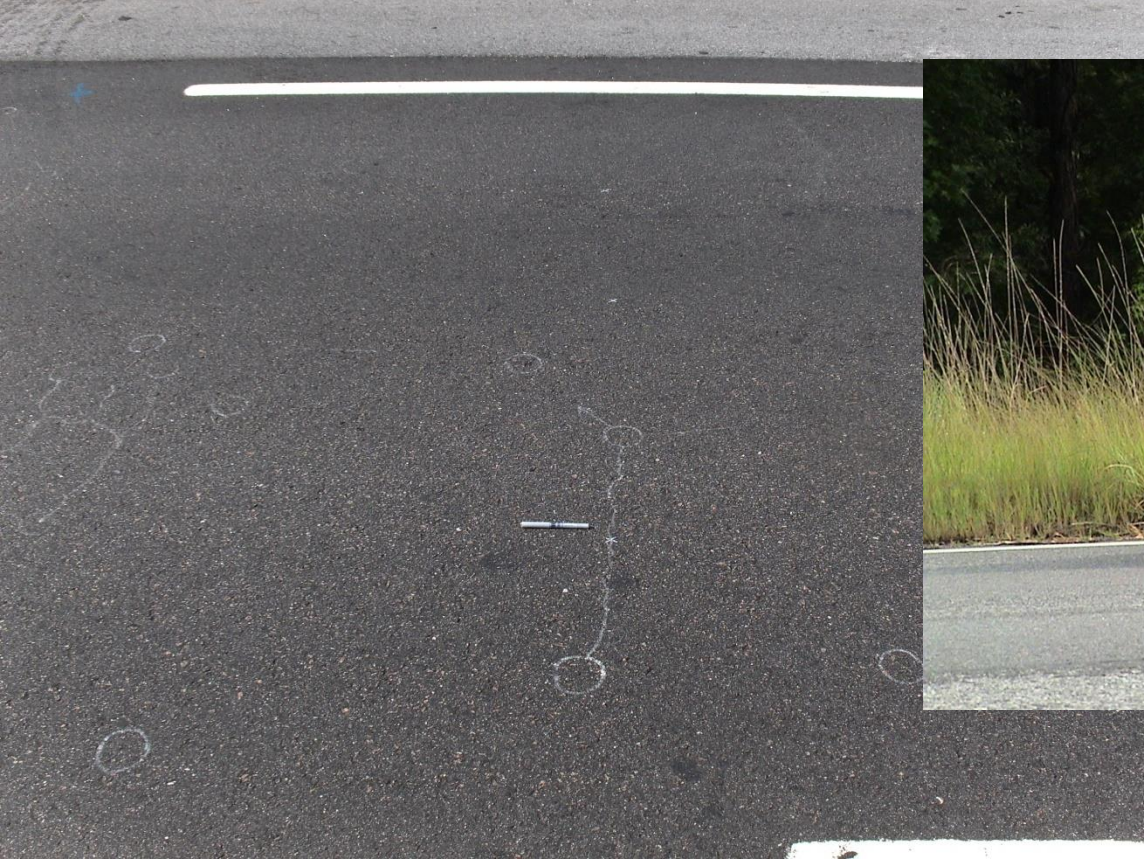
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- No deep structural distress



Keep Deformation in Surface





Limit Cracking to top-down

Dave Timm 2012



New Jersey I-287 Surface Cracking



Goal of Perpetual Pavement Design

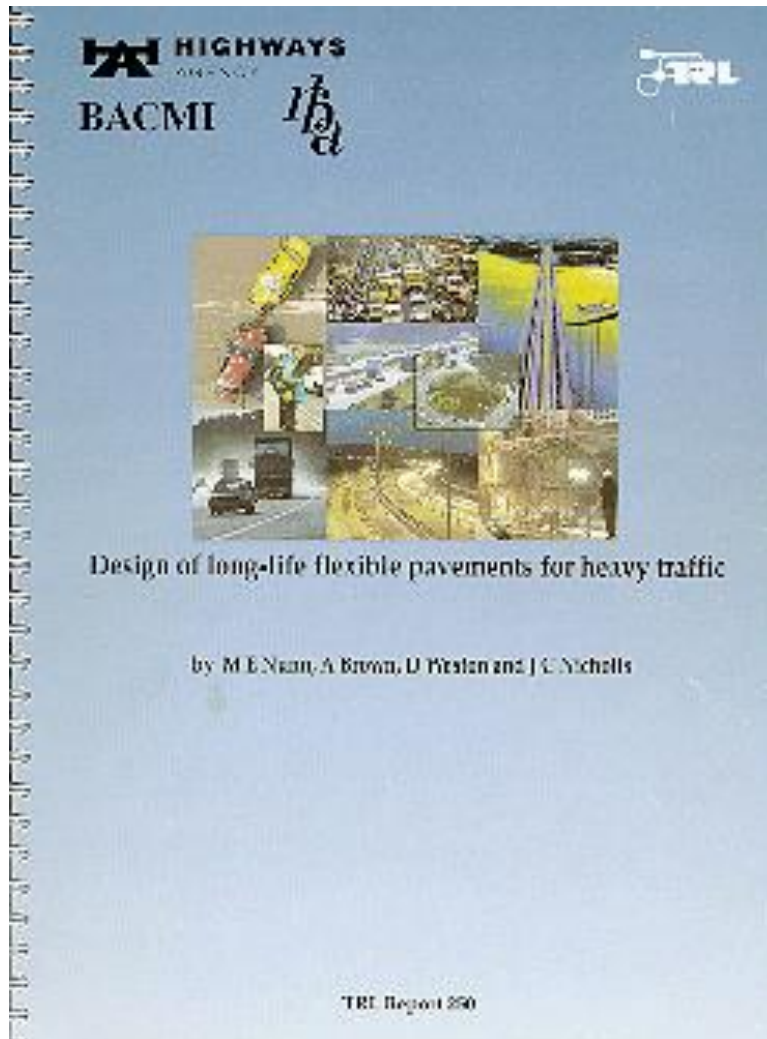
- Design so there are no deep structural distresses
 - Bottom up fatigue cracking
 - Structural rutting
- All distresses can be quickly remedied from surface
- Result in a structure with 'Perpetual' or 'Long Life'



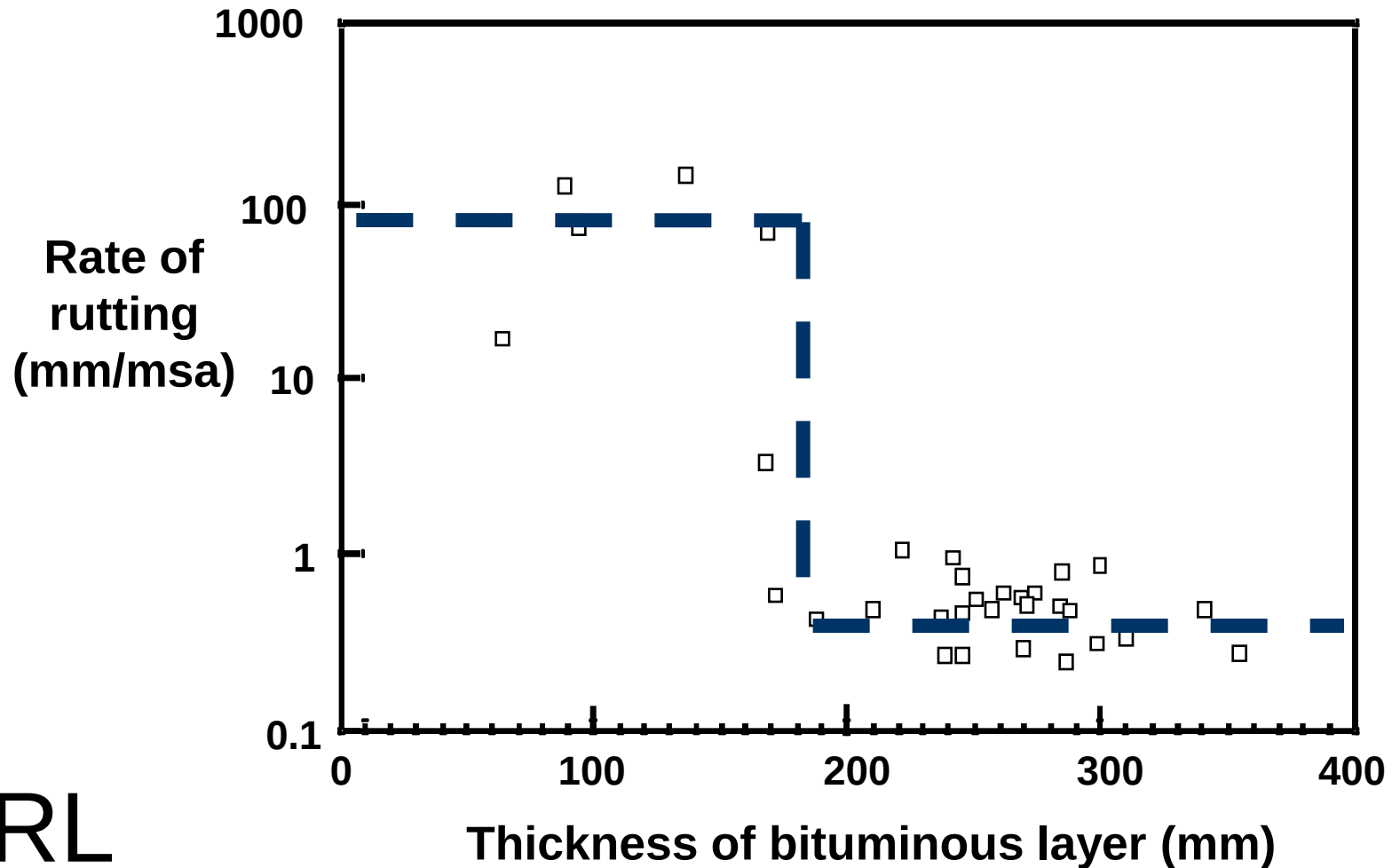
TRL Report 250 Nunn, Brown, Weston & Nicholls

Design of Long-Life Flexible Pavements for Heavy Traffic

<http://www.trl.co.uk>



RATE OF RUTTING vs ASPHALT THICKNESS

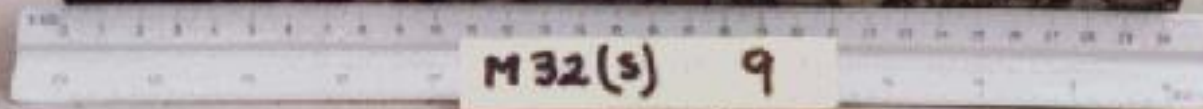
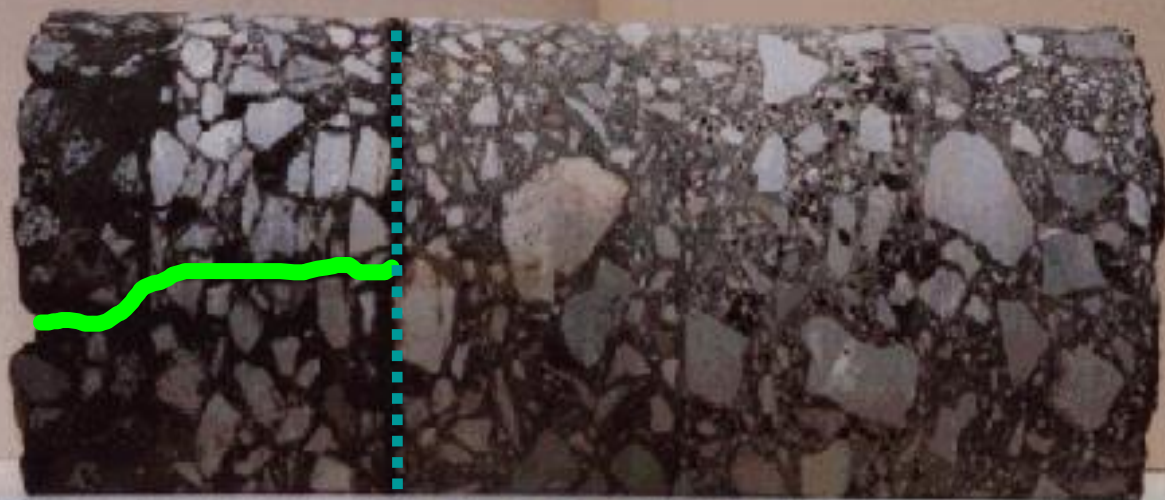


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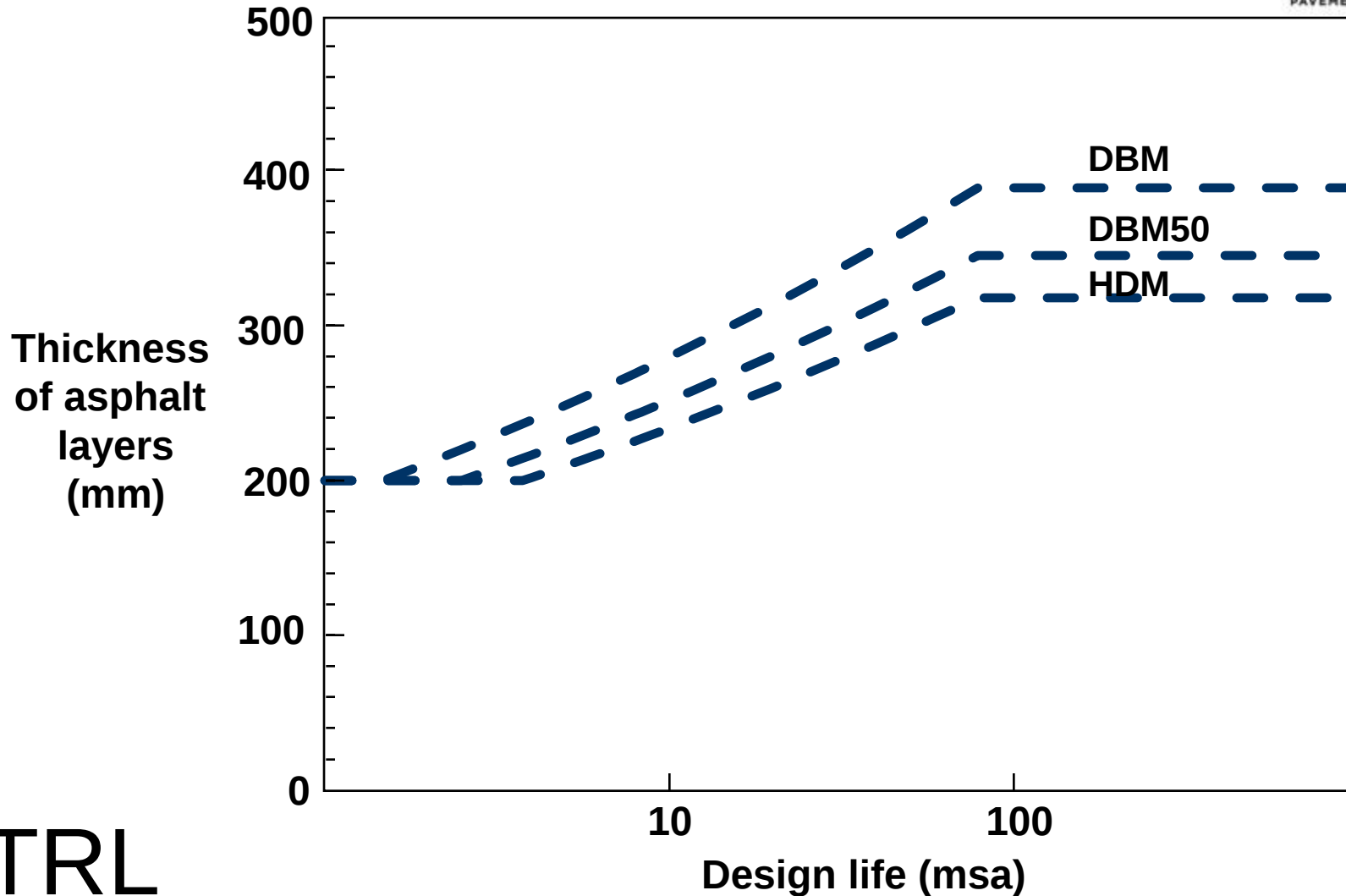
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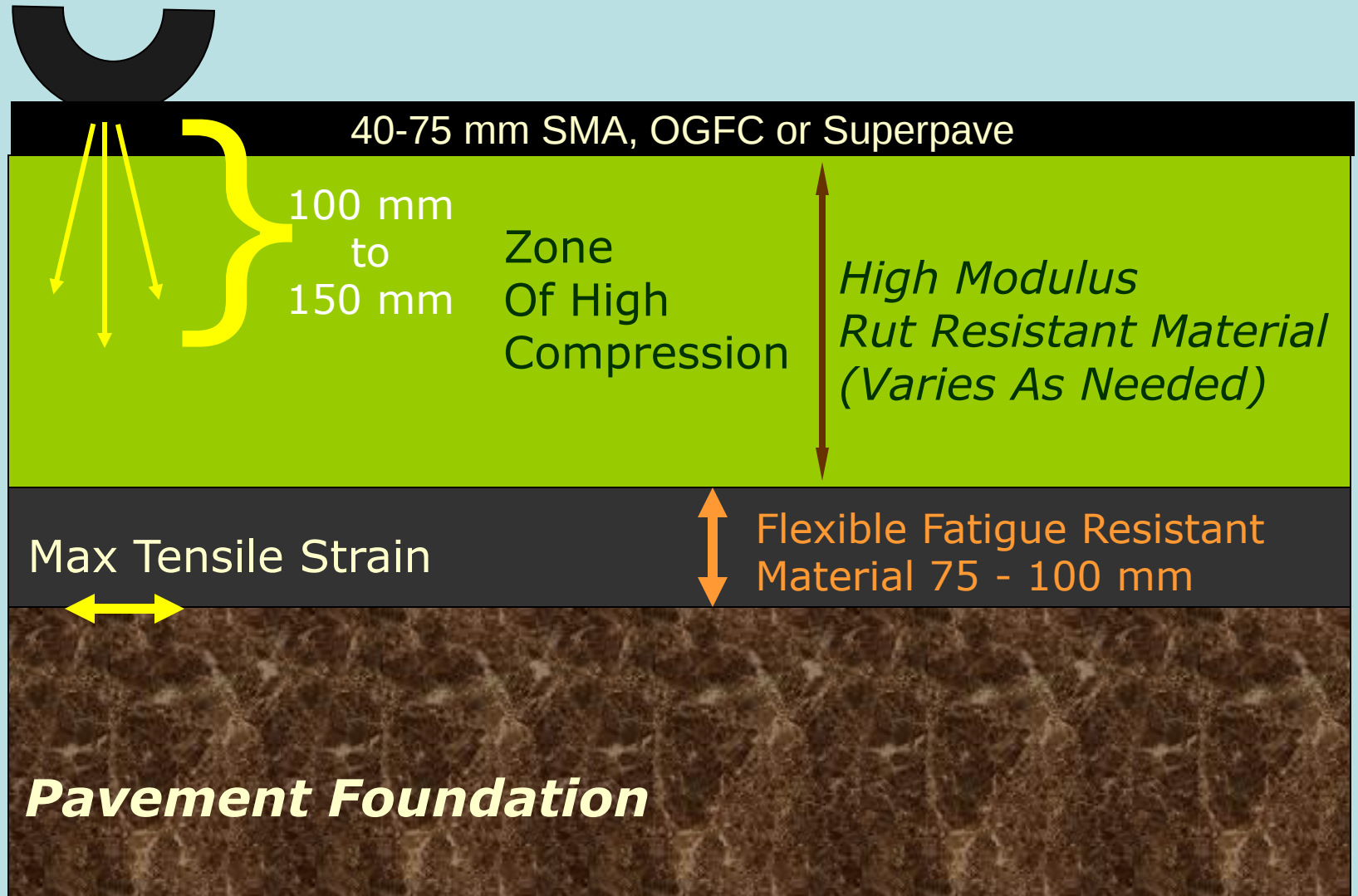
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TRL Design Chart

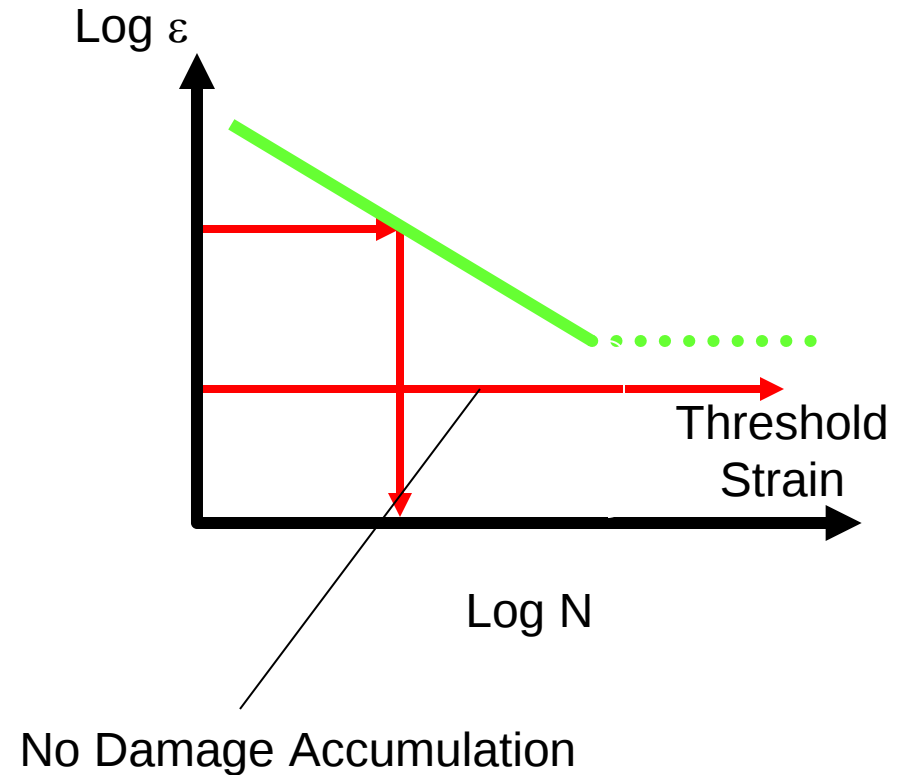
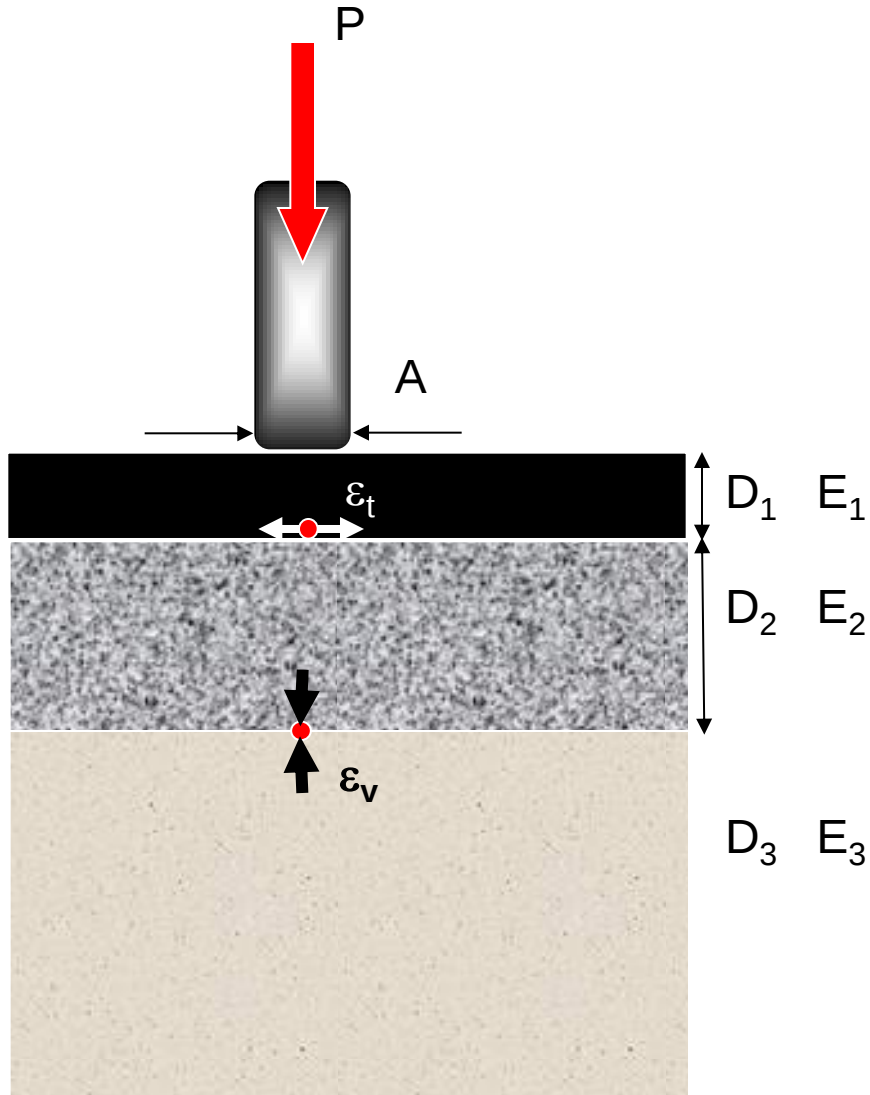


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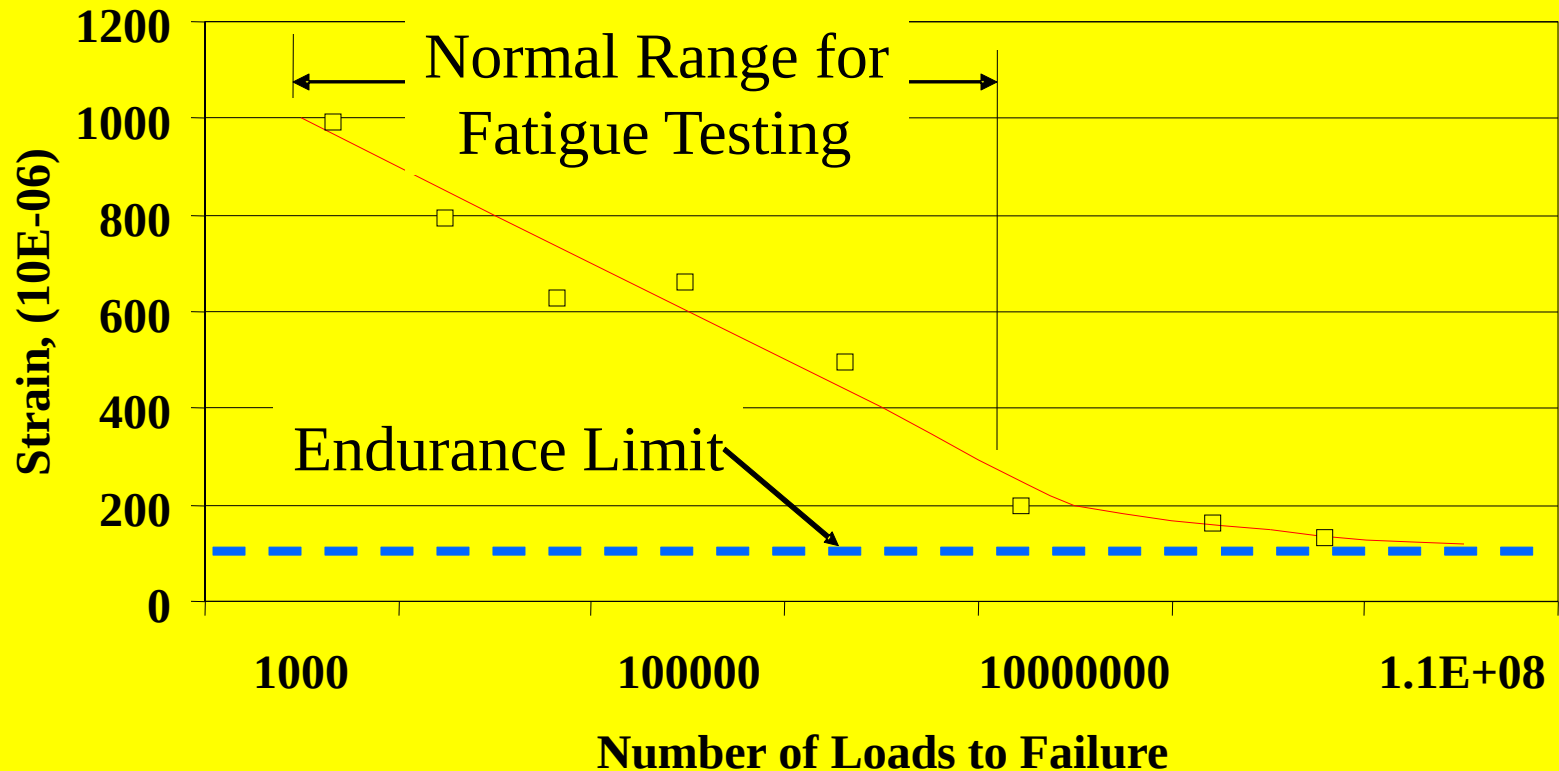
Concept



M-E Perpetual Pavement Design



Endurance Limit



Normal Fatigue Testing Results Versus
Endurance Limit Testing

What is the Endurance Limit for HMA?



- 1972 – Monismith estimates about 70 $\mu\epsilon$
- 2001 – I-710 designed at 70 $\mu\epsilon$
- 2002 – 70 $\mu\epsilon$ used by APA
- 2007 – NCHRP 9-38 Lab Study
 - 100 $\mu\epsilon$ for unmod binders
 - 250 $\mu\epsilon$ for mod binders
 - More severe than field
- 2007 – MEPDG uses 100 to 250 $\mu\epsilon$
- 2008 – Field measurements show higher strains

Perpetual Pavement Advantage



- Efficient Design – No Overdesign
- Avoid Reconstruction
- Reduce Rehabilitation
- Reduce Life Cycle Cost
- Reduce Energy Consumption
- Reduce Materials Use

Design Applications



- High Volume Pavements
 - MEPDG (DarWIN-ME)(Pavement ME Design)
 - PerRoad
- Low and Medium Volume Pavements
 - PerRoadXpress

Sustainability



- Economic
 - Lowest Life Cycle Cost
 - Lowest Initial Cost
 - Don't spend money our children don't have
- Social
 - Reduce Dependency on Outside
 - Save Resources
 - Make sure you leave something behind
- Environmental
 - Reduce Impact on Environment
 - Don't leave your garbage behind

Perpetual Pavements



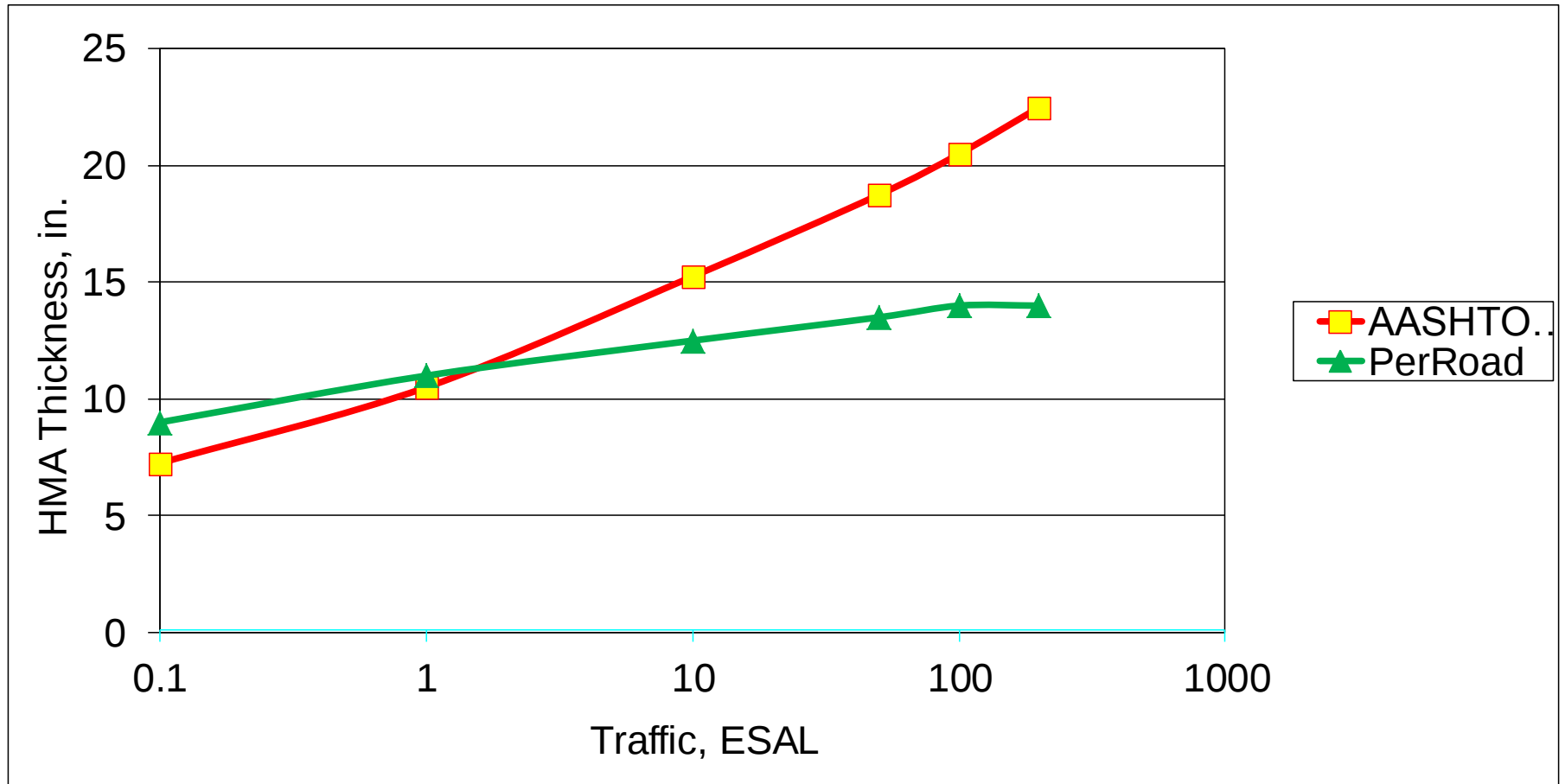
- Save Money
- Save Asphalt
- Save Aggregate
- Reduce Construction Pollution
- Reduce GHG
- Reduce Vehicle Pollution

Two Cases

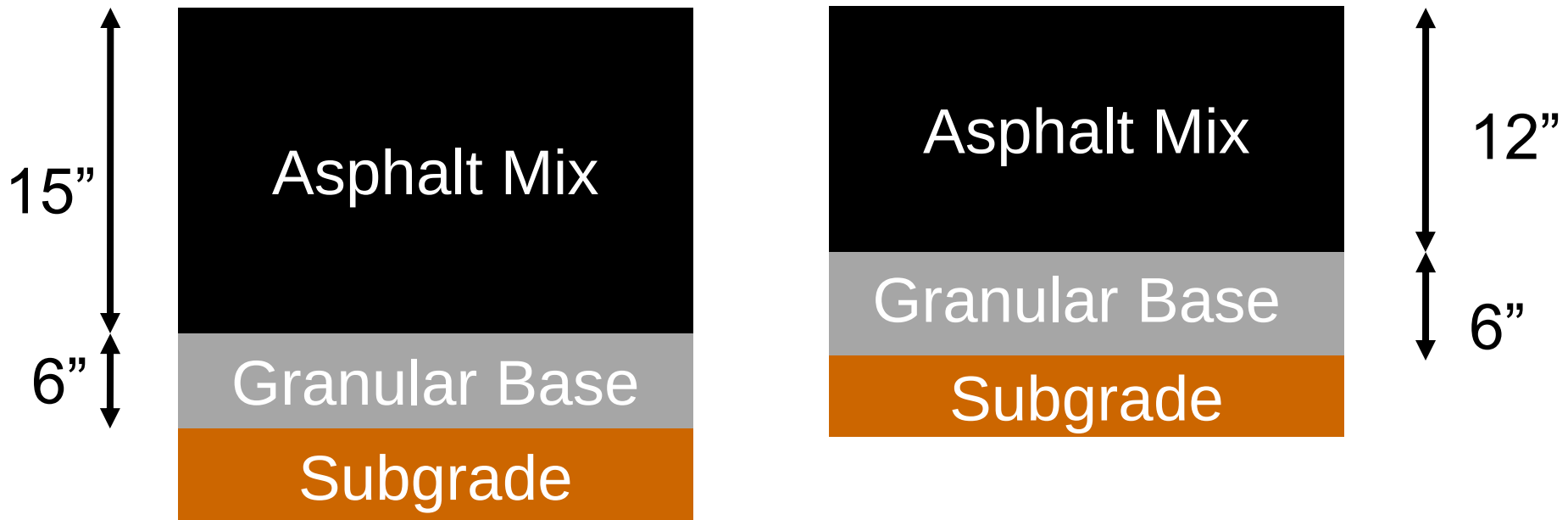


- Conventional Design (AASHTO 1972) vs. Perpetual Pavement
- Concrete Rehab with PCC Remove and Replace vs. Perpetual Pavement

Perpetual Pavement versus Conventional Design



Conventional vs. Perpetual



- One Lane-Mile
- Compare Materials Usage
- Compare Costs

Assumed Economic Inputs



- Materials
 - Conventional -
 - 25% RAP All Layers
 - 8" Base - \$60/ton
 - 4" Intermediate - \$65/ton
 - 3" Surface - \$70/ton (Mill & Replace Every 15 yrs)
 - Perpetual –
 - 25% RAP (Base & Intermediate) 10% in SMA
 - 8" Base - \$60/ton
 - 2" Intermediate - \$65/ton
 - 2" SMA Surface - \$80/ton (Mill & Replace Every 20 yrs)
- Discount Rate = 4%

Comparison of Structures



Conventional

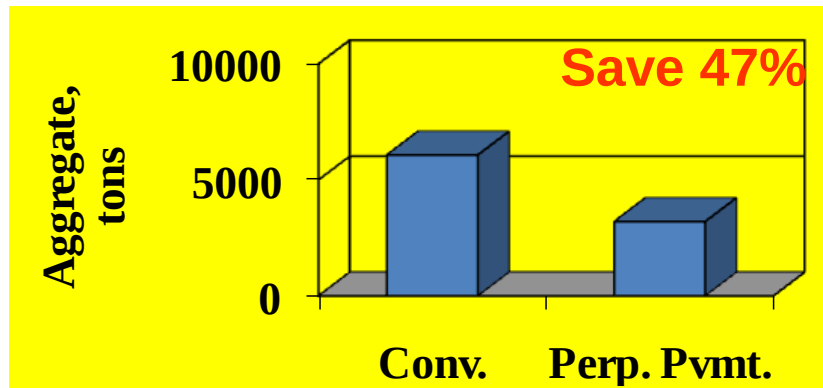
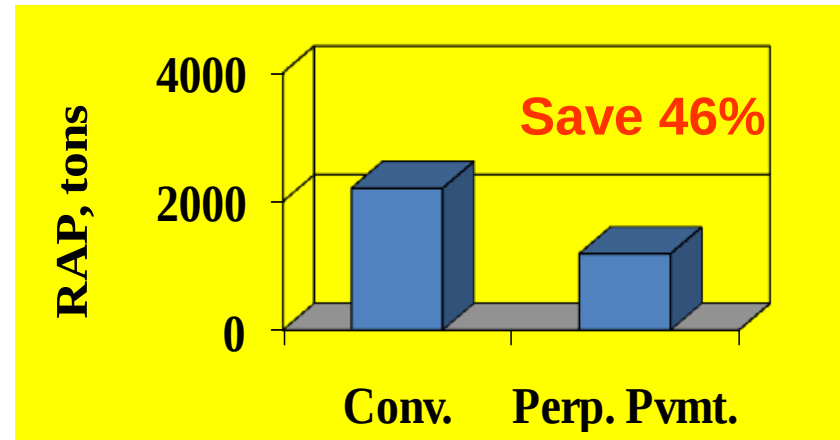
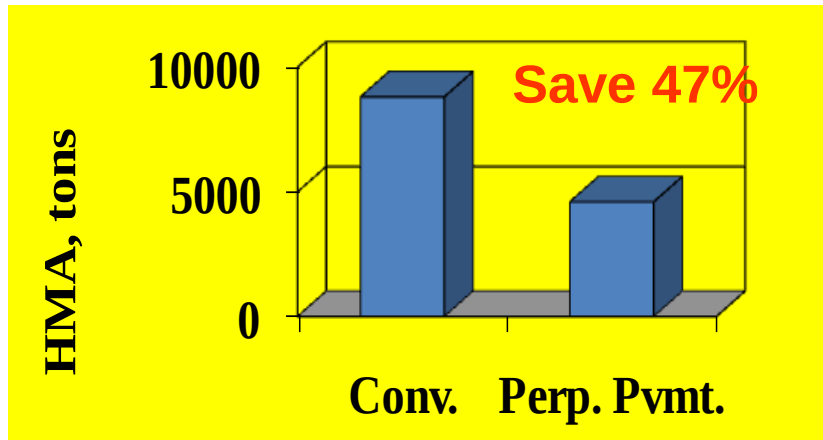
Year	Activity
0	15" HMA/6" Base
15	Mill 3"/Overlay 3"
30	Mill 3"/Overlay 3"
45	Mill 3"/Overlay 3"
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Perpetual

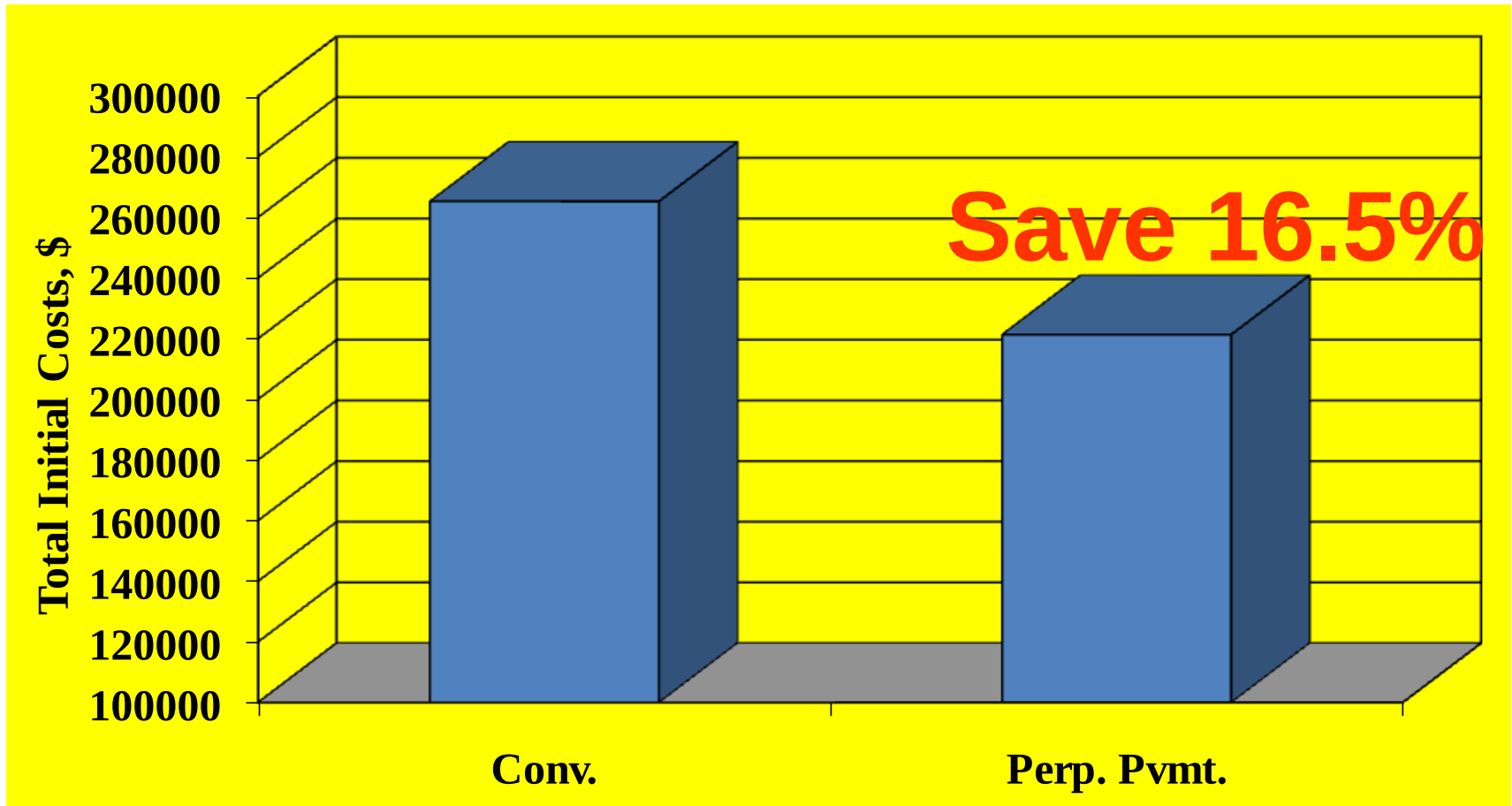
Year	Activity
0	11" HMA/6" Base
20	Mill 2"/Overlay 2"
40	Mill 2"/Overlay 2"
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	Conventional (tons/lane-mile)	Perpetual Pavement (tons/lane-mile)
Year	HMA*	HMA*
0	5,358	4,594
15	1,148	
20		766
30	1,148	
40		766
45	1,148	
50	----	
Total	8,802	4,594
RAP	2,205	1,187
Aggregate	6,069	3,203
Asphalt Binder**	396	204

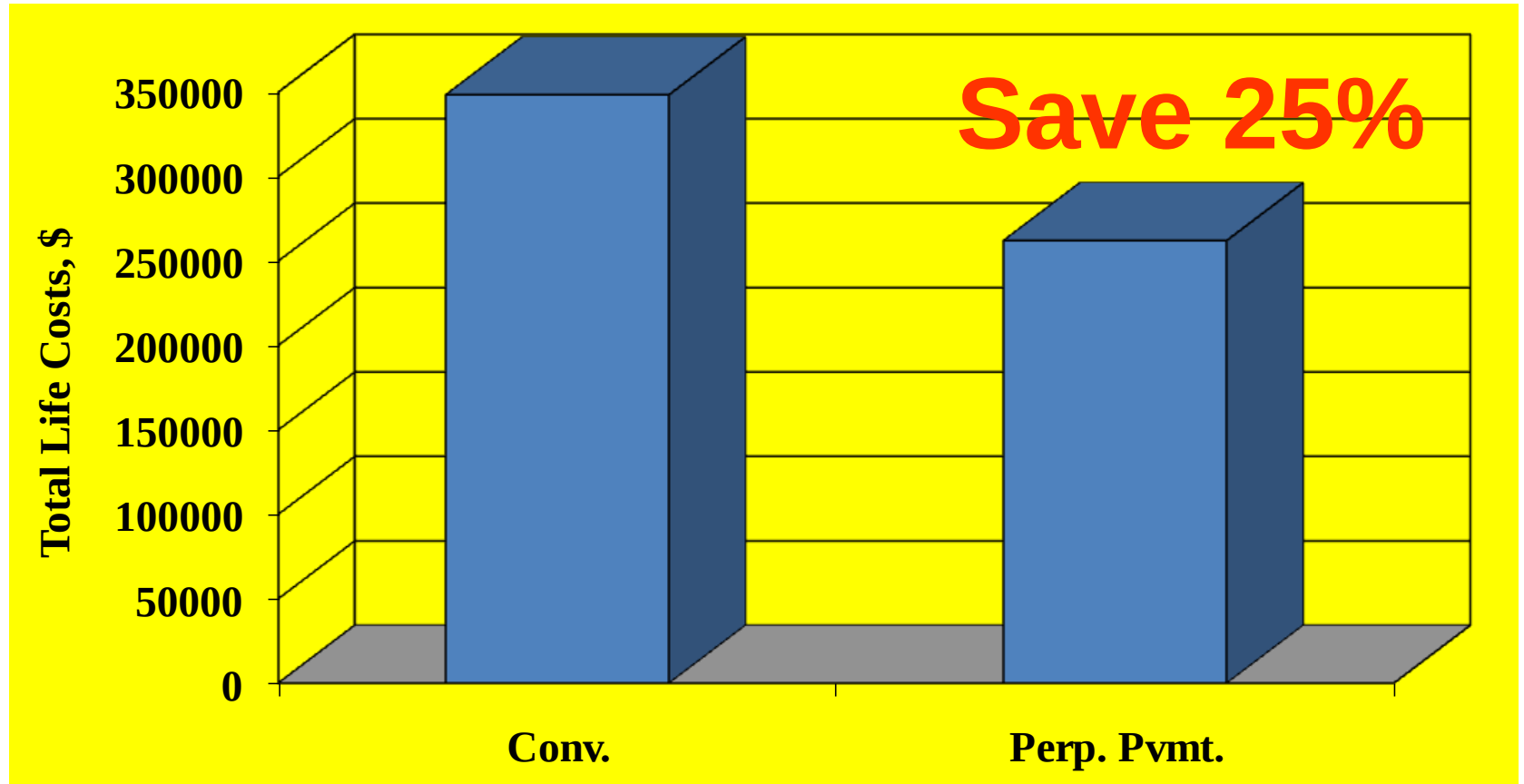
Material Usage



Initial Costs



Costs



**Rubblization with Perpetual
Pavement Overlay
versus
Remove/Replace PCC**

First Cost Comparisons

- One Mile, Four Lanes (7040 SY)
- Case 1: Rubblization with Perpetual Pavement
- Case 2: Remove PCC and Replace with PCC

Case 1

- Perpetual Pavement with Rubblization
 - Rubblize 11" PCC
 - Overlay with 8" HMA
- Initial Cost:

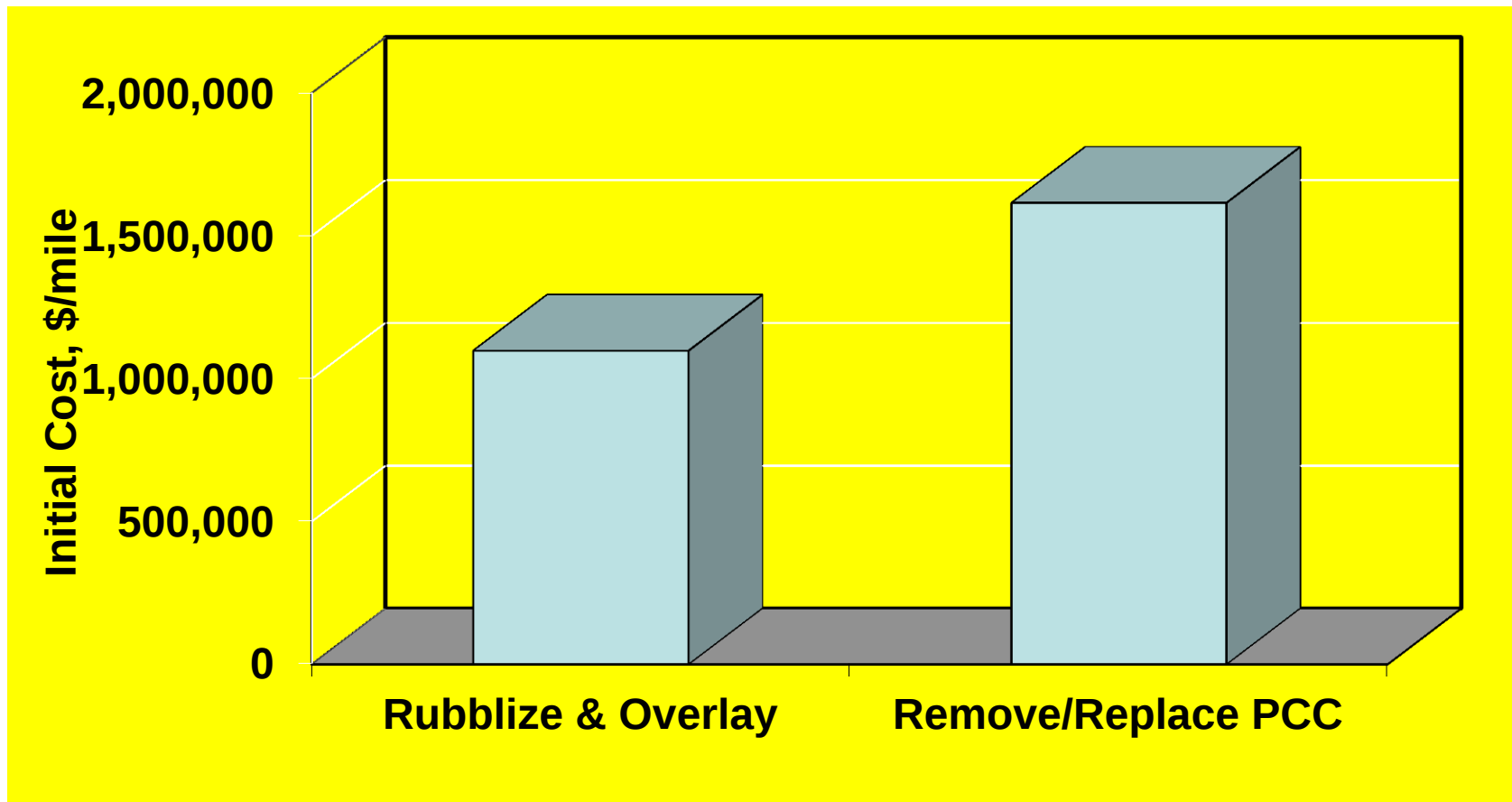
Item	Unit Cost
Edge Drains	5.00
Rubblize	1.50
HMA Overlay	60.00

Case 2

- Remove/Replace PCC
 - Remove PCC
 - Replace with 11" PCC
- Initial Cost:

Item	Unit Cost
Remove PCC	30.00
PCC Placement	43.00

Initial Cost Comparison



General Experience



- First Cost: Rubblization ~ 32% less than remove/replace
- Speed of Construction: days vs. weeks
- Impact of User Costs?

Work Zone Assumptions



- 1 mile long
- 4 lanes
- One lane open each direction during work
- 40,000 ADT

Case 1



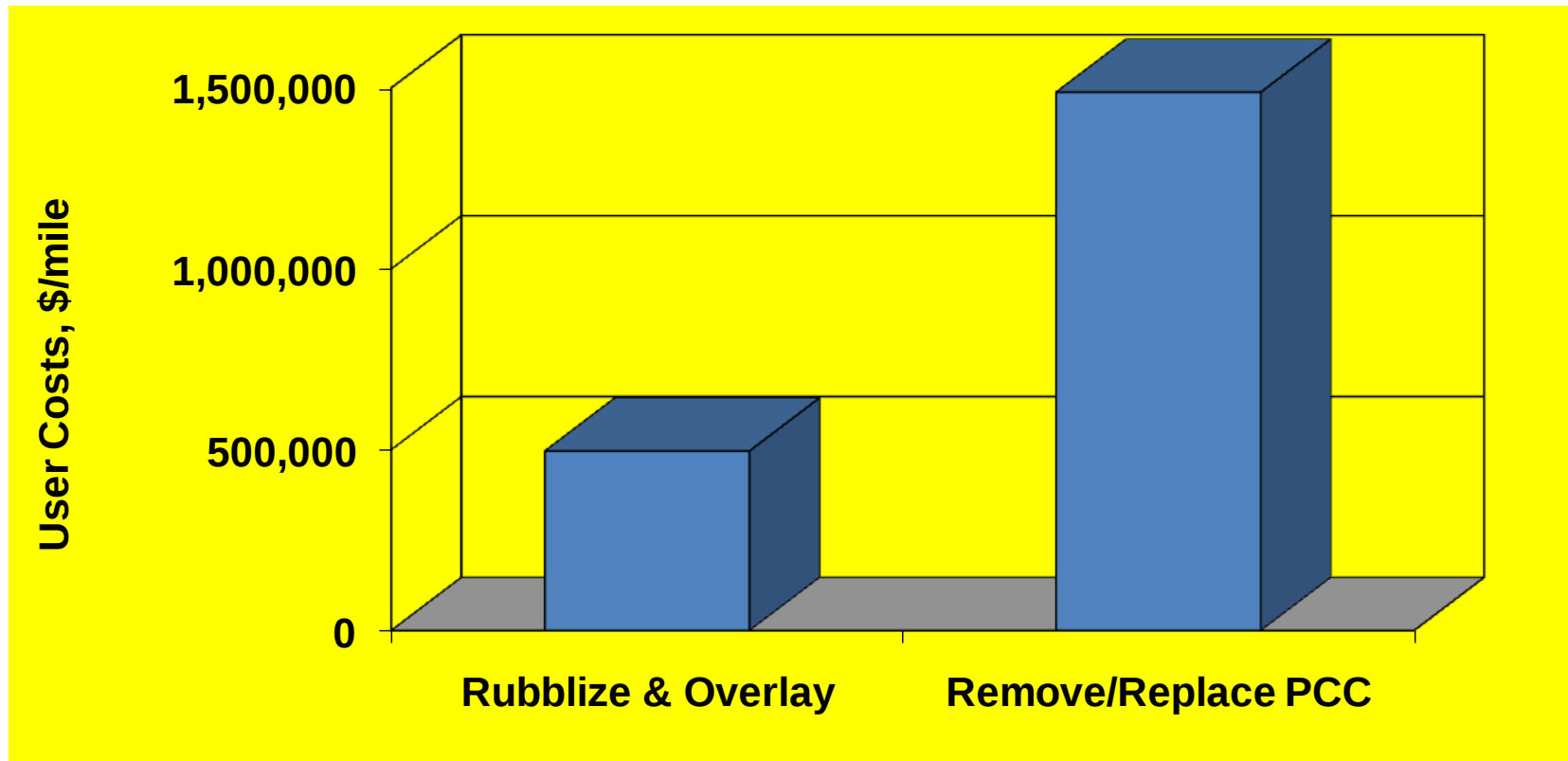
- Rubblization: One lane-mile/day production
- Paving: 2 lane-miles/day
 - Sequence
 - 3" bottom lift
 - 3" 2nd lift
 - 2" 3rd lift
 - 24 hour closure until 2nd asphalt lift
 - 12 hour closure for 3rd

Case 2



- Remove/Replace PCC
 - Removal: 2000 SY/day ~ 3.5 days/lane – 24 hr/day
 - Trim Base and Set Dowels – 12 hr
 - Paving: 0.75 mile/day – 11 hr
 - Curing: 7 days – 24 hr/day

User Costs

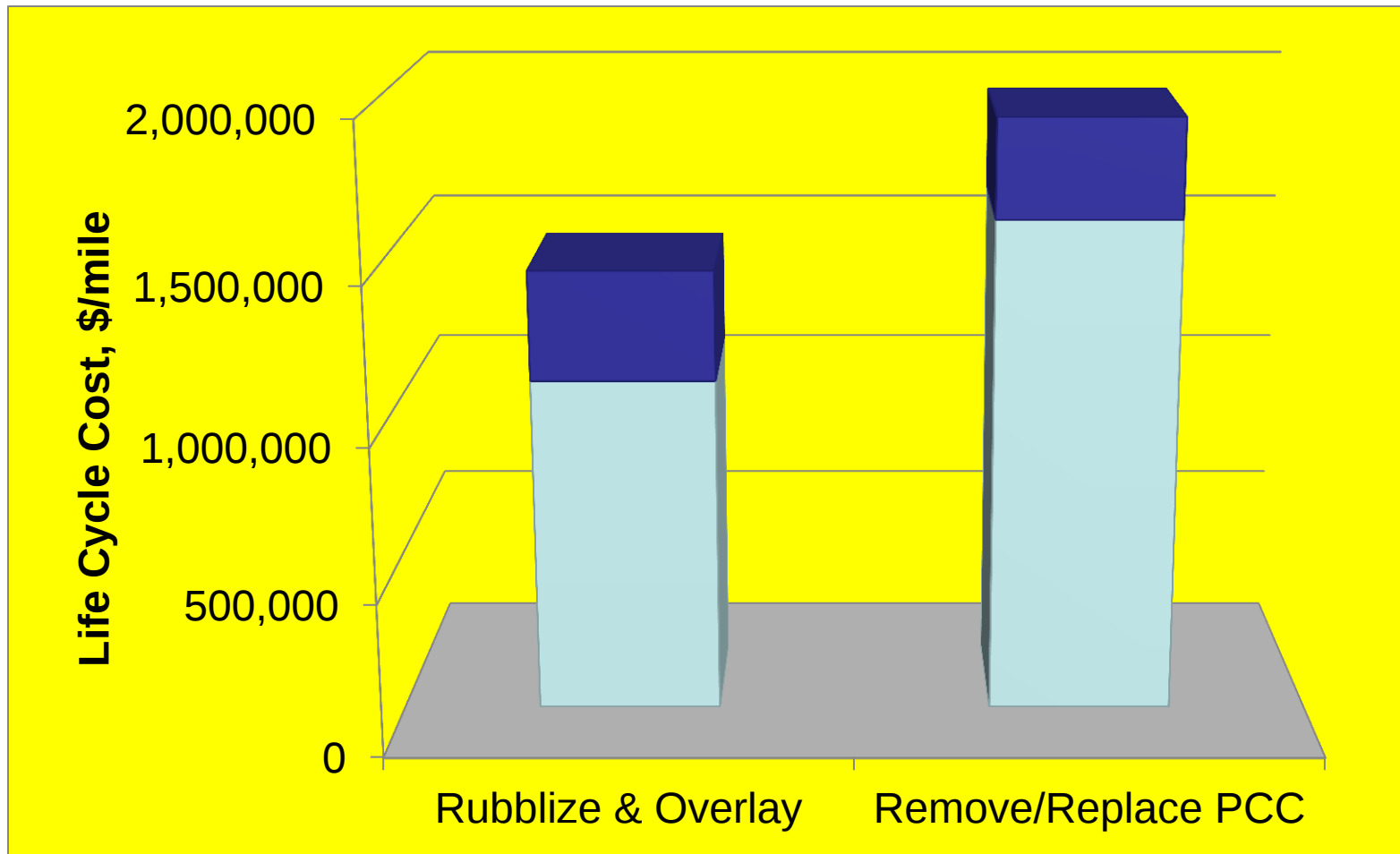


Life Cycle Costs



- Asphalt
 - Initial Construction
 - Overlay Every 15 years
- Concrete
 - Initial Construction
 - Grind at Year 15
 - Overlay at 25 years
 - Overlay at 35 years

Life Cycle Costs



Rubblization Summary



- Economic Sustainability
 - Lower Initial Cost
 - Lower Life Cycle Cost
 - Lower User Cost
- Social Sustainability
 - Less User Inconvenience
 - Recycled both Concrete (as base) and Asphalt
- Environmental Sustainability
 - Lower GHG
 - Lower Pollution from Traffic Delays

Economic Sustainability



- Perpetual Pavement design is improving
 - More efficient pavements
 - More cost-effective
- Perpetual Pavement is Less Expensive
 - Initial Cost – $\frac{1}{3}$ less
 - User Cost – $\frac{2}{3}$ less
 - Life Cycle Cost - $\frac{1}{4}$ less

Social Sustainability



- Lower User Delay Costs
 - Lower Crash
 - Lower VOC
 - Lower Fuel Consumption
- Save Resources for Other Uses and Future Generations
- Maintain Smoothness/Quietness

Environmental Sustainability



- Completely Recycle Concrete In-Place
- Use Recycled Asphalt in Surface
- Lower GHG Emissions



This award honors asphalt pavements that were designed and built with outstanding care and exceptional quality. The result is a long-lasting pavement, one that serves the traveling public well, provides true value to the taxpayers and demonstrates both the convenience and the quality of asphalt pavement.

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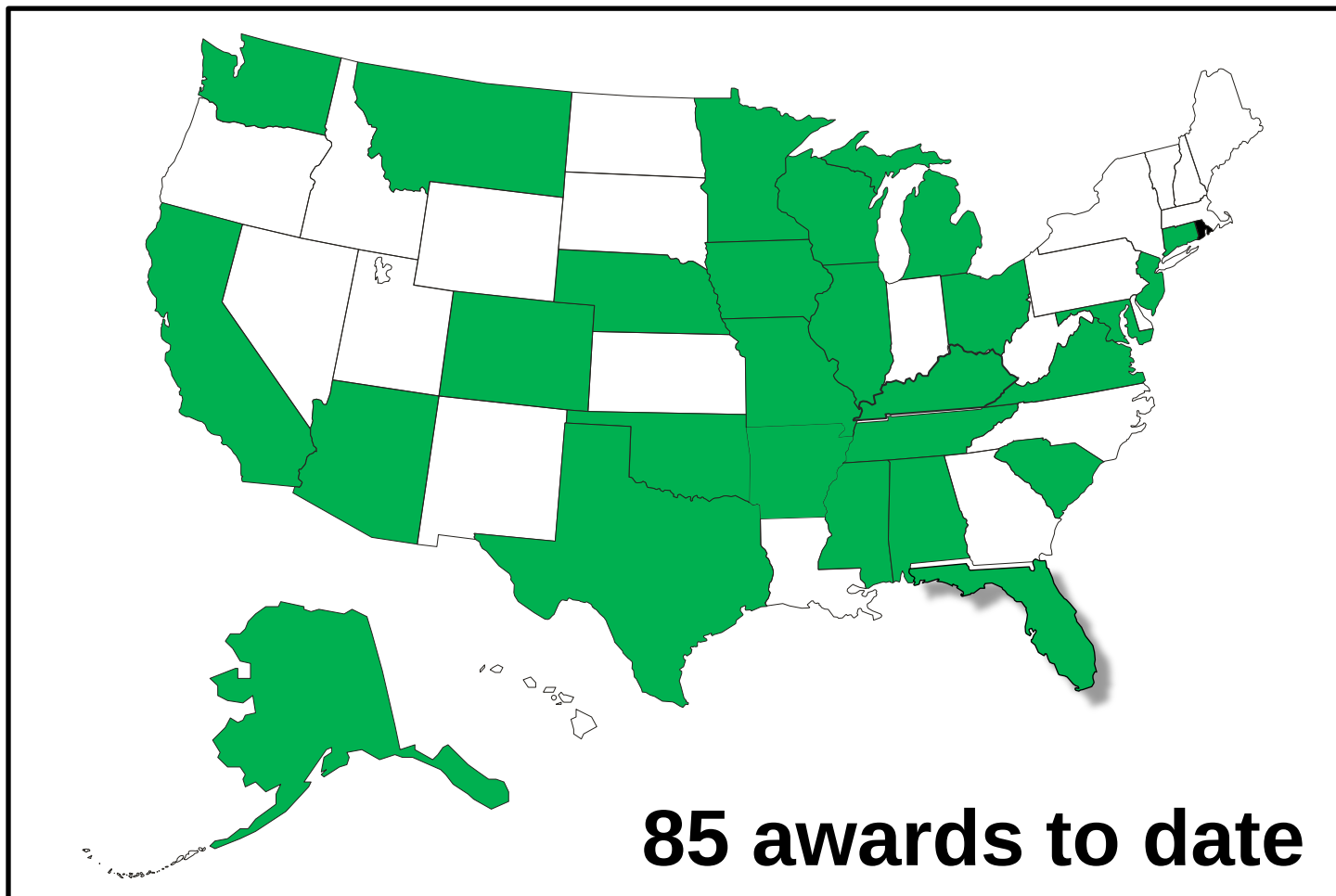
Asphalt.

2011 PERPETUAL PAVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION FORM

- 35+ years old
- 13+ years between overlays
- No increase >4"

Alabama - 4
Alaska - 1
Arizona - 1
Arkansas - 3
California - 2
Colorado - 1
Connecticut - 2
Florida - 3
Illinois - 1
Iowa - 2
Kentucky - 4
Maryland - 4
Michigan - 2
Minnesota - 11
Mississippi - 4
Missouri - 4
Montana - 3
Nebraska - 3
New Jersey - 2
Ohio - 3
Oklahoma - 3
Pennsylvania - 2
Rhode Island - 1
South Carolina - 4
Tennessee - 8
Texas - 2
Virginia - 1
Washington - 2
Wisconsin - 1
Toronto, Canada - 1

Perpetual Pavement Awards from 2001 to 2012



Top 10

Nebraska 1934



Ohio 1937-40



Top 10

Alabama 1940

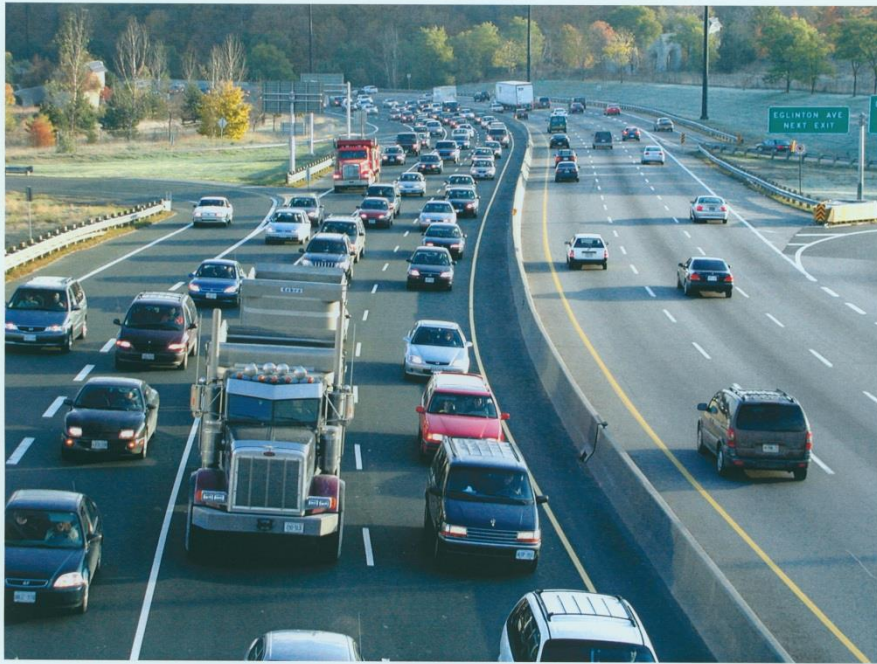


Tennessee 1948



Top 10

Toronto 1948

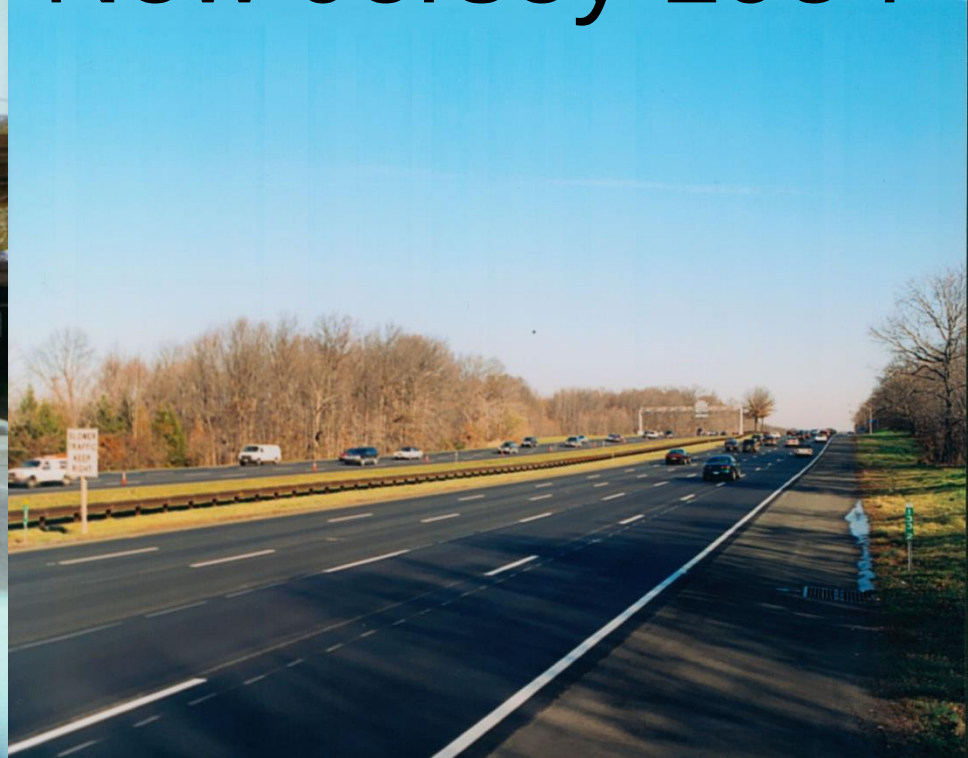


Maryland 1951



Top 10

New Jersey 1952 New Jersey 1954



Top 10

Michigan M-24, 1956



Summary

- Perpetual Pavement Design is Improving
- Perpetual Pavement is Less Expensive
- Perpetual Pavement is Sustainable

