



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Mayor

William C. Ayre
Director

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Mr. Bill Jones - General Manager
Ace Asphalt and Paving Company
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Dear Bill,

I am often asked about the viability of Ultra-Thin Asphalt in a well-rounded road program in Michigan.

I have had experience with Ultra-Thin going back to 1994, when as a Township Supervisor, was successful in having a test application applied on a four lane highway (former M-21), which was concrete that had been overlaid with asphalt and had become in need of repair. The Ultra-Thin performed beyond expectations, and to my knowledge is still in place though now in need of resurfacing.

As the Manager-Director of the Genesee County Road Commission in 1996, we initiated an aggressive paving program with Ultra-Thin that continued as long as I was there with great success.

Starting in 2004, in the City of Flint, once again we have an aggressive program that continues to be an integral portion of the rebuilding of the Flint's infrastructure.

I highly recommend Ultra-Thin for resurfacing streets with "Pacer" ratings of 4, 5 or 6. In other words, streets needing work but with a moderate amount of deterioration, seem to prove most successful.

Ultra-Thin, in my opinion, gives us the biggest bang for our buck because of its modest cost and impressive wear characteristics.

Sincerely,

William C. Ayre, Director
Transportation and Neighborhood Services

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