



The Asphalt Report

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Welcome to "The Asphalt Report", bringing you the most up-to-date information on the design, construction and maintenance of asphalt pavements. This monthly report will highlight the many benefits of asphalt pavements in terms of Engineering, Economics, and Environmental Sustainability. We hope you find this information helpful.

The Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA) has developed a new web site full of useful information for agency personnel, consultants, contractors, policy makers and the general public. The information on the site is organized into the general subject areas of Economics, Environment, Engineering, and Policy. The new website is www.AsphaltRoads.org

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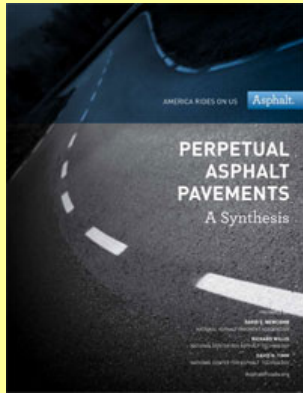
Michigan's Asphalt paving contractors are an integral part of their local communities. These contractors employ thousands of people who live, work, play and pay taxes in Michigan. With Michigan's unemployment rate at nearly 14.1% in March 2010, investing in roads and people is a smart decision.

Across the U.S. and Michigan, 94% of all paved surfaces are asphalt. Together, Michigan and the U.S. must continue to invest in maintaining our existing infrastructure in a state of good repair.

The following document is a great resource to better understand how asphalt pavements continue to be the pavement choice for Michigan and America. You will learn more on funding, sustainability, new "Green" technologies and the economic impact of asphalt.

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The concept of Perpetual Pavements was introduced in 2000 by the Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA). They defined a Perpetual Pavement as "an asphalt pavement designed and built to last longer than 50 years without requiring major structural rehabilitation or reconstruction, and needing only periodic surface renewal in response to distresses confined to the top of the pavement" (APA, 2002).

At that time, it was recognized that many well-built, thick asphalt pavements that were categorized as either full-depth or deep-strength pavements had been in service for decades with only minor periodic surface rehabilitation to remove defects and improve ride quality.

Perpetual Pavements are suitable for both low and high-traffic roads and airports. They offer long life under any traffic loading, infrequent maintenance, a smooth ride, and reduced noise levels. The fact that Asphalt pavements can be left in place indefinitely, and maintained through infrequent milling and resurfacing, gives Asphalt Pavements the advantage in sustainability.

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