



# 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](http://www.AsphaltRoads.org)

## • Pavement Type Selection



In making a decision concerning the type of pavement to use on a roadway, an agency is obligated to get the best value for the taxpayers. Thus, pavement type selection should be a road user-oriented process.

In order to accomplish this, the system used to select pavement type should be:  
Objective, Defensible, Understandable, Based on historical records, Primarily driven by economics, and Periodically reviewed.

Asphalt pavements possess many advantages in the primary factors listed in the AASHTO Design Guides. Among these are low initial cost, low maintenance costs, flexibility and speed of construction, the ability to handle heavy loads, a long life, and complete recyclability. Furthermore, asphalt pavements allow an opportunity to reduce traffic noise at the source and improve ride quality. Asphalt pavements should be considered in every pavement type decision.

[Click here](#) to learn about what goes into a pavement type selection and the advantages of asphalt pavements in meeting these criteria.

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