# Concrete Solutions for Intersections and Roundabouts

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#### **Concrete Solutions**

- Provide long-life surface
- Can be constructed rapidly
- Can be full-depth or overlay

# What Type of Design?

- Existing pavement condition and depth
- Vertical profile
- Construction staging
- Design life

#### **Concrete Overlay**

- Existing asphalt can be in poor condition, but fair is better
- Adequate depth
- Or ability to raise profile

#### **Concrete Overlay**

- Typically 3"-6" thick
- Design life 20-30 years typical
- Need minimum of 3" of asphalt remaining

#### **Full-Depth Concrete**

- Existing asphalt in very poor condition
- Inadequate existing thickness
- Unable to raise profile
- Typical thickness 7"-10"
- 40-50 year design life

### PCCP construction limits



#### **Joint Sealants**

History & Background

- Accepted definition: Sealants <u>minimize</u> infiltration of surface water & incompressibles into the joint system.
- Erroneous definition: Sealants <u>prevent</u> infiltration of surface water & incompressibles into the joint system.

## **Construction Considerations**

- Staging
- Mix Design
- Opening to Traffic
- Public Relations

# Phasing Concerns:

- Traffic Flow & Traffic Control
- Access to Adjacent Business
- Access for Construction & Material Delivery
- Construction Time
- Safe Construction Area for Employees & Equipment
- Mix Designs
- Curing & Opening to Traffic

# Traffic Flow & Traffic Control:

#### **Four Options:**

- Restricted Traffic Movement Francis & Division
- Partial Closures Pines & Broadway
- Complete Closures Broadway and University
- Combination of the Above SR 395 Yelm, Clearwater, and Kennewick Avenue

# Rapid Intersection Construction

- Crater Lake and McAndrews, Medford, Oregon
  - 60,000 ADT
  - Two 1 week half closures
- SR 395, Kennewick, Washington
  - 30,000 ADT
  - One weekend closure
- Union Hill, Redmond, Washington
  - 110,000 ADT
  - Two weekend half closures



## **Combination Closures:**

SR-395 & Yelm, Clearwater, Kennewick Avenue:

- Lane Closures Stages 1,2, 4
- Complete Closure Stage 3, Thursday at 7:00 PM to Monday 6:00 AM.
- Late opening penalty of up to \$2,400.00 per hour.

### Time for Completion:

- Kennewick Avenue and Clearwater were built concurrently. This saved a considerable amount of time. Crews always had a place to work.
- In 15 days approximately 3384 cubic yards were placed in the two intersections.
- Construction staging was as follows:

# Kennewick Avenue Stage 1:



# Kennewick Avenue Stage 2:



# Kennewick Avenue Stage 3:



# Kennewick Avenue Stage 4:

# Photo Stage 4:



#### Partial Closure 2008 Success Stories

City of Longview Washington

City of Redmond Washington

SR 432 / SR 433 PCCP Rebuild City of Longview

### **Finished Intersection**



# Intersection Rebuilt in 3



#### SR 520 Avondale Rd/Union Hill Rd Redmond WA

#### 100,000 ADT

- 100,000 ADT
- 2600 CY
- Construct in 2 Weekends
- Gary Merlino Construction
- Consultant Design

   INCA Engineers Bellevue



### Fast Track

- Standard technology for mix design
- Important to understand it is also sequencing methodology



## What is Whitetopping?

- New concrete pavement over existing pavement
- Can be bonded or unbonded
- Most commonly used to refer to overlay of existing asphalt


### Where Is It Feasible ?

- Existing AC is 6" or greater or grade is not an issue
- Minimum of 3" of AC must remain after milling
- Existing AC must have remaining structural value

## **Bond is Key Element**

- Forms Composite Pavement
- Reduces edge stress on pavement
  - 3 1/2" overlay, unbonded 1480 psi
  - 2" overlay, psi

bonded 550 psi unbonded 2420

bonded 420 psi

### **Thickness Design Procedures**

- Based on the PCA Design Procedure
  - Fatigue in the concrete due to corner loading
  - Fatigue in the asphalt due to edge loading
- Information needed:
  - Flexural strength of concrete
  - Strength of subgrade support (k-value)
  - Asphalt pavement thickness after preparation
  - Asphalt pavement modulus
  - Weights, frequencies, and types of truck axles the pavement will carry

# Mix Designs

- Typical Higher Cement Content
- Low Water/Cement Ratio
- Synthetic Fibers

## **Construction Steps UTW**

- Mill and clean the surface
- Place, finish, and cure
- Early saw
- Open to traffic



### Kalispell









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## Portland



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#### Application of curing compound

## Curing is Critical

- Thin section loses moisture rapidly
- Double curing compound rate
- Apply immediately following texturing

## Portland



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### Joint Layout

- 24 x T granular base
- 21 x T stabilized base
- Maximum of 15'
- L:W ≤ 1.5:1
- Bond breaker on stabilized base

Keep it Short!





Keep it Perpendicular!

Keep it Simple!



Keep it Practical!

### The Rules of Jointing

#### <u>Things to Do</u>

- Match existing joints or cracks
- Place joints to meet inpavement structures
- Remember max. joint spacing
- Understand you can make field adjustments on joint locations!
- Be Practical

Things to Avoid

- Slabs < 1 ft (0.3 m) wide
- Slabs > 15 ft (5.0 m) wide
- Angles < 60° (~90° is best)
  - Do this by dog-legging joints through curve radius points
- Creating interior corners
- Odd Shapes (keep slabs square or pie-shaped)

### **Boxing Out Fixtures**



#### Square Inlet (no boxout)



#### **Round Inlet Boxout**











### **Good Practice!**







## Joint Layout is Critical



#### Isolate Circle



### Pave Through



### Narrow Radial Slabs/Truck Aprons



# Narrow Radial Slabs/Truck Aprons Isolation Joint



### **Narrow Slivers**





#### Curb Placement – Widened Gutter



### Keys to Success

- Proper placement of isolation joints
- Remember rules of jointing
- Follow the steps
- Be practical and flexible!

### Conclusion

- Proper jointing requires only a few simple rules
- If you keep it simple and practical jointing is easy!








