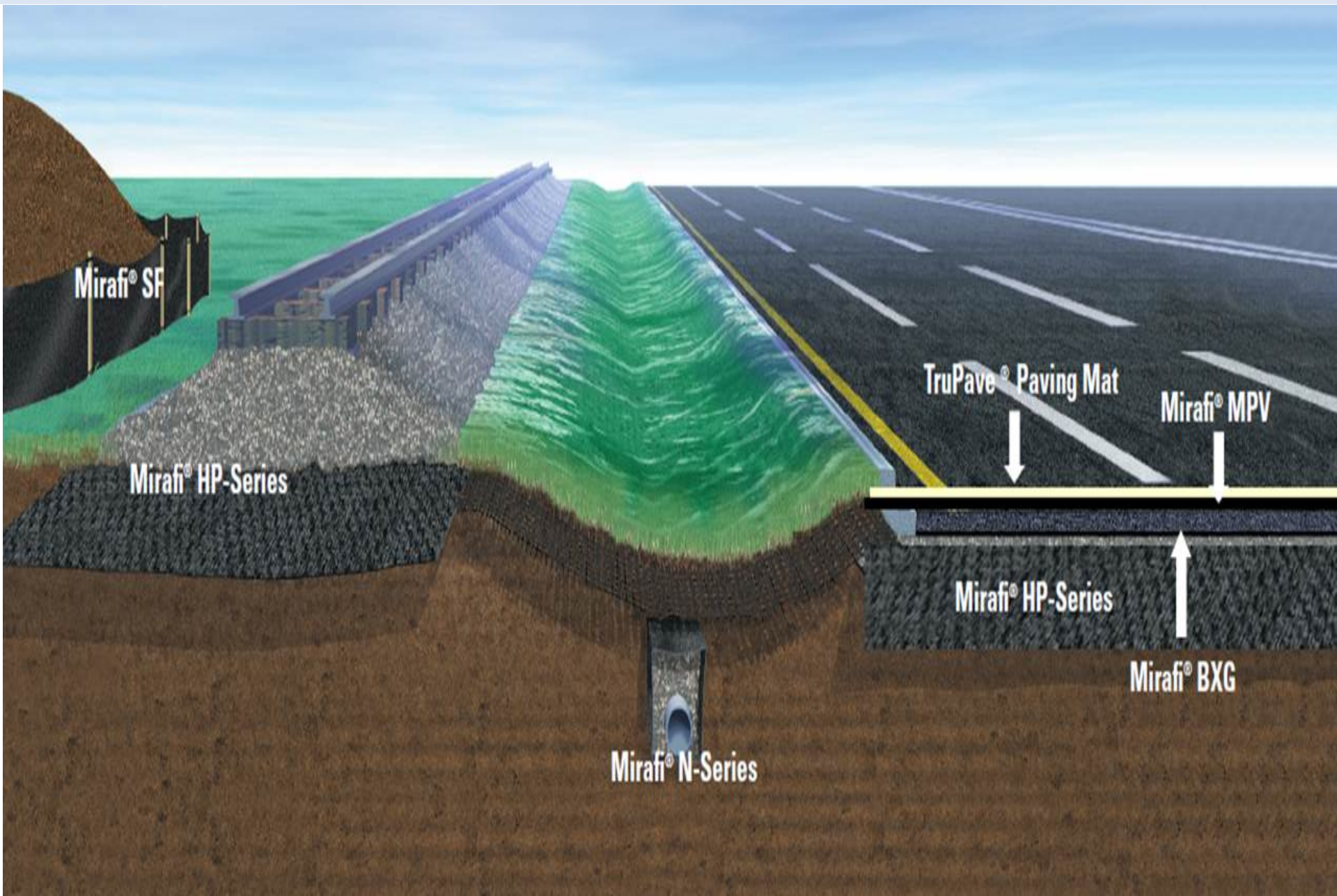


WELCOME



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# Geosynthetic In Construction





# Geosynthetic Pavement Interlayers

- ❖ **Deterioration Causes & Delay**
- ❖ **Interlayer Types & Functionality**
- ❖ **Cost/Benefit**

# Pavement Deterioration

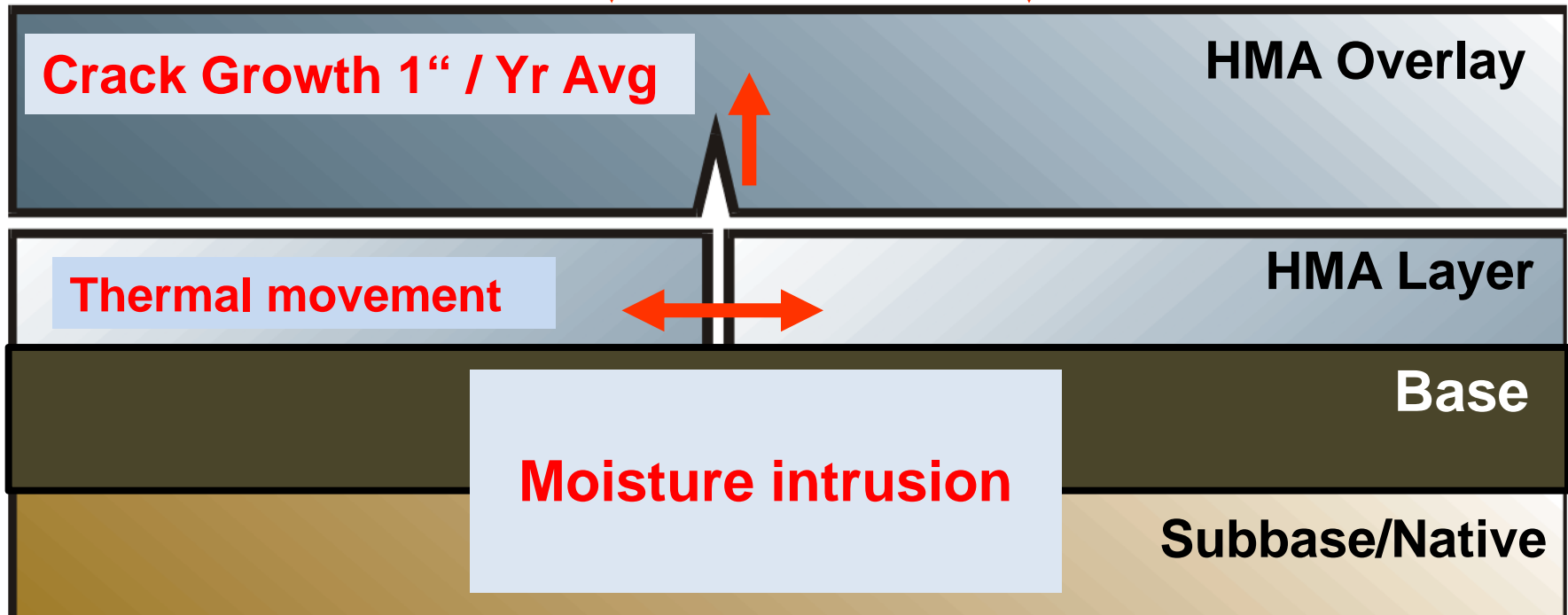
**From day ONE these forces are at work**

**Deficiencies in design, construction and maintenance**

**Weather / Environmental Action**

**Aging**

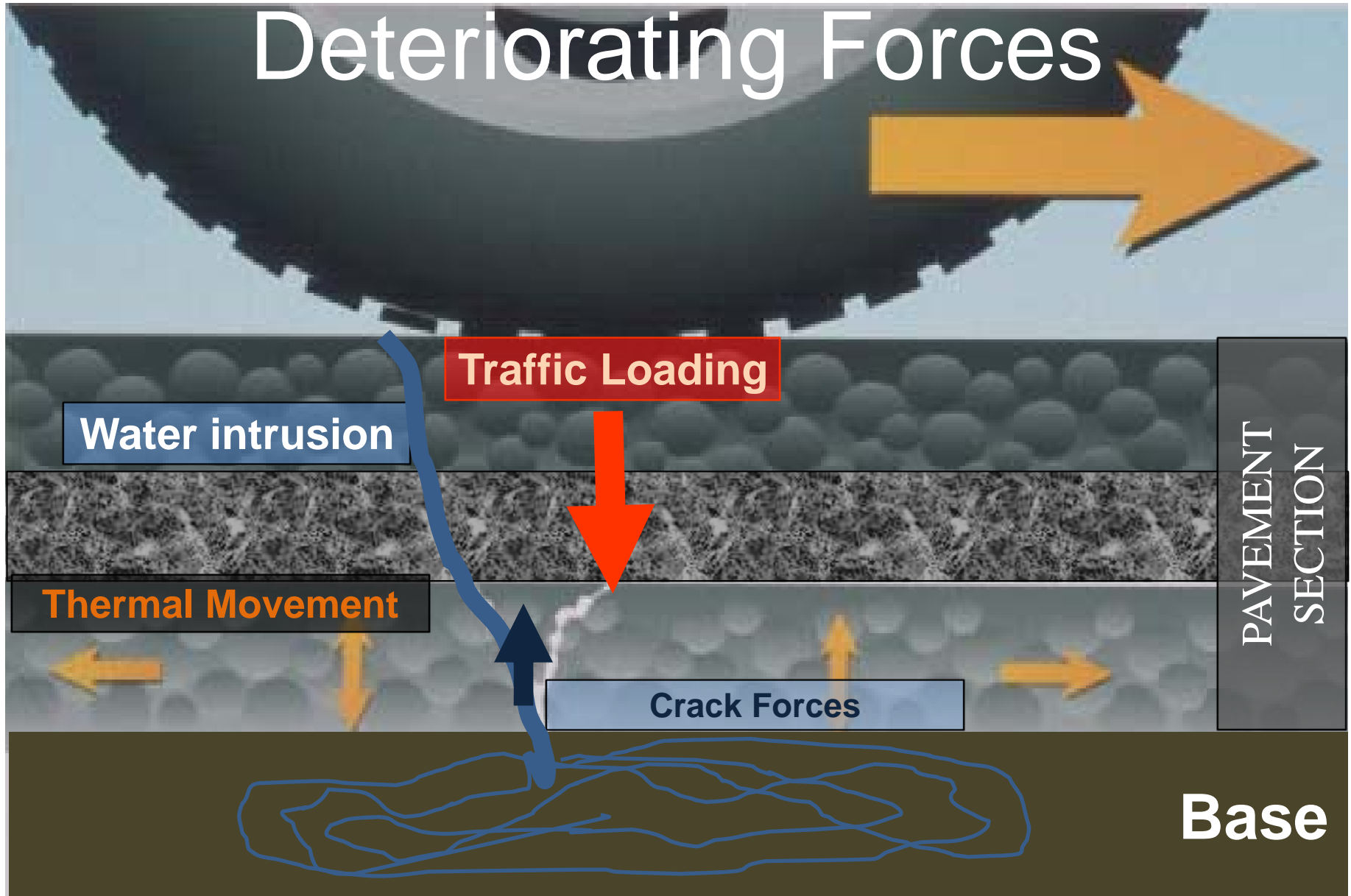
**Traffic Loading**





# Pavement Deterioration

## Deteriorating Forces



# Pavement Deterioration



**Distressed Pavements**



# Deteriorating Impact of Moisture Intrusion

**FHWA - Moisture intrudes through pavement:**

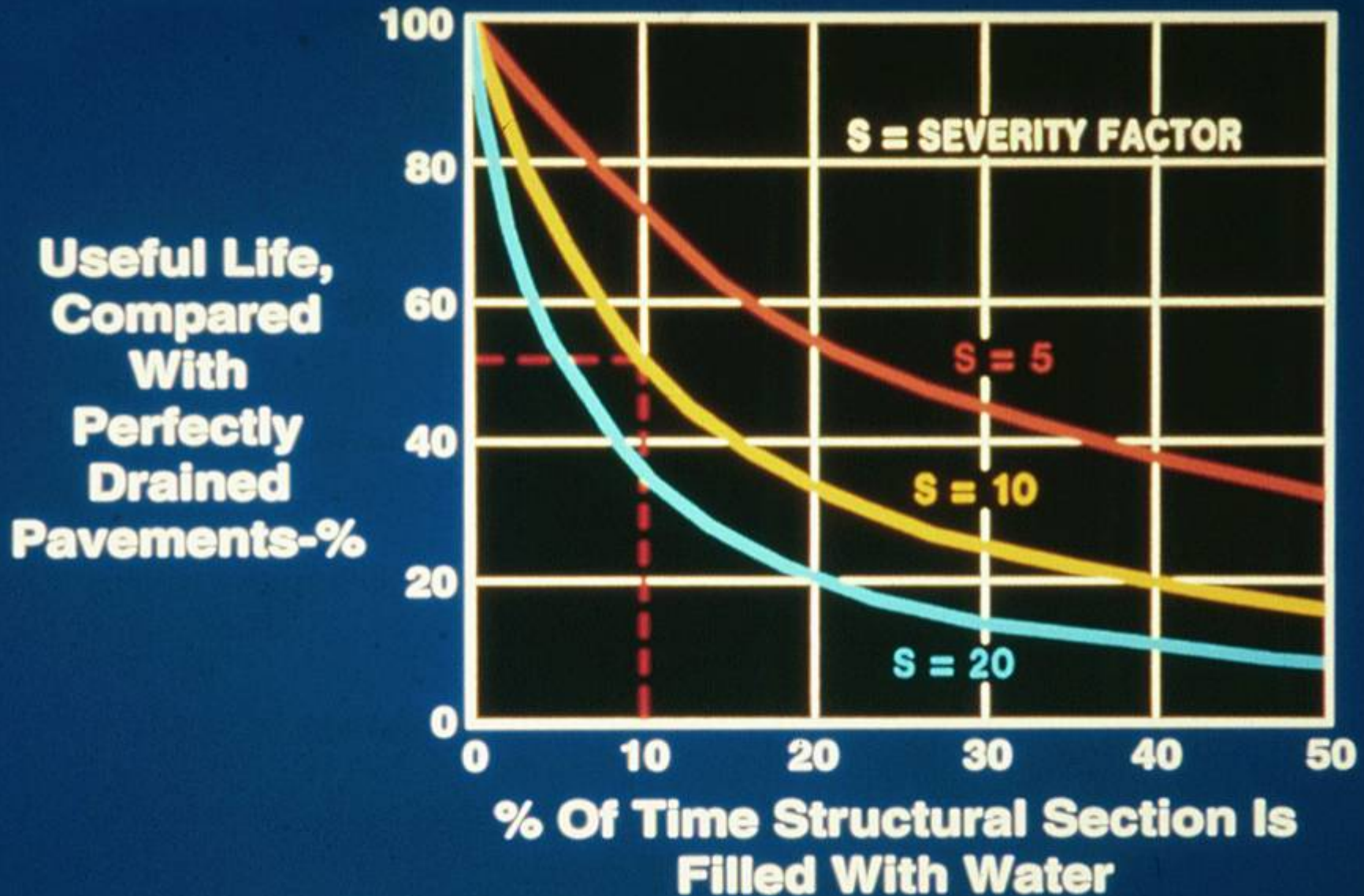
**Asphalt up to 50%**  
**Concrete up to 67%**



*“One major factor that degrades a roadbed’s ability to function is the infiltration of water into the base material.”*

Caltrans Pavement Evaluation Manual  
Pavement Condition Survey  
John Poppe

# Deteriorating Impact of Moisture Intrusion



*From Drainage Of Highway And Airfield Pavements  
By Harry R. Cedergren*



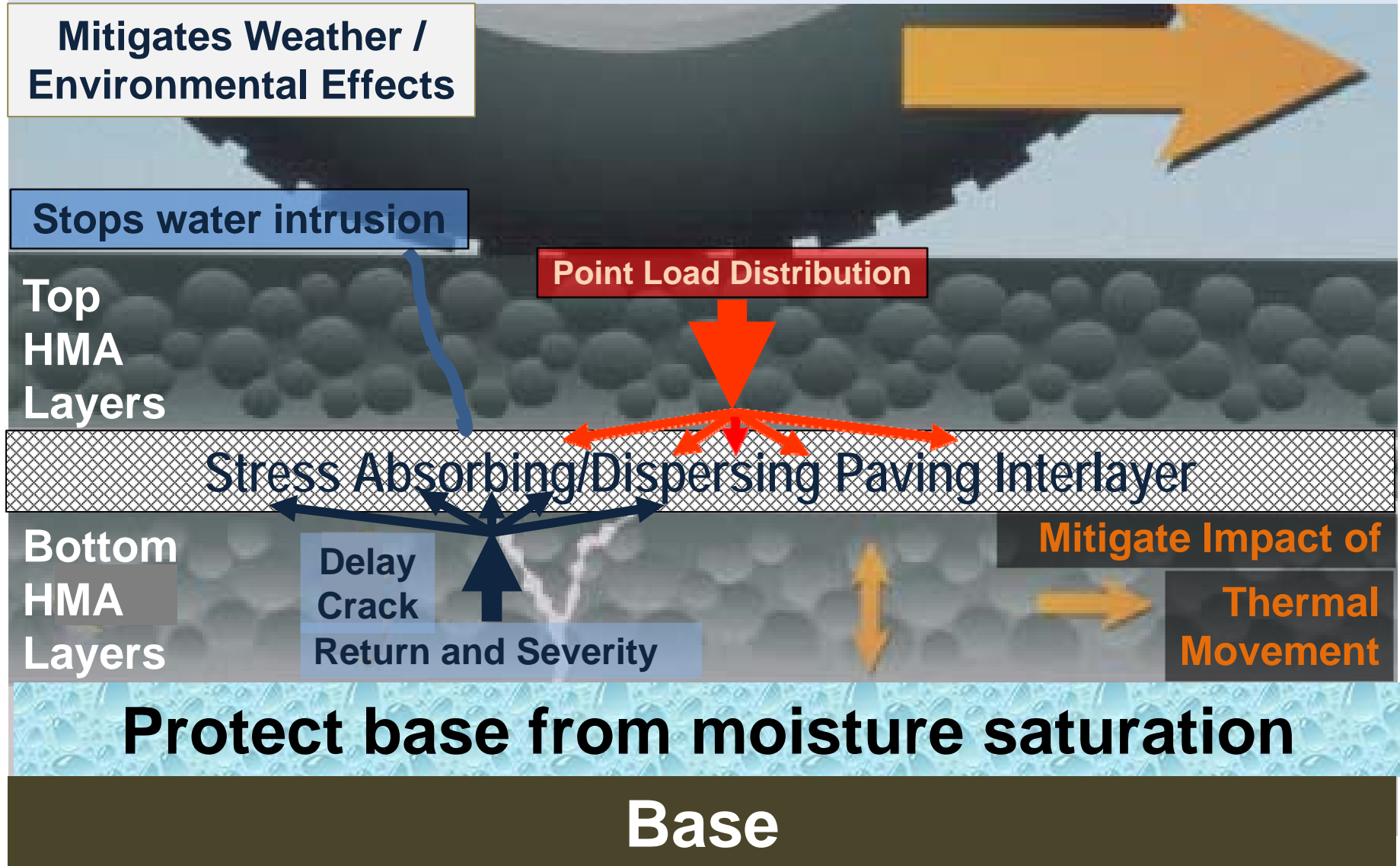
# Deteriorating Impact of Moisture in Base

## AASHTO DESIGN: IMPACT OF WATER ON AGGREGATE BASE

Drainage Quality	Time	Drainage Coefficient
Excellent	2 hours	1.2
Good	1 day	1.0
Fair	1 week	0.8
Poor	1 month	0.6
Very Poor	Doesn't drain	0.4

# Pavement Deterioration Delay

## Interlayer Functions that Delay Deterioration





# Pavement Interlayer Functionality

## Keeping Water out of the Base

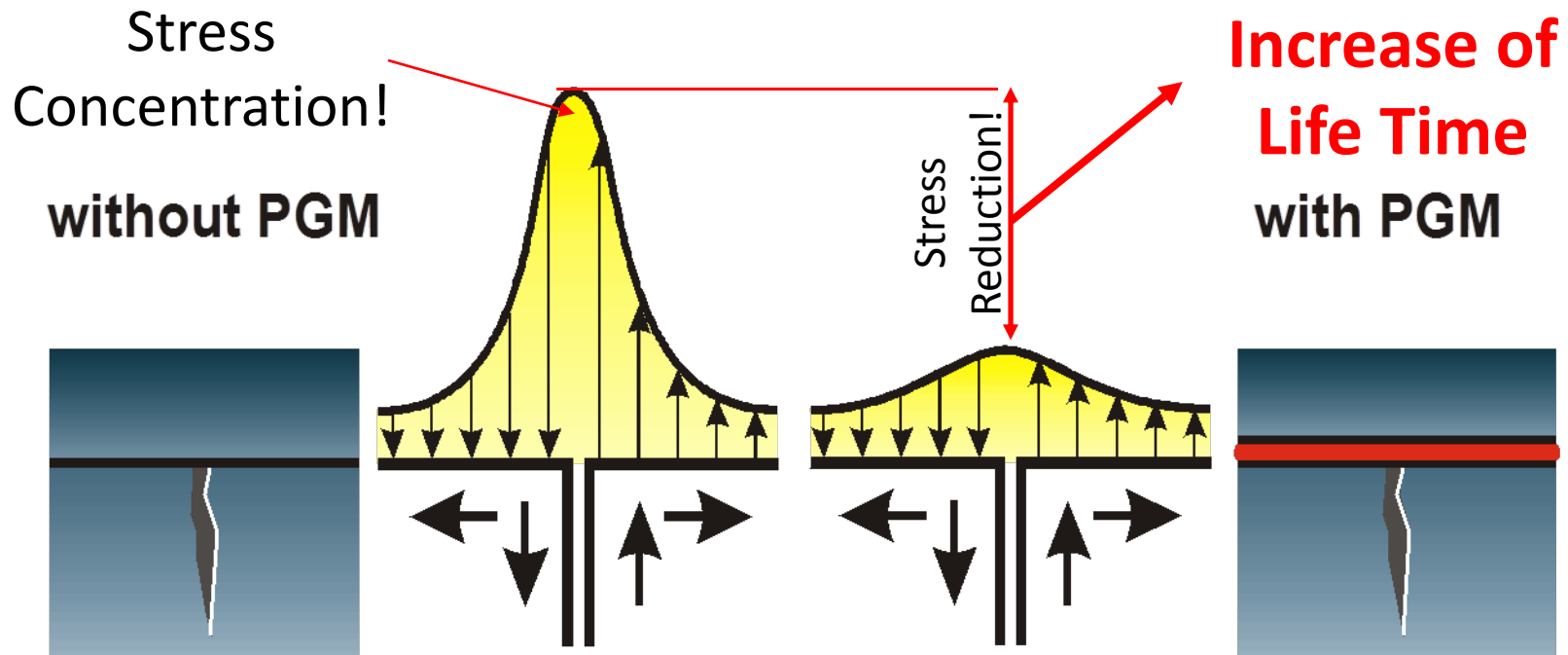


No Moisture Barrier

With Moisture Barrier

# Pavement Interlayer Functionality

## Stress Dissipating Interlayer



# Pavement Interlayer Value

## **HOW?** ...Extend Life:

- ✓ Preserve base structural value
- ✓ Delay crack return & severity
- ✓ Add flexural strength to HMA

## **WHY?** ...Greater Value:

- ✓ Reduce impact of asphalt cost  
Eg. In Dec. 07, \$175/ton, today...\$550+
- ✓ Greater benefit for the cost



# Pavement Interlayer Evolution


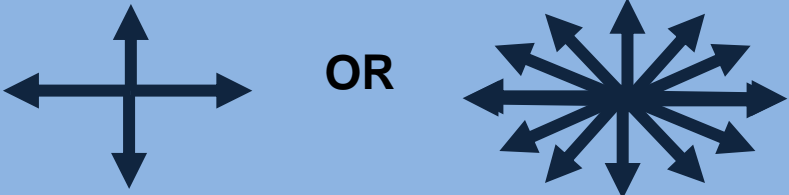
**NEW?**

**... Interlayer evolution to higher levels of performance**


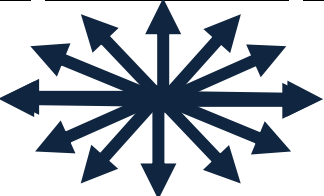
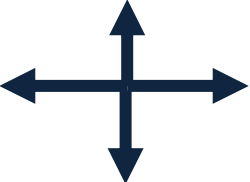
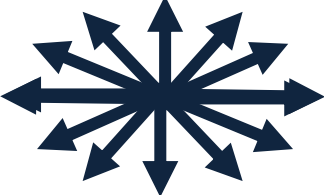
- ✓ to multifunctional, Moisture barrier Plus reinforcement**
- ✓ to multi-axial reinforcement**
- ✓ to focus on in-place functionality**

# Pavement Interlayer Functionality

How interlayers work to delay reflective cracks

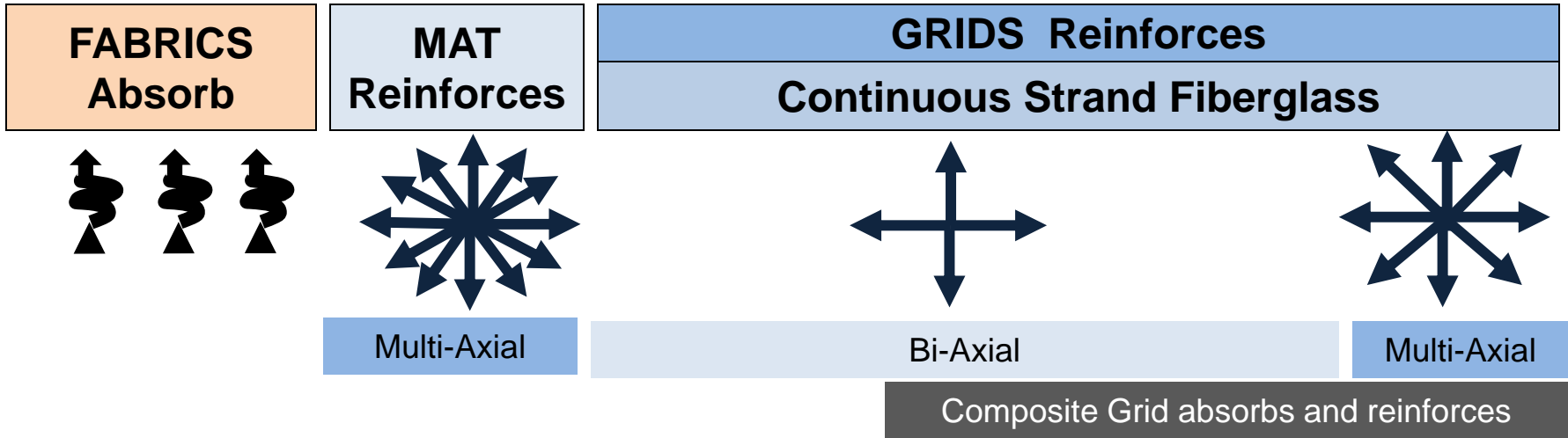
<p><b>STRAIN ABSORBING</b></p> 	<p><b>STRESS DISSIPATING REINFORCEMENT</b></p> 
<p><b>Mass to soak up (Sponge)</b></p>	<p><b>Tensile strength and efficiency to disperse low strain crack energy within the fiberglass reinforcement (Rebar)</b></p>
<p>Tighter bond, thicker/more mass = greater ability to absorb = better reflective crack retardation</p>	<p>Tighter bond, higher, more efficient tensile strength, more homogeneous the structure = greater ability to dissipate crack energy = better reflective crack retardation</p>

## Interlayers Types

<p><b>FABRICS</b></p> 	<p><b>MAT Multi-Axial</b></p> 	<p><b>GRIDS</b></p>	
		<p><b>Continuous Strand Fiberglass Bi-Axial</b></p> 	<p><b>Multi-Axial</b></p> 

# Pavement Interlayer Functionality

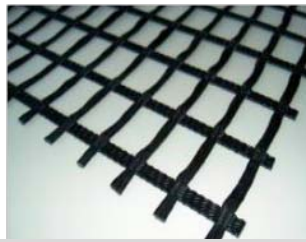
## Interlayers Types



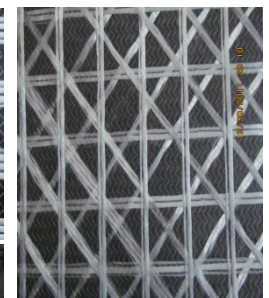
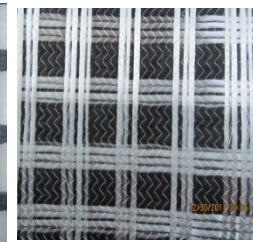
With Asphalt forms Moisture Barrier

NO Moisture Barrier

With Asphalt forms Moisture Barrier



Self Adhesive





# Critical Interlayer Functionality

## Description

Function



SEALING

With Asphalt forms Moisture Barrier



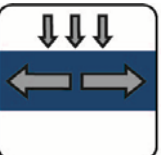
STRESS RELIEF

With Asphalt absorbs and/or disperses crack forces



REINFORCEMENT

Multi-Axial, multi-directional reinforcing



REINFORCEMENT

Bi-Axial, 2 way reinforcing, weak at bias angle



ADHESIVE  
BONDING



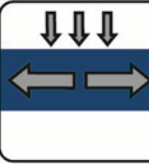
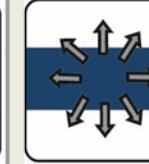


With Asphalt tack forms a strong bond between layers



RECYCLABLE

Mills completely and can be added back into new mix

# Interlayer Functionality Summary

<b>TenCate Products</b>	<b>FUNCTIONALITY</b>							<b>Constructibility Ease of Installation</b>	
	<b>Description</b>	Moisture Barrier Membrane	Crack Stress Relief and Delay			Monolithic bond	Mills + Recycles into new mix	Wide Vs Narrow Rolls	Uncoated, Flexible Rolls
		Stress Absorbing	Tensile to Reinforce						
			Bi-Axial	Multi-Axial					

## Stress Absorbing Geosynthetic Interlayer

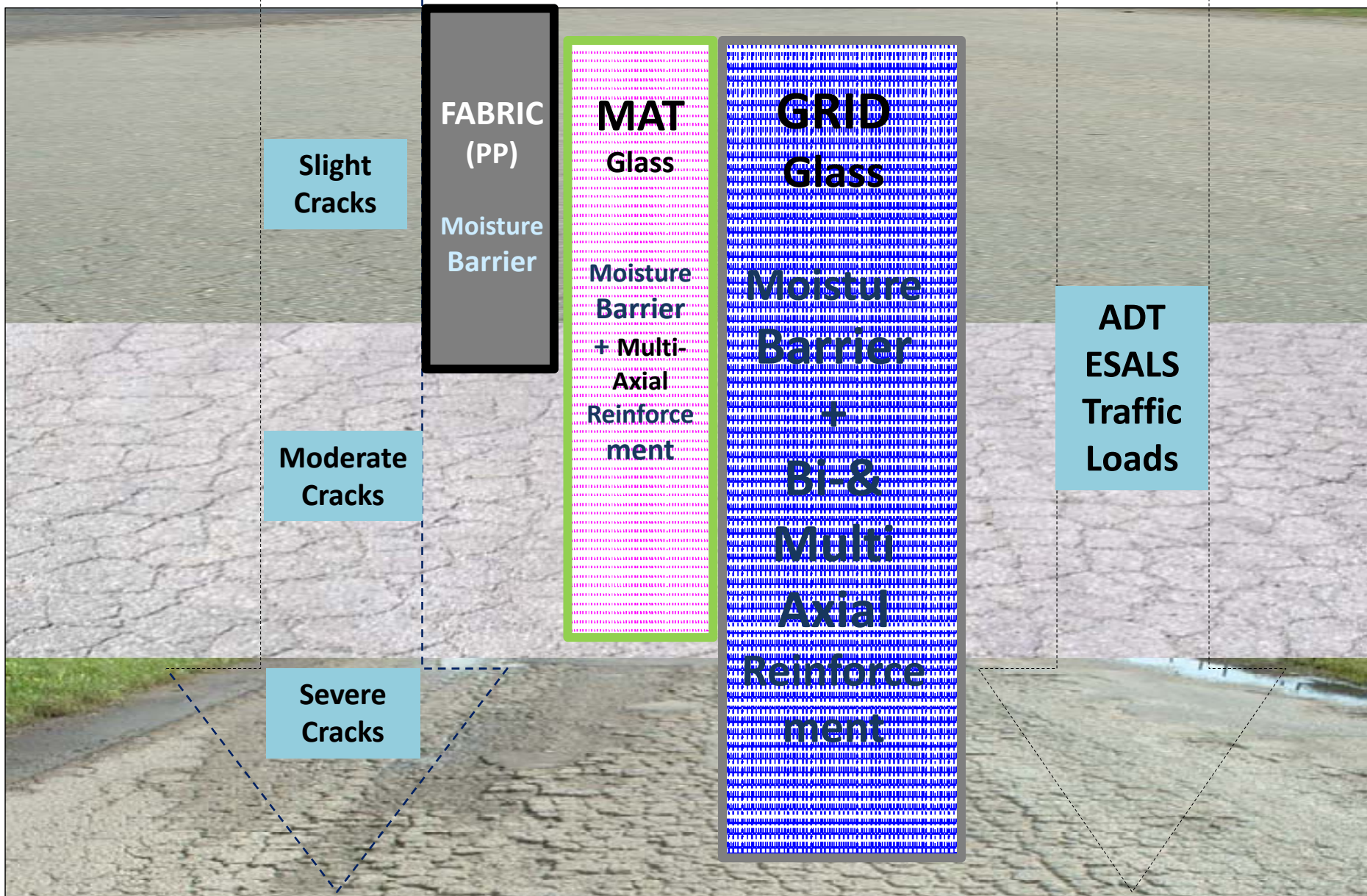
<b>MPV</b>	<b>Fabric</b>	<b>Polypropylene Fabric</b>	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	Can Be	YES	YES
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## Fiberglass Tensile Reinforcing Geosynthetic Interlayers

<b>Tru Pave</b>	<b>Mat</b>	<b>Multi-Axial</b>	<b>Multi-Axial Mat</b>	YES	YES	YES	Up to 80N	YES	YES	YES	YES
<b>PGM G4</b>			<b>Multi-Axial Composite</b>	YES	YES	YES	Up to 100kN	YES	YES	YES	YES
<b>PGM G2</b>	<b>Grids</b>	<b>Bi-Axial</b>	<b>Composite</b>	YES	YES	Up to 100kN	NO	YES	Can Be	YES	YES
<b>FG<sup>1</sup></b>			<b>PreCoated Self Stick/Scrim</b>	NO	NO	Up to 100kN	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
<b>FGC<sup>2</sup></b>			<b>PreCoated Composite</b>	YES	YES	Up to 100kN	NO	YES	Can Be	NO	NO

<sup>1</sup> Replaced by G4, <sup>2</sup> Replaced by G2

# Interlayer Selection by Functionality





# Interlayer Functionality Study

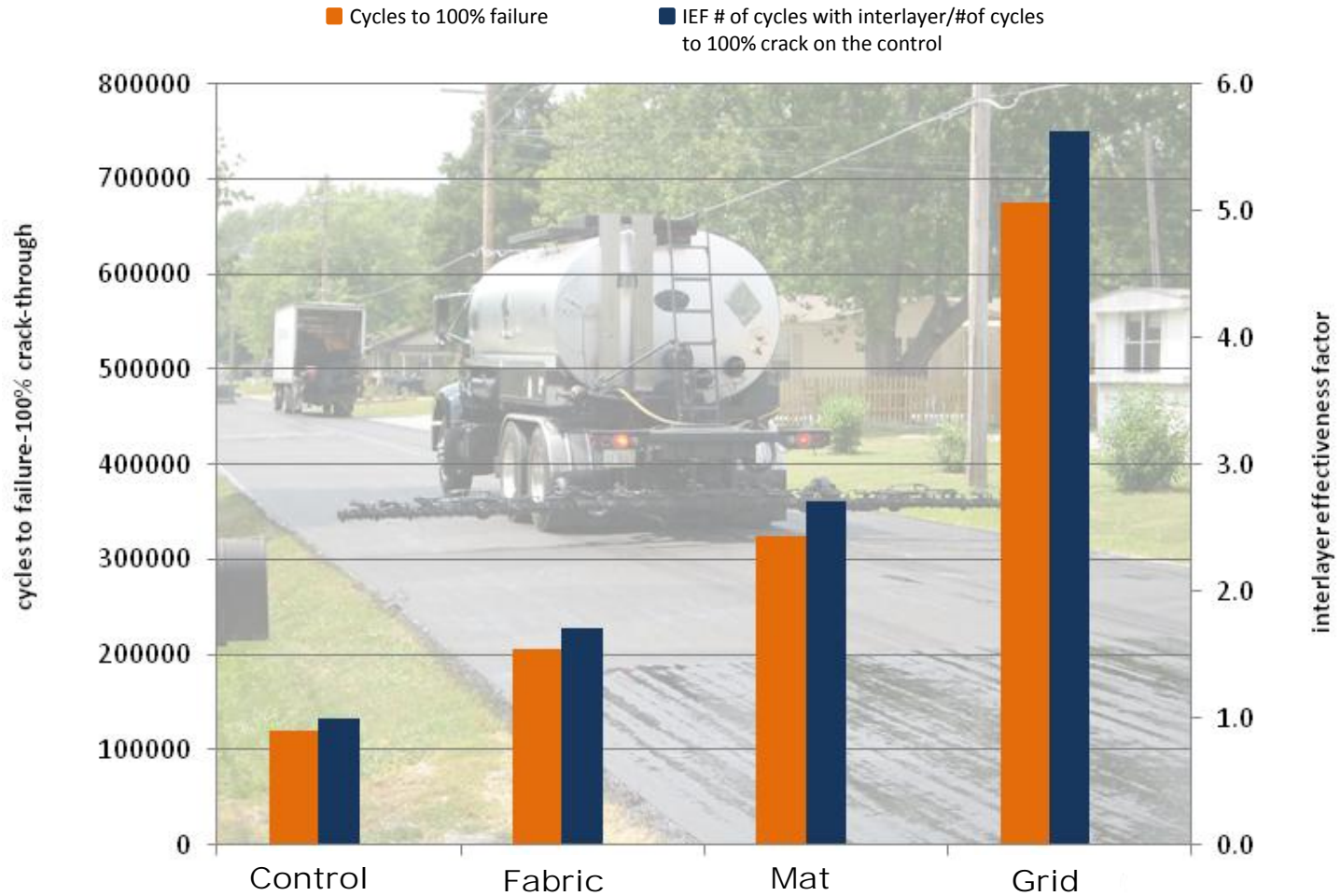
## The Asphalt Pavement Analyzer - Wheel Track



**Figure 5:** Asphalt Pavement Analyzer – Wheel Track

# Interlayer Functionality Capability

## Interlayer Effectiveness and Total Life Averages

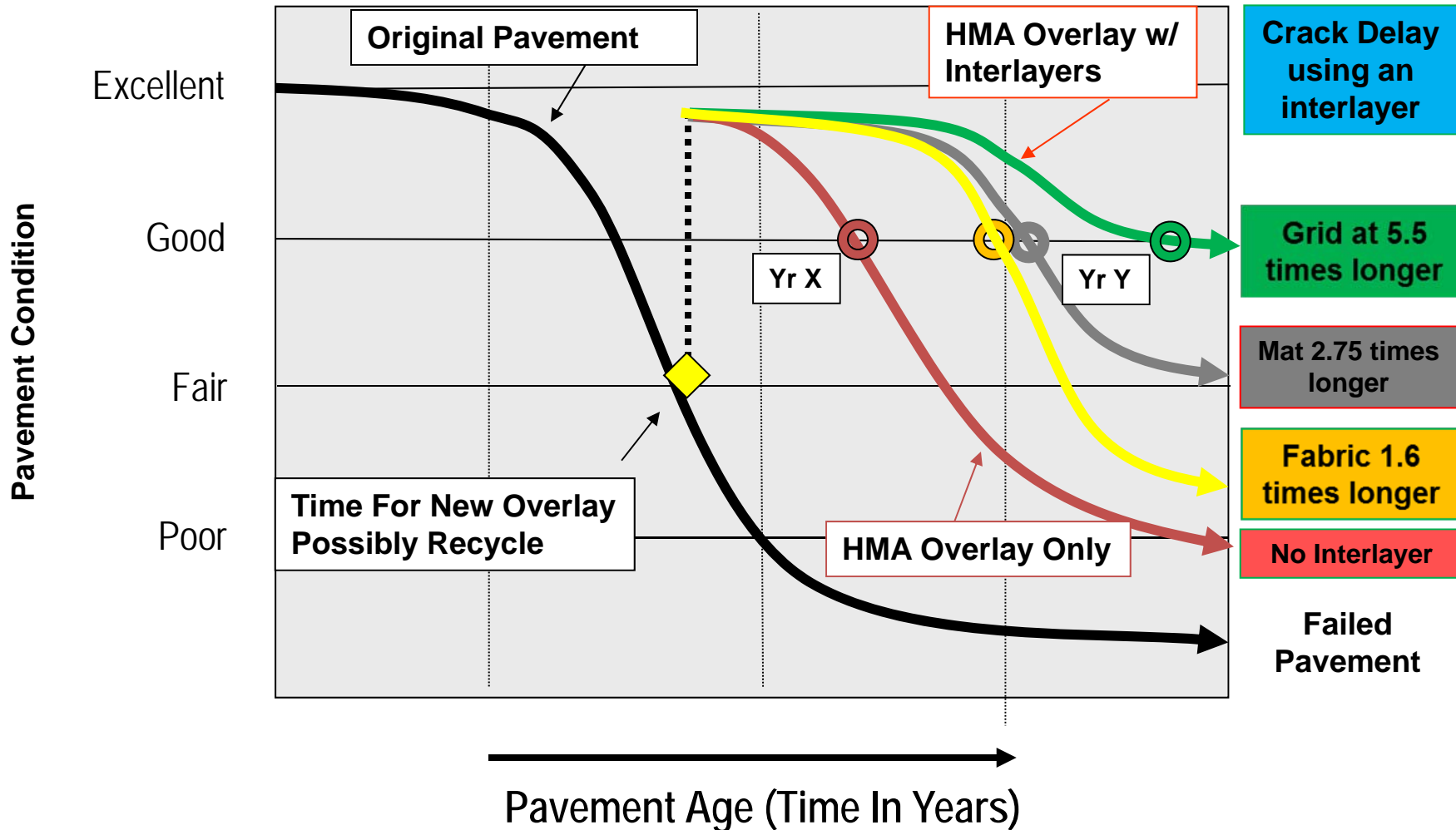


# Selection by Type/Functional Impact

## Interlayer Impact on Pavement Deterioration Curve

### REHAB – OVERLAY PAVEMENT

Delay Deterioration - Extend Life (Yr Y – Yr X):





# Interlayer Cost/Benefit Calculation

## Crack Mitigation

### Cost of Hot Mix Asphalt

HMA Cost:	\$75.00	Ton	HMA Density	140	Lbs/Inch	Tons	0.07	Inch/ SY	\$5.25	Cost
						% Added Cost	IEF <sup>^*</sup>	Yrs to Crack Return <sup>^</sup>	% Added Perf.	SY Cost Per Year
				\$SY						
<b>Hot Mix Asphalt</b>		Inch Thickness:	2.0	\$10.50	0	1	2			\$5.25

### Added Value of Crack Mitigation

Interlayer Type	AVG	Total	Added value based on performance Vs cost				
<b>MPV500 4.1 Oz PP Fabric</b>	\$2.10	\$12.60	20%	1.6	3.2	60%	\$3.94
<b>TruPave Multi-Axial Fiberglass Mat</b>	\$2.50	\$13.00	24%	2.75	5.5	175%	\$2.36
<b>PGM G4 Multi-Axial Fiberglass Grid</b>	\$6.00	\$16.50	57%	5.5	11	450%	\$1.50

# Interlayer Performance Compromised

## Expectation Not Met

### 1. Incomplete Interlayer System:

Includes Interlayer WITH asphalt

### 2. Installation quality

- a. Asphalt tack
- b. Overlay too thin
- c. Lack of base prep
- d. Uncut wrinkles

### 3. Site selected exceeds functionality

- a. Unstable base
- b. Unstable underlying surface
- c. Wide cracks with excessive thermal movement



# Performance Compromised: Site Selection

## Extreme Pavement and Base Failures

Mix Rutting



Slab Fracture/Uneven



Base Failures



Extreme fatigue cracking/unstable base



**Caution! Not all conditions interlayer appropriate!**

# Pavement Interlayer Installation



***NEW EXTENDED LIFE  
ASPHALT SURFACE***



# Interlayer Installation





# Interlayer Installation





# Interlayer Install Comparison

## City of Santa Cruz Profile

City of Santa Cruz test sections,  
In 2004 installed 2" HMA over concrete  
using three different options:

- Section #1 - No interlayer
- Section #2 - Paving Fabric
- Section #3 - Paving Mat

# No Interlayer Install



2006

2012

2008

Section #1  
NO INTERLAYER

Installed 2004



# Fabric Interlayer Install



2006



2012

Section #2

Paving Fabric

Installed 2004

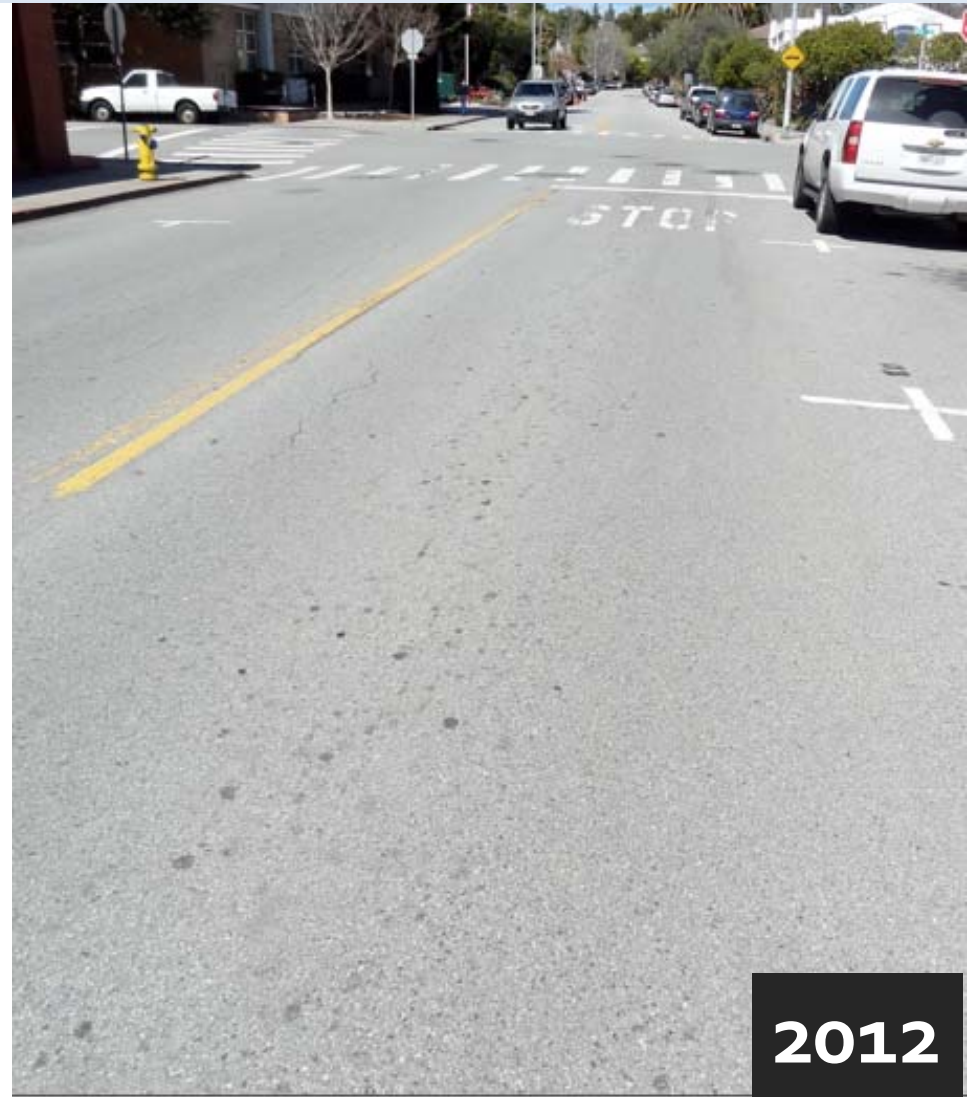
# Mat Interlayer Install



2006

Section #3

Installed 2004



2012

TruPave Multi Axial Paving Mat



# Interlayer Installs

## City of Hollister 2007 Overlay



**Overlay done 4/07:  
Heavy cracking, but good base.**



Before

**Updated  
7/22/10:  
No reflective  
cracking  
found. Street  
is still in great  
condition.**



After

**NOTE: Other streets in the same project with Paving Fabric and SAMI as their Interlayer are both already showing cracking and fatigue.**



# Interlayer Installs

Lake Oswego-Boones Ferry - BEFORE

Sep 2007



**Before TruPave Multi-Axial Paving**



# Interlayer Installs



Oct 2012

Lake Oswego-Boones Ferry

TruPave Multi-Axial Paving Mat



# 2" HMA Overlay After 7 Years



Lake Oswego-

**No Interlayer installed**



2" HMA Overlay After 7 Years

Lake Oswego-

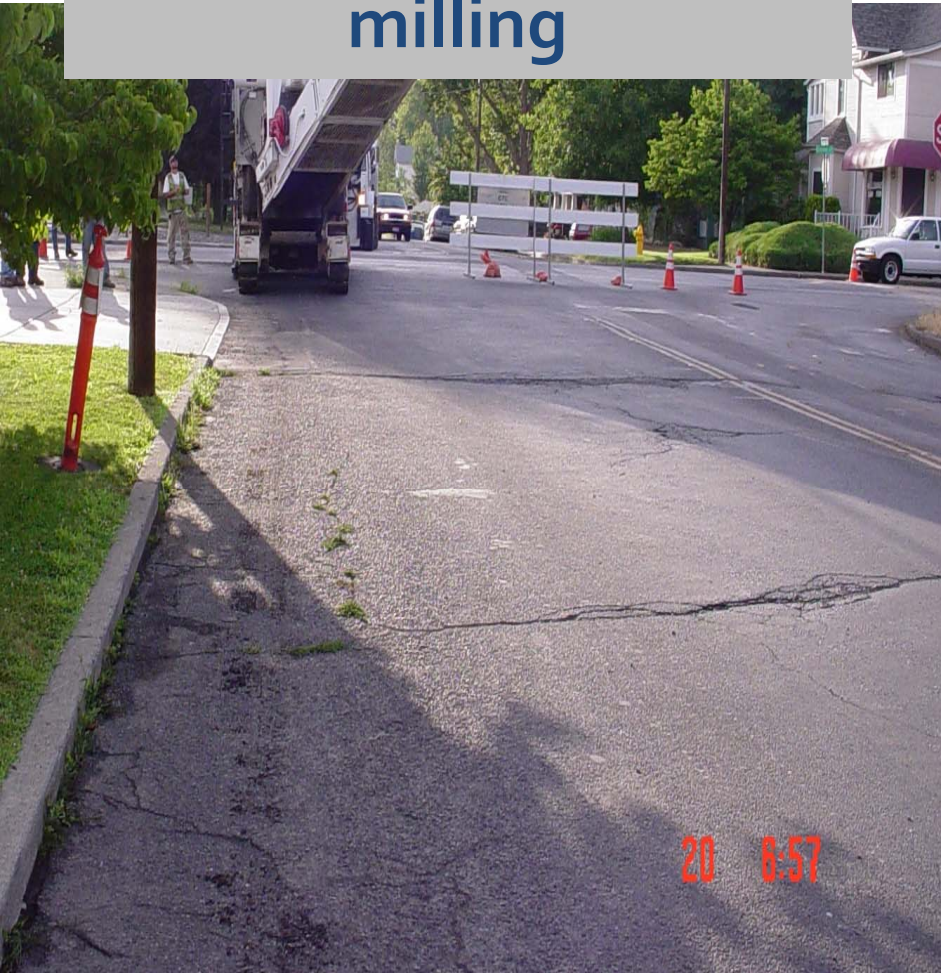


**No Interlayer installed**



# BEFORE 7<sup>th</sup> Ave Lewiston ID 2007

Before: 2" over old macadam street. Edge milling



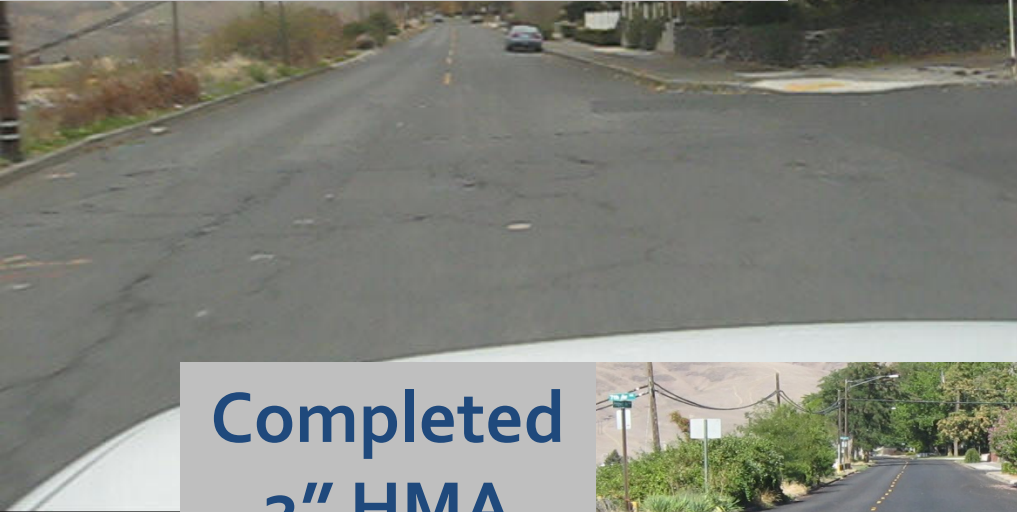
Installing TruPave over leveling course. Overlay with 2" HMA





# Prospect St Lewiston ID 2007

Before: 2" over old macadam street. Edge milled with level course



Installing TruPave



Completed 2" HMA overlay





# Interlayer Installs

## BEFORE

### True Case

San Carlos St., San Diego

**Background:** Severe pavement failure & alligator cracking.

**Strategy:** Edge ground the street then thin leveling course over to force material down into failed areas and provide a uniform surface for the TruPave

**Install Date:** 2009



# Interlayer Installs

## AFTER

### True Case

San Carlos St., San Diego

**Result:** The Engineer from the County said that if they did not use TruPave on this street that they would have expected to see most of the cracking reflect back through in six months.

**3 years later, not one crack in the failed areas.**





# Interlayer Use Summary

## CHEAPEST INSURANCE TO:

- ❖ **Extend pavement life**
- ❖ **Maximize base performance**
- ❖ **Delay crack return & severity**
- ❖ **Reduce impact of asphalt cost**
- ❖ **Reduce maintenance & road closure**

Thank You

**QUESTIONS?**

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materials that make a difference

# **Geosynthetic Reinforced Chip Seal (GRCS)**

**Unmatched Value - Chip Sealing over Fabrics**

**Pavement Maintenance System**

**SKIP BROWN**

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# State of the Art for Paving Today



# Interstate 6 in Southern California



# Mobilize Patching Crew





# You Can Always Just Keep Patching It



## AC Overlay on Fabric – Installed 1982



# New Technology for Crack Repair in Asphalt Pavement





# Geosynthetic Reinforced Chip Seal (GRCS) Installed 1983





# Distressed Pavements - Clear Lake, California





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# Distressed Pavements - Clear Lake, California





# Mark Out Irregular Surface Areas for Skin Patch





# Skin Patch to Fill Holes and Smooth Surface





# Soft Subgrade!!!!!!





# One Too Many Heavy Axle Trips



# Place and Immediately Roll Fabric





# Roll Fabric – Camino, California





# Placing Fabric on Swansboro Airport





# What is the Proper Application Rate to Saturate Fabric





# Separation due to lack of good fabric saturation





# Sanding the Fabric for Traffic





# First Course Chips – Clear Lake, California





## Second Course Chips – Clear Lake, California





# GRCS Presents Options on Where to Use Fabric





# Fabric on only the Cracked Pavement





# Double Chip on Fabric, Single over Balance





# AC Overlay on Cracked Pavement After Six Years



# Asphalt Overlay on Paving Fabric After 4 Years





# Asphalt Overlay Without Fabric After 5 Months





## Overlay on Fabric after 8 years





Before

Gardnerville, Nevada

After 7 Years





Before

Gardnerville, NV

After 7 Years





**Before**

**South Lake Tahoe**

**After 7 years**





Before

Clear Lake, CA

After 14 Years





# Underground Spring after 10 Years





Before

Clear Lake, CA

After 2 Years





# AC Overlay on GRCS 10 years





Before

Clear Lake, CA

After 10 Years





Before

City of Williams

After 5 Years





# GRCS-Chip Seal/Fabric – Woodbridge Rd/5 Fwy

Chip with and without Fabric 2005 - 2013 - 8 Yrs.



With Fabric

Without Fabric



## After 25 Years– Sacramento, Calif.

***Cost to Install - \$1.40 to \$1.80 per Square Foot***



**AC Overlay**

***Cost to Install- \$0.75 to \$0.85 per square foot***



**Chip over Fabric**

# Aerojet Intersection, GRCS Process Meets AC over Fabric after 20 years





## Where GRCS Stops, 25 years later





# Fog Seal at Swansboro Airport





## *When GRCS is Not Advisable*

- 1) Where loose chips can not be tolerated for a short period of time*
- 2) When water is present from beneath the surface*
- 3) Traffic conditions over 10,000 ADT and ambient temperatures above 90 degrees F.*
- 4) On pavements with many tight curves*

## ***Benefits of Geosynthetic Reinforced Chip Seal***

- 1) Extends the life of pavements approaching or beyond their useful life***
- 2) Retards crack reflection better than any other process seen to date***
- 3) Stops oxidative hardening and further deterioration of existing pavements***
- 4) Can be installed on pavements where subbase is inadequate for asphalt concrete***
- 5) The price is right!!!***



## *Unlimited Offer*

If anyone here has a better process for pavement maintenance, I will send them on a seven day, six night cruise on the fabulous new Carnival Cruise Line Ship, the Dixie Bell.

All airfares, transfers, food and drinks included

# THE DIXIE BELL !!!!!







**Earth First**

***We'll Pave the Other  
Planets Later***

# QUESTIONS?

**Follow-up discussion 1-2 PM today in Adler Room**

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