

Concrete Overlays



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Concrete Pavement Overlays

- Use of PCC overlays has grown tremendously
- Significant research
 - FHWA (ISTEA Section 6005)
 - NCHRP and ACPA Studies
 - State studies
 - LTPP
 - MN Roads





Why Concrete Overlays?

- Do not require extensive repairs of existing pavement
- Long performance life
- Low maintenance requirements
- High load-carrying capacity
- Withstands heavy truck traffic
- Effective life-cycle costs



National Concrete Overlay Database

- Consult the National Overlay Explorer App on the ACPA website.
- Data on many projects.

ACPA

National Concrete Overlay Explorer

[Click Here to launch the National Concrete Overlay Explorer](#)

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The National Concrete Overlay Explorer

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- Bonded Concrete Resurfacing of Asphalt Pavement (UTW)
- Bonded Concrete Resurfacing of Composite Pavement
- Bonded Concrete Resurfacing of Concrete Pavement (Bonded Overlay)
- Bonded on Asphalt
- Bonded on Composite
- Bonded on Concrete
- Item
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National Concrete Overlay Explorer

http://overlays.acpa.org/webapps/overlayexplorer/index.html


Contractor: Branco Enterprises, Inc.
Engineer: Missouri Department of Transportation
Owner: Missouri Department of Transportation

New Construction Details
Thickness: 3 in.
Project Size: 9865 sq ft
Joint Spacing: 3 ft
Doweled Joints: No
Joints Sealed: No
Integral Widening Concrete
Opening Strength: 350
Reinforcing: Fiber
Fiber Type: Polypropylene

Existing Pavement Details
Age of Existing Pavement: 10 years
Existing Pavement Type: Concrete

Current Conditions
Still in Service: Yes
Current Condition: Good
Last Condition Rating: 3

Photos



Concrete Overlay Finished Aerial
Image 4 of 6

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Family of Concrete Overlays

Thinner

Concrete Overlays

Thicker

Bonded Resurfacing Family

Unbonded Resurfacing Family

Bonded Concrete Resurfacing of Concrete Pavements

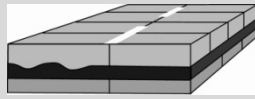
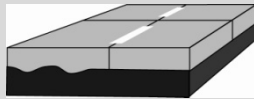
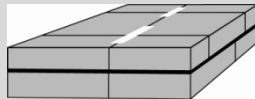
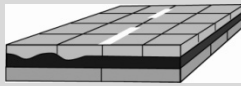
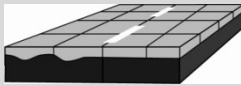
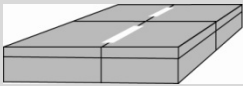
Bonded Concrete Resurfacing of Asphalt Pavements

Bonded Concrete Resurfacing of Composite Pavements

Unbonded Concrete Resurfacing of Concrete Pavements

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Unbonded Concrete Resurfacing of Composite Pavements



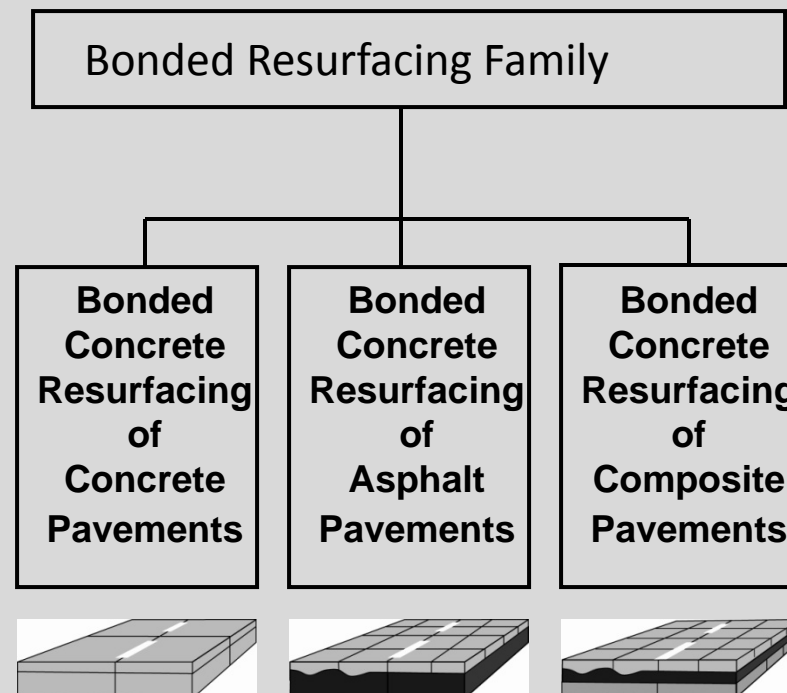
Bond is integral to design

Old pavement is base



Bonded Resurfacing Family

- Thin Overlays (2" – 6")
- Over concrete, asphalt, and composites
- Bond is critical





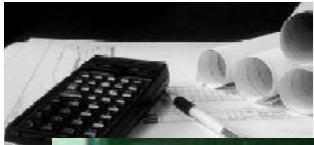
Whitetopping - History

- First Whitetopping
 - South 7th street in Terre Haute, Indiana - 1918
 - Existing flexible pavement was overlaid with 3 - 4 in. of reinforced concrete
- During 40's and 50's -
 - Used to upgrade military & civil airports
- Highway use
 - Started approx. 1960
 - Types have included JPCP, JRCP, CRCP, FRC



Whitetopping History

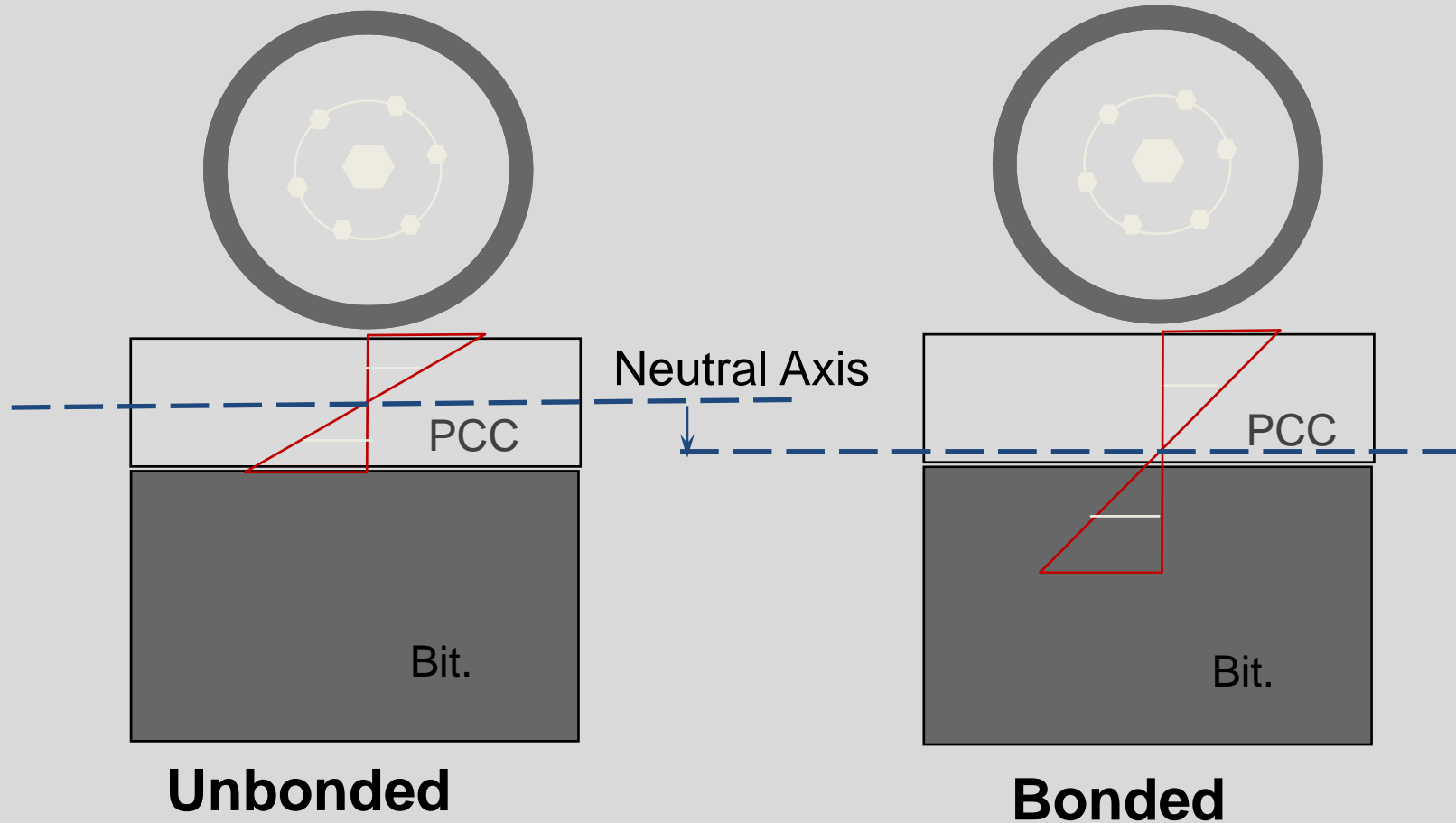
- Began in Iowa in 1960's as overlay on farm to market asphalt roads
- Thickness greater than 4"
- Performance was excellent
- Bonding to asphalt layer was noticed





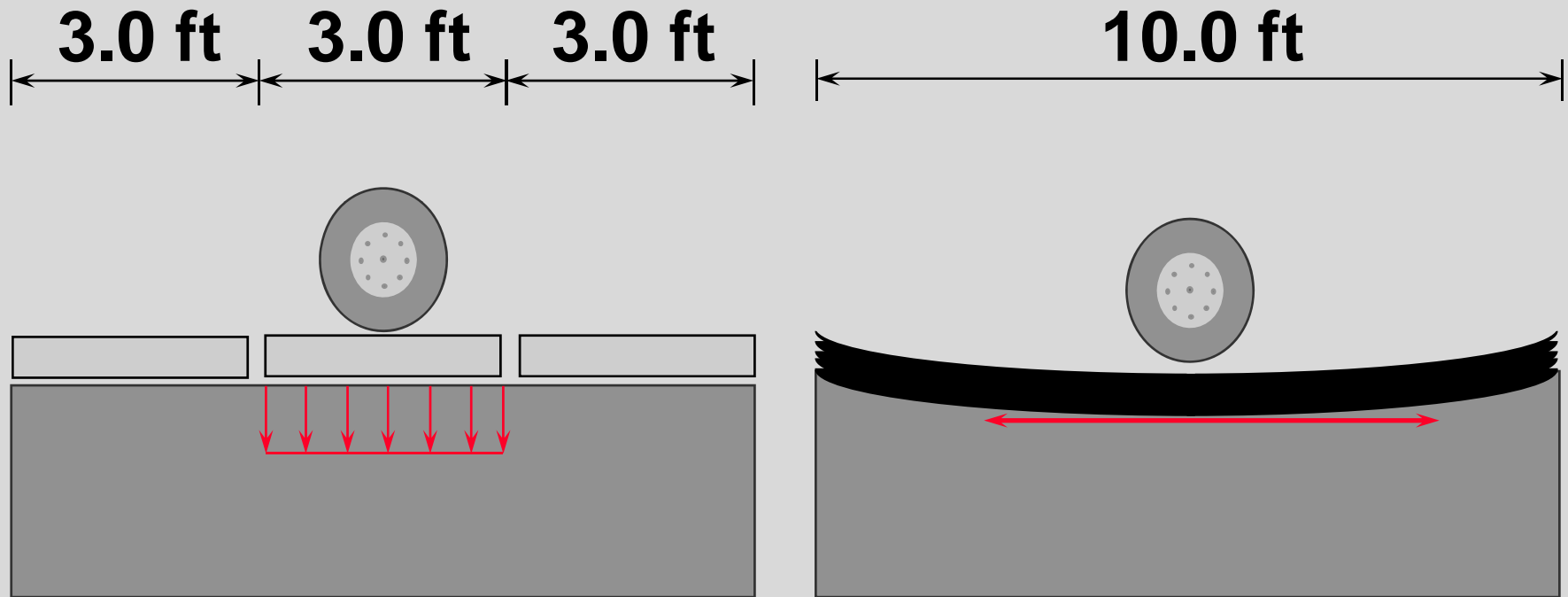


Mechanics of Composite Section





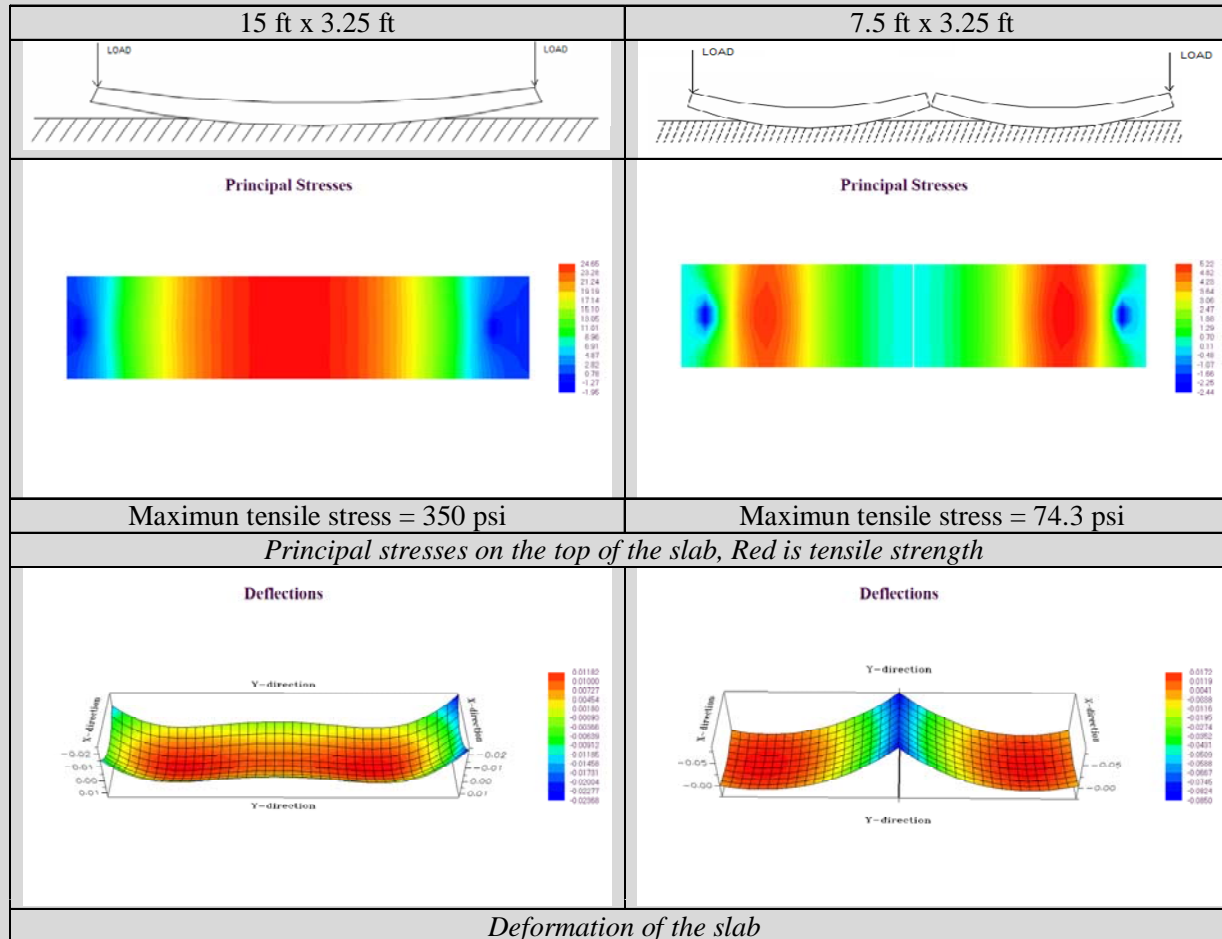
Effects of Joint Spacing: Bonded Concrete Resurfacing of Asphalt Pavements



Short joint spacing allows the slabs to deflect instead of bend.
This creates the need to balance thickness and joint spacing.

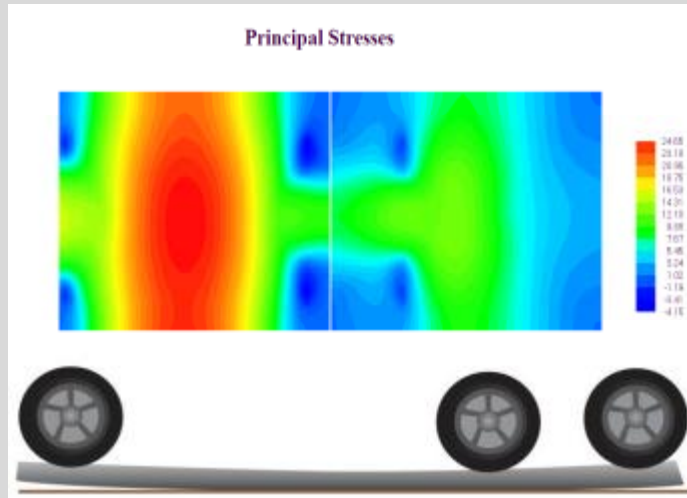


Influence of Slab Geometry on Stresses

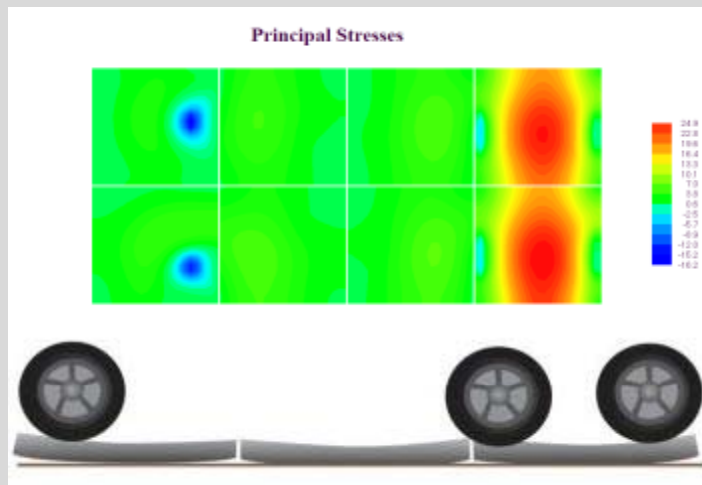




Slabs Sizes and Thickness For Same Top Stress (363 psi)

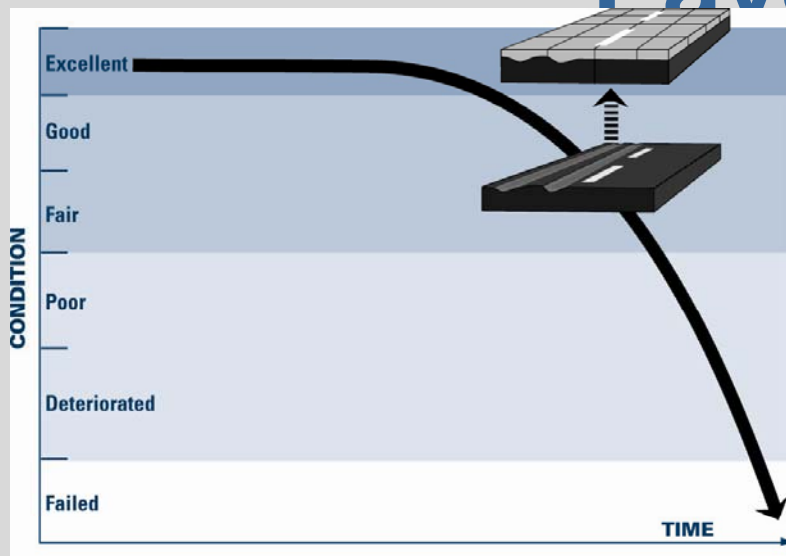


Concrete Thickness: 10 in.
Slabs: 15 ft x 12 ft



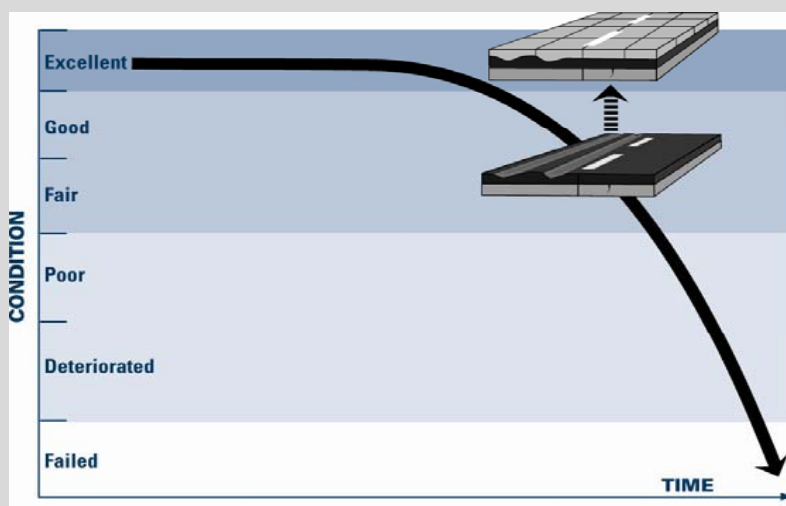
Concrete Thickness: 6.3 in.
Slabs 6 ft x 6 ft

Uses and Advantages- Bonded Resurfacing of Asphalt or Composite Pavements

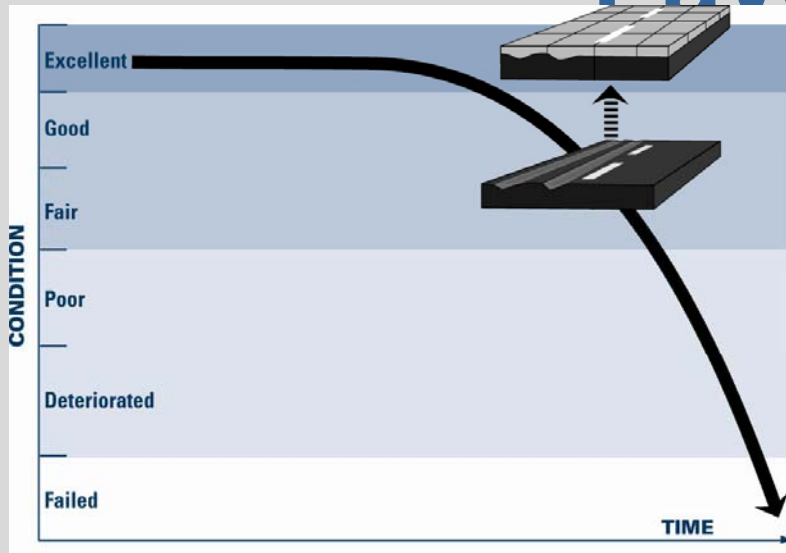


2"-6" thickness

- Use to eliminate any surface defects, increase structural capacity, and improve surface friction and ride.
- Use to avoid reconstruction and make use of existing materials.

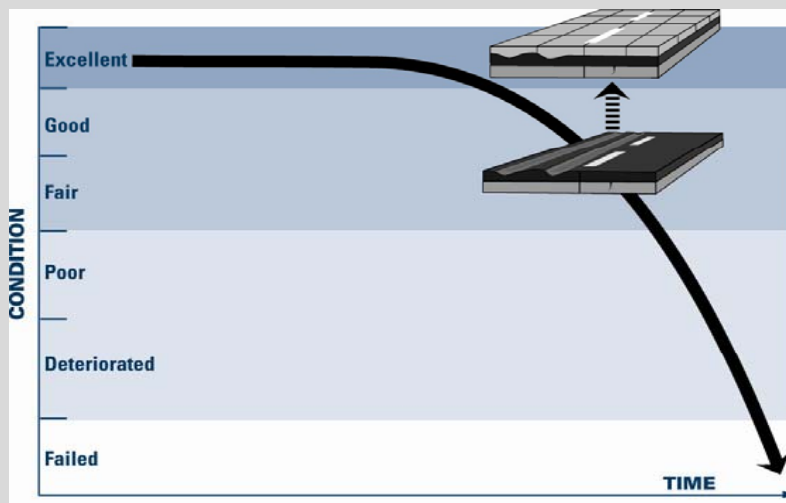


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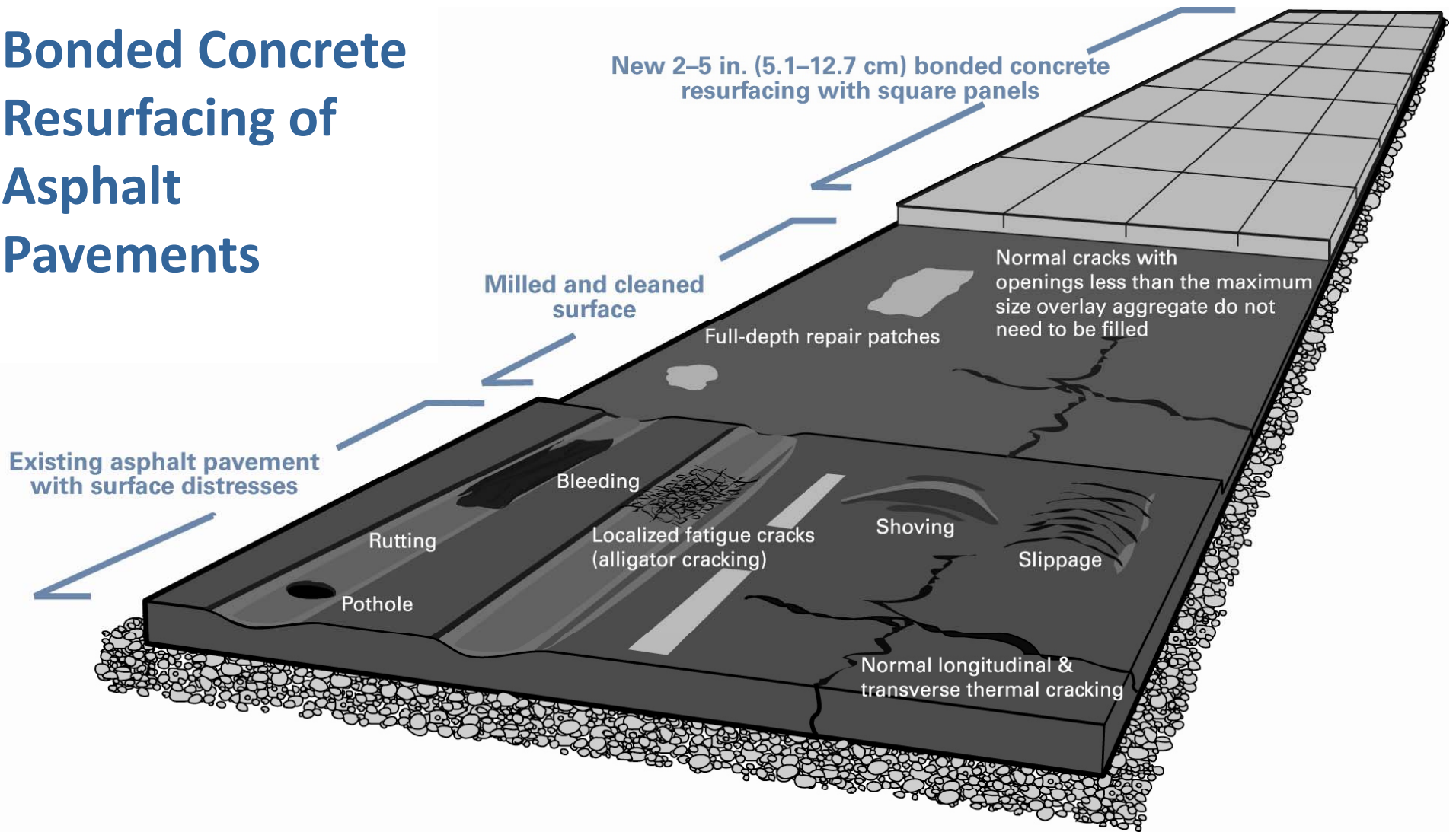


2"-5" thickness

- Typically used directly over asphalt without additional repairs except for milling.
- Working cracks in existing pavement will not reflect through.
- Can used in conjunction with widening.

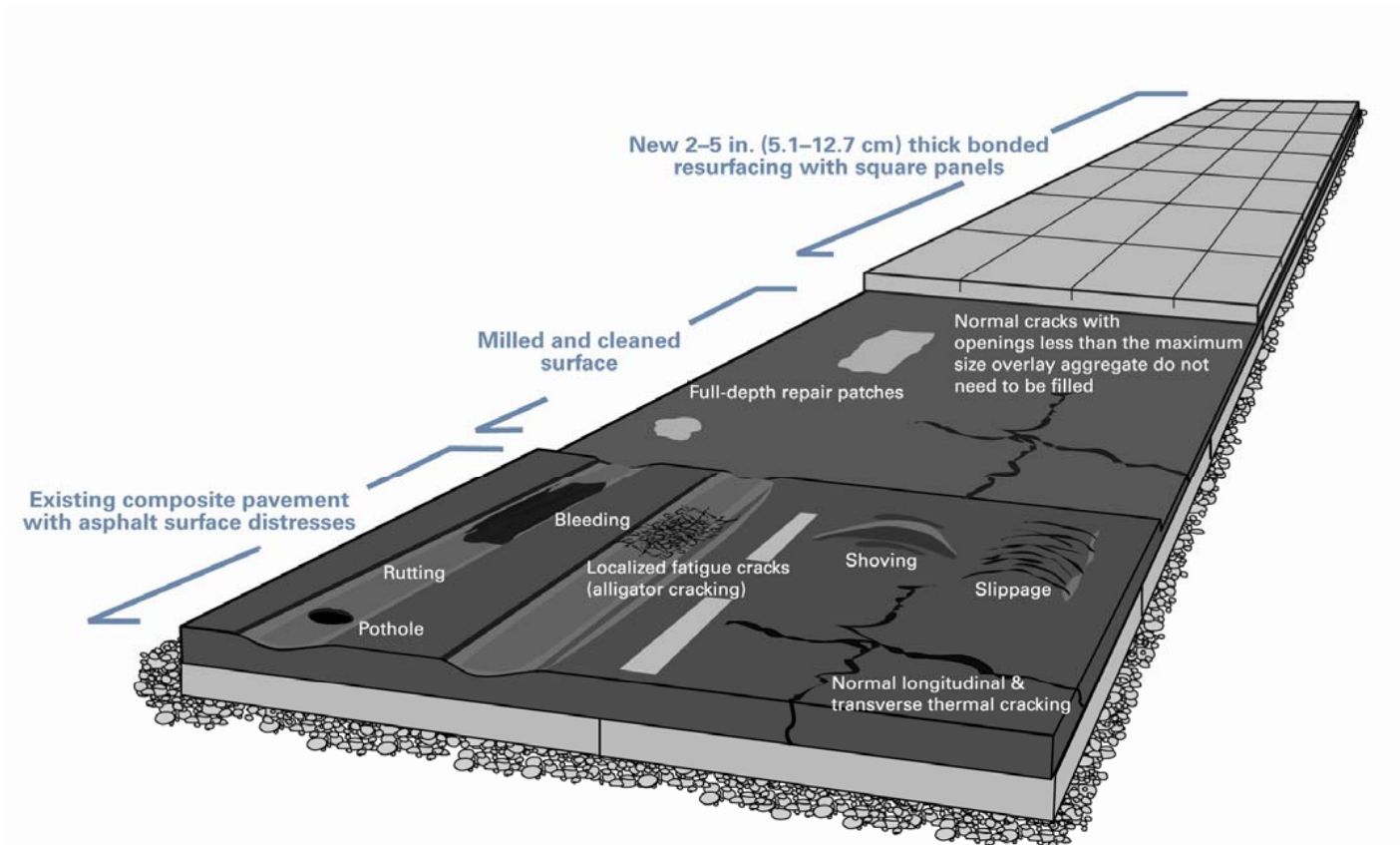


Bonded Concrete Resurfacing of Asphalt Pavements



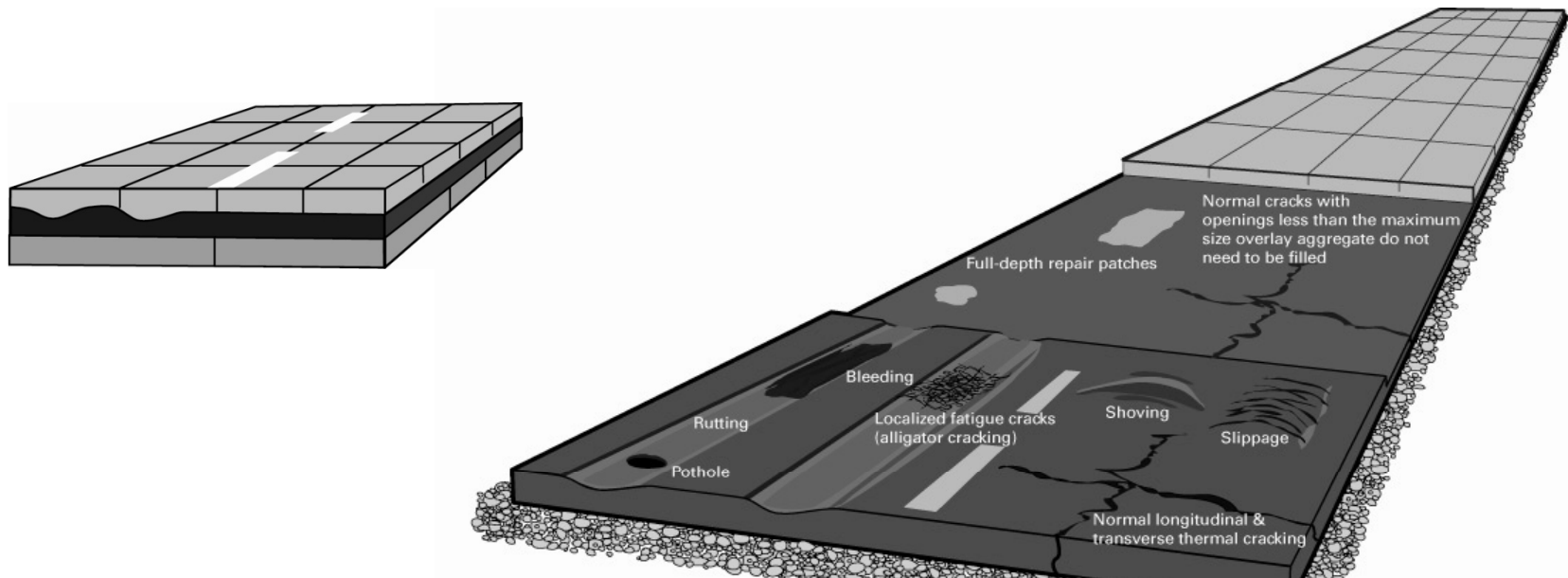
- Spots of distress that aren't visible can be determined through evaluation such as the stiffness of the asphalt pavement and subgrade support conditions.
- Localized areas of weakness can be strengthened through patching. Milling can remove a number of asphalt surface distresses.

Bonded Concrete Resurfacing of Composite Pavements



- Asphalt is a good reflector of underlining concrete pavement condition.
- A review of the existing profile grade line should be conducted and areas of significant deviation investigated through analysis of core samples in the laboratory.

Repairs-Bonded Resurfacing of Asphalt or Composite Pavement



Existing pavement distress	Spot repairs to consider
Fatigue cracking	Full-depth repair patch
Pothole	Full-depth repair patch
Deep rutting	Milling
Shoving, slippage	Milling
Thermal cracking	None



Milling: Bonded Resurfacing of Asphalt or Composite Pavements

The three main objectives of milling:

1. to remove significant surface distortions that contain soft asphalt material, resulting in an inadequate bonding surface
2. to reduce high spots to help ensure minimum resurfacing depth and reduce the quantity of concrete needed to fill low spots; and
3. to roughen a portion of the surface to enhance bond development between the new concrete overlay and the existing asphalt. (don't leave a thin lift)

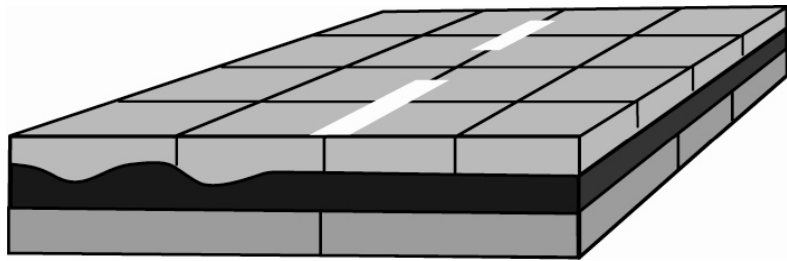
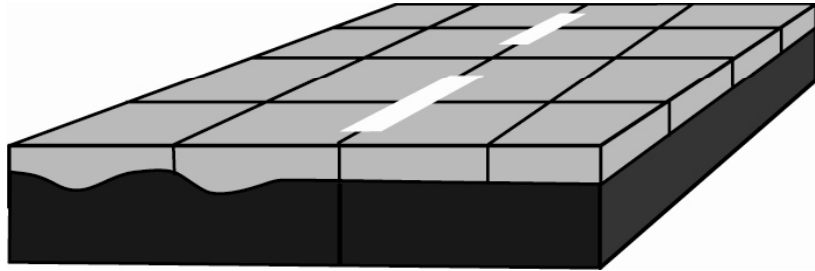
Milling: Bonded Resurfacing of Asphalt or Composite Pavements

- Complete removal of ruts is not needed when rutting in the existing asphalt pavement does not exceed 2".
- Any ruts in the existing pavement are filled with concrete, resulting in a thicker concrete overlay above the ruts.
- A minimum of 3"–4" of asphalt should be left after milling because of the reliance on the asphalt pavement to carry a portion of the load.





Important Elements-Bonded Resurfacing of Asphalt/Composite Pavement



- Clean Surface/Bond is important for good performance
- Thin milling may be required to eliminate significant surface distortions of 2" or more and provide good bond.
- Leave at least 3" remaining asphalt after milling.

- Control surface temperature of existing asphalt to below 120°F.
- Try to keep joints out of wheel paths.
- Curing should be timely and adequate.
- Small joint spacing to minimize bonding shear stress



BCOA Thickness Designer

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://apps.acpa.org/apps/bcoa.aspx>. The page features the ACPA logo on the left and a header image of a road with the text "Bonded Concrete Overlay on Asphalt (BCOA) Thickness Designer".

Background

This bonded concrete overlay on asphalt (BCOA) thickness design web application is based primarily on the results of FHWA-ICT-08-016, "[Design and Concrete Material Requirements for Ultra-Thin White-topping](#)", a research project conducted in cooperation with the Illinois Center for Transportation at the University of Illinois (ICT), the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The web application reflects the views of the ACPA, who is responsible for the facts and accuracy of the data presented within it. The contents do not necessarily reflect the official views or policies of ICT, IDOT, or FHWA, and this application does not constitute a standard, specification, or regulation. Designers should understand the assumptions/limitations of the research on which this tool is based and also be knowledgeable about the various types of concrete overlay offerings and design/construction details of each type.

General Design Details

Design Lane ESALs:	<input type="button" value="Estimate ESALs"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Help
Slabs Cracked at End of Design Life (%):		<input type="text" value="20 %"/>	Help
Reliability (%):		<input type="text" value="85 %"/>	Help
Effective Temperature Gradient (°F/in.):		<input type="text" value="-1.4"/>	Help
Time at Effective Temperature Gradient (%):		<input type="text" value="58 %"/>	Help

Existing Pavement Structure Details


Remaining Asphalt Thickness (in.):	<input type="text" value="4"/>	Help
Asphalt Modulus of Elasticity (psi):	<input type="text" value="700,000"/>	Help
Modulus of Subgrade Reaction (pci):	<input type="text" value="150"/>	Help


[Calculate k-Value](#)




BCOA Thickness Designer

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Status of This Design Method

While this thickness designer is based on the latest in bonded concrete overlay on asphalt (BCOA) design methodologies, research into this topic is still ongoing. For example, research into typical effective temperature gradients and time at the effective temperature gradient for different locations in the United States is currently being conducted and will be incorporated into this webapplication app upon its release. Research to better define the amount of fibers in the concrete

Concrete Material Details

28-Day Flexural Strength (psi): [Help](#)

Fibers Used In Concrete: [Help](#)

Concrete Modulus of Elasticity (psi): [Help](#)

Coefficient of Thermal Expansion ($10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{F}$): [Help](#)

Concrete Overlay Details

Joint Spacing (in.): [Help](#)

Preoverlay Surface Preparation: [Help](#)

Calculate Design

Processing...

Calculated Concrete Thickness: **4 inches** [Help](#)

Bonding Limit: **120 %** [Help](#)

Windows taskbar: Microsoft PowerPoint, Bonded Concrete O..., 10:26 PM

View @ <http://apps.acpa.org/apps/bcoa.aspx>



BCOA Thickness Designer

- Available 24-7 from web
- Calibrated with available overlay performance data (Illinois, Iowa)
- Research underway to improve some criteria (by CP Tech Center)
 - Temperature modeling
 - Calibration
- Will incorporate technology into ACPA's StreetPave along with other design models



BCOA - ME



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The bonded concrete overlay of asphalt mechanistic-empirical design procedure (BCOA-ME) was developed at the University of Pittsburgh under the FHWA Pooled Fund Study TPF 5-165. This pavement structure has been referred to as thin and ultra-thin whitetopping. This site is a repository for all information relating to the BCOA-ME. The information has been sorted based on its intended use and can be retrieved by clicking on the appropriate tab below. The BCOA-ME can be run directly from this site by clicking on the "Design Guide" tab below.

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BCOA ME Main Screen



GENERAL INFORMATION

Latitude (degree):	<input type="text" value="45.35"/>	Geographic Information
Longitude (degree):	<input type="text" value="-122.36"/>	
Elevation (ft):	<input type="text" value="223"/>	
Estimated Design Lane ESALs:	<input type="text" value="12787000"/>	ESALs Calculator
Maximum Allowable Percent Slabs Cracked (%):	<input type="text" value="15"/>	
Desired Reliability against Slab Cracking (%):	<input type="text" value="90"/>	

CLIMATE

AMDAT Region ID	<input type="text" value="3"/>
Map of Sunshine Zone	<input type="text" value="8"/>

EXISTING STRUCTURE

Post-milling HMA Thickness (in):	<input type="text" value="4"/>	
HMA Fatigue	<input type="text" value="Adequate"/>	Fatigue Cracking Example
Composite Modulus of Subgrade Reaction, k-value (psi/in):	<input type="text" value="150"/>	k-Value Calculator
Does the existing HMA pavement have transverse	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Transverse Cracking

BCOA ME Traffic



ESALS ESTIMATION:

Is One-Way ADT Available? Yes No

ESTIMATE ESALS:

Design Life (yrs):

Terminal Serviceability:

Number of Lanes in Each Direction:

Percent Trucks(%):

ADTT Growth Rate (%):

Traffic Growth Rate Type:

Road Category:

One-Way Average Daily Traffic (ADT):

CANCEL

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BCOA ME Environment



GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Option 1

Open webpage to estimate climate information.

[Open Webpage](#)

or

Option 2

Choose closest city with a similar climate:

OR ▼ PORTLAND ▼

[CANCEL](#)

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BCOA ME Main Screen

PCC OVERLAY PROPERTIES

Average 28-day Flexural Strength (three-point bend) ▾	850	
Estimated PCC Elastic Modulus (psi):	3930000	Epcc Calculator
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (10-6 in/°F/in)	6	CTE Calculator
Fiber Type:	No Fibers ▾	

JOINT DESIGN

Joint Spacing (ft):	6 x 6 ▾
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CALCULATE DESIGN

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Calculated PCC Overlay Thickness (in)	5.13
Design PCC Overlay Thickness (in)	5
Is there potential for reflective cracking?	No
	Solved.

Macro Fibers



Table 1. Concrete Mix Proportions and Fresh and Mechanical Concrete Properties

Materials (kg/m ³)	Plain concrete	0.32% synthetic macrofibers	0.48% synthetic macrofibers	0.35% hooked-end steel fibers	0.50% crimped-steel fibers
Coarse aggregate	995	975	976	965	983
Fine aggregate	823	806	807	796	813
Cement	363	360	360	347	363
Water	178	182	183	163	172
Daracem (mL/100 kg)	925	1,116	1,117	868	1,328
Water-to-cement ratio	0.49	0.51	0.51	0.49	0.47
Air content (%)	1.8	2.9	2.8	6	3.2
Slump (mm)	200	150	115	110	190
Compressive (MPa)	41.1	36.1	31.8	34	37.2
Flexural strength (MPa)	4.73	4.69	4.82	4.68	5.28
^a R _{e,3} = values (%)	2	24	39	43	35
Slab thickness (mm)	139.7	131.8	131.8	131.8	131.8

^aR_{e,3}= equivalent flexural strength ratio at 3-mm deformation.



BCOA ME Design w/ Fibers

PCC OVERLAY PROPERTIES

Average 28-day Flexural Strength (three-point bend) ▾	<input type="text" value="650"/>	
Estimated PCC Elastic Modulus (psi):	<input type="text" value="3930000"/>	Epsc Calculator
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (10 ⁻⁶ in/°F/in)	<input type="text" value="6"/>	CTE Calculator
Fiber Type:	<input type="text" value="Synthetic Structural Fibers ▾"/>	
Fiber Content (lb/yd ³):	<input type="text" value="3"/>	

JOINT DESIGN

Joint Spacing (ft):	<input type="text" value="6 x 6 ▾"/>
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CALCULATE DESIGN

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Calculated PCC Overlay Thickness (in)	4.16
Design PCC Overlay Thickness (in)	4.5
Is there potential for reflective cracking?	No
	Solved.



Overlay Experiences

- Spokane, WA
 - 3 sections on I-90, 3", 4", 5"
 - Constructed in 2004
 - Eastbound AADT 40,000
 - Excellent performance in 4" and 5" sections
 - Reconstructed in 2011







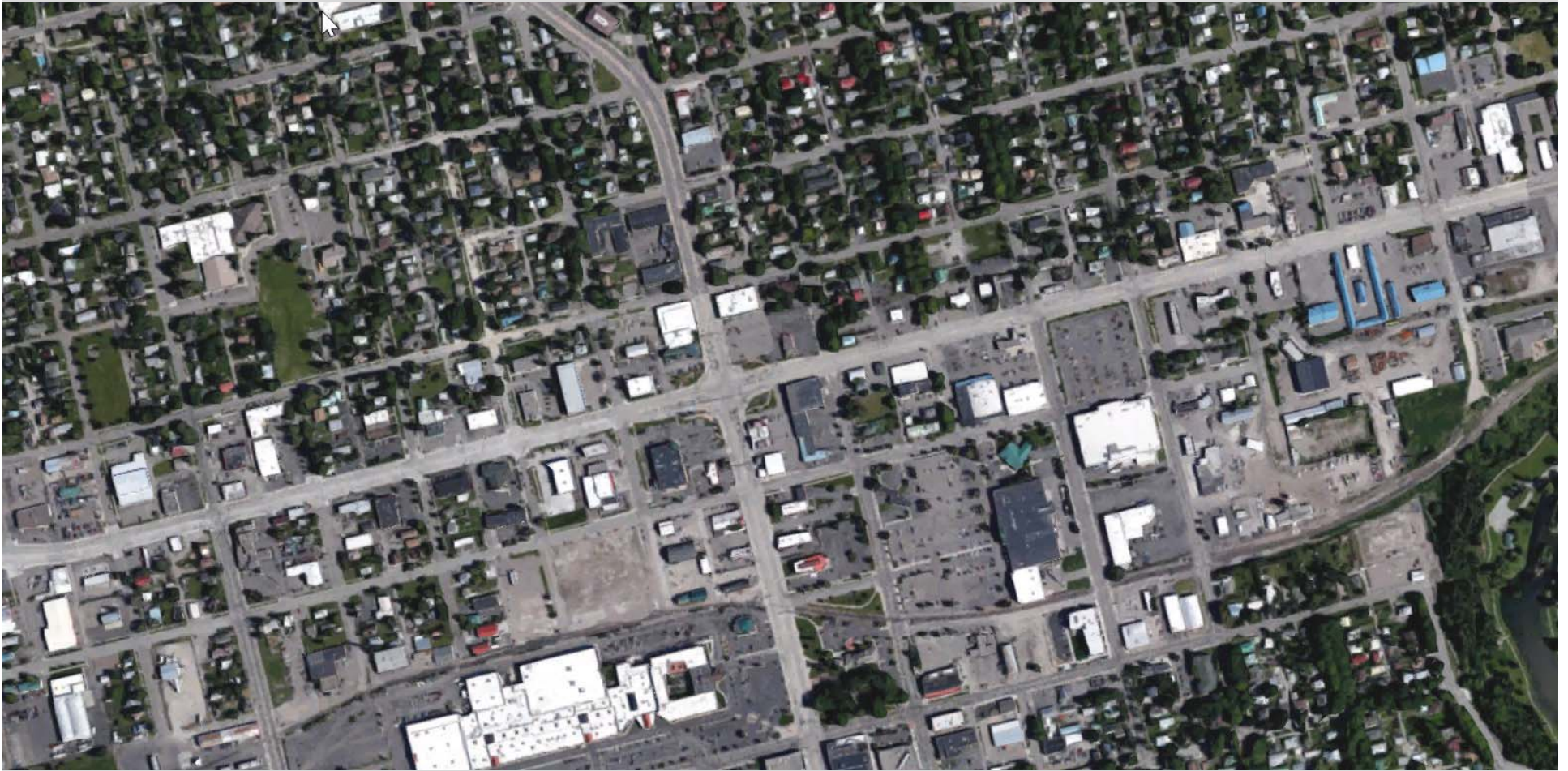
Overlay Experiences

- Kalispell
 - 5" on 5" of HMA
 - 6' joint spacing
 - 18,000 ADT in 2000
 - 30% Trucks
 - Built in 2000
 - Performing very well











Overlay Experiences

- Bellevue
 - 3" PCC on 3" AC
 - Built 1998
 - Still in service
 - Cracking in edge panels due to lack of support. Edge panels have been replaced.





Overlay Experiences

- US 20/26 & Middleton Road
- Built in 2005
- 4" on 4"
- Still in service
- Excellent performance





Other NW Projects

- Portland
 - NE Columbia Blvd.
 - 4" – 6" PCC on 0" – 4" Asphalt
 - N. Denver Avenue
 - 2.5" PCC on Variable Sections
- Eugene
 - Coburg Rd.
 - 6" PCC on 4" Asphalt
- Yakima
 - 40th and Knob Hill
 - 6" PCC on 2" – 4" Asphalt

Portland





Yakima





QUESTIONS?