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This report is recommended to design, construction, materials, and maintenance engineers, and others who become involved in the reconditioning of heavily traveled urban freeway pavements. The research included an extensive literature search and discussions with contractors, material suppliers, equipment manufacturers, representatives of state highway and transportation agencies, and others having information that could help in solving the many problems involved in reconditioning busy urban freeways. The end product of the study is a series of detailed rehabilitation schemes for several specific structural conditions. All of the schemes are designed to permit completion of construction activity on \( \frac{1}{4} \)-mile single-lane segments in 48 hr or less without total closure of the freeway to traffic and without significantly raising the elevation of the pavement surface.

As the original life cycles of the substantial mileage of freeway pavements constructed during the unprecedented roadbuilding surge of the 1960's draw to a close, highway and transportation agencies are faced with an equally unprecedented task of pavement rehabilitation. Nowhere are the problems of rehabilitation more severe and more trying than on urban freeways that must be kept open to traffic during the construction process. The interference of construction operations with the flow of traffic on already crowded pavements, the interference of traffic with construction operations, the ever-present need for concern about the safety of both the highway users and workers in such situations of conflict, and the loss of the most viable of rehabilitation alternatives, the overlay, because of overhead clearance requirements in the typical urban environment, present problems of imposing magnitude.

In the study reported herein, the researchers made a careful analysis of the capabilities of existing construction equipment and normally available construction materials, and concluded that, through some unconventional application of both equipment and materials, a significant improvement and speedup of urban freeway rehabilitation operations is within reach. Some well-defined guidelines are offered for several specific rehabilitation situations. Agencies that have situations similar to those for which solutions are proposed may want to test the proposed solutions in limited areas to evaluate their effectiveness.

Several revolutionary concepts for urban freeway rehabilitation that were identified during the course of the investigation are also briefly described in the report. The researchers concluded that major expenditures for development would be required before any of the concepts could be brought to an application stage.
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A significant portion of urban freeway pavement is more than 10 years old and many of the designed traffic volumes and loads have been exceeded. In the next few years an important mileage of these pavements will require structural rehabilitation to remain in operation.

The objective of this project was to develop new technology by which all or part of the pavement structure on a heavily traveled urban freeway could be rapidly reconstituted or replaced (or both) so that the finished product would have a design service life equal to, if not greater than, that of the original pavement. Included in the objective was the restoration of the riding quality and nonskid characteristics of the pavement structure.

The major constraints in developing solutions to this rehabilitation problem included a time constraint that the rehabilitation must be completed in less than 48 hr, a facilities constraint which involved closing only one lane of the travel-way during most of the construction, and a quantity constraint in that significant lengths of travel-way were to be rehabilitated. An additional constraint was that vertical clearances at overpass structures could not be reduced, therefore overlays of any type could not be used.

At the initiation of this project a comprehensive literature search was conducted, which resulted in the preparation of an annotated bibliography containing more than 500 references. Following the literature search, a number of sites were visited and discussions were held with contractors, suppliers, manufacturers, researchers, and highway transportation agency representatives. At each site the problem was presented and discussed for possible solutions. Using the information gathered from the literature and the site visits, a rehabilitation strategy was developed to focus on the various aspects of the problem.

It was obvious from the beginning of the study that a universally acceptable solution to the problem presented would require the development of totally new and innovative technology. However, in view of the applied nature of the National Cooperative Highway Research Program, effort was concentrated on the development of practical advances within the realm of current engineering technology. No single, best, unique solution was found to the problem; rather a number of solutions were developed which appear promising for certain preexisting conditions. In this strategy three pavement structure conditions were considered: (1) all layers are structurally unsound; (2) the surface layer is structurally unsound whereas the sublayers are structurally sound; and (3) surface layer and all sublayers are structurally sound.

The major findings of the study are:

1. Because of the vastly different situations existing throughout the United States, no single solution to the problem could be developed. Therefore, a number of realistic solutions were developed to cover the expected range of situations which might be encountered.

2. The solutions involving the least amount of new technology were those in
which an adjacent lane could be closed during the rehabilitation of a significant length of a freeway lane.

3. Because of the time constraint (48 hours), improvement of the subgrade, or natural soil, could not be accomplished and had to be left “as is.” Thus, the rehabilitated pavement structural layers had to be designed to prevent overstressing the unimproved subgrade.

4. The construction management techniques of precedence diagraming and analysis bar charting indicated the critical aspects of each rehabilitation strategy and provided the information necessary to schedule rehabilitation within the time constraint.

5. For the “worst probable” case [a 10 in. (0.25 m) portland cement concrete pavement exceeding 14 in. (0.35 m) of sublayers, all of which are deteriorated], solutions were developed for removing all materials in a quarter mile long (400 m) lane and replacing such material with materials equal to or better than the original pavement structure—in 43 hr from the time the barriers are erected. Using new and innovative technology the potential exists to reduce this time to 35 hr.

6. When only the surface layer is structurally unsound, solutions were developed whereby a quarter mile long (400 m) lane could be rehabilitated in 26 hr.

7. When all pavement layers are structurally sound (requiring only the restoration of riding quality and/or skid resistance), solutions were developed whereby a quarter mile long (400 m) lane could be rehabilitated in from 4 to 24 hr, depending on existing conditions.

8. Promising innovative materials/systems to accomplish rapid rehabilitation of significant portions of an urban freeway include:
   (a) Deep-lift asphaltic concrete.
   (b) Rapid-hardening, high early-strength concrete.
   (c) Sulphur systems for pavements.
   (d) Precast portland cement concrete panels.

9. Futuristic systems offer potential for rehabilitating significant sections of a freeway lane by closing only one lane of traffic throughout the rehabilitation periods.

10. One futuristic system has the potential for keeping all lanes open during rehabilitation.

11. Development of the futuristic systems will require the expenditure of large sums of money, and thus are unlikely to be undertaken without significant Federal support.

12. A large number of special materials/systems techniques exists that offer potential for rapid spot rehabilitation.

   The solutions developed in this report call for close control of materials and close construction scheduling of the rehabilitation. To test the validity of the solutions, one or more solutions should be tried on a full-scale rehabilitation project in which a quarter mile long (400 m) lane is selected, a rehabilitation strategy is selected within the specified time limit, and a construction technique is employed to accomplish the rehabilitation. Materials selection should be made in cooperation with the materials supplier and the constructor. Construction management techniques, to include precedence diagraming and analysis bar charting, should be employed to insure proper execution of the rehabilitation.

   In addition to the aforementioned materials/systems for replacement, several other popular and seemingly promising techniques were considered and rejected. These materials/systems are discussed in Appendix C and include polymer concretes, polymer modified concretes, polymer impregnated concretes, fiber concretes, epoxy injections, ultrasonic vibrations, and fabric layers.
INTRODUCTION AND RESEARCH APPROACH

INTRODUCTION

In 1972 the Federal-Aid Primary Highway System in urban areas included 35,350 miles (56,900 km) of the nation's highways (1). In this urban system there are some 23,300 miles (37,500 km) which have 4 or more lanes of traffic and of those, 17,000 miles (27,400 km) are divided highways. Of these divided highways, 1,800 miles (2,900 km) have partial access control and 9,700 miles (15,600 km) have full access control. Approximately 62 percent of the urban highways carry more than 10,000 vehicles per day (vpd) and more than 3,800 miles (6,100 km) of these highways carry more than 40,000 vpd.

The Interstate Highway System comprises about 8,800 miles (14,200 km) of this urban system. Of these, 5,400 miles (8,700 km) are portland cement concrete and 3,400 miles (5,500 km) are asphaltic concrete surfaces. Some 5,400 miles (8,700 km) of this system carries more than 20,000 vpd of traffic.

A significant portion of the urban freeway pavement is more than 10 years old, and many of the design traffic volumes and loads have been exceeded. In the next few years, a substantial mileage of these pavements will require structural rehabilitation to remain in operation. In several areas, especially where volume capacities have been increased by adding traffic lanes, the entire pavement will not need rehabilitation. Other pavements may exhibit distress only in relatively short segments along their lengths, due to loss of subgrade support by erosion, pumping, saturation, or other causes.

The types and causes of distress must be identified before realistic decisions regarding rehabilitation can be made. Three distress modes (fracture, distortion, disintegration) and the associated mechanisms have been suggested (2). These distress modes would lead to a need for rehabilitation to improve one or more of the following (2):

1. Level of service.
2. Riding quality.
4. Structural adequacy.
5. Surface condition.
6. Cost of maintenance.

Structural adequacy is probably the most difficult to improve because removal and replacement of part of the existing pavement or expensive in-place subgrade treatment or relatively thick structural overlays may be required. Often, these types of rehabilitation treatments are difficult to perform on limited portions of the roadway width.

Defining the problem of needs for pavement rehabilitation can be an infinite task; however, there are several rational approaches to evaluating pavements. One such systematic approach has been proposed by Hudson and Finn (3). In this approach, a number of inputs are used to predict the need for rehabilitation, and rational methods for establishing priorities are presented.

The probable causes of distress which require removal and replacement can be categorized in four general areas:

1. Inadequate design.
   (a) Estimate of traffic and/or percent of trucks too low.
   (b) Change in allowable loads using roadway.
   (c) Excessively severe environment.
   (d) Other.

2. Inadequate materials.

3. Inadequate construction procedures.
   (a) Improper consolidation.
   (b) Inadequate quality control.
   (c) Other.

4. Inadequate subgrade support.
   (a) Inadequate drainage.
   (b) Inadequate maintenance.
   (c) Swelling soils.
   (d) Other.

The first of these areas, inadequate design, shortens the expected life of the pavement. For example an 8-mi (13 km) portion of the Dan Ryan Expressway in Chicago, Illinois, was removed and replaced after being in service for only 9 years (4). One of the principal factors responsible for its early failure was that it carried greater than 35 percent more traffic than could have been anticipated from the information available when the pavement was designed. The distress due to inadequate design does not "per se" require removal and replacement. In many cases, overlay procedures are adequate for rehabilitation to extend the life of the pavement. However, when inadequate design is coupled with other modes of pavement distress, removal and replacement may then be required.

The remaining three of these general areas tend to be localized and seldom, if ever, exist for the entire length of a given roadway section.

An example of area 2, inadequate materials, might be improper reinforcement causing inadequate performance of the pavement structure which usually results in localized failures.

In area 3, inadequate construction procedures, a number of possibilities exist, such as periodic improper batch quantities causing lean mixes with inadequate strength. This could be true for either asphaltic concrete (AC) or portland cement concrete (PCC) pavements. Sometimes starting and stopping the paver can result in a weak spot. In either condition the weak spots will eventually result in localized failures.
Area 4 is probably the type of distress that will most often exist if the pavement rehabilitation is to require removal and replacement. Inadequate drainage has been identified as a cause of pavement distress in almost all parts of the country: California, Illinois, and Florida, among others, have reported this type of distress \(4, 5, 6\). As reported by Ring \(7\), inadequate drainage can result in significantly weakened subgrades and/or untreated (and in some cases treated) base courses. Ring points out that overlays per se will not solve problems caused by poor drainage.

When the pavement distress is sufficiently localized, a number of patching repair techniques have been used with adequate performance. Some of these can be performed in less than the 6-hr time frame usually existing for off-peak hours on urban freeways. These include precast slabs such as used in California, Florida, and Michigan \(8, 9, 10\), or special concrete patching materials such as those evaluated by Pike and Baker \(11\).

All cases of rehabilitation require advance planning and cooperation among the several agencies involved in the management of an urban system. As pointed out in NCHRP Synthesis 25 \(12\), every available means should be exercised to insure the safety of the workmen and the driving public. In addition, the problems of noise and dust must be controlled and the disposal of waste products (such as old pavement) must be considered. Even under the best of conditions, urban highway rehabilitation is expensive in terms of both direct costs and user costs. The longer a rehabilitated segment remains serviceable, the lower will be the cost per unit time. This forces consideration of high quality materials, unusual subgrade treatments, and even ultra conservatism in strength design to extend the service life of the rehabilitation.

This project sought to synthesize the current technology available to accomplish rapid removal and replacement of distressed segments of urban highways. In addition, some futuristic systems were considered.

**OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this project was to develop new technology by which all or part of the pavement structure on a heavily traveled urban freeway could be reconstituted or replaced (or both) so that the finished product would have a design service life equal to, if not greater than, that of the original pavement. It includes restoration of riding quality and nonskid characteristics of the pavement structure.

**CONSTRAINTS**

In proposing a solution to any problem some constraints must be recognized or assumed. The following constraints are imposed in order to present a feasible case for consideration:

1. The facility has a minimum of three lanes in each direction or two lanes with a shoulder capable of carrying traffic through a construction site at reduced speed.

2. The rehabilitation must be completed in less than 48 hr, closing only one lane during peak-traffic periods and closing an adjacent lane during off-peak traffic periods. For the purpose of this study the peak traffic periods are defined as 6 to 9 AM and 3 to 8 PM.

3. Significant lengths of a single-lane are to be rehabilitated; that is, deteriorated sections exceeding 200 ft (60 m) in length.

4. The original pavement structure has deteriorated to the point where partial to complete removal for depths up to 24 in. (0.6 m) are required.

5. The natural subgrade has a California bearing ratio (CBR) of 2 to 5, or a modulus of subgrade reaction \(k\) of less than 100.

6. No weather delays will be encountered.

7. Vertical clearances at overpass structures cannot be reduced, so that overlays of any type cannot be used.

8. Traffic barriers to include visual screens are to be erected to prevent motorists in adjacent lanes from becoming distracted by the construction.

9. The rehabilitation systems developed will be flexible and "open-ended" to permit rapid adaptation to particular conditions on a given project.

**RESEARCH APPROACH**

**Literature Search**

At the initiation of this project a four-phase literature search was conducted. First a Highway Research Information Service (HRIS) search was made using selected key words (see Appendix A). This search generated 720 abstracts for review.

A second search using the same key words was made through the National Technical Information Service (NTIS). An additional 1,322 abstracts were secured for review. From the articles used in the bibliography it was observed that only about 15 percent overlap of articles existed between the HRIS and NTIS searches.

The research librarian for the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) then made a search using similar key words for references not identified by either of the previous searches. This search produced 180 more reference abstracts for review. Additionally, each of the researchers involved in the project secured references for his particular area of concern. An annotated bibliography containing more than 500 references was prepared from these searches.

**Site Visits**

A number of sites were visited and discussions were held with contractors, suppliers, manufacturers, researchers, and agency representatives. Locations included Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Washington. These are more fully described in Appendix B. At each site the problem was presented and discussed for possible solutions.
General Approach

Based on the established constraints, the information gathered from the literature search and site work was analyzed in the context of meeting the objective of the project. A rehabilitation strategy was developed, as shown in Figure 1 to focus on the various aspects of the problem. In this strategy three pavement structure conditions were considered: (1) all layers are structurally unsound; (2) the surface layer is structurally unsound, whereas the sublayers are structurally sound; and (3) the surface layer and all sublayers are structurally sound.

Because of the construction time constraint (48 hr) the researchers concluded that improvement of the underlying subgrade could not be accomplished rapidly enough to allow time to rehabilitate the pavement structure layer (see Appendix F for details). Thus, the subgrade was considered "as is" and the upper layers of the pavement structure were designed to prevent overstressing the subgrade materials.

Early in the study a basic premise established was that the research should concentrate on solutions within the realm of current engineering technology. Although it was recognized that the problem almost certainly demanded revolutionary developments for a completely satisfying solution, practical considerations of project funding, time, and the applied nature of the National Cooperative Highway Research Program provided persuasive reasons for not engaging in research that would be highly dependent on the uncertainties of future development before practical application of the results could be achieved.

The research led to a number of solutions which appear to be promising for certain preexisting conditions. These solutions use various candidate materials/systems, some of which are new and innovative (see Appendix C for details). These systems were first analyzed for structural adequacy in either an elastic-layered analysis system or a finite-element system (Appendix D). Those solutions found structurally sound were then presented to a panel of researchers from the Texas Transportation Institute. Subsequently, this panel's suggestions were incorporated into the proposed solutions and presented to two panels; one being primarily rigid- (Portland cement concrete) systems oriented and the other flexible- (bituminous concrete) systems oriented. The panels consisted of representatives from paving associations, equipment manufacturers, and contractors. Using their input, the proposed solutions were further refined and the most promising approaches to the problem were selected. These promising approaches are presented in Chapter Two of this report. Other materials/systems which may be applicable in some cases are described in Appendix C.
CHAPTER TWO

FINDINGS

GENERAL

In this chapter solutions are presented for three rehabilitation problems enumerated in Chapter One (see Fig. 1); to wit:

1. All layers are structurally unsound.
2. The surface layer is structurally unsound whereas the sublayers are structurally sound.
3. The surface layer and all sublayers are structurally sound.

Solutions to these problems involve two aspects—construction techniques and materials. To meet the project objective, innovative concepts had to be employed in both aspects, and solutions had to be formulated in sufficient detail to demonstrate feasibility. Accordingly, innovative construction techniques are described using (whenever possible) currently available equipment with proven performance records. This equipment is often mentioned by name—for illustrative and documentation purposes only. Such mention should not be construed to imply endorsement of one brand of equipment over another. Some innovative material concepts are also described by name. Again, this should not be construed to imply endorsement of a particular product, but rather as an illustration of a type of material suitable for a particular situation. Sufficient detail is given to demonstrate feasibility. However, specific sequencing and details for routing of equipment and materials flow are not included because each situation is different and may require special routing considerations which cannot be enumerated in this report.

In addition to presenting innovative solutions to the three problems, a section is included discussing futuristic systems for solution to the problem. These futuristic systems are conceptual, and indicate the types of materials/systems that might be employed—should sufficient need develop.

Of the two pavement systems—flexible and rigid—the rigid system requires more effort to remove, because breaking portland cement concrete is an expensive, time- and energy-consuming operation. Solutions are proposed for rehabilitating a rigid system within the constraints enumerated in Chapter One. These solutions can then be used, with only minor modification, for flexible pavement systems.

All three problems have in common the requirement of at least a one-lane closure (the one being repaired) to effect the rehabilitation. The methods and procedures for lane closure are extremely important as well as time-consuming. A number of reports exist on this subject and the reader is referred to references 12, 13, and 14 for detailed information. For completeness of the solution, one system for lane closure(s) is presented in this report. This system is not to be considered as the optimum one, but rather as a system which offers some advantages under the stringent time constraint imposed for the rehabilitation. Following the section on lane-closure system, solutions to the three problems are presented.

LANE-CLOSURE SYSTEM

Lane closure on a high-volume roadway is hazardous at all times and costly. Quoting from NCHRP Synthesis 25 (12):

The development of traffic handling plans must be given as much comprehensive professional attention as is required for the physical repairs themselves. Agencies must be prepared in some instances to spend as many dollars on the traffic handling requirements of the project as on its basic construction features.

The problems of lane closure(s) are intensified when work is accelerated, constricted, and proceeding on a 24-hr day basis (all of which are required to meet the objective of this project). One notable problem is the so-called "motorist gawking syndrome" (12, 14) where motorists become distracted by the construction activity and thus are more accident prone than when their entire attention is focused on driving their vehicle.

The proposed closure system employs standard warning signs, flashing lights, overhead illumination for nighttime construction, traffic cones, and reduced speed limits through the construction site. In addition, a "vision barrier screen," as shown in Figure 2, is proposed. This screen, made by attaching standard chain-link fence units to a 12 by 12 in. (0.30 by 0.30 m) timber base, can be quickly deployed and removed. It offers an effective, stable screen in winds gusting to 50 mph (80 kmh). This screen is a modification of a barrier system presently being used in Massachusetts (see Appendix B) and reported to give excellent results.

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS FOR ALL LAYERS STRUCTURALLY UNSOUND

General

Additional assumptions made for this particular problem are:

1. The pavement to be rehabilitated has a minimum of three 12-ft (3.7-m) wide lanes in each direction and consists of a 10-in. (0.25-m) thick unreinforced concrete pavement resting on a 6-in. (0.15-m) granular base and an 8-in. (0.20-m) lime-stabilized subgrade.

2. The vertical alignment of the rehabilitated surface will conform to the average elevation of the adjacent lane.
3. A ¼-mile (400-m) section of outside lane will be rehabilitated.

The solutions to this problem involve the following 15 activities:

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These activities are shown in modified-precedence diagram form in Figure 3. The sequence of events is shown in the diagram, as well as the duration of each activity and the time each activity is scheduled to start and finish. Also shown are the periods of delay where the rehabilitation operation is restricted to a single lane.

To better visualize the time sequence and time control, the activities are shown in analysis bar chart form in Figure 4. The activity is scheduled to start at 6 PM, with the barrier erection to precede the start of operations. If all the activities proceed as scheduled, the ¼-mile (400 m) section will be completed and opened to traffic 43 hr later. The 6 PM starting time was selected for several reasons. First, it allows the constructor to complete the removal operation during the night hours when traffic is at its lowest volume (such removal operations are not seriously curtailed by darkness). Secondly, the sequence provides for the majority of the replacement work to be accomplished during the daylight hours when such light is necessary for efficient operations. And thirdly, this particular sequencing plan provides for a 43-hr lane closure in which the construction could be continued to an adjacent roadway section by moving the barrier system down the road. This would permit a series of ¼-mile (400 m) sections to be closed, rehabilitated, and opened to traffic in 48-hr time increments.

In the following paragraphs each activity is described giving the materials/systems proposed for use and the construction technologies required to complete the activity within the time allotted.

**Code A. Barrier Erection**

To provide an effective visual screen between the moving traffic and the construction, the barrier shown in Figure 2 is proposed. This unit weighs approximately 500 lb (230 kg) and can be moved into place using a light crane or small hoist, such as the knuckleboom crane, at the rate of one every 2 min. Assuming the barrier is to be placed on the traffic side of the construction, closing the outer two lanes for a distance of 1,320 ft (400 m) plus 300 ft (90 m) on each end for transition, equipment maneuvering, and the like, a total barrier length of 1,920 ft (580 m) is required, which means that 240 sections will be needed. Using two hoists operating an average of 50 min. each hour, the barrier can be off-loaded and erected in 5 hr. In addition to the barrier system, conventional signing, including sequential illuminated arrows and warning lights, should be employed in accordance with established procedures. During periods of peak traffic, the barrier system can be placed across one lane in less than 1 hr, leaving only the outside lane closed to traffic.

**Code B. Breaking Concrete Pavement**

This activity involves the breaking of some 1,760 sq yd (1,470 m²) of concrete pavement, 10 in. (0.25 m) thick, in 3 hr during a peak-traffic period. To do this, the pavement must be broken at a rate of close to 600 sq yd (500 m²) per hour without producing “flying” chips of concrete. The equipment proposed for this operation is a large air hammer on a self-contained rubber-tired chassis. The CMI H-16 super hammer shown in Figure 5 is capable of punching a hole through and partially breaking the pavement every 20 sec without creating any flying rock problems. Allowing 10 sec for movement between holes, and punching holes on 2 ft by 3 ft (0.05 by 0.08 m) centers, this unit can break some 150 sq yd (125 m²) of concrete per hr. To meet the production schedule, four of these units are proposed. In addition, saw cuts might be necessary at each end of the section, and occasionally along a longitudinal edge. Such sawing can be accom-
Figure 3. Modified precedence diagram for highway rehabilitation—all layers structurally unsound.

Figure 4. Analysis bar chart for highway rehabilitation—all layers structurally unsound.
Figure 6. Clipper concrete saw, Model 655.

Figure 7. Gradall model G-880.

Figure 5. CMI H-16 super hammer.

Code C. Loading and Removing Concrete Pavement

The broken concrete will still appear to be joined together after the breaking operation, but such equipment as the Gradall G-880 shown in Figure 7 can easily complete the break-up of the concrete and load it onto dump trucks. For this operation, approximately 500 cu yd (380 m³) of consolidated concrete or 800 cu yd (610 m³) of loose concrete need to be loaded and removed in 4 hr. One or two G-880 Gradall units, with articulated booms and pavement removal buckets, can meet this production rate.

Code D. Handling Subbase Layers

In this activity, the sublayers are assumed to be unsound and therefore require rehabilitation. Treatment may consist of either in-place rehabilitation or removal and replacement; both types of treatment are given in Table 1. Removal and replacement is, by far, the more time-consuming and complex and will be discussed first.

Operations for Removal and Replacement

Code D. Removal Operation.—In comparison with the concrete pavement, the excavation and removal of the sublayers (in this case a granular base and a lime stabilized subgrade) will be a relatively simple task, but a rather large quantity of material must be moved. Assuming the 14-in. (0.36-m) thick base and subbase are to be removed in 4 hr, some 700 cu yd (540 m³) bank measure or 900 cu yd (690 m³) loose measure of material must be moved. Here the Gradall G-880 (Fig. 7), with its versatility, would appear to be ideal for the job. These second units would work closely with the first units loading both broken concrete and the subbase layers.

Codes E, F, G, H, I, J. Replacement Materials/Systems for the Sublayers.—Acceptable candidate materials/systems for the sublayers are given in Table 2. Each system has advantages and disadvantages. Asphaltic concrete and portland cement concrete bases are both cost effective, and they both work, given enough time to emplace and cool (or cure). Seven hours are allotted for this activity (Fig. 4). When the removal activities are completed, the site will consist of a “trench” 24 in. (0.6 m) deep by 12 ft (3.7 m) wide by 1,320 ft (400 m) long. The bottom of the trench will be somewhat rough, and is assumed to consist of a weak material (CBR of 2 to 3 or a k less than 100). In order to conserve time, no fine grading or compaction of the subgrade is proposed. The placement of each of the various candidate materials is described in the following paragraphs.

1. Hot-Mixed Asphaltic Concrete Base.—The method proposed here is to transport the mixture in insulated dump trucks (if necessary) and dump into a side delivery spreader (commonly referred to as a “road widener”) that will spread the mixture into the hole for subsequent compaction to a thickness of approximately 8 in. (0.2 m) as shown in Figure 8. Following the placement and leveling operation, the mix will be compacted with pneumatic and steel wheel rollers until the desired compaction is achieved. This lift will require 750 tons (680,400 kg) of asphaltic concrete in 4 hr, or less than 200 tph (181,400 kg per hr). The three main problems are: (1) delivering this quantity
### TABLE 1

**REHABILITATION TREATMENTS OF SUBLAYERS**

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### TABLE 2

**ACCEPTABLE CANDIDATE MATERIALS/SYSTEMS FOR SUBLAYERS**

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<td>3. Lean Rapid-Hardening, High Early-Strength Cement Concrete Base</td>
<td>Difficult to construct, needs innovative technology, expensive, fast.</td>
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<td>4. Sulphur-Aggregate-Asphalt Systems</td>
<td>Need innovative technology, fast, needs time to cool, cost effective.</td>
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<td>5. Polyurethane Foam</td>
<td>Very fast, very expensive, easily constructed.</td>
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**Figure 8. Blaw-Knox RW–195 road widener.**

The table above shows various rehabilitation treatments for sublayers, including their operations for removal and replacement, and in-place rehabilitation. Each treatment is identified by a code, and the table lists the activities associated with handling sublayers, removing granular or stabilized subgrades, and adding new materials. The table is useful for engineers and contractors looking to implement effective rehabilitation strategies for sublayers in their projects.

As for the material systems, Table 2 outlines acceptable candidate materials/systems for sublayers, such as hot-mixed asphalt concrete, lean Portland cement concrete, and rapid-hardening cement concrete, among others. Each material system is briefly described in terms of its ease of construction and cost effectiveness, providing a quick reference for selecting appropriate materials based on the project's requirements.

The footnotes in the table provide additional details, noting that anticipated costs do not appear to be excessive in terms of anticipated benefits. These notes are crucial for making informed decisions about the most cost-effective and practical solutions for sublayer rehabilitation.
provided in the time schedule. Although this is not needed before placing a surface layer on the lean concrete, 5 of the 7 hr are during a peak-traffic period when construction is restricted to one-lane operation. Thus, where such restrictions exist, the rehabilitation time cannot be further compressed.

3. Lean, Rapid-Hardening, High Early-Strength Concrete Base.—From the time schedule (Fig. 4) it would appear that the use of rapid-hardening, high early-strength, concrete bases would not be justified because of the delay caused by peak-traffic periods. However, in those cases where two-lane closures can be permitted continuously throughout the construction period, rapid-hardening, high early-strength, concretes do offer a time savings (see Appendix C). Should this approach be selected, ready-mix trucks should not be employed, as the rapid-hardening concretes have too short an initial set time (see Appendix C). About the only equipment suitable for mixing this type of concrete is a continuous, auger-mixer system such as the Concrete-Mobile, shown in Figure 9, manufactured by Irl Daffin Associates, Inc. A specification for this system has been adopted by ASTM (ASTM C-685) and a 10-cu yd (8-m³) unit can mix and discharge 1 cu yd (0.8 m³) of concrete every 2 min. Using four of these units at any given time, 700 cu yd (535 m³) of concrete can be placed in less than 7 hr. These units could be spaced in pairs (one pair somewhat behind the other) and each pair would be followed by a horizontal screw-auger/gang vibrator unit to quickly consolidate the concrete before it sets.

4. Sulphur-Asphalt-Aggregate Systems.—These systems offer exciting potentials for savings in energy, cost, and time. They are still new and experimental, but results to date indicate considerable promise (see Appendix C). From the construction viewpoint, such systems can be mixed and placed using essentially conventional hot-mix equipment. The thickness of the layers that can be effectively placed is dependent on both cooling rate and sulphur content. At sulphur contents above 35 volume-percent of the binder, nonuniform cooling and flow of hot liquid sulphur by gravity could produce a nonhomogeneous mix with sulphur-rich layers at the low points in the pavement. For these reasons, mixes with sulphur contents above 35 volume-percent should be placed in no greater than 3-in. (0.08-m) lifts. High-sulphur content mixes (up to 50 volume-percent) are recommended primarily for use on poorly-graded, high void mineral aggregate (VMA) sands which have the added advantage of not requiring compaction. Given the constricted area imposed, elimination of compaction equipment is extremely advantageous. Sulphur contents lower than 35 volume-percent are recommended for dense-graded aggregate mixes that can be placed in thicker lifts. These mixes do, however, require conventional compaction to achieve desirable air void contents. The sulphur-asphalt-aggregate systems would be mixed in a conventional pugmill, transported to the job in conventional trucks, and discharged into a modified hot-mix, lay-down machine. The major modification applied to this machine is the addition of equipment to unload the screeds. Once through the lay-down machine, the mixture would be allowed to cool until it solidified; then another layer could be placed. For sulphur-asphalt systems using dense-graded quality aggregates, it is recommended that an 8-in. (0.20-m) layer be placed followed by a 6-in. (0.15-m) layer, much the same as the hot-mix asphaltic concrete base.

5. Polyurethane Foam System.—This system, although very expensive, offers two important advantages: (1) it can be employed very rapidly and (2) it can be placed on a very weak subgrade to provide a working table for subsequent operations. For the assumptions stated in Chapter One, polyurethane foam would not be used. However, if the subgrade were very weak and could not support construction traffic, then a thin layer of polyurethane foam—placed pneumatically as a liquid and mixed at the nozzle with a foaming agent—could be placed and allowed to “foam up” to a predetermined thickness (see Appendix C). Using a 6 to 1 ratio of foamed volume to liquid quantity, the resultant foam would have a density of approximately 12 pcf (190 kb/m³), a modulus of elasticity of about 13,000 psi (89,600 kPa), and a tensile strength of about 360 psi (2,500 kPa). It can be mixed and placed by portable units and cured in less than 90 min. Once in place, subsequent layers could be placed as described in previous sections.

6. Combination Systems.—For particular situations, combination systems could be advantageously employed. For example, a system consisting of a thin layer of polyurethane foam, followed by an asphaltic concrete base, followed by a lean portland cement concrete base might be used where a contractor had the various types of equipment available and could effectively use it.

Operations for In-Place Rehabilitations

Even though this case involves sublayers that are structurally unsound, in many cases the sublayers will be of such quality that they can be rehabilitated in place. Under such conditions, the operations involved (given in Table 1) include manipulation of the granular base, addition of a stabilizer, and curing of the base. Each of these activities is discussed in the following paragraphs.

**Code D. Manipulation of Granular Base.**—Manipulation, as used here, means loosening the base and changing its moisture content. Referring to Figure 4, approximately 7 hr can be spent for this activity without exceeding the time limits. With only 400 cu yds (300 m³) of base involved, no innovative technology is needed to loosen and remix the base. Rotary disc mixers, such as the Pulver mixer, can be employed to accomplish the task. If additional water is needed, it can be easily provided; however, if the base is too wet, some innovative technology may be needed. For these cases, a heater-planer with ripping teeth attached is proposed. This piece of equipment can dry the aggregate to a degree sufficient for the addition of a stabilizing agent (see Appendix E). The unit would only have to travel about 4 ft per min (0.02 m/s) to complete the operation in less than 7 hr.

**Code H, I. Addition of Stabilizer.**—Acceptable stabilizers include asphalt, emulsions, lime, portland cement,
and sulphur—the first three of which are widely used and accepted. It is sometimes difficult to obtain desired uniformity with field mixing of emulsions and aggregates. It is, however, both cost and energy effective, and the resulting layer has improved strength and durability once the emulsion “breaks.”

Lime stabilization is inexpensive and easy to construct. The strength improvement to the base normally is much less than with the other stabilizing agents, and relatively long time periods are required for the lime reactions to be completed (16). In those cases where only limited improvements (within the time constraints) in base quality are required, lime stabilization should be strongly considered. Where the base is quite wet, quicklime (CaO) might well serve to both dry up the base and stabilize it.

Stabilization of granular materials with portland cement is an accepted practice (16). It is cost effective and can be completed fairly rapidly. The cement can be placed on the surface, water added, and then mixed with the base using a rotary disc mixer. Acceptable uniformity of mixing can easily be achieved. Once mixed, the base is compacted with standard compaction equipment and allowed to cure. Although this curing takes time, the granular mass can usually take construction traffic immediately without damage so rapid hardening cements would not generally be needed. Where significant strength gains are required in the base layer, portland cement stabilization offers some significant advantages.

Sulphur is a new, promising and innovative stabilizer for granular materials (see Appendix C). One innovative idea, if the base is in fairly good shape and relatively porous (such as that used in the so-called free-draining subbases), is to pour molten sulphur on the surface of such a base that has been heated and dried. The molten sulphur should infiltrate the base until the sulphur cools. In most conditions, the base will be wet and relatively cool. If molten sulphur is poured on such a surface it will immediately solidify and prevent infiltration of any additional sulphur that might be added. To prevent this, the porous base must first be heated and dried. This heat can be applied with the traveling heater-scarifier, shown in Figure 10, which should drive off the water. Probably relatively long heating times will be required to heat the aggregate sufficiently. Once heated, the molten sulphur, added quickly, should infiltrate the base approximately 3 in. (0.03 m). If the base is dense and relatively non-porous, then it needs to be loosened in place before heating and the addition of any sulphur. Using a rotary disc, the material can be rapidly loosened, then heated with the heater-scarifier. Following immediately, the molten sulphur can be applied, allowed to impregnate the base, and cooled (although relatively long cool-down times may be necessary). The stabilized base, though not as strong as a Portland cement stabilized base, might be made significantly stronger than the original granular base, and the treatment should be quite cost effective. New technology is needed to verify this idea and evaluate its potential.

One other innovative approach would be to use cement slurries—made with rapid-hardening, high-strength cements—in the same manner as proposed for the sulphur in that the slurry would infiltrate the base and rapidly stabilize it in place. The base would need to be porous enough and the voids dry enough to accept the slurry. The U.S. Air Force is reported to be pursuing this idea for runway repair.

Code J. Curing of the Base.—In this operation, enough time must be provided for the stabilized base to cure (or cool) sufficiently to withstand the loads imposed upon it during placement of the surface layer. For asphalt, lime, or Portland cement stabilizing agents, the aggregate interlock will usually be sufficient to prevent damage to the stabilization process. Sulphur, however, must crystallize before any loads are imposed, or the structure may become fractured. Thus, sulphur-impregnated systems should be allowed to cool to at least 200°F (93°C) before subsequent layers are placed. Within the time limits imposed for this activity, sufficient cool-down time is provided for the sulphur system, should it be selected.

Code K, L, M, N. Rehabilitation Materials/Systems for the Surface Layer

Once the sublayers have been rehabilitated, either in place or by removal and replacement, then the last major activity is rehabilitation of the surface layer. Referring to Figure 4, 5 hr are allocated for the placing and finishing operation, and 12 additional hr are allotted for curing (or cooling) this surface layer. Promising candidate materials/systems are listed in Table 3 and discussed in the following paragraphs.

Hot-Mixed Asphaltic Concrete.—Hot-mixed asphaltic concrete (HMAC) surfaces can be placed and compacted in much the same manner as HMAC bases except that closer vertical tolerances must be maintained. For the assumed condition, a 10-in. (0.25-m)-thick surface layer is needed. Standard practice calls for this surface layer to be placed in three lifts of 5½ in. (0.14 m), 3 in. (0.08 m), and 1½ in. (0.04 m) (17). One asphalt paver can place all three lifts in the 17-hr placement cool-down time allotted, even though there is a 3-hr period during which the construction operation is restricted to a single lane. The only problems envisioned would be the steady supply of HMAC through heavy urban traffic, and the provision of enough time for the mix to cool sufficiently to support traffic (see Appendix C). By overcoming these problems, this material/system offers one solution to the problem.

Portland Cement Concrete, Cast-In-Place.—Use of Portland cement concrete, cast-in-place, offers many advantages; namely, it is the same material that was removed, which makes the rehabilitation aesthetically acceptable, it requires no new technology, and it is cost effective. The one major disadvantage is the cure time necessary before the section can be opened to traffic. In order to cut this cure time to 12 hr, Type III cement with a strength accelerating admixture (see Appendix C) is proposed. Transportation of the concrete can be achieved in concrete ready-mix trucks, but the water and admixture should not be added until the truck reaches the construction site. This precaution will provide maximum time for placement and finishing of the concrete. An 8-cu yd (6-m³) mixer can
maneuver and discharge its load in less than 5 min. Using two mixers discharging more-or-less simultaneously, some 16 cu yds (12 m³) of concrete can be discharged every 5 min. Because approximately 500 cu yds (380 m³) of concrete are needed, ready-mix trucks can ideally deliver and discharge this quantity in 2.6 hr—much less than the 5 hr allotted. Using a slip-form paver, such as the CMI Super Paver shown in Figure 11, this machine would have to advance at a rate of 4.4 ft per min (0.02 m/s) to complete the paving in 5 hr. These machines can routinely pave at speeds of up to 20 ft per min (0.10 m/s), hence, ample time is allotted for this activity. Following the paver would be the finishing and curing machine. Then, as soon as the concrete hardened sufficiently (around 12 hr in moderate climate), the joints could be sawed and the surface striped.

Portland Cement Concrete Panels, Precast.—The use of precast elements reduces the cure time required, and have been successfully employed for small patches (see Appendix C). However, to the authors' knowledge such

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<td>Difficult to construct, relatively expensive, no new technology required, no cure time needed.</td>
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<td>4. Rapid-Hardening, High Early-Strength Concrete, Cast-In-Place</td>
<td>Difficult to construct, expensive, new technology required, cure time is reduced.</td>
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* See Appendix C for additional details.
elements have not been used in an extensive replacement system such as the 1,320-ft (400-m) system proposed here. Innovative technology is needed to more rapidly place and set the panels in the grout bed to the correct grade. The system proposed here is to provide sublayers to within 7 in. (0.18 m) of the surface. This would then be followed by pump placement of a 1-in. (0.03-m) thick portland cement grout bed on which the concrete panels would be placed. These panels, 21 ft by 12 ft by 0.5 ft (6.4 × 3.7 × 0.15 m) in size, constructed with reinforced, structural lightweight concrete, would each weigh approximately 15,000 lb (6,800 kg). Three such panels could be carried on a flatbed truck, and a total of 63 slabs would be required for the section. Using a 35-ton (32.000-kg) capacity crane, each panel could be secured, lifted, and placed in approximately 10 min., assuming a tolerance of ¼ in. (0.02) on both ends and one side. For a 10-min placement time per panel, the entire 1,320-ft (400-m) section can be placed in less than 11 hr, which is 8 hr less than the 19-hr placement and cure time allotted. Immediately following placement of each panel, a crew would check alignment, correct as necessary, and place a flexible sealing compound around each panel. This material/system can cut approximately 8 hr off the rehabilitation time—provided no delays are encountered. The major disadvantages are the relatively high probability that delays will occur, the need for an expensive joint-sealing compound around each panel, the lack of load transfer between each panel (which must be accounted for in the design), and the fact that the joint spacing in adjacent lanes will not match the joint spacing in the rehabilitated sections.

**Rapid-Hardenin, High Early-Strength Concrete, Cast-in-Place**—This material/system offers the major advantage of reducing the required cure time by 8 hr, as adequate strengths are achieved in 4 hr in moderate climates (see Appendix C). The problems and construction techniques have been discussed previously in the section on replacement materials/systems for sublayers. As soon as the surface is strong enough to support the equipment (in approximately 2 hr), transverse joints can be sawed and the surface striped.

**Code O. Remove Barrier**

This final activity can be performed in the same manner as the barrier erection, and 5 hr are again allotted for the operation. The barrier system can be removed completely or moved down the roadway to another section to be rehabilitated, depending on the situation.

**PROPOSED SOLUTIONS FOR SURFACE LAYER STRUCTURALLY UNSOUND—SUBLAYERS STRUCTURALLY SOUND**

**General**

Additional assumptions made for this particular problem are:

1. The pavement to be rehabilitated consists of either 8 in. (0.20 m) of hot-mixed asphaltic concrete or a 10-in. (0.25-m) thick unreinforced concrete pavement, both resting on a structurally sound sublayer.
2. The vertical alignment of the rehabilitated surface will conform to the adjacent lane.
3. A ¼-mile (400-m) section of outside lane will be rehabilitated.

The solution to this problem involves the following eight activities (the coding follows that given in Fig. 4):

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These eight activities are shown in analysis bar chart form in Figure 12. The activities are scheduled to begin at 8 PM with the erection of the barrier system. This time was selected because, generally, the peak-traffic period will have ended, and the construction activity can commence with minimum interruption to traffic flow. The ¼-mile (800-m) section is scheduled to be completed and reopened to traffic in about 26 hr.

In the following paragraphs, each activity is described giving the materials/systems proposed for use and the construction technologies required to complete the activity within the time allotted. Where the activities for this problem coincide with the activities of the previous problem (all layers structurally unsound), the reader is referred to the preceding applicable discussion.

**Code A. Barrier Erection**

(See previous discussion.)
Code B. Breaking Pavement

This activity involves the breaking of 1,760 sq yd (1,470 m²) of pavement in 3 hr. To do this the pavement must be broken at a rate of close to 600 sq yd per hr (500 m²). For portland cement concrete pavement, removal methodology is given in the previous section under “Proposed Solutions for all Layers Structurally Unsound.” For hot-mixed asphaltic concrete pavement, removal methodology is similar, yet somewhat simplified as this type pavement is fairly easily broken. An excellent machine for breaking pavement is the Gradall, Model 880 (Fig. 7) which can tear and pick up the pavement without the need for prior break up. At each end of the section a saw cut might be necessary, and a portable concrete saw, such as the Clipper, Model 655 (Fig. 6), is recommended for this operation.

Code C. Loading and Removing Pavement

For concrete or bituminous pavements, the Gradall, Model 880, is recommended to pick up the material and load it onto trucks for removal. Machines of this size are needed because only 4 hr are allocated to remove some 500 cu yd (400 m³) of consolidated concrete or some 400 cu yd (300 m³) of consolidated hot-mixed asphaltic concrete.

Code K, L, M, N. Rehabilitation Materials/Systems for the Surface Layer

These activities have been fully discussed previously, and, therefore, will not be reiterated here. However, it should be pointed out that should a rapid-hardening, high early-strength concrete pavement (cast-in-place or precast portland cement concrete panels) be used, the total rehabilitation time can be cut approximately 8 hr. This results in a total lane closure of 18 hr for rehabilitating a ¼-mile (400-m) section of the outside lane of a highway.

Code O. Remove Barrier

(See previous discussion.)

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS—ALL LAYERS STRUCTURALLY SOUND

When the pavement structure is sound and only the surface requires treatment to restore riding quality or skid resistance, the usual practice is to overlay the pavement. If overhead restrictions prevent the use of an overlay, then partial-depth rehabilitation must be considered.

Additional assumptions made for this particular problem are:

1. The pavement surface is either wavy with the waves and sags not exceeding 2 in. (0.05 m) above or below the average pavement height, or the surface is deteriorated (spalled, ravelled, rutted, etc.). In either case, all pavement layers are structurally sound.
2. A ¼-mile (400-m) section will be rehabilitated.

These activities are portrayed in analysis bar chart form in Figure 13. The section is scheduled to be completed and reopened to traffic 24 hr after barrier erection.

In the following paragraphs, each activity is described giving the material/systems proposed for use and the construction technologies required to complete the activity within the time allotted. Where the activities coincide with activities described earlier, the reader is referred to the previous discussion.

Code A. Barrier Erection

(See previous discussion.)

Code B. Break Pavement (Grind)

This activity involves grinding 1,760 sq yd (1,470 m²) of the pavement surface to an average depth of 2 in. (0.05 m) below grade line. Grinding can be accomplished in approximately 6 hr by using four Galion RP 30 road planers shown in Figure 14. As before, a portable concrete saw may be required for vertical cuts at each end of the section.
Figure 13. Analysis bar chart for highway rehabilitation—Portland cement concrete surface deteriorated.

Code C. Loading and Removing Concrete

For removal of the broken material, any small front-end loader will suffice. Removal of about 100 cu yd (75 m³) of loose material is required. With only a 2-in. (0.05-m) drop-off, haul trucks will be able to enter or leave the system at any point along the section and, hence, this activity can be restricted to one lane. After loading, a power sweeper could be used to remove the remaining fine material; 2 hr are allocated to this operation.

Code K. Transport/Mix Surface Layer

An acceptable surface layer has been shown to be steel-fiber-reinforced concrete using a Type III cement with an accelerator (see Appendix C). It should be noted that 2 in. (5 mm) is considered the minimum thickness for this material and, in general, unbound overlays have better performance. Approximately 100 cu yd (75 m³) will be required. The concrete can be hauled in transit mix trucks and placed on grade directly in front of a paver as described previously. Also, rapid-hardening, high early-strength cement could be used to reduce curing time (see earlier discussion).

Code L, M, N, O. Rehabilitation Materials/Systems for Surface Layer

These activities are fully discussed in an earlier section and will not be reiterated here.

Asphaltic Concrete Surfaces

For asphaltic concrete surfaces, the solutions involve the following five activities (the coding follows that given in Fig. 4):
Many systems have been successfully used to restore skid resistance to asphaltic concrete pavements (18). Most of these are “seal-coat” types of operations which add less than ½ in. (0.01 m) to the thickness of the pavement. In a majority of the situations this could be tolerated by overhead obstructions. For high traffic volumes, consideration should be given to the use of hard, durable, nonpolishing aggregates. Such expensive aggregates as bauxite (which would have to be imported) may be justified in some cases if their use will provide a much longer service than locally available igneous and non-carbonate rocks and rock blends containing such rocks as trap rock and hard sandstones. These processes are well-documented and cost effective and can be performed at off-peak hours with a minimum of traffic delay.

For portland cement concrete pavements, grooving is the most successful and cost effective method of reducing wet-weather skidding accidents. Also, the British report good results from a seal-coat type of process using epoxy to bind bauxite aggregates to a portland cement concrete surface (19). However, such processes are expensive and do not seem to be significantly more effective than grooving. The grooves are generally sawed patterns ¼ to ½ in. (3 to 6 mm) deep, and are usually produced by diamond bit blades (20). A British firm (Errut Limited, London) has manufactured a groover which uses a flailing process to produce the grooves. In this process carbide teeth groove the pavement by impact rather than by cutting.

A diversity of opinion exists as to whether the grooves should be longitudinal or transverse. Both will reduce wet-weather skidding accidents; which is more effective is, as yet, unverified. Transverse grooves require more time to produce and generally will be more expensive. California contracts for 1973 show grooving to cost $0.46 per sq yd.

**FUTURISTIC SYSTEMS**

All the previously described materials/systems to remove and replace significant portions of the pavement structure have one major drawback—the requirement that two lanes be closed during off-peak periods. Such lane closing is necessary even though innovative concepts have been employed. To restrict the closure to only one lane throughout the rehabilitation period would require the introduction of systems not presently available or tried.

Hence, these systems are termed “futuristic” in that major, expensive, technological developments are necessary to put them into practice; three such systems are discussed in the following sections.

**Horizontal Overhead Tunnel Approach (HOTA)**

This system requires the removal of deteriorated sections of pavement and sublayers in a tunnel-type fashion and then the transportation of the material to haul units either ahead of or behind the excavation. Mining shovels, such as the O&K RH 25 H.D. Shovel shown in Figure 17, could remove concrete pavement previously broken by a CMI H-16 Super Hammer (Fig. 5). This shovel could then load the broken pavement into dump trucks stationed ahead of the shovel as shown in Figure 18. This shovel is 10.8 ft (3.3 m) wide, so it would probably have to be slightly modified to fit into a 12-ft (3.7-m) wide trench without hitting the sides.

Following removal of the pavement and sublayers (if necessary), replacement would be accomplished by pumping appropriate materials through large diameter pipes into the trench. Pumps, such as the Pecco Putzmeister Model PMP 160 for concrete shown in Figure 19, could be located on overpass structures or adjacent to the travelway. The materials would then be transported by flexible pipe over the traffic (if necessary) to the rehabilitation section. This pump has a theoretical rated output of 160 cu yds per hr (130 m³) with a practical output of 110 cu yds per hr (85 m³) through a 9-in. (0.2-m) line. The replacement materials in such a line would weigh up to 70 lb per lineal ft (105 kg per m). This would require a powered hoist to move the line as the materials are placed. Initially,
could be completely removed and replaced in 44 hr as shown by the analysis bar chart in Figure 20. The cost of such an approach would depend on equipment availability, inasmuch as this equipment is not commonly used by most highway contractors. New technology needed includes:

1. Modified mining shovel.
2. Means to rapidly assemble and disassemble pipe for the pump.
3. Pumping lean concrete.

Moving Barrier Support Systems (MBSS)

This system requires the development of a moving barrier system inside of which the necessary rehabilitation operations are carried out. Such a system is schematically shown in Figure 21 and Figure 22, and is an amplification of a system first conceived by a group of graduate civil engineering students at Texas A&M University. The system consists of a moving barrier support frame 150 ft (45 m) long, attached to the chassis of an H-16 Super Hammer. This frame has the following three functions: (1) to provide a visual screen between the rehabilitation work and the adjacent traffic; (2) to support the two conveyor systems; and (3) to support the loading clamshell. This frame would come to the job in five, 30-ft (9-m), sections and, after assembled, would move in a...
Figure 20. Analysis bar chart for highway rehabilitation, HOTA materials/systems.

Figure 21. Moving barrier support system (MBSS).

Figure 22. Plan view of MBSS showing components.

Legend:
A. DUMP TRUCK
B. HYDRA HAMMER
C. CONCRETE FLAYER - NEW TECHNOLOGY REQUIRED
D. CONVEYOR
E. HOPPER
F. LOADING CLAMSHELL
G. PAVER
H. COMPACTOR/FINISHER
I. MBSS FRAME - NEW TECHNOLOGY REQUIRED

direction counter to the flow of traffic. At the front of the system, a conveyor would transport removed material to waiting dump trucks for disposal. At the rear of the system, dump trucks would be feeding in replacement materials.

Such an approach could be used to remove and replace pavement surface layers of either portland cement concrete or asphaltic concrete. The system could also be used to replace both the surface layer and an underlying layer, provided the replacement material could be placed in a single lift. Conceptually, such a system could move at a rate of approximately 1.8 ft per min (0.009 m/s), which is the rate of advance of the super hammer. The super hammer would punch holes in the concrete pavement and initially fracture the concrete. Following the hammer would be a “concrete flayer” machine. This machine, not presently available, would need to have the capability of breaking the pavement down from 2-ft (0.6-m) sized pieces to 6-in. (0.15-m) sized pieces. New technology is needed to develop such a machine that will accomplish this task efficiently and rapidly, and at the same time be durable. The term “flayer” is used to denote one method that might be used—impact hammers on a rotating shaft “flaying” the concrete surface. Following the flayer machine, a frame-mounted clamshell would pick up the broken concrete pieces (and sublayers if required) and
deposit them into a hopper. The clamshell, hopper, and conveyor subsystems are connected to the MBSS frame in order that the forward motion of the frame will not cause a clamshell load to miss the hopper. The clamshell will move back and forth on tracks and from side to side. Thus, almost all deteriorated pavement material can be readily removed. The small amount of material remaining can be left without harming the replacement material or the pavement structure.

Following the clamshell is an automatic, grade-leveling, slip-form paving machine. Concrete is supplied to the paver by conveyor belt from hopper E which is supplied by dump trucks or ready-mix trucks. What is envisioned here is similar to that shown in Figure 11. The size of the machine would need to be reduced to make it fit into the 12-ft (3.7-m) width. It should be able to handle all the materials proposed for use in the rehabilitated pavement.

Following the paver is a final compaction machine (for asphaltic concrete) or a finishing/curing machine (for rapid-hardening, high early-strength concrete).

At the rear of the MBSS is a receiving hopper and conveyor subsystem for the receipt of replacement materials and the conveyance of these materials to the paving machine.

Such a system as the MBSS would be approximately 150 ft (45 m) in length. It must be capable of maintaining proper alignment as it moves along either tangent sections or curved sections.

To facilitate hauling unit egress and ingress, the MBSS will move in a direction counter to the flow of traffic. As the construction operations are all enclosed in the system, traffic handling ahead of and behind the MBSS could be accomplished by using mobile sequential arrow units.

One major drawback to this concept is that if the machine moves at approximately 1.5 ft per min (0.008 m/s), the new pavement will be exposed to the stress of haul units bringing in new material at an age of approximately 1 hr. If asphaltic concrete is used, then a tandem wheel roller, following the MBSS, could be employed to smooth out any irregularities that were introduced in the pavement surface by the haul units. On the other hand, if a rigid type of pavement were required, rapid-hardening, high early-strength concrete, mixed through a continuous type of mixer, such as the Concrete Mobile (Fig. 9), would appear to be the only potential material to use.

New technology needed for the moving barrier support includes:

1. A frame subsystem that will support the conveyors and moveable clamshell.
2. A frame subsystem that will track properly as it moves along the roadway.
3. A concrete “flayer” machine that will efficiently break down concrete pavement from 2-ft (0.6-m) sized pieces to 6-in. (0.15-m) sized pieces.
4. A modified slip-form paver, capable of placing hot-mix asphaltic concrete (HMAC) and rapid-hardening, high early-strength concrete materials.

Mobile Roadway Repair Unit

This concept consists of a self-propelled reconditioning factory which, by use of a bridge over the repair site, provides pavement rehabilitation with minimal disturbance to through traffic. This concept was developed by Professor Rollin C. Dix of the Illinois Institute of Technology, and has been patented (U.S. Patent 3.811, 147 titled “Mobile Roadway Repair Unit”) (27). The vehicle is essentially a 4½-ft (1.4-m) high by 160-ft (50-m) long bridge which is moved into place in four sections and remains stationary while work is proceeding. Following completion of the work, the unit will move down the roadway at a speed of approximately 2 mph (0.9 m/s). Traffic movement over the bridge can continue whether the unit is stationary or moving. The artist’s conception of the unit is shown in Figure 23.

The concept offers several advantages. One, no lanes are completely closed at any time (except when assembling the system and resupplying the system with paving material). A second advantage is that repair can proceed without interruption or undue hazard using conventional material/systems to effect the rehabilitation. A third advantage is the mobility of the system and enclosure of all equipment, operators, and material within the unit. Concerning the first advantage, any system that can keep all lanes open is certainly a desirable goal, especially when considering the very high traffic volumes in many urban areas. The second advantage means that the most cost effective materials can be used even if they require the unit to remain stationary an extra few hours for these materials to attain sufficient strength to be subjected to traffic. The third advantage means that minimum traffic disturbance will result.

The mobile roadway repair unit concept has two major disadvantages. First, the cost involved in developing it to the point where it can be put into commercial use, and second, the restrictive working height (4½ ft (1.4 m) for workmen in the unit (this height might be raised to 5½ ft (1.7 m) without decreasing traffic flow). The first disadvantage (which is the same for any new concept) can be overcome only by the desire of some agency or industry to underwrite the development cost. The second disadvantage only means that work inside the unit will be uncomfortable, and hence, labor cost will be higher than normal.

Discussion of Futuristic Systems

The development of new and advanced materials/systems is an expensive, time-consuming process. The research team discussed concepts, such as the three proposed previously, with numerous contractors, equipment manufacturers, and highway engineers. One contractor interviewed discussed his concept of a system to continuously remove, upgrade, and replace asphaltic concrete pavement (22). In his opinion, the development cost for such a system could easily escalate to $1,000,000. An equipment manufacturer indicated that his company seriously considered developing rapid pavement rehabilitation systems, using its knowledge of mining equipment (23). However,
after study, the company decided the market was too limited to justify a major development expenditure. Another contractor stated that no contractor could afford to own such specialized and expensive equipment (even if it did exist) unless he had a guaranteed market for its use (24).

Thus, the researchers are forced to conclude that the possibilities for development of advanced technology materials/systems are somewhat slim at this time—if private industry has to bear the whole cost of development. Before such systems can be developed, it would appear that partial financing from public agencies with specific needs would be required, and, once developed, the system would be made available to qualified contractors for use.

CHAPTER THREE

APPRAISAL AND APPLICATIONS OF FINDINGS

Any appraisal of the findings of Chapter Two must begin with the objectives of the problem and the accompanying constraints imposed. To rehabilitate a significant portion of pavement structure in less than 48 hr requires new and innovative technology—new technology in terms of materials to be used and in terms of construction systems to be employed. The 48-hr time limitation was the first constraint faced by the researchers. A second constraint was the requirement for a one-lane closure only, during peak traffic periods. And a third major constraint was the elimination of overlays for pavement rehabilitation. These three constraints forced the researchers to critically examine all aspects of pavement rehabilitation. Current state-of-the-art rehabilitation technology involves significant closure times (1 to 2 weeks are normal) and multiple lane closures (at least two), if the pavement structure is to be removed in any quantity, or a relatively thick overlay for rapid, single-lane, repair. Also, present technology includes rapid spot-patching using new and innovative techniques, as discussed elsewhere in this report.

Examination of the literature and detailed investigation of current rehabilitation procedures throughout the United States revealed that no one was employing techniques that would meet the objectives. The natural question was “were the objectives unrealistic?” Fortunately, the answer was “no!” Using new and innovative technology, solutions are presented that will meet the objectives of the research study; however, no single, unique solution emerged. Because of the vastly different situations existing throughout the United States, a specific solution had to be developed for certain conditions, and a different solution had to be developed for a different set of conditions.

Essentially, solutions are presented for four different conditions:

- All layers structurally unsound.
- Surface layer structurally unsound.
- All layers structurally sound.
- Futuristic systems.

Within each solution, several materials/systems are
presented and discussed. Each materials/system presented is recommended for a particular case and, as such, may not apply for other than the stated case.

Such an approach seems consistent with the reality that vastly differing situations will be encountered in different sections of the country.

The solutions presented are not meant to be inclusive of all possible solutions to the stated problem. As the research progressed, ideas and concepts were developed through systematic appraisals of the problem by various members of the research team working with the literature and by knowledgeable people contacted on this project. Many ideas, materials, and construction systems were discussed, and quite a few were discarded. For example, in the many materials or additives or modifications to existing materials reviewed, most dealt with improving strength which, in a full-depth repair, is not generally needed. The ones that dealt with rapid-strength gains were, in general, too fast for large-scale work but worked well for patches—some as large as 100 sq yd (80 m²). However, with replacements on the order of 1,000 sq yd (800 m²), an agency could ill afford the handwork usually associated with the rapid-hardening materials used in patches. Another example involved equipment that had performed well in certain applications but had never been restricted to a one-lane width.

Each process, material, equipment, or procedure was reviewed by the research team. The available literature was reviewed and people who used a particular system were interviewed. Where possible, an onsite evaluation, considering project objectives, was made. Most of these ideas are presented in the appendixes and, as might be expected, more were found that did not have application to this problem than were found that had application.

The solutions offered in Chapter Two were reviewed by the research team, and knowledgeable consultants were drawn from highway transportation departments, manufacturers, and highway contractors. The proposed solutions appear to be technically feasible and conceptually sound for the applicable conditions imposed.

Appraisal of the cost effectiveness of the proposed solutions is a difficult task. Obviously, under the constraints imposed by the problem to be solved, any solution will be costly to the agency paying the bill for the rehabilitation. On the other hand, reducing the out-of-service time for the rehabilitation of a major freeway carrying in excess of 100,000 vehicles per day will significantly reduce the delays, annoyance, automobile fuel consumption, accident potential, and thus cost, to the users of the facility. For each situation encountered, the following factors should be determined:

1. Estimated cost to the owner for various rehabilitation strategies.
2. Estimated extra fuel and delay costs to the users for various rehabilitation strategies.
3. Available funds for the rehabilitation.
4. Estimated costs to the users if the rehabilitation is postponed.
5. Estimated future costs for rehabilitation if postponed.
6. Estimated level of traffic service required (the public simply may not permit the facility to be closed down for any appreciable length of time).

These factors should be analyzed for their interactive effect and a solution generated that offers the greatest over-all cost and energy effectiveness to both the owner and the users—within the available funds for the rehabilitation. In Chapter Two, all the solutions presented, except the futuristic systems, contained materials/systems that were judged to be cost effective. The basis for this judgment was largely logic, stemming from the fact that currently existing materials were used with innovative, but plausible construction techniques; or new and innovative materials were used with currently existing construction techniques. Occasionally, both new materials and new construction technology were proposed. In these cases cost effectiveness cannot be assessed without field trials.

The cost effectiveness of the futuristic systems cannot be assessed at this time because of the large costs of developing such systems to the point where they can be successfully employed. Costs of one million dollars, or more, might be needed to develop any one of the systems. Complicating the cost problem is the reality that, in order to recover the developmental costs, the system would have to be transported throughout the country and made available to contractors bidding on specific jobs. The logistics and administration of such an undertaking would be difficult, to say the least. Therefore, the researchers are of the opinion that the futuristic systems proposed in Chapter Two will probably not be developed within the private sector of the economy; such development would have to come from public funds.
CONCLUSIONS

To rapidly rehabilitate heavy-duty freeways in urban areas requires innovative technology in two areas—materials/systems to be used and construction procedures to be followed. Based on the results of this study the following conclusions are made:

1. Because of the vastly different situations existing throughout the United States, no single solution to the problem is likely to be developed.

2. Solutions involving the least amount of new technology are those in which an adjacent lane can be closed during the rehabilitation of a significant length of a freeway lane.

3. Because of the time constraint (48 hr), improvement of the subgrade, or natural soil, cannot be accomplished by known technology and must be left “as is.” Thus, the rehabilitated pavement structure layers must be designed to prevent overstressing the unimproved subgrade.

4. The construction management techniques of precedence diagramming and analysis bar charting will indicate the critical aspects of any rehabilitation strategy and provide the information necessary to schedule the rehabilitation within the time constraint.

5. The capability exists for the removal of ¼-mi (400 m), single-lane sections of the heaviest of unsound pavements and sublayers in existence today and replacement with equal or better pavement structures in 48 hr. Lighter structures can be removed and replaced in even less time. Using new and innovative technology, the potential exists for reducing the 43-hr time period to 35 hr.

6. When only the surface layer is structurally unsound, solutions are available whereby a ¼-mi (400 m) lane could be rehabilitated in 26 hr.

7. When all pavement layers are structurally sound (requiring only the restoration of riding quality and/or skid resistance), solutions are available whereby a ¼-mi long (400 m) lane could be rehabilitated in from 14 to 24 hr, depending on existing conditions.

8. Promising innovative materials/systems to accomplish rapid rehabilitation of significant portions of an urban freeway include:
   (a) Deep-life asphaltic concrete.
   (b) Rapid-hardening, high early-strength concrete.
   (c) Sulphur systems for pavements.
   (d) Precast portland cement concrete panels.

9. Futuristic systems are discussed which offer the potential for rehabilitation of significant sections of a freeway lane by closing only one lane of traffic throughout the rehabilitation period.

10. One possible futuristic system has the potential for keeping all lanes open during rehabilitation.

11. Development of futuristic systems to the state of readiness for practical application is likely to require the expenditure of large sums of money, and thus are not likely to be undertaken without significant public financial support.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The solutions developed in this report call for close control of materials and close construction scheduling of the rehabilitation. To test the validity of the solutions, one or more solutions should be tried on a full-scale rehabilitation project in which a ¼-mi long (400 m) lane is selected, a rehabilitation strategy is designed to accomplish the rehabilitation within the specified time limit, and a construction technique is employed to accomplish the rehabilitation. Materials selection should be made in cooperation with the materials supplier and the constructor. Construction management techniques, which include precedence diagramming and analysis bar charting, should be employed to insure proper execution of the rehabilitation. A suggested research plan is shown in Figure 24 for the field demonstration of a rapid rehabilitation strategy.

Preconstruction Evaluation

Once the administration has made the decision that rehabilitation must be done on an urban freeway, certain procedures are necessary to insure that time and money are not wasted. Any motorist can determine with reasonable certainty whether a pavement is in need of repair. However, more definitive evaluations are required if resources are to be best utilized. Such an evaluation should include the following items:

1. The pavement design (both thickness and geometric) and the construction records should be examined to identify potential problem areas, such as sag curves and low areas, where drainage may be inadequate and base and subgrade problems may be anticipated.

2. Traffic histories should be examined; such histories may give probable cause for pavement failure and better predictive traffic to promote adequate strength design for the rehabilitation.

3. Maintenance records should be examined for areas that might affect removal of the existing structure such as overlays, base repairs, or extra-depth patches with dissimilar materials.

4. The actual physical condition of the existing pavement should be determined. A number of states are now keeping condition survey records which may supply much
of the needed information. Data on the pavements physical condition should be acquired both for the design of the rehabilitation and the forecasting of future rehabilitation needs. In some areas, cores will be required to determine the condition of the base and subgrade.

5. Underground utilities should be located and identified.

Design of Rehabilitation

After the existing pavement is thoroughly evaluated, a rehabilitation design can be formulated. First, it must be determined whether or not a significant portion of the pavement must be removed and replaced. For those cases where an overlay, spot patch, or a combination of spot patches followed by an overlay will not be satisfactory, major reconstruction should be considered.

For areas of poor drainage, consideration should be given to installation of a drainage system to improve conditions. Such systems can be installed alongside the pavement with minimal traffic interference. These systems should be installed before removal of the pavement structure.

In the areas where the subgrade is unstable and conditions favor stabilization by injection with lime or a proprietary chemical, consideration should be given to horizontal injection from the side of the pavement (see Appendix F). This is a recent construction innovation which can be accomplished with minimal traffic interference.

In those areas of poor drainage and/or stable subgrades where no in-place improvement can be made, consideration should be given to adding extra thicknesses of pavement to compensate for poor drainage conditions. Other alternatives for subgrade treatments are discussed in Appendix F.

Removal and replacement systems are described in detail in Chapter Two. The following are general suggestions that may have merit for certain conditions.

In consideration of a removal process, most cases will require that the surface layer or layers be removed and hauled from the site. If the subgrade is adequate, then consideration should be given to in-place treatment of the base courses. This is especially true if the subbase is an unstabilized granular base. Such bases could be loosened with a ripper and then mixed in place with a stabilizer in a pulver mixer. With a minimum of compaction, a stabilized base can be produced. If the subbase is an asphalt-stabilized base or an asphalt-concrete base, consideration should be given to reprocessing in place (Appendix C).

The replacement design, especially the selection of materials, will depend to a large extent on the thickness of the pavement to be replaced and the type of surface on adjacent lanes. If the adjacent lanes are considered adequate for the traffic, then a stress analysis may not be necessary inasmuch as the replacement will be at least equal and, in most cases, structurally superior to the existing pavement.

The actual removal and replacement process should not be completely designed until a specific contractor is selected, inasmuch as it is highly unlikely that many contractors will have the exact equipment array described in Chapter Two. However, this is not considered to be an insurmountable problem. Most systems could be reasonably selected by ranges of values and performance times.
Construction Control

As pointed out in NCHRP Synthesis 25 (12), any construction in urban areas requires a sizeable effort in coordination and cooperation between several agencies. Public awareness of the project will tend to maximize acceptance of traffic delays. Coordination of operations with police can maximize traffic safety during construction. Strict adherence to predetermined schedules by both the agencies and the contractor will minimize delays and thus minimize contractor occupancy of the roadway.

In terms of quality control and acceptance procedures, this type of rapid rehabilitation construction lends itself to end-product specification and acceptance, which should be used whenever possible. The construction sequence should be closely controlled, monitored, and documented for evaluation.

Post Construction Evaluation

After construction is completed, certain data should be gathered periodically to evaluate the project. As a minimum, skid data, pavement serviceability, and a visual rating should be performed initially and at 6-month intervals for at least 3 years. Deflection data are desirable and should be obtained. Depending on the state agency’s policies, the aforementioned data could be obtained as a part of a regular inventory of state highways.

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The remaining abstracts assembled by topic areas are given in Table A-2. Where possible, the abstracts within each topic area were arranged in alphabetical order by author. More than 500 abstracts were assembled in an annotated bibliography as a separate document from this report. The annotated bibliography is available from NCHRP staff.

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APPENDIX B

SITE VISITS

A number of state and federal agencies were visited and the objectives of this project were discussed. At each agency, rapid repair procedures and techniques in use by the agency were reviewed in light of how such techniques might be applied to this project. Where possible, field locations were visited and contractors were interviewed. An attempt was made to identify the causes of pavement failures at each agency, the solution used, and the agency’s assessment of the potential of the method as a means of rapid rehabilitation. Agencies were visited in:

Boston, Mass.
Calif.

Tulsa, Okla.
Dallas, Tex.
Salt Lake City, Utah
St. Paul, Minn.
Olympia, Wash.
Chicago, Ill.
Naval Civil Engineering Laboratories, Port Hueneme, Calif.
Lansing, Mich.
Southeastern States

Summaries of these site visits are given in the following paragraphs.
rehabilitation program:

1. The contractor was required to work 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

2. The contractor could close only one lane at a time, and was required to have a 12 in. by 12 in. (300 mm by 300 mm) wooden beam wheel guard and a 4 ft by 8 ft (1.2 m by 2.4 m) plywood facing between his work and the traffic (Figure 84 and Figure 85).

3. Patching was accomplished by removing the unsound concrete by use of jack hammers to a level just below the top layer of reinforcement (Figure 86).

4. Work proceeded at a rapid pace with each 2900 ft long lane being closed, repaired, and reopened in approximately two weeks (depending upon the extent of patching required).

5. The contractor was required to have an extensive traffic control program including warning signs, cones, flashing arrows, flags, and police control. Advance publicity was programmed to inform the travelling public on what to expect as the project commenced. It required two days to set up and remove the traffic control system for each lane closure.

The work went very smoothly and rapidly. Mr. L. A. Defranzo, District Eight Structures Maintenance Engineer for the Massachusetts Department of Public Works reports:

1. The contract will be completed approximately four (4) days in advance of the completion date. An over-run of approximately twenty-eight (28) per-
Figure 55. Boston Project, View of Traffic Barrier and Deck Removal Operations.

Figure 56. Boston Project, View of Deck Removal Operations.

Figure 57. Pavement Surface.

Figure 58. Cutler Repaver.
cent in the deck excavation and concrete delayed completion of the project well in advance of the completion date. This is accredited to the cooperation of the contractor with regards to his work force remaining constant while work progressed.

2. Use of police details to control the flow of traffic on the viaduct and surface roads resulted in a minimum delay to the traveling public. The contractor benefited from the use of police details by allowing minimum delays in moving equipment on the viaduct structure.

3. On a project of this size the use of patching compounds would have been economically unsound. Any time saved by use of these compounds would have been minimal because of the length of the project.

4. The method of replacing these sections of deck found unsound, either by visual inspection or by sounding, leaves the question of how long the remainder of the deck will last. Taking the problem of deck repairs from a maintenance standpoint it is only a temporary measure to insure a rideable roadway for the traveling public.

FREEWAY REPAIRS IN CALIFORNIA

Two of the most vivid examples of the problems confronting the highway engineer in rapidly rehabilitating major freeways are in the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas of California. Here traffic moves at volumes in the neighborhood of 200,000 vehicles per day past a given point, with peak volumes in excess of 15,000 vehicles per hour.

A detailed examination of the expressways in these two areas revealed that the major rehabilitation efforts seem to be concerned with Portland cement concrete (PCC). This is true first, because virtually all of the major, high-volume facilities are PCC and secondly, because flexible pavements have (to date) usually been rehabilitated by relatively conventional means. The major pavement problems requiring rehabilitations are:

1) Joint areas at structures
2) Joint filler materials
3) Edge curling of PCC slabs and slab rocking
4) Salt, chain and studded tire damage to PCC pavements in ice and snow areas
5) Settlement at bridge ends
6) Structural cracking of PCC slabs in the outer lanes which carry the majority of the truck traffic. It has been observed that some of the cement treated base courses (CTBC) with relatively low cement contents (3 to 5 percent) lose their slab action after a number of years and degenerate into a "granular" mass of individual larger particles and concretions of smaller particles. It should be noted that there is no steel in these PCC pavements.

7) Vertical faulting or the unreinforced pavement slabs. These pavements were constructed over unreinforced CTA, and the magnitude of vertical faulting exhibited has made necessary an extensive grinding program which is followed, ultimately, by complete slab replacement.

It should be emphasized that only a small portion of the expressway system is in need of repair, with freeway failures no more than one or two lanes wide and generally hundreds of feet (or less) in length. But, these repairs are extremely difficult to execute due to the traffic. How can rehabilitation be accomplished without serious disruption to traffic? The answers lie in speed and closure of as few lanes as possible for any given period of time.

Compounding the problems of rapid rehabilitation are several factors, including:

1) Some years before the creation of OSHA, a series of traffic induced fatalities among the Maintenance workers of the Los Angeles District produced a concerted demand from the unions for better protection of the workers. The California Department of Industrial Safety required the District to establish a Lane Closure Policy whereby "when work is performed on a freeway or ramp, any traffic lane of the freeway of the ramp whose nearest edge is within 6 ft (2 m) of the work shall be closed and a traffic control system shall be installed."

2) The vast majority of detours required to permit freeway
rehabilitation are confined within the freeway R.O.W.

3) Rerouting freeway traffic at night demands coordination with utility and transportation companies, fire, police and county jurisdiction. Otherwise freeway traffic may unknowingly be routed over streets that are blocked by utility work.

4) Requirements enforced by EPA, restrictions resulting from the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, Fish and Game Commission Controls and the County Air Control Board all combine to make the maintenance and reconstruction of freeways increasingly difficult. Construction operations particularly affected include: pavement grooving, night construction from the standpoint of noise, production of hot mix emissions, placement of hot mix - blue awake.

California has incorporated a number of innovative techniques in order to cope with rehabilitation problems.

1) Freeway reconstruction plans include traffic control procedures and sequencing of construction operations. The contractor is controlled with regard to when he can work, how many hours he can occupy, and what type of traffic control devices and what method traffic control he must employ.

2) All lane closures are logged with the Communications Division and information on closure locations and durations is transmitted to all interests affected.

3) The resident engineer on a freeway reconstruction project notifies all local interests affected by a construction closure. Signs are posted in advance and the public is also alerted through the radio, TV and newspaper facilities.

5) Shoulders and flush-paved medians are sometimes converted to extra passenger car lanes by proper striping and signing and shifting of the center median guard rail.

6) For the PCC pavement over 4 in. (100 mm) CTB, the reconstruction is usually as a 12 in. (300 mm) PCC pavement to achieve greater speed of construction.

7) On the highest traffic volume freeways, emergency repairs are made to PCC pavements at night by removing the PCC pavements and underlying CTB to the subgrade. The repair is made by filling the excavated area with a 564 to 586 lbs per cu yd (192 to 213 kg/a^3) Type II cement concrete to which 2 percent CaCl2 is added on-site. The patch is opened to traffic at 6 A.M. the following morning at an age of 8 hours.

8) When the outer truck lanes of a rural PCC freeway become too rough, truck traffic moves toward the inner lanes. To forestall this unwanted shift of heavy axle loads into the passenger car lanes, truck lanes have been rehabilitated by a combination of:

   a) Grinding of step-faulted slabs
   b) Mudjacking individual slabs
   c) Overlaying with 4 to 6 in. (100 to 150 mm) of hot mix asphaltic concrete where vertical clearances permit.

ASPHALT PAVEMENT REHABILITATION, TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Project Description: A major arterial street in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was cracked and had lost riding quality (Figure 87).

Rehabilitation Procedure: May, 1974. A Cutler Repaver was used to heat and scarify a surface layer approximately 1/4 in. (20 mm) in thickness. Additional hot-mix asphaltic concrete was added to the removed material, mixed with an auger-type mixer and laid down in a single pass. The layer was then compacted in a conventional manner (figures 88 through 812).

The machine was able to progress at an average speed of about 30 fpm (9 m/min) on this project. The cost of the Repaver was about 502/ey (551/$) and the additional material added about 502/ey (551/$) for a total cost of about 91/ey (850/$) in place (1974 prices).

Analysis: The Cutler Repaver performed well and the rehabilitation was satisfactory with a minimum of traffic delay.

Figure 89. Heater Portal.
PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVEMENT REPAIRS - DALLAS, TEXAS, AREA

Project Description: Full depth patching of Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) pavement. Generally the sections are less than 20 ft (6 m) in a single lane.

Rehabilitation Procedure: Saw cut partial depth around area to be replaced. Unsound material was broken up with jack hammers and removed with back hole or gradali. SHRP District 18 (Dallas Area) has used among others
1. Custom Crete - (previously known as Fast Fix by Western Company).
2. Duracrete.

With both materials they use an epoxy around the patch to promote bonding. Generally the cement content is 7 to 8 sk/cy (5 to 6 sk/m³) and costs about $52 per cy ($40/m³). They view the repair as temporary and expect it to last 5 years or less. The patches can be accomplished and opened to traffic in less than six hours.

Analysis: These products seem to lack the durability for extensive long term rehabilitation.

PAVEMENT REPAIRS - SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, AREA

Project Descriptions:
1. Pot hole repairs, primarily on bridge decks. Distress due in part to the use of deicing salts.
2. Overlay to restore riding quality.
3. Overlay on bridge.

Rehabilitation Procedure:
1. The first step was to clean and dry each pot hole and remove all unsound concrete. Patches were made using several epoxy admixtures (see photograph). After only a short time cracks usually developed at the edge of the patch indicating bonding problems. The engineer inspecting the jobs stated that the additional cost of the new materials did not seem justified on the basis of performance to date.

2. An asphalt concrete overlay using a product called "Crush-Em rubber" (a ground latex furnished by Atlas Rubber Co., Los Angeles, California) was placed to restore riding quality (see photograph). The overlay required the use of a special asphalt. The combination of asphalt and rubber was intended to reduce reflection cracking. The overlay was relatively new (less than 6 months old) and exhibited no cracking.

3. A latex modified PC concrete overlay 1 in. thick (25 mm) was placed on a bridge deck to seal it and restore riding quality. The overlay cost approximately $19 per cy ($6/m³) and developed crazing cracks in less than six months.

Analysis: None of these materials/systems related directly to the problem of sizable full-depth replacements.
STEW AND GLASS-FIBER REINFORCED PCC OVERLAY ON
1034 IN KANAY CONEY, I11INOIS

Owner: State of Minnesota
Department of Highways
St. Paul, Minnesota 55133

Contractor: Arcen Construction Company, Inc.

Project Description: Experimental sections of plain, steel-fiber reinforced and glass fiber reinforced, each three in. (76 mm) thick were placed on the four lane facility. The work was completed in June, 1974. Two traffic lanes were closed during construction.

Rehabilitation Procedures: The existing surfaces were first cleaned either with a power broom or sandblasting, then flushed with water. Epoxy or cement slurry was used in those areas requiring special bonding. The overlays were batched, placed, consolidated and finished using normal procedures.

The plain concrete was 649 lb of cement per cy (226 kg/m^3) batch using 3/4 in. (19 mm) maximum sized aggregates. Both fiber mixes were of 800 lb of cement per cy (272 kg/m^3) with 3/4 in. (19 mm) maximum sized aggregates, and contained 1.2 percent fibers by volume. Higher than normal water to cement ratios had to be used with the glass fibers in order to maintain workability, and the glass-fiber strength was 15 to 40 percent lower than the plain or steel fiber strength at all ages.

Analysis of Project: The steel fiber concrete worked essentially the same as other reported steel fiber projects (Iowa, Michigan, Illinois). A. E. Pulk, Resident Engineer with the Minnesota Department of Highways and in charge of the Project, stated the biggest problem with the glass fibers seemed to be that occasionally the fibers would ball up and create a pop-out in the concrete (Figures 813, 814, 815). Part of the glass-fiber section was constructed during a rain. Mr. Pulk thought that this was the primary cause for the poor performance of the surface. He stated that this would not be a good field test for the glass-fiber reinforced concrete.

Figure 814. Surface Deterioration.

Figure 815. Pop Out Due to Balled Up Fibers.

PAVEMENT REPAIRS - OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, AREA

Project Description:
1. Portland Cement Concrete (PCC)
2. Asphalt Cement Concrete (ACC)

Rehabilitation Procedure:
1. Remove unsound concrete and replace with one of the following materials/systems:
   a. Quick Set-H. This is a shrinkage compensating cement. It has a high purchase cost but performance has been reasonable. This agency would not use it for large repairs.
   b. High Alumina Cement. Has been used and opened to traffic in 24 hrs. This agency does not see much advantage of this cement over Type III cement with an accelerator.
2. a. A Cutter Reparer was used about 1972 to resurface an experimental section of concrete pavement. Performance has been satisfactory though the process has not been used on other projects.
   b. Permat has been used to prevent reflection cracking in an asphalt concrete resurfacing project. Performance to date has been satisfactory.

Analysis:
The above materials are evaluated in Appendix C of this report. Washington has tried the technique of closing a major structure (bridge) over a week end for resurfacing. By using the news media extensively to secure public cooperation the project was deemed successful.
REPAIR OF CONTINUOUSLY REINFORCED CONCRETE
PAVEMENT ON THE DAN RYAN EXPRESSWAY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Owner: Illinois Division of Highways
Chicago, Illinois
Thomas T. Morimoto, Project Group Engineer

Contractor: Brighton-Rog Construction Company
3533 Archer Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60609

Project I Description:
The approximately 8-mile (13 km) project consisted of removing 200,000 sq yds (182,000 m²) of 8 in. (200 mm) CRCP continuously re-
inforced concrete pavement on 6 in. (150 mm) of granular base and
replacing them with 10 in (250 mm) of CRCP on 4 in. (100 mm) of asphalt
stabilized subbase. The drainage system was renovated and new under-
drains installed in critical areas. The ALIT was 240,000 VPD on the 8
to 10 lane expressway. The total contract was for $N million with a
$5,000 per day bonus - penalty clause. The project was completed 31
days early.

Three factors were identified as possible causes for the early
failure of the pavement:
1. Design traffic estimates were around 35 percent low and all
trucks were confined to the two outside lanes.
2. A smooth bar, fabric-type, reinforcement was used which was
thought to be inappropriate in terms of bond development.
3. The roadway was constructed below the original water table

Project II Description:
A second project was under construction in 1974. In this portion
of the Expressway only short segments of the pavement were sufficiently
distressed to require removal and replacement. Most of these were
reported to be due to failure of the subbase in areas of poor drainage.

Rehabilitation Procedures:
Figures B16 through B21 illustrate the sequence of rehabilitation.
The unsound concrete is identified and a partial depth saw cut is made.
The pavement was then broken with the tractor mounted jack hammer
and removed with a back hoe or the Gradall shown in the picture. The
sub-
base was replaced with selected granular material and 7 sk FCC from a
ready mix plant was used to replace the pavement surface. Lane closures
were generally for a minimum of 10 days. In some areas only one lane
was closed, but intermittent use of the adjacent lane facilitated re-
moval and replacement.

Analysis of the Project:
The methods of removal seem applicable to the larger problem of
continuous removal. A major effort in this project is the improvement
of drainage which should prolong the service life of the pavement.
and the drainage system which was installed clogged and failed to
provide adequate drainage. When the subbase and subgrade became
saturated their strength was inadequate to carry the repeated loads.

Rehabilitation Procedures:
Work was scheduled for two 10 hr shifts per day on a continuous
basis including Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays. Traffic controls
closed three traffic lanes in the right lane section for the full 8-
 mile (13 km) length during rehabilitation. Barricades and rubber
cones were used as traffic control.

The pavement was removed with a D-9 Caterpillar tractor/doser. The
reinforcement was corroded and weakened and seldom required cutting with
a torch. The pavement was replaced with standard slip form equipment.

An extensive public awareness campaign was used to solicit public
cooperation during construction.

Analysis of the Project:
The use of the critical path method (CPM) by the highway engineers
and the contractors coupled with the public cooperation allowed the 108
day contract to be completed 31 days early, resulting in a $125,000
bonus for the contractor. The project was returned to operation in
September, 1971, and is providing excellent service.

Mr. Alan Kun, Vice President of the Brighton-Rog Construction
Company, stated that, had the rehabilitation been restricted to one
lane they would have used a Gradall for removal and he estimated about
50 to 67 percent reduction in productivity for that phase of the project.
An additional 20 percent reduction in productivity would be experienced
if the steel had to be cut with a torch.

Figure B16. Saw Cut Partial Depth.
Figure B17. Tractor-Mounted Jack Hammer.

Figure B18. Grade All.

Figure B19. Subbase Replaced.

Figure B20. Rumble Strip Concrete.

Figure B21. Traffic.
A conference was held in the office of the Research Engineer, Michigan Department of State Highways. He and the Physical Research Engineer discussed maintenance problems on Michigan expressways and presented a slide lecture on precast slab repairs conducted under their direction. Typical sections of CRC and PC pavements constructed in Michigan as well as specifications for precast slabs and slabs and scripts of precast slab repairs have been made available to this research team. (See Appendix C.)

SITE VISITS TO THE SOUTHEASTERN STATES
Fibrous Concrete Waterways Experiment Station, Vicksburg, Mississippi:
A conference was held with the Chief, Materials Properties Branch, Concrete Laboratory, Waterways Experiment Station, Vicksburg, Mississippi. The subject of this conference was fibrous concrete and its suitability for the repair of distressed expressways. The work conducted on fibrous concrete at the Waterways Experiment Station was discussed. The research team was also provided a technical paper dealing with the development of fiber-reinforced concrete in North America. (See Appendix C.)

MUD JACKING OF PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVEMENTS, GEORGIA
A conference was held in Atlanta, Georgia, with the Maintenance Engineer, Department of Transportation, State of Georgia. Information was provided on the mud-jacking program in Georgia as well as specifications and typical roadway sections employed in Atlanta expressways and Georgia interstate highways. Time was spent in tour-
APPENDIX C
ASPHALTIC CONCRETE PAVEMENTS

The design and construction of bituminous base and surface courses is well documented (C1 - C15). During the past two years, significant changes have taken place in the industry (C16). New mixing equipment has been developed, new mix designs introduced, environmental and health standards enforced, and costs of materials, labor and equipment have increased. Additionally, new design procedures incorporating fatigue concepts have been introduced (C17). Even with all the changes asphaltic concrete remains one of the most economical paving materials.

Pavements can be placed in thick lifts to increase speed of placement. Single lifts in excess of 18 inches (460 mm) thick have been successfully placed and still achieved the desired density (C1). However, caution must be exercised when using thick lifts to allow sufficient curing time for heat to dissipate prior to load application.

To treat this question, a heat-transfer model developed by Dempsey (C18) was used to produce Figure C1. The following assumptions were made to predict the time for a certain lift thickness to cool to 175°F (79°C) for any point in the layer:

1. Air temperature at a constant 90°F (32°C).
2. A 10 in. (250 mm) thick base at a constant 80°F (27°C).
3. A 13 in. (330 mm) thick subbase at a constant 75°F (24°C).
4. Zero cloud cover
5. Zero wind velocity.

Granted that these are extreme values seldom in combination in the field. However, it does demonstrate that for a 12 in. (300 mm) lift thickness placed at 220°F (104°C), as much as four hours may be required before other operations can begin. The New York State Thruway Authority has used full depth asphalt concrete patches for rigid pavements, and they report that some patches require as much as 24 hours for heat to escape (C19). Charles Foster (Director, Engineering and Research, National Asphalt Paving Association) states that this cure time can be reduced by balancing the lift thickness with the desired reduction in temperature, providing a finished product that can be immediately opened to traffic (C20).

The asphaltic concretes have elastic moduli ranging from 40 ksi (275 MPa) up to 400 ksi (2,800 MPa) with 300 ksi (2,000 MPa) to 450 ksi (3,000 MPa) considered to be the general range. Danacci (reporting as the work Monismith, McLean, Epps, van Dijk and others), states that if tensile strains are less than 0.001 in./in., then a fatigue life, for 18 kip (8,000 kg) equivalent axle load in excess of 10^7 cycles, can be expected (C21). Also, he reports that if the vertical subgrade strain is held below 0.001 in./in., a similar life can be expected without overstressing the subgrade. These design criteria lend themselves to computer analyses (C3). Some of these computer programs contain optimization techniques which include user delay costs as an input (C3).

In some circumstances, the existing material can be reprocessed to form base courses (C22, C23) (see Recycling Existing Pavements). Alan, a recent study indicates certain so-called lower quality or marginal aggregates can be economically utilised in bituminous treated base courses (C15). This could reduce replacement costs under certain circumstances.

Care must be exercised when asphaltic concrete and portland cement concrete are interfaced in the pavement surface. For example, replacing a PCG slab with an HMA surface or vice versa. Due to the dissimilarities in the physical properties of the two materials, there seems almost certain to be a "bump" at the interface of the two materials. Good construction practices (strike-off, consolidation, shrinkage compensation, etc.) must be used to minimize the "bump".

An asphaltic concrete pavement can be designed to satisfy most doostraints. Its recommended use will be a function of the location and condition of the pavement to be re- rehabilited.

RAPID HARDENING, HIGH EARLY STRENGTH CONCRETES FOR PAVEMENTS

Hydraw, a product of the U. S. Gypsum Company, was introduced in 1931 (C24). Interest has continued to be high in the development of cements which...
harden very rapidly. The military, with need to rapidly repair bomb
damaged runways, have investigated a number of processes. Notable
among their works are those of Griffin (C25), Mosseau (C26), Lorman
(C27), Setzer (C28) and Pruitt (C29).

Developmental work in other countries has produced some important
and successful results. In particular, the work in Japan (C30) and
England (C31) demonstrates some of the successful work with rapid
hardening cements.

Rapid hardening, high early strength, concretes have been made by (a) ex-
tensive grinding of portland cement to finenesses of up to 8000 sq. cm. per gm.
(C32, C33), (b) using alumina cement - either by itself or with port-
land cement (C34, C35, C36), (c) using additives (accelerators) with
portland cement (C37) and (d) using chemical compounds specifically
formulated to produce rapid hardening concrete.

In recent years, a number of special compounds have been developed
and introduced. These cements have been evaluated to some extent and
have been successfully used in a number of cases. A partial listing of
these cements is given in Table C1 together with reference where re-
results have been published concerning their use.

A recent work by Pike and Baker (C38) summarizes several of these
special cements and evaluates each of them in terms of their suit-
ability as a concrete patching material. Two of these cements (the
regulated set cement and the high strength, quick setting concrete)
show promise in terms of strength gain, resistance to freeze thaw,
and low chloride penetration. Since the time this report (C38) was being
developed, U. S. Gypsum has introduced what they term an improved
product over their Duracal. They call the product VHE cement, and
have produced the cement in pilot quantities. In one report, (C41),
the product was shown to have promise. Thus, the VHE cement, along
with the regulated set cement, was selected for further evaluation
in this study.

Laboratory batches of concrete were made up in the laboratory,
and tested for strength. In addition, one performance test -
the freeze thaw test in accordance with ASTM C666-Part A - was
performed. The mix designs and results are given in Table 2.

From the results, it can be seen that both cements provide high
strength concrete in a very short time (4 hours). These strengths
compare with the High Strength, Quick Setting Concrete (HSQSC) manu-
factured by Republic Steel (C39). With sufficient quantities of
cement, all cements appear to be quite durable (in terms of freeze-
thaw resistance, Table 2). The (HSQSC) has also been shown to be
durable (C42, C43, C44), but all three of these cements set very
fast (Table 2) (C45) and appear to be very temperature sensitive.
This would seem to pose little problem in the use of these products
for small patches, but when major sections of freeway (up to 1500 ft,
(460 m) in length) are to be repaired (see criteria), the authors are of the
opinion that none of these cements could be used with conventional paving
equipment because of their short setting times. Two possible solutions
exist. One would be to use unconventional equipment which could
handle, mix, place and consolidate the concrete within the short time

<p>| Table C1. Rapid Hardening, High Early Strength, Cements or Concretes |
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allowed before the concrete sets. One such piece of equipment which has been developed to the point that it is conventional (in the sense that it is available and proved) is the Concrete Mobile (Figure 9). This system carries, in separate bins, all the unmined components of the concrete to the job site in a single truck. Then, utilizing a mixer which is an integral part of the truck, the components are mixed and conveyed by chute to the placement area. This system has placed the regulated set cement concrete successfully (CII). As ASTM Standard Specification (ASTM C685) has been developed covering this operation.

The other solution would be to retard the initial set of these cements. The manufacturer recommended retardation for both the regulated set and the VHE cements is citric acid. However, citric acid will retard the development of an entraining system, so its use must be closely controlled. From our laboratory results (Table C1), it appears that the use of citric acid did not significantly retard the initial and final sets of the VHE cement.

RIGID FOAMS

Rigid foams have been used in pavement systems for more than ten years. The early installations were made in an attempt to control frost action in pavements placed in Canada (C46). Polystyrene foam 2 in. (50 mm) and 3 1/4 in. (80 mm) thick were placed under a 12 in. (300 mm) granular base and a 4 in. (100 mm) bituminous surface. The foam worked well, incurring no noticeable structural damage during construction and for the first year in service (C46).

Similar tests were made in Michigan and Minnesota with confirming results (C47). In Iowa, a styrofoam layer was placed successfully under a 9 in. (230 mm) PCC pavement (C47). Again no structural damage to the foam was observed.

In 1967 the Naval Civil Engineering Laboratory demonstrated the feasibility of using polyurethane foam as a structural layer for rapidly constructed helicopter pads. Irwin, in 1970, suggested a method to rapidly construct a 50 ft (15 m) wide highway by first placing a 12 in (300 mm) thick layer of polyurethane foam, followed by a thin wearing course. Irwin stated that the system could be completed for use at a rate of 330 ft per hr (100 m per hour) (CII).

Polyurethane was used by the Waterways Experiment Station to demonstrate the feasibility of using foams as pavements on very low-strength soils (CII). The rigid urethane foam can be mixed and placed on location with densities from 6 to 25pcf (100 to 400 kg/m³) (C48). The structural properties are very closely related to the density of the foam. For the 8pcf (130 kg/m³) foam, the compressive modulus is 4,800 psi (33,000 kPa) and the tensile strength is 230 psi (1.6 MPa) while the 20 pcf (320 kg/m³) foam has a modulus of 30,000 psi (207 MPa) and a tensile strength of 630 psi (4.3 MPa). The material has a relatively low Poisson’s ratio (.1 to .2) and a very low water absorption. The material can be mixed, placed and completely cured in less than 90 minutes.

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PRECAST SLABS

Precast PCC slabs, as a method of rapid repair of highway pavements, have been used in Michigan, California, and Florida. Michigan began in 1969 with an experimental precast slab repair system that, through 1973, has been used in the placement of more than 900 precast units.

The typical Michigan procedure is as follows:
1. Traffic control is established.
2. A full-depth longitudinal saw cut is made (to prevent damage to adjacent lane).
3. Holes are drilled and lift pins installed in as large a slab as can be lifted to minimize damage to subbase.
4. The slab is then lifted out by a crane (if slab is broken up it is removed with a front loader or back hoe).
5. Final clean up is accomplished with hand tools.
6. Subbase is then leveled and new material added and compacted if required.
7. A one in. (25 mm) layer of high-slump, non-Portland cement mortar is placed and leveled with a screed.
8. The precast slab is then lowered slowly into the hole and leveled by beam guides with adjacent slabs.
9. The joints are filled with mortar.
10. The pavement is then opened to traffic.

This whole procedure, except for the saw cuts which are usually performed separately, requires less than 1 1/2 hours for undoweled joints, and less than 2 1/2 hours for doweled joints. These slabs are usually 15 to 20 ft (5 to 6 m) in length.

Michigan reports the cost in 1972-73 to vary from $39 to $75 per sq yd ($47 to $90 per m²) in-place, as compared to more conventional cast-in-place repairs of $65 to $78 per sq yd ($52 to $54 per m²).

Using the Engineering News Record Cost Index, this projects to about $100 maximum per sq yd ($120 maximum per m²) in December, 1974, for precast, and $80 maximum per sq yd ($104 per m²) for cast-in-place.

The California procedure (C22) is similar with the following exceptions:
1. An Arrow Hydramixer was used to break the concrete and it was removed by a rubber tired loader. Final clean up of the hole was accomplished with hand tools.
2. The precast slab was placed on a concrete-rich mortar and held at grade by t beam guides for approximately one hour.
3. Total time required was about 3 1/2 hours and the cost in 1976 was about $80 per sq yd ($67 per m²).

The Florida procedure (C52) had some other variations. Namely:
1. The saw cuts were made through the dowel bars and then the concrete was broken with a typical headache ball.
2. A plate compactor was then used to densify the subgrade.
3. A crane was used to position the precast slab.
4. The slab was then jacked to final elevation by pumping grout through preformed openings in the slab.
5. The joints were then sealed and the repaired section opened to traffic.

Florida’s typical precast slab is 2 to 4 ft (4 to 6 m) wide by 12 ft (6 m) long and weighs about 12 tons (11,000 kg). They have placed as many as four precast units in one eight-hour work night at a 1972 cost of $55 per sq yd ($42 per m²) (which projects to a December, 1975, price of about $67 per sq yd or $56 per m²).

Florida used the “Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways” and reported that it required about 2 hours to set up signs and detour barricades.

RECYCLING EXISTING PAVEMENT MATERIALS

The reuse of road-bed materials for paving has gained increasing attention. Increased costs of new materials, availability of acceptable quality aggregates, and the consideration of the disposal of materials removed from the road-bed are cited as factors contributing to this increased attention.

Many projects in recent years have reused existing road-bed materials. These range from stabilizing a previously unstabilized base course to reprocessing and replacing a surface course.

Much of the work has used asphalt as the binding agent. However, portland cement has been used in several projects including a recent project in the Redondo Beach Freeway near Los Angeles, California (C53). In this project, both asphaltic and portland cement concrete were crushed and processed together, and used as aggregates for a lean concrete (concrete) base.

Most current recycling processes require that the material be broken in place, then hauled to a remote site for crushing, mixing, and finally returned to the location for conventional placing operations (C22, C54, C55). In some circumstances, in-place crushing and processing were accomplished (C56). However, in-place mixing processes normally do not lend themselves to high quality surface courses whether the binder used is asphalt or portland cement. Hence, with in-place recycling, a quality surface course usually must be placed as an overlay in order to provide the kind of service usually required on high volume highways.

The contractors and agencies that have used recycled materials generally report satisfactory results. Though in many cases the long term effects have yet to be evaluated, the early results give no reason to suggest that recycled materials will not perform as well as new materials. Some research has indicated that for portland cement mixtures, some reduction in compressive strength may be expected (C55). However, adequate strengths can be easily obtained for most pavement designs.

The recycling of highway materials will continue to merit attention for economic considerations, if nothing else. Many recycling projects have reported reduced costs over new construction. This will be especially true if the cost of disposal of rubble is included in economic evaluations.

ULTRASONIC VIBRATION CONCRETE

A sonically assisted cement mixer was invented at Ohio State University (C57). The process uses a lead-zirconate-titanate piezoelectric crystal driven by electricity to produce high frequency sound waves which can be transmitted to various mechanical devices. One of these is an experimental auger type concrete mixer. The vibrations are transmitted to the housing of the mixer.

The researchers theorize that the vibrations reduce the internal...
friction of the batch, thus promoting more complete mixing and coating of the particles. This type of mixing reduces the requirements for water and cement to produce a specified strength. The process reduces the required water content so that a very stiff concrete is produced which had to be mixed in a mixer form. No attempts were made to modify the process to produce more conventional mixes with excess water or for finishing processes. Likewise, no attempts were made to determine the effects of various cements or additives such as Type III, Type I, retarders, plasticizers, polycarboxylate, or fly ash.

Ultrasonic vibration was used to produce high density, high strength concrete using normal portland cement and normal aggregates (C27). Concrete with a compressive strength of 3300 psi (23 MPa) were produced from a mix using 330 lb of cement per cy (200 kg/m³). This compares with 100 psi (.7 MPa) produced by control batches with the same cement content (C27).

The dry materials are introduced into an auger which mixes and moves the material to a wetting point and then to a discharge port. The housing is vibrated at both low and high frequencies. The research sonic mixer required 3000 volts of power to drive the vibration mechanism at 10,000 hertz.

In 1969 the Ohio State University Research Team made the decision that the feasibility of this concept had been demonstrated and that industry should provide the development work for practical application of the technique. To the writers' knowledge, no further effort has been made to develop the process. It would seem to offer some promise, provided the necessary developmental work were performed.

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Creep resistance
Cracking resistance
Adhesive flexibility
Adjustable setting time
Adjustability of composition to suit particular needs
Resistance to wear, chemicals, abrasives, oils, salts, caustics, and frost penetration

b. The disadvantages are:
High cost of materials (resins)
High cost of handling (special equipment, etc.)
Short pot life (requires small batches)
Reduction in strength with temperature increase
Shrinkage in large pours
Difficult handling and placement (due to toxic effects and bonding characteristics)."

The authors found that epoxy resin concretes generally exhibit higher strength, better bonding, higher moisture tolerance and better chemical resistance than other resin concretes (C26). The polyester, and ceramic resins cost less, can be cured at lower temperatures, possess similar strengths at low concentrations, but are less moisture tolerant and have lower adhesive and durability values. The silicone resins are similar to the polyester and ceramic resins except they seem to be more durable than the epoxies.

Another type of polymer-concrete uses portland cement as a mineral filler in the concrete system. No water is used in this concrete and the strengths are greater than other types of polymer concrete (C27). A typical mixture contains 11 wt percent polymer (50/50 methyl methacrylate and styrene) and 89 wt percent cement, sand and coarse aggregate with a proportioned ratio of 112.4:12.72. It is mixed and placed with conventional concrete equipment. The best results were obtained with a cure time of 6 hours @ 70°F (158°F). The polymer-concrete developed compressive strength in excess of 11,000 psi (76,000 kPa) and modulus of rupture strengths in excess of 3,500 psi (24,000 kPa).

Most of these systems were developed as rapid patches. Repair of the Major Expressway in New York City was performed in 1974 using polymer concrete (C66). A patch 3 x 10 ft (1 x 3m) x 15 in. (380 mm) deep was made. The removal of the deteriorated pavement was done during the day and the hole covered with steel plate to carry traffic during the night. On the day of placement the material was placed and opened to traffic in 3 1/2 hours.

There has been very little large-scale testing of these materials, hence, little is known of their characteristics under full-scale pavement conditions. Such properties as shrinkage or thermal cracking of large slabs, cure time for full depth slabs, curing under field conditions, and wear resistance to tire scrubbing action must be given consideration prior to use in major pavement facilities.

The major drawback for the polymer-concretes is cost. Estimates for materials alone range from $170 per cu yd ($130/m³) to over $300 per cu yd ($230/m³) (C27). These costs, plus the additional construction difficulties, would preclude the use of polymer-concrete in full-scale, full-depth pavements at this time. This does not imply that its use in short, partial-depth patches should not be examined as a viable alternative.

POLYMER CONCRETE

The types of concretes under this heading can be broadly categorized by the following:

1. Polymer-concrete (PC) which is a concrete with a polymer as the matrix or cementing agent. The polymeric material is polymerized after placement during curing.

2. Polymer portland cement concrete (PPCC) is a premixed material in which either a polymer or monomer is added to the fresh concrete mixture in either a powder or dispersed phase, subsequently cured, and, if needed, polymerized in place.

3. Polymer-impregnated concrete (PIC) which consists of a dry hardened portland cement concrete impregnated either partially or fully with a monomer which is then polymerized in situ.

Polymer-Concrete (PC)

A 1972 state-of-the-art publication (C27) lists the following advantages and disadvantages for resin concretes.

a. The advantages are:

High strength (both compressive and tensile)
High static and dynamic resistance
High bonding strength
High early strength (adjustable time of set)
Impact resistance
Low shrinkage

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b. The disadvantages are:

High cost of materials (resins)
High cost of handling (special equipment, etc.)
Short pot life (requires small batches)
Reduction in strength with temperature increase
Shrinkage in large pours
Difficult handling and placement (due to toxic effects and bonding characteristics)."

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Polymer Portland Cement Concrete (PPCC)

In the early research with polymer portland cement concrete, the results were considered to be less than desirable (C66). This was especially true when compared to the results obtained with polymer-impregnated concrete. The monomers used as additives tended to coat the aggregates and thus inhibited bond development.

Research using latexes and epoxy resins were conducted by the Naval Civil Engineering Laboratory during 1973. The results were encouraging with compressive strengths in excess of 10,000 psi (69 MPa) developed in some cases (C63). However, those mines showing the most favorable properties were those cured with steam or heat or a combination of these with ambient air. In all cases, those specimens cured in air alone exhibited less than a 20 percent increase over control (untreated specimens) and in many cases developed lower strengths.

Other research seems to confirm that if early strength is desired, then some mechanism other than moist curing or air dry curing must be employed (C64, C65).

An installation of a 1 in. (25 mm) thick latex-modified portland cement concrete placed as a bridge deck overlay cost $19 per sq yd ($23 per sq m) (C66). This would indicate a cost of $150 to $190 per sq yd ($180 to $230 per sq m) for full depth pavement (10 in. or 25 mm thick).

The additional strength is not really required for most pavement designs, hence, the additional cost of materials and construction difficulties do not appear to favor its use in a full depth, rapid rehabilitation system at this time.

Fibers. Typical aspect ratios (fiber length divided by equivalent fiber diameter) range from 30 to 150 for lengths 0.25 to 3 in. (6.35 mm to 76.2 mm). Both round and flat steel fibers have been produced and used, as well as crimped and deformed steel fibers (C71). Various types of steels have been used with tensile strengths from 40 to 600 ksi (275 MPa to 4,100 MPa).

Steel fibers have a tendency to ball or clump together in the mix, thus mixing has been a problem. Due to these difficulties the aspect ratio should be limited to less than 100 and fiber content should be limited to less than 2 percent (C72). Furthermore, the maximum recommended coarse aggregate size is about 3/8 in. (10 mm). ACT Committee 544 has made specific recommendations about the mixing and placing procedures to be followed to reduce segregation and promote proper coating of the fibers with cement paste (C71).

Several different applications of steel fiber concrete have been utilized, including a number of pavement applications. Excellent summaries of pavement applications have been reported by Lankard and Walker (C73), Gray, et. al. (C74), and Pasko (C75). Problems do exist in the use of steel fiber concrete according to Pasko (C75).

These problems can be crudely grouped into three major areas: economics, materials and structural.

Economically, the cost per cubic yard of fiber-reinforced concrete is high primarily because of the steel cost and secondly because of the high cement content, smaller aggregates, and the extra materials
Glass fibers. Considerable research has been conducted on the use of glass fibers in concrete (C72, C73, C77, C78). Typical glass fibers have diameters of 0.2 to 0.6 in. (0.5 to 15 mm), but these fibers may be bonded together to produce glass fiber bundles with diameters of 0.5 to 50 in. (0.013 to 1.3 mm) (C29). Lengths of the glass fibers are similar to steel fibers (0.2 to 3 in. (6 to 76 mm), so their aspect ratios range from about 20 to 150. The glasses used for these fibers have tensile strengths from 150 to 550 ksi (1,000 MPa to 3,800 MPa). Several glass fiber compositions are in use today, two of which are in general production (C73). They are the soda-lime-silica glass (A glass) and the borosilicate glass (E glass). Proprietary treatments have been used to prevent detrimental chemical reactions between the glass and the alkalies in the portland cement (similar to alkali-silica aggregate reactions) (C71).

Applications of glass fiber concrete in pavements have been limited. One field test section has been reported (C79, C80), with results encouraging thus far. The glass fibers were added at the job site, in a ready-mix truck and thoroughly distributed throughout the mix in volume percentages of 1 and 1.5. No segregation or balking was observed. The only problem reported was that initially the concrete was very stiff after the addition of the fibers, and a higher water/cement ratio had to be used to provide workability. Another field application was conducted in Minnesota (see Appendix B) and some construction problems were reported.

Analysis. From the experience to date, it appears that fiber-reinforced concrete offers considerable potential for producing pavement sections much thinner than regular portland cement concrete. Practically speaking, there are problems with the construction and cost of fiber-reinforced concrete. These need to be overcome before the concept will be utilized to any appreciable extent.

If a thin overlay is deemed necessary, then fiber reinforced concrete might well be used. However, where partial or full-depth replacement is necessary, the additional cost of the fibers do not seem to warrant its extensive use at this time.
The injection of cracks with an adhesive has been used successfully as a method of in-place repair for more than 10 years. Typically, a high strength epoxy adhesive is used.

Many structural elements have been repaired, including a concrete bridge seat beam (C82), concrete floor (C83), a concrete crane walkway (C83), and concrete pilings (C84). Cracks as small as 0.002 in. (0.051 mm) (C83) can be repaired by using a pressure injection technique. Typically, the crack is sealed at the surface leaving small ports at regular intervals. The epoxy is then injected under pressure (50 to 300 psi or 345 kPa to 2,000 kPa) into the first port until it becomes visible at the second port and then that port is used until the epoxy is visible at the seam port and so on until the crack is filled.

During the injection process, the adhesive is usually 7 days @ 25°C to develop tensile strengths of 6,890 psi (47.5 MPa) (C84). Flexural strengths of 9,890 psi (68.2 MPa) can be developed in 24 hrs, increasing to 11,400 psi (76.6 MPa) at 7 days. Similar compressive strengths are developed. In most cases, greater than 80 percent of original structural capacity is restored.

Depending on the size of the crack to be repaired, the cost may be as much as $1 per linear ft ($0.30 per m) (C85). If the pavement slab is badly cracked, some faulting is also likely to occur. This would necessitate slab jacking prior to crack repair. This fact, coupled with the relatively high cost, would seem to limit adhesive injection as an economical method of major pavement repair.

### Background
Shell Canada, Ltd. is currently developing a sulphur-asphalt-sand (SAS) paving material called Thermopave. The techniques developed and the results of actual field tests were reported in a series of technical papers by Dene, et al. (C86-C89). The Shell program has included the construction and monitoring of the following highway test and demonstration sections during the period of 1964 to 1974, inclusive.

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### INJECTION REPAIR OF CRACKED PCC PAVEMENT

The consolidation of responsible and readily available sources of technical information and data concerning 5-A-5 pavements.

### SULPHUR SYSTEMS FOR PAVEMENTS

A study under the joint sponsorship of the Bureau of Mines and the Saskatchewan Transportation Institute was initiated on 1 May 1973 to investigate the beneficial use of sulphur in sulphur asphalt pavements and the techniques under development in Canada.

### Phase IA
Under Phase IA of this study (C90), basic engineering properties associated with highway pavement construction of sand-asphalt-sulphur (S-A-S) composites were evaluated through a laboratory program of mixture design, specimen preparation and testing. A limited theoretical analysis of the fatigue life of a sand-asphalt-sulphur pavement compared to a conventional asphaltic concrete system was also performed. Other activities included in this phase were:

1. The consolidation of responsible and readily available sources of technical information and data concerning 5-A-5 pavements.
2. The establishment of a literature and data bank on the general subject of the use of sulphur in pavements.
technical and logistic needs of this field trial. The final report on Phase IC was published during September 1975.

Attempts have also been made to use sulphur in conjunction with asbestos and glass fibers (591, 592). The latter provides reinforcement in the sulphur and can produce composites with flexural strengths as great as 7000 psi (48,000 kPa). Fibers have been used in asphaltic (592) and portland cement concrete (594) mixes with varied degrees of success. In this study attempts were made to capitalize on the advantages of sulphur in glass fiber reinforced sand-asphalt-sulphur (S-S-A-S) mixes.

**Sand-Asphalt-Sulphur (S-A-S) Mixes**

Sand-asphalt-sulphur mixes are prepared in the laboratory using two separate wet mix cycles. In the first, asphalt and sand, both preheated to 300°F (150°C), are mixed for approximately 30 seconds. This operation puts an asphalt coating on the surfaces of the sand particles. Sulphur, also at 300°F (150°C), is then added to the hot sand-asphalt and mixed for about 30 seconds. This time is necessary in order to achieve a uniform dispersion of the sulphur throughout the mix. The molten sulphur, in addition to increasing the workability of the mix, normally fills the voids between the asphalt-coated sand particles. As the mixture cools below about 245°F (120°C), the sulphur solidifies creating a mechanical interlock between the sand particles from which the mix derives a relatively high degree of stability. This interlocking effect is shown in Figure C2, which is a photomicrograph of a mix matrix, illustrating how perfectly the sulphur conforms to the geometry of the voids.

**Glass Fiber Reinforced Sand-Asphalt-Sulphur (G-S-A-S) Mixes**

The mixing and sample preparation of glass-sand-asphalt-sulphur (G-S-A-S) mixtures should be accomplished while the temperature of the materials is between about 250 and 300°F (120 and 150°C). The former represents the melting (solidification) point of sulphur plus a tolerance to avoid structuring effects and the latter is the temperature above which the sulphur begins to undergo an abrupt and very large increase in viscosity, as shown in Figure C3. At mixing temperatures below 240°F (115°C), the sulphur acts as a filler, giving the material the characteristics of a high filler content mix.

Selection of a satisfactory mixture design should consider the surface area characteristics of the fiber along with its workability. Problems encountered in the use of glass fibers with sulphur were largely related to the lack of an adhesive bond between the sulphur and glass and also due to the agglomeration of the glass fibers during mixing. Both conditions will adversely affect the physical strengths and freeze-thaw durability in the resulting mixes.
The materials being studied are comprised of mixtures of sulphur, asphalt, sand, and four different types of fibers. Elemental sulphur (i.e., sulphur in the free state) of commercial grade (99.8% purity) was used throughout this investigation. All of the mixtures were prepared with an AC-10 asphalt conforming to 1972 Texas Highway Department Standard Specifications, Item 300 (C93). Shell claims that a wide range of penetration grade asphalts (40-300) have been suitably employed in S-A-S mixes (C88). The asphalt cement used in this study had a standard penetration of 106.

A particularly advantageous feature of sulphur-asphalt composites is that pavements prepared from heretofore unsuitable aggregates such as poorly graded sands usually have properties comparable or superior to pavements constructed with conventional asphaltic concrete mixes using high quality well-graded aggregates. Results indicated best results were obtained by using a poorly graded beach sand (C90). This was attributed to the relatively lower degree of angularity inherent in this material over the denser graded crushed limestones and gravels. Since low angularity is a necessary characteristic for particles embedded in a crystalline matrix, mixtures were prepared with a beach sand (Sand I) obtained from the Texas Gulf Coast area. For comparison purposes, the gradings and physical properties of this sand with a concrete sand (Sand II), a crushed limestone and a rounded gravel is shown in Figure C4 and Table C3, respectively. The properties of the Sands I and II reflect a relatively high VMA and low unit weights as compared to the crushed limestone and gravel.

### Table C3. Physical Properties of Aggregates

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* 1 pcf = 16.2 kg/m³

Three types of glass and a hammer-milled wool are being evaluated in the G-S-A-S mixtures. Glass Type A is a standard textile glass with an organic coating. The strand was chopped to a 1/2 in. (13 mm) length. Type B is the same as Type A except it was chopped to a 1/4-in. (6 mm) length. Type C is a 1/4 in. (6 mm) chopped textile glass strand with an inorganic surface coating developed by Homer Hill®. In addition to the glass a hammer-milled wool product was also evaluated. All fibers used in this phase of the project were obtained from the Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation, Crawville, Ohio.

**Homer Hill Designation No. 1850-241-1.**
comparation blows are shown in Table C4. These data reflect the superior properties inherent in the mixes using the crushed limestone. The data represented by Table C4 would indicate that, with the exception of unit weight and air voids, the properties of S-A-S mixtures can be tailored to provide the range of values as those given in Table C4. At higher sulphur contents, the stabilizer properties of S-A-S mixtures exceed those of the AC mix with the crushed limestone. Because of the much higher VMA in Sands I and II, the air voids and unit weights of the AC mixture could not be achieved by the S-A-S mixes. Unless otherwise noted, comparisons with other test results discussed in this report were made with the 6.5 percent asphalt mix whose design summary is also given in Table C4.

Table C4. Sulphur-Asphalt Mix Properties With Sands I and II (AC-10 Asphalt).

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SPLITTING TENSILE TEST

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*1 lb = 0.454 kg
1 in. = 25.4 mm
1 pcf = 16.018 kg/m^3

In general, the splitting tensile strength of a mixture increases with sulphur content and decreases with increasing asphalt content. It was interesting to note that beach sand (Sand I) gave higher strengths than the concrete sand (Sand II). One reason suggested for this effect was that the higher strength (SAND II) produced a more even distribution between the two sand types in the test sample. This is also consistent with the results of the Marshall and mean solids discussed earlier. The degree of superior strength in these tests was discussed earlier. The degree of superior strength in these tests was discussed earlier. The degree of superior strength in these tests was discussed earlier. The degree of superior strength in these tests was discussed earlier. The degree of superior strength in these tests was discussed earlier.
Table C5. Asphaltic Concrete Mix Properties.

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C-45 of the beach sand provide an added measure of confidence in the use of this aggregate.

The results tabulated in Table C6 also give a first indication of the temperature and rate dependence of S-A-S materials.

The effect of specimen temperature on strength was determined by conducting the test at three temperatures: 20, 73 and 135°F (-7, 23 and 57°C). It is shown that the strengths decreased with temperature with the greatest change occurring between 20 and 73°F (-7 and 23°C).

The strength changed by a factor of 6 for S-A-S mixes and 22 for asphaltic concrete at the lower deformation rates over this temperature range. The strengths of the asphaltic concrete samples were nearly the same as those for the S-A-S mixes with 20 percent sulphur at 73 and 135°F (23 and 57°C) but peaked at 690 psi (4800 kPa) at 20°F (-7°C).

The effect of deformation rate on splitting tensile strengths was determined using three speeds (2, 0.2 and 0.02 in./min or 51, 5.1 and 0.51 mm/min). The results shown in Table C6 indicate the strength to be directly related to the loading rates reaching a maximum of around 300 psi (2000 kPa) at 20°F (-7°C) with each rate. The 0.2 in./min (0.51 mm/min) deformation rate showed the greatest change in strength with the 20 percent S-A-S mixture and the A/C mix increasing by 20 and 40 percent, respectively.

The inability to obtain reliable strain data prevented the calculation of the stiffnesses in these mixes. A cursory examination of the data would indicate the stiffness of S-A-S to be higher than asphaltic concrete at very low rates. As the loading rates increase, the difference in

Table C6. Effect of Temperature and Deformation Rate on Splitting Tensile Strength of Various S-A-S Mix Ratios

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**t°C = (°F - 32)/1.8
** 1 psi = 6.89 kPa
rate dependence of the two materials produce comparatively higher changes in stiffness in the A/C than in the S-A-S system.

Results of tests conducted by Shell indicate the stiffness of S-A-S to be about 20 times greater than asphaltic concrete under constant load creep tests at 70°F (21°C) (C96). Other data (C96) shows the dynamic stiffness of S-A-S and A/C to be 600,000 and 900,000 psi (4500 and 6200 MPa), respectively, at 50 Hz. It would appear that at light to moderate loading rates the higher stiffness would exist with the S-A-S mixtures.

Resilient Modulus

The results of the resilient modulus tests (test 6) are shown in Tables C7 and C8. Table C7 shows a comparison of the stiffness measurements at 70°F (21°C) obtained using the Schmidt device with those generated in the direct tension tests at a deformation rate of 20 in/min (508 mm/min). Resilient and direct tension moduli for the asphaltic concrete mixtures were 385,000 and 435,000 psi (2700 and 2900 MPa), respectively, and were slightly lower than any of those obtained for S-A-S mixtures using Sand I. These data along with those given in Table C8 are consistent with constant strain rate direct tension test results which indicate an increase in stiffness with sulphur content and reduction in temperature. Except for an apparent inconsistency at the 68°F (20°C) test temperature, the mixtures using Sand I produce higher stiffness than those for Sand II. The range of moduli for the S-A-S mixtures extends from 240,000 to 1,851,000 psi (1,700 to 13,000 MPa) and reemphasizes the ability to significantly tailor the mechanical properties of these mixtures by altering the

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Table C7. Comparison of Resilient and Direct Tension Moduli at Various Asphalt and Sulphur Contents.

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1 psi = 6.89 kPa
sulphur and asphalt contents. Moduli for sulphur-sand systems (i.e., percent asphalt) ranged from $1.08 \times 10^6$ to $4.4 \times 10^6$ psi (7,000 to 30,000 kPa).

Freeze-Thaw Test

A limited number of mixes were subjected to a series of freeze-thaw cycles (test 7) in a chest-type freezer at a rate of 6 to 10 cycles per day. The fundamental transverse frequency at zero cycles, $n$, was measured at the beginning of that test. Additional values were also measured at 50, 70, 110 and 150 cycles. The data observed plotted in terms of the fundamental transverse frequency-squared versus the number of freeze-thaw cycles are shown in Figure 5 and indicate a rapid drop of $n^2$ values after 50 cycles of freezing and thawing. Since $(n^2)^{1/2}$ is directly related to the change in dynamic modulus, $E_d$, in accordance with:

$$E_d = \frac{2n^2}{\pi} \times 10^6,$$

this sudden drop indicates an adverse change in structural integrity of the mixtures after 50 cycles. Shortly after these initial tests were run, the freeze-thaw equipment began to malfunction. Therefore, it is not possible to make any definite statements at this writing regarding the effect of other mix variables on the freeze-thaw durability. It should be noted that improved resistance to freezing and thawing was achieved from mixes with higher sulphur contents. This was attributed to the lower air voids contents associated with these mixes which in turn decreases their moisture susceptibility. In contrast to concrete, water has an adverse effect on the quality of the aggregate-asphalt bond. The high VMA (36-39%) associated with beach sands produce mixes with high air voids content which made them extremely vulnerable to freeze-thaw cycling. G-53

Glass Fiber Reinforced Sand-Asphalt-Sulphur (G-S-A-S) Systems

During the preparation of the G-S-A-S mixtures it became difficult to obtain samples without incurring regions of dry (unwetted) agglomerated glass-fibers. Part of this effect was due to the poor bond quality between the sulphur and the glass which were influenced by the surface coatings on the glass. These coatings are applied during manufacture as a lubricant and to alter the surface tension within fiber bundles. Both the organic and inorganic surface coatings produced the same effect. This is consistent with the results of Dale and Ludwig (C91) who investigated a number of additives to improve the wetting and strengths of the sulphur-glass bond. One class of additives which was found to improve both wetting and strength were terpene polymers and includes Alpha-Pinene, Beta-Pinene and Dibenzene. Since the use of additives could add significantly to the cost of producing a structurally adequate G-S-A-S composite, no further consideration was given to these systems.

Conclusions - Sand-Asphalt-Sulphur Systems

A series of standard pavement evaluation tests have been performed on a large number of mixtures comprised of different percent-by-weight ratios of sand, asphalt and sulphur. The testing program performed in this task was designed to qualitatively evaluate the influence of both material and process variables on engineering properties. The following represent some of the conclusions reached:

1. Sand-asphalt-sulphur pavement made with inexpensive, poorly graded sands have been shown to have properties at least equal to or better than conventional asphaltic concrete.  
2. Hot workability and strength, processing should be accomplished at $150^\circ F \leq T \leq 300^\circ F (65^\circ C \leq T \leq 150^\circ C)$.  
3. No adverse trends in properties were indicated after 28 days of post-cure.  
4. The design properties of a mix can be tailored to a predetermined stability, percent air void or unit weight through adjustment of sulphur content.  
5. Preparation of S-A-S materials should be accomplished with a minimum of compaction or densification effort. This could result in a significant economic advantage of S-A-S over asphaltic concrete during construction.  
6. Economics of using S-A-S as a pavement material depends to a large extent on availability of low cost aggregate, and the cost and accessibility of sulphur to user.

Conclusions - Glass Fiber Reinforced Sand-Asphalt-Sulphur Systems

Problems were consistently encountered in trying to produce acceptable G-S-A-S mixtures. Primary source of the problem was the coatings on the fibers which produced a poor fiber to sulphur bond. The need to utilize special fiber surface treatments or additives to improve workability eliminated this concept for further consideration in this project.

This does not imply that glass fibers if suitably treated will not enhance the physical strength of a sulphur-asphalt composite. When the surface coatings of the glass are removed either through burning or the use of additives they produced a significant improvement in the flexural strength of sulphur. This area is suggested for future study.

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POLYPROPYLENE FABRIC

Reliable surface patching of distressed pavements is a primary concern of maintenance engineers. Many times, the distress in the original pavement will propagate under repetitive traffic loads causing the new patches to fail prematurely. Most often, the new surface fails because surface water penetrates the pavement and weakens the base or softens the subgrade. To prevent this, two basic remedies are required. First, the new patch must be waterproof and second, it must be reinforced to resist cracking.

Petromat, a non-woven polypropylene fabric developed by the Phillips Petroleum Company, has been shown to exhibit excellent moisture sealing qualities. In addition, the fabric possesses a high tensile strength which reinforces the system to retard crack reflection and, therefore, can be used for both construction and maintenance.

Physical properties and characteristics of this material are:

- Tensile Strength (either direction) 50 lb/in. of width (8,800 N/m)
- Elastic Recovery at 15 lb (wet or dry) 100 percent
- Weight 3.5 lb per sq yd (1.6-2.7 kg/m²)
- Color Black
- Standard Widths 75 and 150 in. (1.9 and 3.8 m)
- Length/roll 100 yd (91.4 m)

In telephone communications with Dale Levy, a sales representative for the Phillips Petroleum Company, it was further established that as of May 1975, the cost of Petromat was $0.46 per sq yd ($0.38/m²) and $0.47 per sq yd ($0.50/m²) for quantities over 80,000 sq yd (67,000 m²).

The average construction cost for Petromat in place was approximately $0.80 per sq yd ($0.95/m²), as generated from the following breakdown suggested by Mr. Levy.

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Petromat fabric can be placed using inexpensive equipment in a relatively simple operation by regular maintenance personnel. The process uses a cationic asphalt emulsion applied by hand-held sprays by means of a hose connected directly to the distributor manifold. This is followed by a coating of aggregate which acts as a cover material over the fabric. An initial liquid asphaltic surface application is also made prior to placing the Petromat to establish a bonding surface.

The City of Overland Park, an 85,000-population suburb of Kansas City, first employed the Petromat surface treatment in 1970 when 1,000 sq yd (800 m²) were placed on old asphalt pavements which had developed crack patterns. The method eliminated reflection of cracks through the overlay. The use jumped to 2,400 sq yd (2,000 m²) in 1971 and 4,000 sq yd (3,300 m²) in 1972 as a consequence of the good results obtained.

A spokesperson for the city public works department has stated, "We've found that this fabric under the overlay not only eliminates crack transfer through the overlay but helps speed patching and restoration of usable streets. A patch job is done in 30 minutes, whereas the standard cut-and-patch method could take all day and involve partial closure of the street for two days."

Successful uses of Petromat have been achieved at two other locations; Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and on an overpass over I-70 in Talmadge, Kansas. In the latter, severe hair-line cracking of a bridge deck indicated a future trouble area. Traffic includes automobiles, trucks for hauling feed and cattle, and farm equipment. The West half was treated with Petromat fabric surface with chip seal to forestall anticipated concrete spalling. Very little change has occurred since installation in July 1967. A ranch service road near Bartlesville, Oklahoma was also treated. A Petromat fabric surface patch was placed over a distressed area prior to seal coating the entire road. After two severe winters the previously distressed area is still in excellent condition while the previously good surface has failed almost beyond repair. Typical cross sections for resurfacing are shown in Figure C6.
In September 1973 a high quality asphaltic concrete pavement was constructed by the Texas Transportation Institute on a section of the Portland cement concrete airport runway system of the Texas A&M Research Annex. This pavement was constructed in partial fulfillment of the requirements of the Federal Highway Administration project entitled "Field Test and Evaluation Center for Central and Southern States." Part of the resurfacing utilized the Petromat technique.

The results of these tests show that whereas nearly 90 percent of the untreated joints transmitted reflective cracks after nine months, only 18 percent were transmitted through the Petromat. The rate at which the distress was generated was significantly lower in the treated surface. These results would indicate the effectiveness of Petromat as a surface treatment for retarding the initiation and propagation of reflective cracks.

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APPENDIX D
STRESS ANALYSIS OF THE PAVEMENT SECTIONS

Stress analyses for interior loading were made with the BISTRO program which was developed by the Koninklijke Shell Laboratorium, Netherlands. This program solves for the displacements, stresses and strains in a linearly elastic multi-layered pavement structural system.

The stress analyses at a joint were performed using a two-dimensional plain strain linearly elastic finite element computer program. The wheel loads which were applied immediately adjacent to the joint were simulated as a strip load with uniform pressure which was calculated assuming that the entire load on each dual wheel arrangement was spread over the two tire contact areas and the pavement surface between them. Comparison of the stresses calculated with BISTRO and with this strip load assumption showed that the latter are consistently about 5 percent lower, a result that was considered acceptable close for the purposes of this analysis.

The loading diagrams for the three wheel loads used in the BISTRO program are shown in Figure D1. The finite element layout and the loading diagrams for the joint stress analysis are shown in Figures D2 and D3, respectively.

The physical properties used for the various materials are given in Table D1 and D2.

Typical partial outputs of the two programs are shown in Tables D3, D4, and D5. For the BISTRO program the values given are the principle stresses and strains. In the finite element program the

![Figure D1. Loading Diagrams for BISTRO Program.](attachment:image1)

![Figure D2. Finite Element Layout.](attachment:image2)

![Figure D3. Loading Diagrams for Finite Element Program.](attachment:image3)
### Table D3. Streamlined Dual-Wheel BISTRO.

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1 psi = 6,895 Pa
1 in. = 25.4 mm

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### Table 02. Assumptions for Pavement Stress Analysis.

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1 psi = 6,895 Pa
1 in. = 25.4 mm
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1 in. = 25.4 mm

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Displacement values are for the node and the stress values are for the centroid of the elements.

The two programs indicated reasonable feasibility of using the rigid foams or similar materials as base and sub-base courses under heavy loads. However, some caution should be exercised because the fatigue characteristics are not available for these materials.

Using a fatigue criteria for the asphalt, sulphur asphalt and portland cement concretes indicates that almost all combinations of these materials could be used.

When the joint filler material was assigned an \( E \) value the same as the portland cement concrete the finite element program generated very similar stresses to the RISNU system for the same wheel load. Thus giving reasonable confidence in the results of the finite element system.
APPENDIX E
PARTIAL DEPTH PRECAST PANELS

The "Klarcrete" cutter is a British device designed to cut rectangular holes up to 4 in. (100 mm) deep in Portland cement concrete pavements. The machine is physically described in Table E1. After the hole is "cut" then a precast Portland cement concrete block of appropriate thickness is cemented in place using either rich cement mortar or epoxy. Less than four hours total time are required for these types of repairs.

Virginia [31] has used the Klarcrete cutter to repair spalled areas. The major findings of the Virginia study are:

1. Precast concrete patching is feasible.
2. The Klarcrete machines used to cut the holes did a creditable job.
3. Although the installation of partial-depth precast patches was deemed successful, more projects are needed in the 300-500 sq ft (27.87 - 46.5 m²) range to develop a methodology for increasing output.
4. Although the epoxy obtained from the United States sources met AASHO standards and apparently worked well, the three-hour curing time was excessive and defeated one of the purposes of the experiment. However, the four gallons (15l) shipped from England cured quickly enough to allow traffic on the patches in 30 minutes, which proves that rapid opening to traffic is possible.
5. The most efficient makeup of men and machines was one operator for each machine and a patching crew of three men, one of whom assisted the machine operators when necessary. The two machines kept one patching crew busy.

6. Precast concrete patching projects should have a bench type masonry saw on the job site capable of sawing precast slabs to exact dimensions. It is not practical to try to cast all of the different size slabs that may be needed.
7. The steel mesh in the pavement did not cause a problem in precast patching.
8. Adequate supplies of materials should be stockpiled prior to beginning the project.
9. To assure a neat job a canvas covering should be spread on the road surface where epoxy is being mixed to catch the drippings.
10. Preparation of holes by the Klarcrete machines to exact dimensions for cast-in-place concrete patching is an unnecessary sophistication.

The process has potential at the present time for small partial depth repairs (less than 12 sq ft by 4 in. deep or 1 m² by 100 mm deep). However, it would seem to be too limited for the larger problems of major surface repairs.

PARTIAL DEPTH REHABILITATION - ACC PAVEMENTS

Partial depth rehabilitation for ACC pavements are mostly to restore riding quality, restore skid resistance or seal the surface as opposed to improving structural capacity.

There are a number of techniques for partial depth replacement of ACC pavements. There are repairs which remove a portion of the thickness, and either adds asphalt and lays down the same material in a single pass, or adds additional hot mix and lays down an overlay consisting of the old material and new material (see Cutler Repaving, page 57).

Planers may also be used to remove the unsound or rough material. Usually these removals are relatively thin (less than 4 in. or 100 mm) however, depths up to 13 in. (330 mm) have been removed. After removal, the surface is either recycled (see Appendix C) or replaced in a conventional manner (as described in Appendix C). In the replacement process a scarifier is sometimes used to roughen the surface and promote bonding both with and without tack coats.

There are several equipment types available among which are:
2. Planer - Cutler Repaving Company, Lawrence, Kansas.

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<td>Power required, compressed air</td>
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APPENDIX F

SUBGRADE TREATMENTS

LIME STABILIZATION

Lime is the oldest stabilizing agent in use today. It has been used to strengthen structural systems, to provide serviceable working tables for construction equipment, and to reduce the swelling potential of certain clay soils. The most commonly used form is hydrated lime (calcium hydroxide) which, when mixed with plastic soil, causes two recognizable stages of reaction.

The first stage, called "soil modification", occurs within a few minutes to an hour after intimate contact with the soil. This stage is marked by a flocculation, agglomeration, and granulation of the soil particles, a reduction in paste and swelling potential, and considerable improvement in workability \( (F1) \). In the subsequent stage, referred to as "soil cementation", a compacted mixture slowly develops strength as a result of pozzolanic reaction and the formation of new compounds over a long period of time, sometimes years \( (F2) \).

In most applications, adequate stabilization can be accomplished with 6 to 8 in. (150 to 200 mm) of treated material. Typically, the lime is distributed over the soil and mixed with the soft, wet subgrade soil (AASHTO groups A-6 and A-7) using light equipment. Then, it is intimately mixed and compacted with normal compaction equipment. If the soil is very soft, it may be allowed to "mellow" for a day or two after the preliminary mixing, in order to allow for the

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development of the drying action.

The effectiveness of lime stabilization has been conclusively demonstrated. However, to provide effective swell control, it has been suggested that expansive soils be treated to a depth of 5 ft \((1.5 \text{ m})\) \( (F2) \). To accomplish this depth of treatment conventional methods are usually inadequate or too expensive, hence, other techniques have been devised.

Drill-tine stabilization was developed as a maintenance measure to treat pavement failures due to a lack of stability in wet, plastic subgrades \( (F2) \). The procedure required 6 to 9 in. (150 to 230 mm) diameter holes drilled through the existing pavement and 30 to 50 in. (760 to 1270 mm) into the subgrade. These holes, spaced on 5 ft. (1.5 m) centers, are then partially filled with lime and water to form a slurry. The holes are then backfilled, tamped and patched. It is claimed that the lime migrates through the subgrade to cause sufficient stabilization, thus preventing additional movement. The results have been erratic. The major limitation seems to be the inability of the lime to distribute throughout the soil mass \( (F2) \).

In order to obtain a better distribution of the lime, a pressure injection lime (PIL) procedure was developed \( (F2) \). In the PIL procedure, a lime-water slurry (typically 3 lbs lime per gal of water or 350 kg/m\(^3\)) is pumped through injection rods into the soil. The injection rods are spaced 3 to 5 ft \((1 \text{ to } 1.5 \text{ m})\) apart and the slurry is usually pumped under 50-200 psi \((345-1400 \text{ kPa})\) pressure.

It is apparent that openings must be present in the soil mass if adequate slurry distribution is to be obtained. Field test reports

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include about as many successes as they do failures to achieve desired results \( (F2) \).

An excellent state of the art report \( (F2) \), citing 36 references (many less than 3 years old), sums up PIL as follows:

There are conflicting reports concerning the effectiveness of PIL treatment of expansive soils. The proposed treatment mechanisms ("prewetting", the development of soil-lime moisture barriers, effective swell restraint with the formation of limited quantities of soil-lime reaction products) have validity. It therefore seems logical to conclude the PIL may be an effective swell control procedure under certain circumstances. The condition most favoring the achievement of successful PIL treatment of expansive soils is the presence of an extensive fissure and crack network into which the lime slurry can be successfully injected. The relative significance of the "prewetting" and "soil-lime pozzolanic reaction" aspects of PIL treatment have not been established. If soil-lime pozzolanic reactions are essential to achieving an effective application perhaps that fact can be used to evaluate the potential success of an anticipated treatment and explain the apparent conflicting PIL experience reports.

Due to the necessity of drilling a network of holes at 5 ft \((1.5 \text{ m})\) intervals and the limited suitability of PIL in saturated fine grained soils, it would appear to have limited applicability to

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the solution of rapid repair of urban freeways.

ELECTRO-OSMOTIC STABILIZATION

In the mid 30's Casagrande patented in Germany (and later in the U. S.) a method of hardening clayey soils \( (F3, F5) \). He and many others worked on the process of electro-chemical soil stabilization during the next 30 years. More recently, O'Nannon \( (F6, F7) \) has reported the results of field tests in Arizona on stabilization of Chena Clay by electro-omotic treatment.

The process causes a base exchange of ions to reduce the swelling characteristics of clays. Among the advantages of electro-osmotic stabilization are:

1. The stabilization of existing highways can be accomplished without the necessity of removing and reworking the in-place material.
2. Once the treatment and stabilization of expansive clays had been accomplished, the results would irreversible over the engineering life of the Highway.
3. After treatment and stabilization of the expansive clay, radical changes in moisture content of the subgrade would not cause excessive changes in volume.

Bastically, the system consists of an anode capable of dispersing a saturated solution of a water soluble salt \((KCl, CaCl_2, MgCl_2, AlCl_3\)) and a cathode placed up to 18 ft \((5.5 \text{ m})\) away. The two are coupled with a DC power source capable of producing a voltage gradient of at least .5 volt/in. \((1.02 \text{ volts/mm})\). O' Nannon found that about 0.1 percent KCl by weight of soil was required to stabilize the Chena clays. His work also revealed that a

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horizontal arrangement if anodes and cathodes were the most effective.

Stabilization to a depth greater than 3 ft (1 m) below subgrade is usually not necessary. In 1969 in a field test by O'Bannon, a Chenle clay was treated to a depth of 3 ft (1 m) at an estimated cost of $5.432 per linear foot ($17.82 per m) of treated section. (Cost based on a section of 200 ft (60 m) long by 40 ft (12 m) wide and is the non-recoverable items.) The treatment required about one week. At today's prices the treatment would cost considerably more.

The process does work and can be installed with a minimum of interrupted to traffic flow. It is envisioned that this process could be used to treat "soft spots" along a pavement section to stabilize the subgrade prior to removal and replacement of the pavement. Also, this technique could probably be used to stabilize expansive soils under pavements where the only rehabilitation work to be done is to restore riding quality as described in Chapter Two.

FIBER MATS

A number of fiber filled membranes are currently manufactured for various construction uses. Polypropylene is the basic component in most of the fabrics. (See Appendix C)

The marketing brochures for some of these fabrics promote the following uses:

2. Construction covers.
3. Road support membranes.
5. Pond and ditch liners.

Some published results include:

1. The prevention of reflection cracking in asphalt patches (F-5)

REFERENCES APPENDIX F

THE TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD is an agency of the National Research Council, which serves the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering. The Board's purpose is to stimulate research concerning the nature and performance of transportation systems, to disseminate information that the research produces, and to encourage the application of appropriate research findings. The Board's program is carried out by more than 150 committees and task forces composed of more than 1,800 administrators, engineers, social scientists, and educators who serve without compensation. The program is supported by state transportation and highway departments, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and other organizations interested in the development of transportation.

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