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These Digests are issued in the interest of providing an early awareness of the research results emanating from projects in the NCHRP. By making these results known as they are developed, it is hoped that the potential users of the research findings will be encouraged toward their early implementation in operating practices. Persons wanting to pursue the project subject matter in greater depth may do so through contact with the Cooperative Research Programs Staff, Transportation Research Board, 2101 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20418.

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## Continuing Project to Synthesize Information on Highway Problems

*A staff digest of the progress and status of NCHRP Project 20-5, "Synthesis of Information Related to Highway Problems," for which the Transportation Research Board is the agency conducting the research. The Principal Investigators responsible for the project are Sally D. Liff and Scott A. Sabol, serving under the Special Projects Division of the Board.*

### INTRODUCTION

Administrators, practicing engineers, and researchers continually face highway problems on which much information already exists, either in documented form or in terms of undocumented experience and practice. Unfortunately, this information is often fragmented, scattered, and undervalued. Often it is unknown to the person normally responsible for making decisions related to the topic. As a consequence, full knowledge of what has been learned about a problem is frequently not brought to bear on its solution. Costly research findings may go unused, valuable experience may be overlooked, and due consideration may not be given to recommended practices for solving or alleviating the problem.

There exists a vast storehouse of information relating to nearly every subject of concern to highway administrators and engineers. Much of it resulted from research and much from successful application of the ideas of practitioners faced with problems in their day-to-day work. Because there has been no systematic means for bringing such useful information together and making it available to the entire highway community, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials has, through the mechanism of the National Cooperative Highway Research Program, authorized the Transportation Research Board to undertake a continuing study, NCHRP Project 20-5, "Synthesis of Information Related to Highway Problems." This study is intended to search out and synthesize useful knowledge from all possible sources and to prepare documented reports on current practices in the subject areas of concern. Reports from this endeavor constitute an NCHRP report series, Synthesis of

Highway Practice, that collects and assembles the various forms of information into single concise documents pertaining to specific highway problems or sets of closely related problems.

### THE SYNTHESIS PROGRAM

This synthesis series attempts to report on the various practices, making specific recommendations where appropriate but without the detailed directions usually found in handbooks or design manuals. Nonetheless, these documents can serve similar purposes, for each is a compendium of the best knowledge available on those measures found to be the most successful in resolving specific problems. The extent to which they are utilized in this fashion will be tempered by the breadth of the user's knowledge in the particular problem area.

Suggestions for synthesis topics may be sent to the NCHRP Program Director at any time (see address on back). Topics suggested must be accompanied by a brief scope statement or discussion of the problem (a paragraph or two). Suggestions for updates of published syntheses are also welcome.

Interested in writing a synthesis? For details, contact Sally D. Liff or Scott A. Sabol at 202-334-3242.

To develop these syntheses in a comprehensive manner and to ensure inclusion of significant knowledge, the Transportation Research Board analyzes available information assembled from numerous sources, including state highway and transportation departments. A panel of experts in the subject area is established to guide the researchers in organizing and evaluating the data collected on each topic and to review the synthesis report.

For each topic the project objectives are: (1) to locate and assemble documented information; (2) to learn what practice has been used for solving or alleviating the problems; (3) to identify all ongoing research; (4) to learn what problems remain largely unsolved; (5) to organize, evaluate, and document the useful information that is acquired; (6) to evaluate the effectiveness of the synthesis after it has been in the hands of its users for a period of time.

Each synthesis is an immediately useful document that records practices that were acceptable within the limitations of the knowledge available at the time of its preparation. As the processes of advancement continue, new knowledge can be expected to be added to that which is now at hand; eventually the synthesis may need to be updated or redone. The readers and users of the syntheses are in the best position to know when this has occurred. Whenever you believe that a synthesis should be updated, it would be appreciated if you would write to TRB (address on back) and let us know.

#### *Available Publications and Studies in Progress*

The Syntheses of Highway Practice that have been completed under this project are listed in Table 1. Two Research Results Digests on topics studied under the project are also listed. Copies of these Syntheses and Digests can be obtained from the Publications Office, Transportation Research Board, 2101 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20418.

Work is currently under way on the topics listed in Table 2. Questions on these topics should be addressed to the project investigators, Sally D. Liff and Scott A. Sabol, who can be reached at (202) 334-3242.

#### *Submission and Selection of Topics*

One part of the project procedures that is not widely understood is the process for submission and selection of topics. NCHRP Project Committee SP20-5 meets each Fall to select topics for study using funds from the upcoming fiscal year. The membership of this committee is given in Table 3. Current funding allows for initiation of about 12 to 14 syntheses per year. This number plus some alternative topics are selected by the committee at the Fall meeting. Topics selected for the current program are listed in Table 4. It is unlikely that those near the bottom of the list will be studied at this time.

The following factors are considered in the selection process for synthesis topics:

- The problem should be widespread enough to generate broad interest in the synthesis.
- The problem should be timely and critical with respect to economic impact, safety, or social impact.

- The problem is appropriate if current practice is nonuniform or inconsistent from agency to agency, or if the validity of some practices appears to be questionable.
- The quality and quantity of useful available information should indicate a need to organize and compress that which has already been learned and written on the topic.
- The topic should not be one where ongoing research or other activities in progress might be expected to render the synthesis obsolete shortly after completion.

Each year many more topics are suggested for the committee's consideration than can be programmed for study in Project 20-5. Nevertheless, the continued success of this project depends on a constant supply of worthy synthesis topics. The interest of those who have recommended topics is sincerely appreciated, and they are urged to continue. Candidate topics are suggested by members of the committee and from a variety of other sources, including state highway and transportation department personnel, FHWA, and AASHTO and TRB committees.

#### *Conduct of the Studies*

Throughout the year, following the project committee's selection of topics, studies are initiated in the order of priority assigned by the committee. A panel consisting of practitioners and researchers is formed for each topic. At its first meeting, this topic panel thoroughly discusses the topic, refines the scope, suggests sources of information, and identifies and discusses potential topic consultants.

Following this meeting, an agreement is negotiated with a consultant to gather information on the topic, synthesize it, and draft a report. Typically, the agreement covers about 50 workdays over a period of about one year. Information gathering and preparation of the first draft of the synthesis report usually take from 6 to 9 months. This draft is reviewed by the topic panel with the consultant at the second panel meeting. A revised draft is then prepared by the author and reviewed by the topic panel. Subsequent drafts and meetings are scheduled if needed, although this rarely occurs.

After the topic panel is substantially satisfied with the report, a final draft is sent to the members of NCHRP Project Committee SP20-5 for their approval. At the same time, members of the topic panel have their last chance to review the report. Comments from these reviews are incorporated into the final report, which is usually published as an NCHRP Synthesis of Highway Practice.

#### *Index of Topic Subjects*

Table 5 is an index to published syntheses and topics under study, as well as those expected to be started through 1992.

Table 1  
COMPLETED SYNTHESSES

No. Title, Pages, Price	No. Title, Pages, Price
1. Traffic Control for Freeway Maintenance (1969) 47 pp., \$2.20	50. Durability of Drainage Pipe (1978) 37 pp. (microfiche)*
2. Bridge Approach Design and Construction Practices (1969) 30 pp. (microfiche)*	51. Construction Contract Staffing (1978) 62 pp., \$6.00
3. Traffic-Safe and Hydraulically Efficient Drainage Practice (1969) 38 pp. (microfiche)*	52. Management and Selection Systems for Highway Maintenance Equipment (1978) 17 pp., \$4.40
4. Concrete Bridge Deck Durability (1970) 28 pp. (microfiche)* (supplemented by Synthesis 57)	53. Precast Concrete Elements for Transportation Facilities (1978) 48 pp., \$5.60
5. Scour at Bridge Waterways (1970) 37 pp. (microfiche)*	54. Recycling Materials for Highways (1978) 53 pp. (microfiche)*
6. Principles of Project Scheduling and Monitoring (1970) 43 pp. (microfiche)*	55. Storage and Retrieval Systems for Highway and Transportation Data (1978) 30 pp., \$4.80
7. Motorist Aid Systems (1971) 28 pp., \$2.40	56. Joint-Related Distress in PCC Pavement—Cause, Prevention and Rehabilitation (1979) 36 pp., \$5.20
8. Construction of Embankments (1971) 38 pp. (microfiche)*	57. Durability of Concrete Bridge Decks (1979) 61 pp. (microfiche)* (supplements Synthesis 4)
9. Pavement Rehabilitation - Materials and Techniques (1972) 41 pp. (out of print)	58. Consequences of Deferred Maintenance (1979) 24 pp., \$4.40
10. Recruiting, Training, and Retaining Maintenance and Equipment Personnel (1972) 35 pp. (microfiche)*	59. Relationship of Asphalt Cement Properties to Pavement Durability (1979) 43 pp., \$5.60
11. Development of Management Capability (1972) 50 pp. (out of print)	60. Failure and Repair of Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement (1979) 42 pp., \$5.60
12. Telecommunications Systems for Highway Administration and Operations (1972) 39 pp., \$2.80 (superseded by Synthesis 165)	61. Changeable Message Signs (1979) 37 pp., \$5.60
13. Radio Spectrum Frequency Management (1972) 32 pp., \$2.80	62. Potential State Resources for Financing Transportation Programs (1979) 34 pp., \$5.20
14. Skid Resistance (1972) 66 pp. (microfiche)*	63. Design and Use of Highway Shoulders (1979) 26 pp., \$4.80
15. Statewide Transportation Planning - Needs and Requirements (1973) 41 pp. (microfiche)* (superseded by Synthesis 95)	64. Bituminous Patching Mixtures (1979) 26 pp., \$4.80
16. Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement (1973) 23 pp., \$2.80	65. Quality Assurance (1979) 42 pp., \$5.60
17. Pavement Traffic Marking - Materials and Application Affecting Serviceability (1973) 44 pp., \$3.60 (superseded by Synthesis 138)	66. Glare Screen Guidelines (1979) 17 pp., \$4.40
18. Erosion Control on Highway Construction (1973) 52 pp. (microfiche)*	67. Bridge Drainage Systems (1979) 44 pp., \$5.60
19. Design, Construction, and Maintenance of PCC Pavement Joints (1973) 40 pp. (out of print)	68. Motor Vehicle Size and Weight Regulation, Enforcement, and Permit Operations (1980) 45 pp., \$6.00
20. Rest Areas (1973) 38 pp., \$3.60	69. Bus Route and Schedule Planning Guidelines (1980) 99 pp., \$8.00
21. Highway Location Reference Methods (1974) 30 pp., \$3.20	70. Design of Sedimentation Basins (1980) 53 pp., \$6.80
22. Maintenance Management of Traffic Signal Equipment and Systems (1974) 41 pp. (microfiche)* (superseded by Synthesis 114)	71. Direction Finding from Arterials to Destinations (1980) 50 pp., \$6.40
23. Getting Research Findings Into Practice (1974) 24 pp., \$3.20	72. Transportation Needs Studies and Financial Constraints (1980) 54 pp., \$6.40
24. Minimizing Deicing Chemical Use (1974) 58 pp. (microfiche)*	73. Alternative Work Schedules: Impacts on Transportation (1980) 54 pp., \$6.80
25. Reconditioning High-Volume Freeways in Urban Areas (1974) 56 pp., \$4.00	74. State Transit-Management Assistance to Local Communities (1980) 34 pp., \$6.00
26. Roadway Design in Seasonal Frost Areas (1975) 104 pp. (microfiche)*	75. Transit Boards-Composition, Roles, and Procedures (1981) 24 pp., \$6.20
27. PCC Pavements for Low-Volume Roads and City Streets (1975) 31 pp. (microfiche)*	76. Collection and Use of Pavement Condition Data (1981) 74 pp., \$8.00
28. Partial-Lane Pavement Widening (1975) 30 pp., \$3.20	77. Evaluation of Pavement Maintenance Strategies (1981) 56 pp., \$7.40
29. Treatment of Soft Foundations for Embankments (1975) 25 pp., \$3.20 (supplemented by Synthesis 147)	78. Value Engineering in Preconstruction and Construction (1981) 23 pp., \$6.40
30. Bituminous Emulsions for Highway Pavements (1975) 76 pp. (microfiche)*	79. Contract Time Determination (1981) 45 pp., \$7.20
31. Highway Tunnel Operations (1975) 29 pp., \$3.20	80. Formulating and Justifying Highway Maintenance Budgets (1981) 49 pp., \$7.20
32. Effects of Studded Tires (1975) 46 pp., \$4.00	81. Experiences in Transportation System Management (1981) 88 pp., \$8.40
33. Acquisition and Use of Geotechnical Information (1976) 40 pp., \$4.00	82. Criteria for Evaluation of Truck Weight Enforcement Programs (1981) 74 pp., \$7.20
34. Policies for Accommodation of Utilities on Highway Rights of Way (1976) 22 pp. (microfiche)*	83. Bus Transit Accessibility for the Handicapped in Urban Areas (1981) 73 pp., \$7.60
35. Design and Control of Freeway Off-Ramp Terminals (1976) 61 pp., \$4.40	84. Evaluation Criteria and Priority Setting for State Highway Programs (1981) 32 pp., \$6.40
36. Instrumentation and Equipment for Testing Highway Materials, Products, and Performance (1976) 70 pp., \$4.80	85. Energy Involved in Construction Materials and Procedures (1981) 34 pp., \$6.40
37. Lime-Fly Ash-Stabilized Bases and Subbases (1976) 66 pp. (microfiche)*	86. Effects of Traffic-Induced Vibrations on Bridge Deck Repairs (1981) 40 pp., \$6.80
38. Statistically Oriented End-Result Specifications (1976) 40 pp., \$4.00	87. Highway Noise Barriers (1981) 81 pp., \$7.20
39. Transportation Requirements for the Handicapped, Elderly, and Economically Disadvantaged (1976) 54 pp. (out of print)	88. Underwater Inspection and Repair of Bridge Substructures (1981) 77 pp., \$7.60
40. Staffing and Management for Social, Economic, and Environmental Impact Assessments (1977) 43 pp., \$4.00	89. Geotechnical Instrumentation for Monitoring Field Performance (1982) 46 pp., \$6.80
41. Bridge Bearings (1977) 62 pp. (microfiche)*	90. New-Product Evaluation Procedures (1982) 34 pp., \$6.80
42. Design of Pile Foundations (1977) 68 pp., \$4.80	91. Highway Accident Analysis Systems (1982) 69 pp., \$7.60
43. Energy Effects, Efficiencies, and Prospects for Various Modes of Transportation (1977) 57 pp., \$4.80 (supplemented by Synthesis 121)	92. Minimizing Reflection Cracking of Pavement Overlays (1982) 38 pp., \$6.80
44. Consolidation of Concrete for Pavements, Bridge Decks, and Overlays (1977) 61 pp., \$4.80	93. Coordination of Transportation System Management and Land Use Management (1982) 38 pp., \$6.80
45. Rapid-Setting Materials for Patching of Concrete (1977) 13 pp. (out of print)	94. Photologging (1982) 38 pp., \$6.80
46. Recording and Reporting Methods for Highway Maintenance Expenditures (1977) 35 pp., \$3.60	95. Statewide Transportation Planning (1982) 54 pp., \$7.20 (supersedes Synthesis 15)
47. Effect of Weather on Highway Construction (1978) 29 pp., \$3.20	96. Pavement Subsurface Drainage Systems (1982) 38 pp., \$6.80
48. Priority Programming and Project Selection (1978) 31 pp. (out of print)	
49. Open-Graded Friction Courses for Highways (1978) 50 pp., \$4.00	

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Table 1 (continued)

No. Title, Pages, Price	No. Title, Pages, Price
97. Transit Ownership/Operation Options for Small Urban and Rural Areas (1982) 28 pp., \$6.40	138. Pavement Markings: Materials and Application for Extended Service Life (1988) 45 pp., \$8.00 (supersedes Synthesis 17)
98. Resealing Joints and Cracks in Rigid and Flexible Pavements (1982) 62 pp., \$7.20	139. Pedestrians and Traffic Control Measures (1988) 75 pp., \$9.00
99. Resurfacing with Portland Cement Concrete (1982) 90 pp., \$8.40	140. Durability of Prestressed Concrete Highway Structures (1988) 65 pp., \$9.00
100. Managing State Highway Finance (1982) 23 pp., \$6.40	141. Bridge Deck Joints (1989) 66 pp., \$9.00
101. Historic Bridges-Criteria for Decision Making (1983) 77 pp., \$8.00	142. Methods of Cost-Effectiveness Analysis for Highway Projects (1988) 22 pp., \$7.00
102. Material Certification and Material-Certification Effectiveness (1983) 17 pp., \$6.00	143. Uniformity Efforts in Oversize/Overweight Permits (1988) 79 pp., \$10.00
103. Risk Assessment Processes for Hazardous Materials Transportation (1983) 26 pp., \$6.40	144. Breaking/Cracking and Sealing Concrete Pavements (1989) 39 pp., \$8.00
104. Criteria for Use of Asphalt Friction Surfaces (1983) 41 pp., \$6.80	145. Staffing Considerations in Construction Engineering Management (1989) 42 pp., \$8.00
105. Construction Contract Claims: Causes and Methods of Settlement (1983) 58 pp., \$7.20	146. Use of Consultants for Construction Engineering and Inspection (1989) 64 pp., \$9.00
106. Practical Guidelines for Minimizing Tort Liability (1983) 40 pp., \$6.80	147. Treatment of Problem Foundations for Highway Embankments (1989) 72 pp., \$9.00
107. Shallow Foundations for Highway Structures (1983) 38 pp., \$6.80	148. Indicators of Quality in Maintenance (1989) 114 pp., \$11.00
108. Bridge Weight-Limit Posting Practices (1984) 30 pp., \$6.40	149. Partnerships for Innovation: Private Sector Contributions to Innovation in the Highway Industry (1989) 45 pp., \$8.00
109. Highway Uses of Epoxy with Concrete (1984) 68 pp., \$8.80	150. Technology Transfer in Selected Highway Agencies (1989) 38 pp., \$8.00
110. Maintenance Management Systems (1984) 49 pp., \$8.00	151. Process for Recapitalizing Highway Transportation Systems (1989) 43 pp., \$8.00
111. Distribution of Wheel Loads on Highway Bridges (1984) 22 pp., \$7.20	152. Compaction of Asphalt Pavement (1989) 42 pp., \$8.00
112. Cost-Effectiveness of Hot-Dip Galvanizing for Exposed Steel (1984) 28 pp., \$7.20	153. Evolution and Benefits of Preventive Maintenance Strategies (1989) 69 pp., \$9.00
113. Administration of Research, Development, and Implementation Activities in Highway Agencies (1984) 49 pp., \$8.00	154. Recycling Portland Cement Concrete Pavements (1989) 46 pp., \$8.00
114. Management of Traffic Signal Maintenance (1984) 134 pp., \$10.80 (supersedes Synthesis 22)	155. Freeway Guide Sign Replacement: Policies and Criteria (1991) 37 pp., \$8.00
115. Reducing Construction Conflicts between Highways and Utilities (1984) 73 pp., \$8.80	156. Freeway Incident Management (1990) 23 pp., \$7.00
116. Asphalt Overlay Design Procedures (1984) 66 pp., \$8.40	157. Maintenance Management of Street and Highway Signs (1990) 134 pp., \$12.00
117. Toll Highway Financing (1984) 29 pp., \$7.20	158. Wet-Pavement Safety Programs (1990) 54 pp., \$8.00
118. Detecting Defects and Deterioration in Highway Structures (1985) 52 pp., \$8.00	159. Design and Construction of Bridge Approaches (1990) 45 pp., \$8.00
119. Prefabricated Bridge Elements and Systems (1985) 75 pp., \$8.80	160. Cold-Recycled Bituminous Concrete Using Bituminous Materials (1990) 105 pp., \$11.00
120. Professional Resource Management and Forecasting (1985) 15 pp., \$6.80	161. Computer-Aided Design and Drafting Systems (1990) 24 pp., \$7.00
121. Energy Conservation in Transportation (1985) 25 pp., \$7.20 (supplements Synthesis 43)	162. Signing Policies, Procedures, Practices, and Fees for Logo and Tourist-Oriented Directional Signing (1990) 41 pp., \$8.00
122. Life-Cycle Cost Analysis of Pavements (1985) 136 pp., \$10.80	163. Innovative Strategies for Upgrading Personnel in State Transportation Departments (1990) 35 pp., \$7.00
123. Bridge Designs to Reduce and Facilitate Maintenance and Repair (1985) 65 pp., \$8.40	164. Measures to Curtail State Fuel Tax Evasion (1990) 14 pp., \$7.00
124. Use of Weigh-in-Motion Systems for Data Collection and Enforcement (1986) 34 pp., \$7.60	165. Transportation Telecommunications (1990) 92 pp., \$10.00 (supersedes Synthesis 12)
125. Maintenance Activities Accomplished by Contract (1986) 42 pp., \$8.00	166. Traffic Signal Control Equipment: State of the Art (1990) 43 pp., \$8.00
126. Equipment for Obtaining Pavement Condition and Traffic Loading Data (1986) 118 pp., \$11.20	167. Measurements, Specifications, and Achievement of Smoothness for Pavement Construction (1990) 34 pp., \$8.00
127. Use of Fly Ash in Concrete (1986) 66 pp., \$8.40	168. Contract Management Systems (1990) 74 pp., \$10.00
128. Methods for Identifying Hazardous Highway Elements (1986) 80 pp. (microfiche)*	169. Removing Concrete from Bridges (1991) 42 pp., \$8.00
129. Freezing and Thawing Resistance of High-Strength Concrete (1986) 31 pp., \$7.60	170. Managing Urban Freeway Maintenance (1990) 32 pp., \$7.00
130. Traffic Data Collection and Analysis: Methods and Procedures (1986) 58 pp., \$8.40	171. Fabrics in Asphalt Overlays and Pavement Maintenance (1991) 72 pp., \$9.00
131. Effects of Permit and Illegal Overloads on Pavements (1987) 99 pp., \$10.40	172. Signal Timing Improvement Practices (1992) (in press)
132. System-Wide Safety Improvements: An Approach to Safety Consistency (1987) 20 pp., \$6.80	173. Short-Term Responsive Maintenance Systems (1991) 43 pp., \$9.00
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134. D-Cracking of Concrete Pavements (1987) 34 pp., \$7.60	176. Bridge Paint: Removal, Containment, and Disposal (1992) (in press)
135. Pavement Management Practices (1987) 139 pp., \$12.40	177. Freeway Corridor Management (1992) (in press)
136. Protective Coatings for Bridge Steel (1987) 107 pp., \$11.00	178. Truck Escape Ramps: Location, Design, Operation, and Maintenance (1992) (in press)
137. Negotiating and Contracting for Professional Engineering Services (1988) 75 pp., \$9.60	179. Latex-Modified Concretes and Mortars (1992) (in press)
<b>Research Results Digests (RRD)</b>	
100. Safe Conduct of Traffic Through Highway Construction and Maintenance Zones (1978) 5 pp., \$1.00	106. Use of Waste Materials in Highway Construction and Maintenance (1979) 2 pp., \$1.00
<b>Syntheses in Editorial and Publication Process</b>	
174. Stormwater Management for Transportation Facilities	19-11 Operational Experience with Loop Detectors
	20-11 In-Service Experience with Noise Barriers
	21-01 Performance Characteristics of Open-Graded Friction Courses

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Table 2  
TOPICS BEING STUDIED

No.	Title	No.	Title
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19-22	Status and Application of GPS Satellite Positioning for Departments of Transportation	22-10	Use of Waste Materials and By-Products in Highway Construction
20-22	Highway Tort Liability Management Programs	22-11	Photographic Enforcement of Traffic Laws
21-01	Performance Characteristics of Open-Graded Asphalt Friction Courses	22-12	Truck Operating Characteristics
21-02	Preferential Lane Treatments for High-Occupancy Vehicles	22-13	Use of Rumble Strips to Enhance Safety
21-03	Management Training and Development Programs	22-14	Impacts of Highway Bypasses on Rural Communities and Small Urban Areas
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21-08	Development and Implementation of Traffic Control Plans for Highway Work Zones	23-02	Rapid Test Methods
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21-11	Impacts of Hazardous Materials on Highway Maintenance	23-05	Relationship of Current Construction Specifications to Performance
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22-01	Performance and Operational Experience of Truck-Mounted Attenuators	23-09	Severity Indices for Roadside Features
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22-07	Current Practices in Determining Pavement Condition	23-12	Reduced Visibility on the Highway
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Table 3  
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