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Overlays

- Subgrade – Fill or Natural Soil
- Subbase
- Base
- Wearing Surface Layers
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What is an Overlay?

- Placement of a new course of pavement on the remaining pavement structure
  - Bituminous or Concrete
  - Mill and Overlay/Inlay
Overlays
Fundamentals of Overlays

• Planning
  – Selection of overlay type

• Preparation
  – Crack and joint repair
  – Pothole patching
  – Rut filling (minor)
  – Milling

• Production
  – Mix design

• Placement
  – Traffic control
  – Tack coat
  – Density
Bituminous over Bituminous Overlays
What is a BOB Overlay?

• A new bituminous surface is paved over an existing bituminous pavement.
• Can be a non-structural or structural overlay:
  – Non-structural overlay
    • Generally used as a short-term fix
  – Structural overlay
    • Thicker mat that will increase pavement strength
Bituminous over Bituminous Overlays

Fundamentals of BOB Overlays

1. Pavement Evaluation
2. Resurfacing Design
   • Resurfacing Thickness
     • Typically 1.5 - 3 inches on low volume roads and as a non-structural overlay on primary roads
     • Typically 3 - 6 inches as a structural overlay on primary roads
   • Transverse crack treatment
   • Mixture Design
   • Drainage Design
3. Pre-resurfacing Work
   • Pre-surface Repairs
   • Pothole patching
   • Crack repair
   • Direct Placement or Milling
• **Direct Placement or Milling**
  - Direct placement when all the following are true:
    • Additional structure is necessary
    • No issues with existing pavement materials
    • No vertical limitations
  - Mill when one or more of the following is true:
    • Additional structure is not required
    • Problems with existing pavement materials
    • Vertical limitations exist
4. Construction

- Surface cleaning
- Tack Coat
  - Different rates for milled and non-milled surfaces
- Bituminous Placement
  - Lift thickness
  - Density control
Bituminous over Bituminous Overlays
Applications for Non-structural BOB Overlays

• **Good Candidates** include pavements with:
  – Good subgrade, base and cross-section
  – Adequate strength
  – Where a short term fix is acceptable

• **Poor Candidates** include pavements with:
  – Poor subgrade and/or base support
  – Significant surface distresses
Bituminous over Bituminous Overlays
Applications for Structural BOB Overlays

• Good Candidates include pavements with:
  – Good subgrade and base, but inadequate thickness
  – Marginal structure, but cannot be closed to traffic

• Poor Candidates include pavements with:
  – Poor subgrade and/or base support that cannot be overcome with a thick overlay
  – Frost issues
Concrete over Bituminous Overlays

What is a COB Overlay?

- A new concrete surface is paved over an existing bituminous pavement
- Typically used as an unbonded overlay (≥4”)
- Can be bonded or unbonded
  - For unbonded overlays, degree of bond is not considered in design
Concrete over Bituminous Overlays
Fundamentals of COB Overlays

1. Pavement Evaluation
2. Resurfacing Design
   - Resurfacing Thickness
     - Typically 6 – 11 inches on high volume roads
     - Minimum of 4 inches on low volume roads
   - Mixture Design
   - Joint Design
   - Drainage Design
   - Edge support considerations
## Concrete over Bituminous Overlays
### Fundamentals of COB Overlays

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3. Pre-resurfacing Work

- Pre-surface Repairs
- Direct Placement or Milling
  - Direct placement when rutting < 2”
  - Mill when rutting ≥ 2”
  - Mill 1” - 2”, leaving < 1” of the rutting
- Surface cleaning
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4. Construction

- Dowel Bars (when needed)
- Concrete Placement
- Curing
- Joint Sawing
Concrete over Bituminous Overlays
Equipment and Materials for COB Overlays

• Equipment needed:
  – Conventional concrete paving equipment
  – Conventional asphalt paving equipment
    (if needed for pre-overlay repairs)
  – Milling machine

• Materials needed:
  – Conventional concrete materials
  – Conventional or open-graded asphalt materials
    (if needed for pre-overlay repairs)
  – Concrete anchorages to secure dowel baskets
Concrete over Bituminous Overlays
Considerations for COB Overlays

- Original roadway width
- Vertical clearance
- Number of culverts and bridges
- Drainage
- Materials
- Schedule
- Traffic
Concrete over Bituminous Overlays
Applications for COB Overlays

• Good Candidates include pavements with:
  – Adequate subgrade support, but inadequate pavement structure
• Poor Candidates include pavements with:
  – Vertical geometry restrictions
  – Significant frost issues
  – Cannot be closed to traffic
Pre-overlay Treatment Considerations:

- What are the existing pavement issues?
  - Structural issues versus surface distresses
- What is the required permeability of the treatment?
- What is the required ease of construction?
  - Pre-overlay Treatment
  - Bituminous or Concrete Overlay
- What are the costs?
Pre-overlay Treatments for Bituminous and Concrete Overlays

- Pre-overlay treatments include:
  - Milling
  - Blade Leveling/Tight Blading
  - Localized Structural Repairs
  - Flexible Slurry
  - Grids/Fabrics
  - Stress Absorbing Membrane Interlayer
Pre-overlay Treatments for Bituminous and Concrete Overlays

- **Milling**
  - Eliminates material problems and significant condition issues that may be cost prohibitive to fix before the overlay
  - Allows you to maintain the same roadway elevation
  - Removes surface distresses before structural overlay
Mill and Overlay

- Generally used with vertical restrictions or to correct severe surface defects
- Mill and overlay may increase the overall pavement height slightly – i.e. Mill 3”, Overlay 4”
Mill and Inlay

• Also used with vertical restrictions or to correct severe surface defects
• Maintains the same overall pavement height – i.e. Mill 3”, Overlay 3”
• Keep existing shoulders and/or curb
Pre-overlay Treatments for Bituminous and Concrete Overlays

- **Blade Leveling/Tight Blading**
  - Should be done in two passes
    - One in each direction
  - Fine dense graded sand mix with high AC (asphalt concrete) content
  - Pneumatic roller should be used for compaction
  - Typically < 1” thick
Pre-overlay Treatments for Bituminous and Concrete Overlays

- Localized Structural Repairs
  - Sometimes requires base and/or subgrade correction
  - Address the root cause, not the symptom
  - Inadequate structure
  - Drainage
  - Contaminated base
Pre-overlay Treatments for Bituminous and Concrete Overlays

• Flexible Slurry
  – Alternative to tight blading
Pre-overlay Treatments for Bituminous and Concrete Overlays

- **Grids/Fabrics**
  - Acts as localized reinforcement over cracks
  - May delay reflective cracking
  - May reduce the number and severity of reflective cracks
Pre-overlay Treatments for Bituminous and Concrete Overlays

• **Stress Absorbing Membrane Interlayer (SAMI)**
  – Majority of the existing pavement’s structural strength is utilized
  – Bond between existing pavement and the overlay is broken to minimize reflective cracking
Pre-overlay Treatments for Bituminous and Concrete Overlays

Pre-overlay Treatment of Existing Pavements (NCHRP Project 20-5, Synthesis Topic 38-06)

- Synthesis of pre-overlay treatment selection
  - Decision process for determining pre-overlay treatment
  - Practices
  - Differences in practices associated with climate and material diversity
Recycling
FHWA - 2002 Recycled Materials Policy

- Recycled materials should get first consideration in materials selection
  - Recycling ⇒ engineering, economic & environmental benefits
  - Review engineering & environmental suitability
  - Assess economic benefits
  - Remove restrictions prohibiting use of recycled materials without technical basis
Recycling
Why Recycle?

- Improve serviceability of aged, deteriorated pavements
- Reduce raw material costs
- Level deformations & re-establish crowns
- Retain overhead clearances
- Minimize lane closure time, user delays
- Public acceptance of recycling
- Recycled pavement can be recycled itself
Recycling
When to Recycle?

- Pavement at end of its serviceable life
  - Fatigue (alligator) cracking
- Oxidized
- Raveling of thermal cracks - potholes
- Low clearances under bridges
Recycling Options
Bituminous

- Mill, haul and recycle at HMA plant
- Cold In-place Recycle (CIR)
  - Conventional
  - Engineered
- Hot In-place Recycle (HIR)
- Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
  - Pulverization
  - Stabilization
Recycling Options
Concrete

- Crack and Seat/Break and Seat
- Rubblization
- Break it up, remove, haul and process on site or at another facility
  - Product typically used for base
- Quality Control/Process Control limits options for recycling concrete
In-place Recycling
Bituminous Recycling Options

Cold In-Place Recycling

Full Depth Reclamation
Cold In-place Recycling (CIR)
Cold In-place Recycling (CIR)

**What is Cold In-place Recycling?**

- CIR is the on-site rehabilitation of asphalt pavements without the application of heat during recycling.
- CIR interrupts the existing crack pattern and produces a crack-free layer for the new wearing course.
Cold In-place Recycling (CIR)
The Train Machine Concept

Used when the Engineer’s design requires milled material needs to be screened, be of a uniform size and fully mixed in a pugmill.
Cold In-place Recycling (CIR)
Illustration of CIR Process
Cold In-place Recycling (CIR) Fundamentals of CIR

- Analyze existing structure & conditions
  - Understand causes for distress
- Correct any drainage or base problems
- Two options:
  - Conventional
  - Engineered design process
Cold In-place Recycling (CIR)

Fundamentals of CIR

Comparison of Conventional and Engineered CIR

- **Conventional**
  - No mix design
  - 2% Emulsion
  - QC requirements
    - Two gradations per day
    - 100% passing 1-1/2"
    - 90-100% passing 1"
    - Control strip

- **Engineered**
  - Defined sampling protocol
  - Engineered design
  - Performance-related specs
  - Early strength & long term durability
Cold In-place Recycling (CIR)
Engineered CIR

Less Raveling – Lab & Field

Conventional CIR
25.7% mass loss

Engineered CIR
1.6% loss

Raveling in the field

Samples & field photos from
CSAH No. 20,
Blue Earth County, MN
Cold In-place Recycling (CIR)
Fundamentals of CIR

• Mix design
  – Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) crushed to defined gradations
  – Emulsion formulated
  – Superpave Gyratory Compactor (SGC) mixes at field moisture content

• Performance-related tests
Cold In-place Recycling (CIR) Mix Design

RAP/Base Analysis

- Foamed Asphalt, Engineered Emulsion and Fly Ash
  - Field cores crushed to 3 gradation bands
  - A design made for at least 2 gradations
Cold In-place Recycling (CIR) Mix Design

Superpave Gyratory Compactor

Lab

Field

LRRB Pavement Rehabilitation Selection
Cold In-place Recycling (CIR)
Components of an Engineered CIR Project

- Site selection guidelines
- Mix design & performance testing
- Contractor & DOT training
- Job site support
Cold In-place Recycling (CIR)
Environmental Benefits of CIR

- No heat is used during the process thereby reducing the use of fossil fuels and also reducing air pollution.
- Since the existing aggregate and asphalt cement is reused, the need for virgin aggregate and asphalt cement are reduced or eliminated.
- 40% to 50% energy savings can be achieved using this process versus conventional approaches.
Cold In-place Recycling (CIR) Applications for CIR

- Good candidates include pavement with:
  - At least 4” of hot mix
  - Adequate base and subgrade
  - Severe bituminous distresses

- Poor candidates include pavements with:
  - Inadequate base or subgrade support
  - Inadequate drainage
  - Paving fabrics or inter-layers
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
What is FDR?

• The full thickness of the asphalt pavement and a predetermined portion of the base, subbase and/or subgrade is uniformly pulverized and blended to provide a homogeneous material.

• If new material is not a sufficient base for a new surface course, the reclaimed materials are stabilized by mechanical, chemical or bituminous means.
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)

What is FDR?

Bituminous pavement needing repair

FDR Example

- Overlay
- 6-10 inches stabilized material
- Granular base
- Soil
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)  
Types of FDR

- **Mechanical stabilization** - FDR without addition of binder (Pulverization)
- **Chemical stabilization** - FDR with chemical additive (Calcium or Magnesium Chloride, Lime, Fly Ash, Kiln Dust, Portland Cement, etc.)
- **Bituminous stabilization** - FDR with asphalt emulsion, emulsified recycling agent, or foamed/expanded asphalt additive
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR) Types of FDR

Additives Used in Recycling

- Foam: 2%
- Fly Ash: 5%
- Other (Kiln dust/CaCl2): 6%
- Lime: 11%
- Emulsion: 16%
- Cement: 20%
- None (dry): 40%
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
The Construction Process

1. Pulverize, blade & lightly compact before reclamation
   - Aids in material sizing if additive is added later
   - Corrects road profile, if needed
   - May not be necessary with very powerful reclaimers

2. Adjust moisture, reclaim/stabilize & mix additive (if applicable) with 6-10 inches of in-place with reclaimer or recycling train
   - Bituminous & granular material or granular material
3. Compact
   • Padfoot roller
   • Blade to desired profile & remove pad marks
   • Final compaction - pneumatic and/or steel rollers

4. Cover with appropriate wearing surface after curing
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
Keys to Success

- Pavement & material assessment
- Engineered mix design
  - Choose correct additive for the application
- Performance-related specifications
- Construction guidelines & QC specs
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
Keys to Success

Pavement and Material Assessment

- Springtime (preferred) structural evaluation by agency or consulting engineer
  - Structure; layer evaluations
  - Drainage
  - Distresses
  - Road needs

Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP)
Pavement and Material Assessment

- Soil borings
  - Sample top 6-10 inches
  - Auger to 5 ft for:
    - layer thickness and identification
    - water table location
Pavement and Material Assessment

- Strength testing options to identify weak areas and determine subgrade strength/modulus:
  - Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD)
  - California Bearing Ratio (CBR) or R-Value
  - Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP)
  - Proof rolling (granular surfaces only)
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
Keys to Success

Pavement and Material Assessment

Falling Weight Deflectometer - FWD
CBR device
R-Value Determination (Hveem)
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
Keys to Success

Engineered Mix Design

Superpave Gyratory Compactor

Cohesiometer

Lab Mixer
Engineered Mix Design

• Virgin aggregate or RAP may be needed
  – To increase depth of finished structural layer
  – To improve gradation
    • Cleanliness (P200)
    • Material quality
    • Grading
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
Keys to Success

Stabilization Considerations

Prone to Rutting

Prone to Cracking

Flexible

Stiff

Granular

Organic Clay

Subbase

Surface
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
Keys to Success

Stabilization Considerations

- Cutbacks or Road Mix (Prone to Rutting)
- Proprietary Products
- Engineered Emulsion
- Foam Asphalt or Lime
- Fly Ash or Cement (Prone to Cracking)

Flexible - Stiff
Granular - Organic Clay

LRRB Pavement Rehabilitation Selection
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR) Keys to Success

Stabilization Considerations

• Pulverization
  – Mill to 3” minus material
  – No stabilization required
  – Shape, compact
  – Granular Equivalent of 1 inch per inch
Stabilization Considerations

- Engineered Emulsion Technology is formulated for:
  - High asphalt content
  - Good dispersion with higher film thickness
  - Durable
  - Flexible
  - Climate-specific binder
  - Formulated for each project
Stabilization Considerations

- **Fly Ash or Cement Stabilization**
  - Mill to 3” minus material
  - Can incorporate some plastic subgrade soils
  - Cement addition rate of 2-4% by weight, fly ash addition rate of 6-10% by weight
  - Short working time due to hydration
  - Specific design for each project
  - Higher stiffness, lower flexibility
### Full Depth Reclamation (FDR) Keys to Success

#### Performance-Related Specification Guidelines

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Tests run on 150-mm SGC prepared specimens
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
Keys to Success

Construction and Quality Control

• Equipment
  – Reclaimer
  – Padfoot compactor
  – Motor grader
  – Water truck
  – Finishing Rollers
Construction and Quality Control - Reclaimer

• Typically used in FDR construction

• Typical properties:
  – Center mount cutter
  – 8 or 10 feet wide
  – Accurate emulsion addition
  – Emulsion added to enclosed mixing drum
  – Cement or fly ash added after first pass of reclaimer
  – Road is usually reclaimed a third at a time
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
Keys to Success

Construction and Quality Control - Padfoot Compactor
• Best for achieving compaction at bottom of layer
• High amplitude/ low frequency
• Back drag blade preferred
• Examples:
  – CAT CP 563C or 563D (rounded pads)
  – Hamm and Hypac
  – SuperPac (34,000 lb)
  – Hyster (28,000 lb)
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
Keys to Success

Construction and Quality Control - Motor Grader
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
Keys to Success

Construction and Quality Control - Water Truck

• Many varieties / homemade
• Ability to apply a uniform spray over the width of road
• Adjust initial moisture content, if needed
• Aids in final compaction and appearance
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
Keys to Success

Construction and Quality Control - Finishing Rollers

• Achieve surface compaction & final appearance

• Pneumatic roller
  – 20 ton minimum
  – 90 psi tire pressure

• Vibratory steel roller
  – 10 ton minimum
  – low amplitude/ high frequency
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
Keys to Success

Construction and Quality Control

• Field Testing
  – Specific tests & testing frequency determined by agency & road requirements
  • Water content
  • Depth
  • Top size
  • Additive content
  • Compaction
  • Modified Proctor for target density
  • Traffic return
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
Keys to Success

Construction and Quality Control
• Corrective actions
  – Sub-cut & replace weak spots
  – Fix drainage
  – Fix thickness deficiency
    • Add rock
  – Widen
  • Cut out soil
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
Keys to Success

Construction and Quality Control

- Surfacing
  - To support needs of road
  - Structural
    - Traffic
    - Load levels
  - Climate
- Chip seal at a minimum
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)

FDR Expectations

• Site Assessment Critical
  – Can’t fix poor subgrades
  – If pre-construction assessment not done (borings, FWD, etc.), problems should be addressed during construction

• Amount of fines must be manageable
  – If surface or gravel base too thin, may have too many fines unless sufficient additional rock can be added
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
FDR Expectations

• Construction start-up expectation
  – Additives shouldn’t be added until moisture content is corrected, most notably
    • On all-gravel roads
    • In heavy rainfall or high water table areas

• Account for variability in road
  – Sufficient sampling & testing
  – Adjust as necessary during construction
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
FDR Expectations

• May require multiple reclaimer passes
  – For adequate sizing
  – For emulsion dispersion (high fines)
  – For moisture management

• Manage time to compaction when using additives
  – Too soon, soft areas
  – Too late, raveling
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
FDR Expectations

• Traffic control
  – Road may need to be closed during working day
  • Requires working full width of road
  – During construction, local traffic may need access to road if the full road width is being processed
  – During construction, constructing one lane at a time will require a pilot vehicle or an extra lane
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR) Applications for FDR

- Good Candidates include pavements with:
  - Need for upgrading, widening or rehabilitation
  - Bituminous surface on compacted base that:
    - Has sufficient depth to accommodate reclamation process
    - Generally has up to 20% fines (P200)
  - High severity distresses
    - Cracks, Ruts, Edge Failures, Potholes
    - Base problems
  - Good drainage or drainage to be corrected
Applications for FDR

- Poor Candidates include pavements with:
  - Clay-like native soils
    - Exception: can be stabilized with fly ash
  - Doesn’t meet P200 criteria & can’t or won’t accept added rock
  - Drainage problems
    - Including ditch & regional flooding problems
Full Depth Reclamation (FDR) Summary

• Builds structure down into pavement
  – Site assessment, sampling & mix design key to success
  – Performance-related design tests & specs improve reliability & performance
    • Early Strength
    • Cured Strength
    • Cracking Resistance
    • Moisture Resistance
    • QA / QC
CIR and FDR Considerations:

• What is the depth of my existing pavement?
  – CIR is best for pavements at least 5” thick
  – FDR is for any depth

• Is the pavement thickness consistent or variable?
  – FDR is better for variable thickness pavements
CIR and FDR Considerations (Continued):

- What is the condition and strength of the pavement base and subbase?
  - CIR requires base support for the heavy train equipment
  - FDR will break up cracking patterns in the base
- What is the required ease of construction?
  - CIR is all done at once
  - FDR has greater difficulty in getting material placed
For CIR processes a mobile screen deck and pugmill are used to process aggregate and incorporate emulsions, foamed asphalt and/or other liquids or solids.
Pavement Reconstruction
What is Pavement Rehabilitation versus Reconstruction?
Applications for Pavement Reconstruction

- Reconstruction may be necessary in certain situations when there is/are:
  - No redeemable pavement life
  - Major subgrade corrections
  - Changes to roadway geometrics
  - Planning and development decisions
  - Utility construction
Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation Techniques

- Diamond Grinding
- Dowel Bar Retrofit
- Concrete or Bituminous Overlay
  - Unbonded Concrete Overlay
  - Bituminous Overlay
- Fracture and Overlay
  - Crack and Seat
  - Break and Seat
  - Rubblize
- Pavement Reconstruction
Diamond Grinding
Diamond Grinding

What is Diamond Grinding?

• Diamond Grinding corrects irregularities such as faulting and roughness.
• Other advantages of Diamond Grinding include:
  • Smooth riding surface
  • Noise reduction
  • Improved friction
• All concrete repairs must be made before diamond grinding occurs.
• Existing joint seals may be removed prior to or in conjunction with the diamond grinding operation.
Diamond Grinding
Equipment and Materials
for Diamond Grinding

• Equipment needed:
  – Diamond saw blades gang mounted on cutting head
  – Storage tanks for slurry

• Materials needed:
  – Water
Diamond Grinding
Design and Construction Considerations

- Traffic Control
- Noise
- Working hours
- Capturing slurry
- Cost
Diamond Grinding
Applications for Diamond Grinding

• Good Candidates include pavements with:
  – Minor surface deficiencies, but are structurally sound
  – Major CPR (Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation)

• Poor Candidates include pavements with:
  – Structural deficiencies
  – Severe drainage or erosion problems
  – Progressive transverse slab cracking and corner breaks at joints
Dowel Bar Retrofit
Dowel Bar Retrofit

What is Dowel Bar Retrofit?

- Dowel Bar Retrofit is a rehabilitation technique for increasing the load transfer capability of existing jointed Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) pavement by placement of dowel bars across joints and/or cracks that exhibit poor load transfer.
Dowel Bar Retrofit
Fundamentals of Dowel Bar Retrofit

• Cut slots across joint at the wheel path
  – Typically 3 slots
• Insert dowel bars into slots
Dowel Bar Retrofit
Fundamentals of Dowel Bar Retrofit

• Fill slot with grout
  – Small maximum aggregate size is used to ensure grout fills in completely around the dowel
• Diamond grind the entire pavement area
Dowel Bar Retrofit
Equipment for Dowel Bar Retrofit

• Equipment needed:
  – To cut slots for dowel bars use either:
    • Diamond saw slot cutter
    • Modified milling machine
  – Small jack hammer
  – Small spud vibrator
Dowel Bar Retrofit
Materials for Dowel Bar Retrofit

• Materials needed:
  – Epoxy coated dowels with expansion caps and chairs
  – Concrete form oil as a bond breaker
  – Joint forming insert
  – Caulking
  – Backfill material
Dowel Bar Retrofit
Design and Construction Considerations

• Indicators that an individual joint or crack would benefit from dowel bar retrofit include:
  – Deflection load transfer of 60 percent or less.
  – Faulting greater than ¼ inch.
  – Differential deflection of 0.0098 inches or more.
Dowel Bar Retrofit
Applications for Dowel Bar Retrofit

• Good candidates include pavements with:
  – Significant remaining structural life, but significant loss of load transfer due to:
    • Poor aggregate interlock - undoweled
    • Erosion of base support at the joint
    • Excessive joint spacing
      – Mid-panel cracking
Dowel Bar Retrofit
Applications for Dowel Bar Retrofit

• Poor candidates include pavements with:
  – Little remaining structural life
  – A substantial amount of slab cracking
  – Faulted doweled joints
Concrete over Concrete Overlays
Concrete over Concrete Overlays

What is an Unbonded Concrete Overlay?

- A concrete resurfacing is placed on an existing concrete pavement with a separator layer between to ensure there is no bond created between the two concrete pavements.
Concrete over Concrete Overlays
Fundamentals of Unbonded Concrete Overlays

1. Pavement Evaluation
2. Resurfacing Design
   • Separator Layer
   • Resurfacing Thickness
     • Typically 6 – 11 inches on high volume roads
     • Minimum of 4 inches on low volume roads
   • Mixture Design
   • Joint Design
   • Drainage Design
   • Edge Support Design
### Unbonded Resurfacing Fundamentals

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<th>Unbonded resurfacing thickness</th>
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<td>&lt; 5 in. (12.7 cm)</td>
<td>6 x 6 ft (1.8 x 1.8 m) panels</td>
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<td>5–7 in. (12.7–17.8 cm)</td>
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<td>&gt; 7 in. (17.8 cm)</td>
<td>15 ft (4.6 m)</td>
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3. Pre-resurfacing Work
   • Pre-surface Repairs
   • Separator Layer
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<td>Full-depth spot repair and drainage improvements</td>
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<td>Severe joint spalling</td>
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4. Construction

- Concrete Placement
- Curing
- Joint Sawing
Concrete over Concrete Overlays
Equipment and Materials for Unbonded Concrete Overlays

- Equipment needed:
  - Conventional asphalt and concrete paving equipment

- Materials needed:
  - Conventional concrete materials
  - Conventional or open-graded asphalt materials
  - Concrete anchorages to secure dowel baskets
Concrete over Concrete Overlays
Design and Construction Considerations

- Vertical clearance
- Number of culverts and bridges
- Drainage
- Materials
- Schedule
- Traffic
Concrete over Concrete Overlays
Applications for Unbonded Concrete Overlays

• Good Candidates include pavements that:
  – Are in poor condition

• Poor Candidates include pavements that:
  – Need significant widening or realignment
  – Have significant frost heaving problems
Bituminous over Concrete Overlays

What is a Bituminous over Concrete (BOC) Overlay?

- Basics are the same as described for the BOB earlier
- Pre-overlay preparation:
  - Patch potholes with concrete or asphalt
    - Large areas should be patched with concrete for uniform support
  - Apply tack coat prior to overlay
  - Leveling course to correct for faulted surface
Bituminous over Concrete Overlays
Equipment and Materials for BOC Overlays

- **Equipment needed:**
  - Conventional asphalt paving equipment
- **Materials needed:**
  - Conventional asphalt materials
Bituminous over Concrete Overlays
Design and Construction Considerations

• Joint spacing in the concrete pavement
  – Determines material selection for overlay
• Extent of pre-overlay repair
• Construction traffic
• Design traffic
Bituminous over Concrete Overlays
Applications for BOC Overlays

• Good Candidates include pavements with:
  – Significant surface distresses, but are structurally sound
  – A life cycle cost that indicates a bituminous overlay is the most cost effective
  – Schedule considerations

• Poor Candidates include pavements with:
  – Structural deficiencies
    • Rubblize and overlay or crack and seat
Fracture-and-Overlay
What is Fracture-and-Overlay?

- Pavement is fractured to the specified size in order to minimize reflection cracking.
- Seating of the fractured pavement is intended to re-establish support between the base or subbase and the fractured slab.
- A bituminous overlay accommodates the thermal and traffic stresses.
- A concrete overlay accommodates the traffic stresses and a bond breaker accommodates the thermal stresses.
Fracture-and-Overlay
Fracture-and-Overlay Types

• Crack and Seat (non-reinforced concrete)
  – The maximum recommended crack spacing is 12-30 inches.

• Break and Seat (reinforced concrete)
  – The recommended fragment size is between 6 and 24 inches, with 12 to 18 inches preferred.

• Rubblize
  – The recommended fragment size is between 4 and 8 inches or less.
Fracture-and-Overlay Equipment for Crack and Seat / Break and Seat

- Equipment needed:
  - To crack/break the pavement use one of the following:
    - Guillotine
    - Hydraulic/Pneumatic Hammers
  - To seat the pavement use:
    - Two to three passes with a 35-50 ton rubber tire roller
Fracture-and-Overlay
Equipment and Materials for
Overlaying Fracture-and-Seat

• To overlay use:
  – Conventional asphalt or concrete paving equipment

• Materials needed:
  – Conventional asphalt or concrete materials
  – Asphalt interlayer if using concrete overlay
Fracture-and-Overlay Applications for Crack and Seat

- **Good Candidates** include:
  - Faulted non-reinforced concrete pavement
  - Pavement with any level of surface distress

- **Poor Candidates** include:
  - Reinforced concrete pavement
  - Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement (CRCP)
Fracture-and-Overlay Applications for Break and Seat

- **Good Candidates include:**
  - Jointed Reinforced Concrete Pavement (JRCP)

- **Poor Candidates include:**
  - Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement (CRCP)
Fracture-and-Overlay Equipment for Rubblization

- Equipment needed:
  - To shatter pavement use one of the following:
    - Resonant pavement breaker
    - Multiple head pavement breaker
  - To compact rubblized pavement use:
    - Several passes of a 10 ton vibratory roller
Fracture-and-Overlay Equipment and Materials for Overlaying Rubblization

• To overlay use:
  – Tracked paver for the first lift of bituminous pavement
  – Any type of paver for the remaining lifts
• Materials needed:
  – Conventional asphalt materials
• Remove any existing bituminous overlay.
• Remove any joint seal material.
• Use a test section to establish crack pattern.
• The smaller the crack spacing/particle size, the greater the likelihood that reflection cracking will be eliminated in the bituminous overlay.
Fracture-and-Overlay Applications for Rubblization

• Good Candidates include:
  – Reinforced concrete in any condition (the worse the better)
  – Non-reinforced concrete

• Poor Candidates include:
  – Concrete pavements in good condition
  – Concrete pavements on poor base or subgrades
  – Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement (CRCP)
Pavement Reconstruction
What is Pavement Rehabilitation versus Reconstruction?
Applications for Pavement Reconstruction

- Reconstruction may be necessary in certain situations when there is/are:
  - No redeemable pavement life
  - Major subgrade corrections
  - Changes to roadway geometrics
  - Planning and development decisions
  - Utility construction