Extended Life Pavements in Wisconsin

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Instrumentation Project I-43 NB





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North Leg Section Wells St to North Ave



North Leg HMA Pavement Design Details

1999 ADT = 138,800
2025 ADT = 152,700
11% Heavy Trucks
37.1 Million ESALs (WisDOT)

North Leg Perpetual HMA Pavement Structure

- 2" SMA Wearing Surface (70-28)
- 7" E30 Middle Layers (64-22)
- 4" C2 Bottom Layer (64-22)
- 4" Open Graded Aggregate #2
- 6" Dense Graded Aggregate -
- 18" Select Crushed Material
- Sandy-Silty-Clayey Soils



Project Goals

- Select/Procure/Install sensors into section of pavement
- Provide data to evaluate fatigue life of the pavement structure
- Compare experimental data against M-E outputs
- Calibrate local design inputs

Installed Sensor Types

- Asphalt Strain Sensors (25)
- Earth Pressure Cells (4)
- Moisture Probes (6)
- Soil Temperature Probes (6)
- HMA Temperature Gradient Probe (1)
- PK Piezo Wheel Wander Grid (3)
- Quartz Piezo WIM Strips (2)
- IR Surface Temperature Sensor (1)
- Wind Speed (1)
- Solar Radiation (2)
- Air Temperature (1)

Instrumentation Location Looking South























Maintaining System Integrity

Replaced malfunctioning equipment:

- Pavement temperature gradient probe
- (2) Pyranometers
- Infrared pavement surface temperature probe

Added a back-up server to mirror the primary database

Data Processing

Developed an algorithm for selecting peak values from strain and pressure signals Method for matching peak tensile strains/pressures with each associated wheel event is nearing completion



Pavement Life Projections

- Characterization of material properties to be completed soon (Mr, E*, etc.)
- Environmental data used to develop seasonal variations in material properties
- Strain readings used for peak tracking and loading times
- Comparisons of predicted versus measured strains (ILLI-PAVE, EVERSTRESS, etc)
- MEPDG analysis and stand-alone predictions



HMA Master Curves

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(+) Offset is right of C/L of Wheel-path



Peak Strain Readings August 19-25, 2007



Data Packaging

Project website in development
 Web portal created to display data

 <u>www.MChange-Strain.com</u>

- Pre-packaged data will be available for download as a compressed file.
- Additional content can be accessed via a read-only account on MySQL server.

Thanks for your attention!

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