# **ASPHALT:** <u>the</u> environmentally sustainable pavement

Greening the Blacktop

CAUTION RAISED MANHOLES



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Background information

Stormwater management / porous pavement

- UHI and reflective asphalt pavements
- USGBC LEED
- Recycled materials / RAP
- Env. Impacts and Carbon Footprints
- Warm Mix Asphalt





## ... what is it ?



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## **ASPHALT** The Sustainable Pavement



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PERFORMANCE



WATER QUALITY



**CLEAN AIR & COOL CITIES** 

Asphalt is the sustainable material for constructing pavements.

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#### Energy and Recycling

Less energy consumed in building pavements Asphalt pavements require about 20 percent less energy to preduce and construct than other pavements.<sup>1</sup>



#### Less energy consumed by the traveling public

Congestion leads to unnecessary consumption of fuel and production of emissions. Reducing congestion by constructing asphalt pavements just makes sense. Asphalt pavements are faster to construct and rehabilitate. And, a new or newly rehabilitated asphalt pavement can be opened to traffic as soon as it has been compacted and cooled. There is no question of waiting for days or weeks for the material to cure.

#### America's leading recycler

According to an EPA/FHWA study,<sup>2</sup> the asphalt indust y recycles more than 70 million tons of its own product every year, making it America's number oper ecycler. Asphalt recycling saves taxpayers about \$1.8 billion a year.

Other materials are routinely recycled into asphalt pavements. Some of the most common are rubber from used tires, glass, asphalt roofing shingles, and blast furnace slag.

#### Performance

#### The road doesn't wear out

Asphalt is the Perpetual Pavement. When appropriately designed and constructed, the road itself doesn't

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## **Porous Pavement with Recharge Bed**

### River Jacks Open Into Recharge Bed

### **Pervious Asphalt**

Stone Bed w/ 40% Void Space For Storage/Recharge





### **Standard Pavement**

### **Porous Pavement**

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### Univ. NC: add'l parking lot constructed ca. 2002



## Comparison of Detention vs. Infiltration System



Time Interval (hrs)

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stormwater management



## LET'S BUILD A PLACE ...

#### OVERVIEW

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#### COMMUNITY



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#### WHAT IS A GREEN STREET

The streets at Pringle Creek Community are part of an integrated water infiltration system that captures, absorbs and filters stormwater instead of sending it downstream in pipes. If the first one inch of every rainfall Taxes on impervious residential surfaces Iowa · · · and more states to come is captured and absorbed, 90% of rainwater is prevented

### porous streets !!



#### WHAT IS A GREEN STREET?



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porous streets !!

## **Benefits of Porous Pavement**

## Economic

- Reduces/Eliminates the land space consumed by conventional detention facilities
- Helps prevent excessive flooding and minimizes need for control measures

## Aesthetic

- Eliminates the need for unsightly detention basins
- Preserves areas such as woods/open space

## Environmental

- Limits peak stormwater discharge and improves water quality of any runoff
- Reduces amount of impervious surfaces

### Dense-graded asphalt pavements were historically the standard for roadways

- Provides structure, strength, and smoothness
- Smoothness can cause water overspray
- Open-graded Friction Courses (OGFC) developed to minimize overspray
  - Developed in the late 1940s (airports)
  - Pavement contains greater air voids
  - Thin OGFC pavement above dense-graded mat

OGFC Highly successful in minimizing accidents

- Calif-DOT identified a 50% decrease in deaths and 20% decrease in accidents after Hwy re-paved using OGFC
- Other state statistics similar

safer pavements

## Spray Reduction: OGFC on Freeway







## Vehicles on highways generate a significant amount of noise

- Noise from the tire/pavement interface accounts for over 75% of the vehicle noise
- Sound-walls are expensive and are only somewhat effective if placed in the line-of-sight
  - They reduce noise minimally and only over certain distances from the roadway
  - Sound-walls can increase UHI effects because they decrease air movement across pavement surface
- Traffic Noise can be significantly reduced using Open-Graded Friction Courses (OGFC)





## Noise Reduction: AR-OGFC on Highway



### quieter pavements



### **URBAN HEAT ISLAND**

Little vegetation or evaporation causes cities to remain warmer than the surrounding countryside









## Pavement Temperatures vs. Albedos



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myth or reality ?

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## Cooler Pavements → Cooler Air

Los Angeles: Simulate change of all pavement albedos (in < 20 years of normal maintenance)

+ Input:

Albedo change =0.25Pavement area = $1,250 \text{ km}^2$ Urban area = $10,000 \text{ km}^2$ 

Normal LA weather

+ Result:

-Decrease in air temperature  $\cong 0.6^{\circ}C(1^{\circ}F)$ 





## cooler pavements





## cooler pavements





## cooler pavements





**Below grade** w/ sound walls

Above grade w/ landscape

**Below grade** w/ sound walls

Airport: 23-inch thick pvmt



<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch



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#### **Heat Island Effect**

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### **Cool Pavements**

Denotes link to glossary definition

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What happens after solar radiation strikes a pvmt surface

- Dark pavements absorb / re-radiate as heat (night)
- Light pavements reflect as UV radiation (day) Heats up near-surface air / Heats up buildings Provides catalyst for increasing ground-level ozone Increases potential personal UV radiation exposure Pavement thickness and material capacities Thicker pavements retain more heat (Phoenix) - (near) surface temperature vs air temperature Pvmt design has "net zero" balance on UHI temperatures Concrete pymt is NOT necessarily cooler than asphalt **Porous (OGFC) asphalt pavements are COOLer** UHI does NOT cause Global Warming ... Sci. Am.
  - specialized binders are expensive but ...





# Surface Chip Seals and Coatings: using reflective / light-colored chip / paints









# "Gritting": reflective chips and aggregate

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# **Shot-Blasting:** abrading surface binder



# reflective pavements



# Synthetic and Colored Binders: using reflective aggregates





## reflective pavements



# Synthetic / Colored Binders: using reflective / colored aggregates





### 20,000 sq. ft. parking lot

- Conventional HMA @ ~ \$1.35 sq ft.
  - \$400/ton binder, 3" thick, \$75/ton HMA, ~ 400 tons HMA total
- PCConcrete pvmt @ ~ \$5.75 sq ft.
  - standard depth of ~ 6-8"w/ wire mesh etc; range \$4 \$8
- Colored HMA pvmt @ ~ \$2.50 sq ft.
  - \$2,000/ton binder, 3", = ~ \$140/ton HMA; material costs / placed
  - more labor involved re cleaning plant equip etc
- Densiphalt (cement grout over OGFC) @ ~ \$4 sq ft
  - includes placement of 2" OGFC only + std labor;
  - range \$3.50 \$5; process needs an existing (HMA) pvmt base
- Other technologies . . .
- specialized binders are expensive but . . .





\$2,000 / ton binder only doubles the sq. ft price Triple current HMA price is still competitive Densiphalt is current "alternative" to PCC for LEED credit – customers are purchasing Small volumes, specialized market, but GROWING Other technologies are much less \$\$ HOW and WHY does this fit into LEED ???

specialized binders are expensive but . . .





# **Using Asphalt Pavement to Reduce UHI**

- Albedo doesn't appear to be the entire story
- The role of thickness, density, and porosity are being evaluated to understand pavement's heat sink capacity
- Other "BMPs" have been identified to help mitigate pavement surface temperature (trees, topography)
- OGFC / porous pavements have been shown to be highly effective in reducing pavement surface temps
- Reflective HMA pavements can be produced \$\$
- But . . . IMHO . . .
- Pavement design has "net zero" balance on UHI temps
- USGBC needs to understand this . . .





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#### 5 key areas:

- Sustainable site development
- Water savings
- Energy efficiency
- Materials selection
- Indoor environmental quality

#### Earning LEED certification

- Must meet certain criteria  $\rightarrow$  credits / certification process
- Levels based on total credits

How asphalt pavements contribute to LEED credits

### **Retail Certification Levels**

Certified: 26-32 points Silver: 33-38 points Gold: 39-51 points Platinum: 52-70 points





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<b>Category</b>	<b>Possible Points</b>
Sustainable Sites:	16
Water Efficiency:	5
Materials & Resources:	13
Energy & Atmosphere:	17
Indoor Environ. Quality	: 14
Innovation & Design:	5





#### Sustainable Sites

LEED credit for asphalt

### **16 Possible Points**

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Prereq 1	Construction Activity Pollution Prevention	Required
Credit 1	Site Selection	1
Credit 2	Development Density & Community Connectivity	1
Credit 3	Brownfield Redevelopment	1
Credit 4	Alternative Transportation	4
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LEED credit for asphalt

### **13 Possible Points**

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**Category Sustainable Sites:** Water Efficiency: **Materials & Resources: Energy & Atmosphere: Indoor Environ. Quality: Innovation & Design:** 







Asphalt pavement is positioned nicely Recycled (re-used) and recyclable Innovation credit every 5% more than 10% / 20% reused / recycled – petition USGBC LEED Local materials Stormwater management UHI: need to work through the "process"

Comfort issue under limited circumstances

Overall environmental impact might be less, e.g., UV radiation

Porous pvmts / OGFC might mitigate – petition
By Show of Hands ... Lost jobs to reflectivity?

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UHI: think about it ....





# recycled pavement



# Common Recycled Materials in Asphalt Pavements

Shingles Crumb / Tire Rubber Glass Slag Foundry sand All are in different stages of utilization / evaluation

























**Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement "RAP"** Removed and/or reprocessed pavement materials containing asphalt and aggregates Over 80 percent of the asphalt pavement, removed each year for widening and resurfacing, is re-used Represents close to 100 million tons / year RAP is the Nation's No. 1 recycled material in both total amount and percentage recycled









30,000 Tons of RAP

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#### 70 - 6,000 Gallon Transport Trailers and 28,200 Tons of Clean Aggregate



RAP: sustainable & carbon neutral



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The BEES (Building for Environmental and Economic Sustainability) software brings to your fingertips a powerful technique for selecting cost-effective, environmentally-preferable building products. Developed by the NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) Building and Fire Research Laboratory the tool is based on consensus standards and designed to be practical, flexible, and transparent. Version 4.0 of the Windows-based decision support software, aimed at designers, builders, and product manufacturers, includes actual environmental and economic performance data for 230 building products.

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# **Overall Performance**



#### Note: Lower values are better


# **Environmental Performance**



#### Note: Lower values are better



#### Human Health Cancer by Sorted Flows\*



#### Note: Lower values are better





## Global Warming by Life-Cycle Stage



Note: Lower values are better



Production of HMA pavement requires ~ 20% less **ENERGY** than vs construction of PCC pavement - but difficult to quantify UHI may be "real" but is only local; NOT a contributor to Global Warming – Scientific American Avg. automobile emits ~ 6 tons CO2 annually Avg. HMA plant emits ~ 2,500 tons CO2 = ~ 0.0023 Tg Cement industry emits ~ 45 Tg CO2 HMA pavement unit @ ~ 30% vs. PCConcrete (BEES) Very few existing published info. but general support So, where is HMA industry vs. all GHG emissions ...

carbon footprint: US sources





Figure ES-5: 2005 Sources of CO<sub>2</sub>





Figure ES-5: 2005 Sources of CO<sub>2</sub>





Figure ES-6: 2005 CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from Fossil Fuel Combustion by Sector and Fuel Type



The entire annual CO2 / greenhouse gas emissions / carbon footprint from a typical hot-mix plant (~ 2,500 tons) could be totally offset by using 20 - 25% RAP in pavement mix designs -- accomplished by minimizing acquisition of energy intensive (natural) raw materials such as aggregate and petroleum asphalt.



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70 - 6,000 Gallon Transport Trailers and 28,200 Tons of Clean Aggregate

RAP: sustainable & carbon neutral





# This Street Paved With Environmentally Friendly Warm Mix Asphalt











Many different technologies Additives such as waxes and zeolites Emulsions and water foaming processes Costs differ; some higher, some lower End-result: to lower mix temperatures from 300 oF  $\rightarrow$  ~ 250 oF (or lower) Less energy demand / fuel consumption Less emissions: plant and field Quantifying energy and emissions ~ 15% less fuel consumption ~ 20% less CO2 emissions Lower NOx, particulate, other emissions States, Producers, Contractors, FHWA all interested TRB funding @ ~ \$2MM; performance/ emissions

## warm mix asphalt







### **ASPHALT:** the environmentally sustainable pavement Porous pavements manage stormwater **OGFCs are safe and quiet** Reflective / OGFC / Porous can mitigate UHI Remember: UHI doesn't cause Global Warming Great pavement to help with LEED certification Additional credits are possible Asphalt pvmts accept recycled goods / are recycled (RAP) HMA pavements are environmentally preferred Less energy to construct, low carbon footprint, speed of construction, no emissions like dioxins Warm Mix lowers energy consumption & emissions RAP can offset the entire annual HMA GHG emissions







# Getting "credit" for energy / GHG reductions: LEED / cap-and-trade

# "it ain't easy being green!"



# **ASPHALT** The Sustainable Pavement



**ENERGY & RECYCLING** 



PERFORMANCE



WATER QUALITY



**CLEAN AIR & COOL CITIES** 

Asphalt is the sustainable material for constructing pavements.

From the production of the paving material, to the placement of the pavement on the road, to rehabilitation, through recycling, asphalt pavements minimize impact on the environment. Low consumption of energy for production and construction,

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