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Thickness Design and Cross Sections

MI – Concrete Pavement for Local Agencies Seminar

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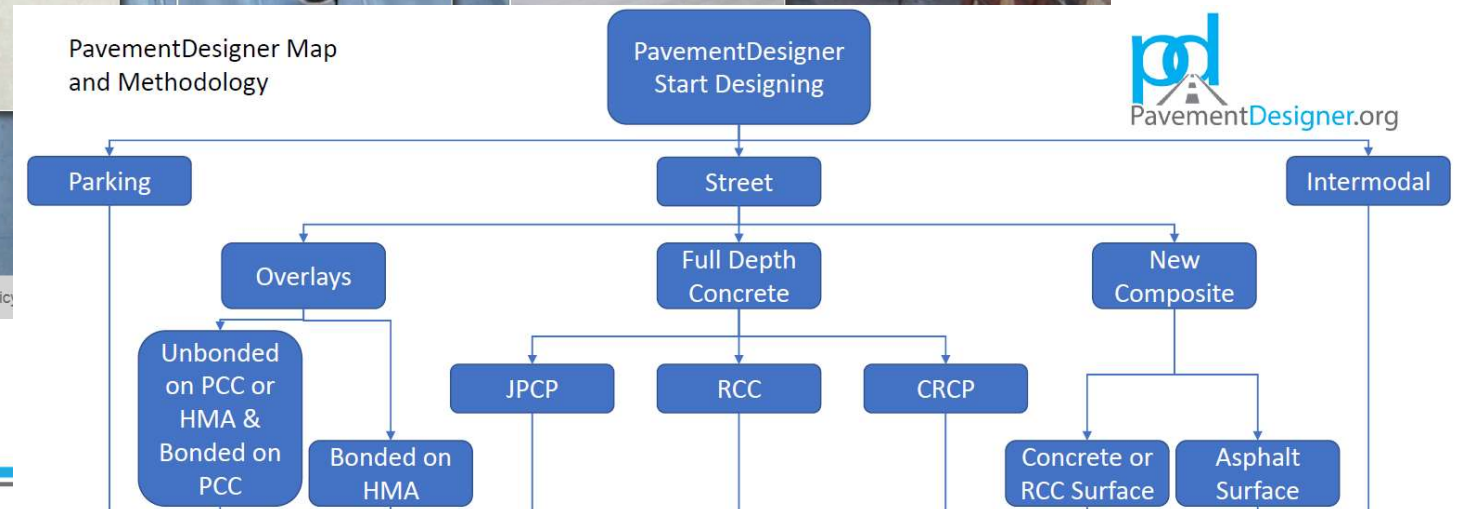
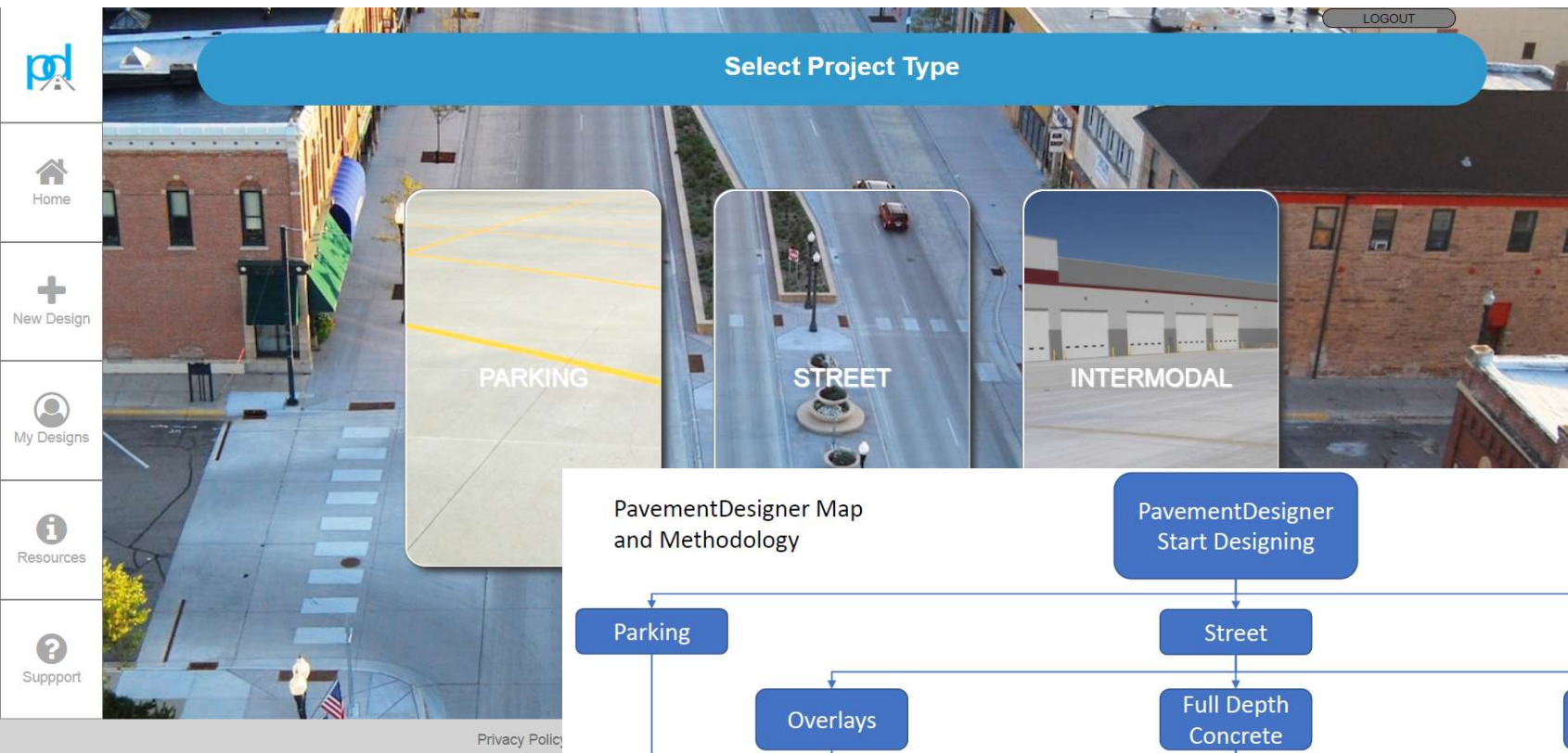
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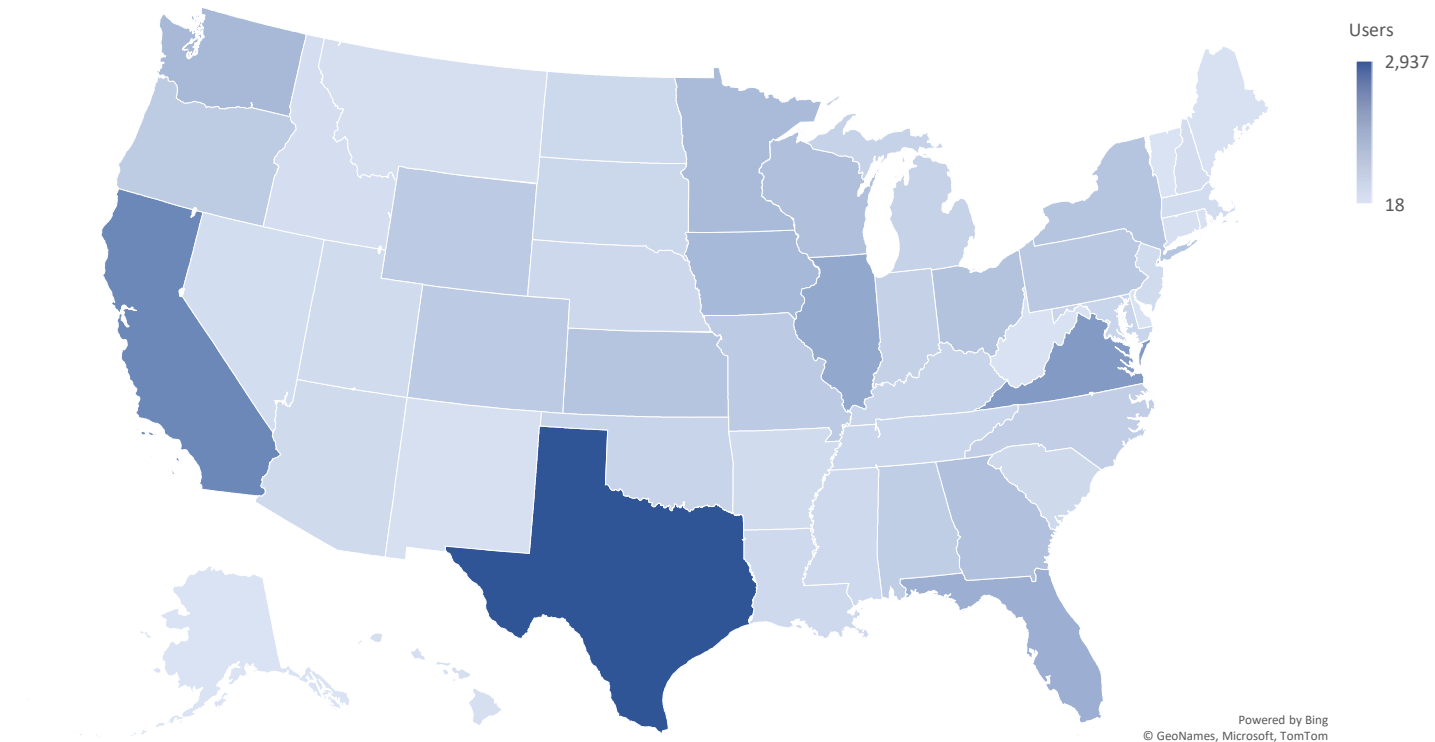
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Overview and Background

- ACPA, NRMCA, and PCA partnership, with a contribution from the RCC Council to develop a website application to design cement-based solutions for:
 - Streets and Local Roads
 - Parking Lots
 - Intermodal/Industrial Facilities
- Design guidance and tools for:
 - Jointed-Plain Concrete Pavements
 - Continuously Reinforce Concrete Pavement
 - Concrete Overlays
 - Composite Pavements
 - Roller Compacted Concrete
 - Cement Modified Soils
 - Cement-Treated Base
 - Full-Depth Reclamation



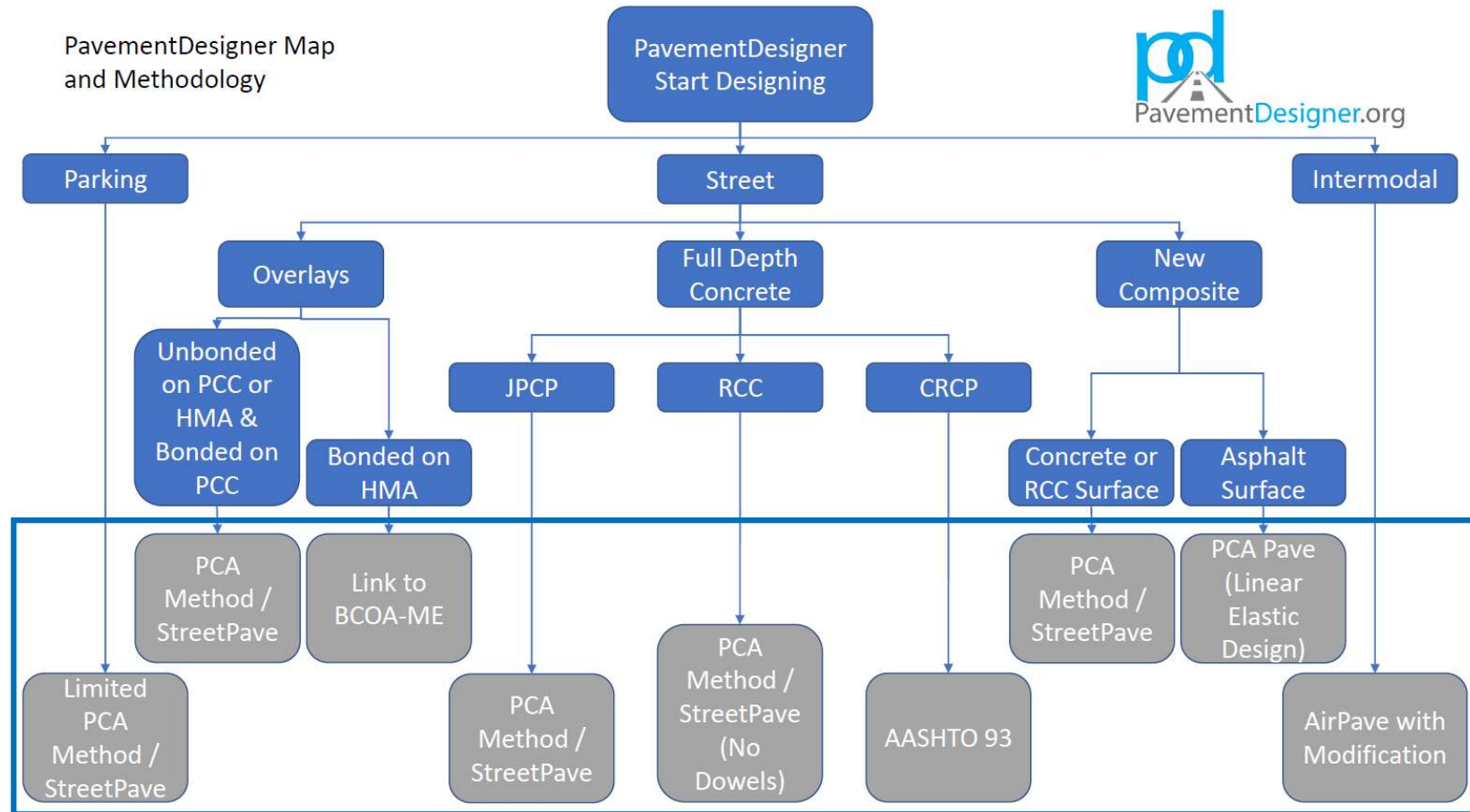
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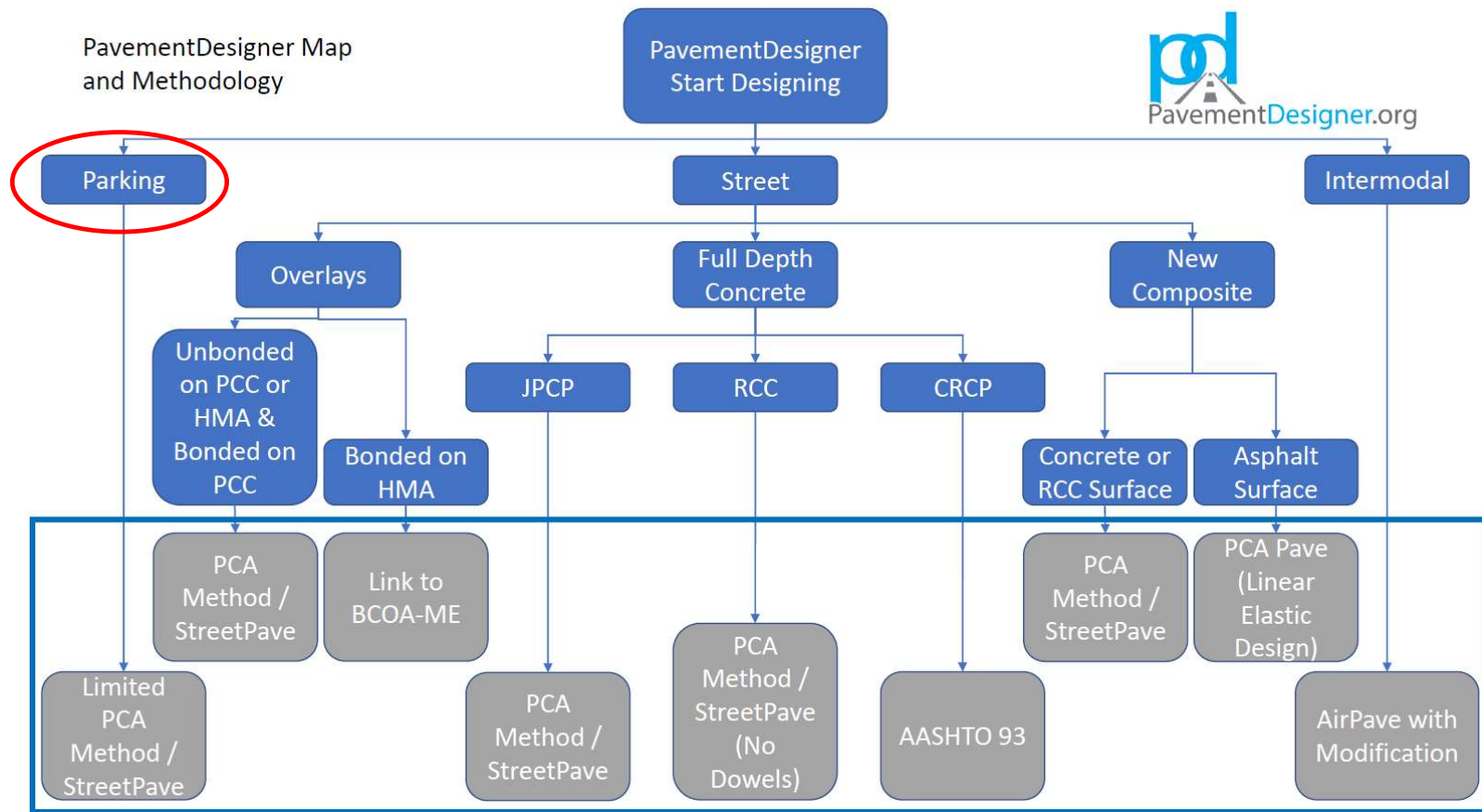
- Primary audience is city, county, and consultant engineers who design pavements
- Secondary audience is professors and students
- Unifies design methods, providing promoters with a single source to direct target audience to for consistent answers
- Fills a design void for some products
- Web-based platform, appealing to existing and future generations of design engineers...
- ...with broad industry partner support!
- **FREE** and easily accessible!



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PARKING LOTS

Old Ways of Designing Parking Lots

- AASHTO 93/86/72
- ACI 330R-08 & 330R-18
 - Guide for Concrete Parking Lots

ACI 330R-08

Guide for the Design and Construction
of Concrete Parking Lots

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Table 3.1—Subgrade soil types and approximate support values (Portland Cement Association 1984a,b; American Concrete Pavement Association 1982)

Type of soil	Support	k, psi/in.	CBR	R	SSV
Fine-grained soils in which silt and clay-size particles predominate	Low	75 to 120	2.5 to 3.5	10 to 22	2.3 to 3.1
Sands and sand-gravel mixtures with moderate amounts of silt and clay	Medium	130 to 170	4.5 to 7.5	29 to 41	3.5 to 4.9
Sand and sand-gravel mixtures relatively free of plastic fines	High	180 to 220	8.5 to 12	45 to 52	5.3 to 6.1

IR = California bearing ratio; R = resistance value; and SSV = soil support value. 1 psi = 0.0069 MPa, and 1 psi/in. = 0.27 MPa/m.

Table 3.2—Modulus of subgrade reaction k^*

Subgrade k value, psi/in.	Sub-base thickness			
	4 in.	6 in.	9 in.	12 in.
Granular aggregate subbase				
50	65	75	85	110
100	130	140	160	190
200	220	230	270	320
300	320	330	370	430
Cement-treated subbase				
50	170	230	310	390
100	280	400	520	640
200	470	640	830	—
Other treated subbase				
50	85	115	170	215
100	175	210	270	325
200	280	315	360	400
300	350	385	420	490

*For subbase applied over different subgrades, psi/in. (Portland Cement Association 1984a,b; Federal Aviation Administration 1978).
Note: 1 in. = 25.4 mm, and 1 psi/in. = 0.27 MPa/m.

Table 3.4—Twenty-year design thickness recommendations, in. (no dowels)

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*ADTT = average daily truck traffic. Trucks are defined as vehicles with at least six wheels; excludes panel trucks, pickup trucks, and other four-wheel vehicles. Refer to Appendix A.
†k = modulus of subgrade reaction; CBR = California bearing ratio; R = resistance value; and MOR = modulus of rupture.

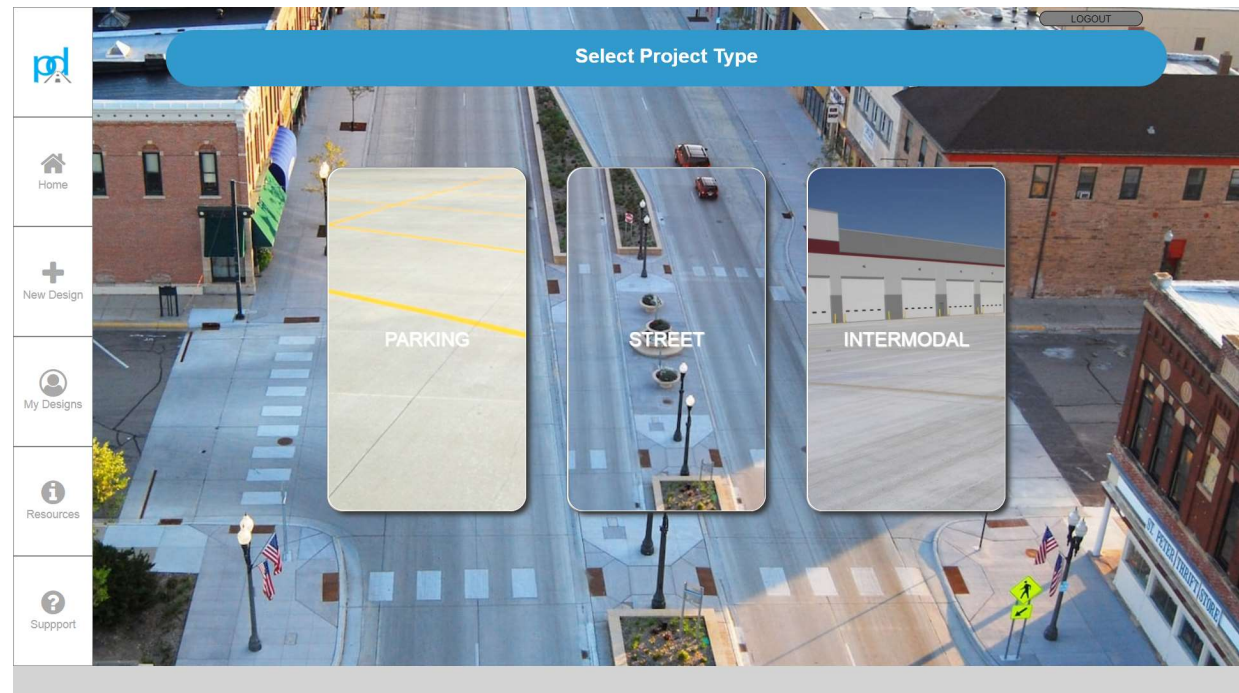
Parking Lot Design with PavementDesigner

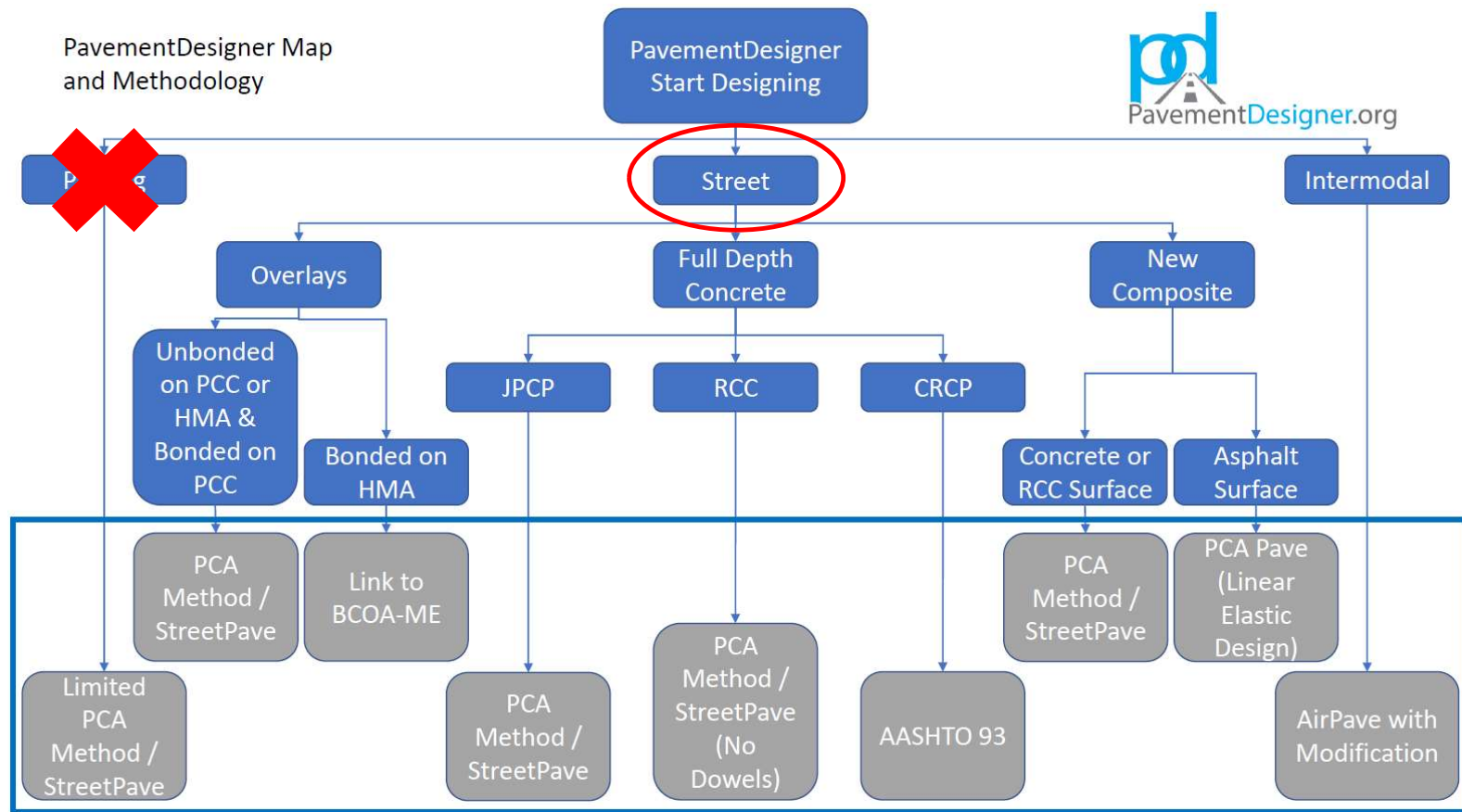
- PavementDesigner's Parking design uses a slightly modified version of the Street's Module for the sake of simplicity
 - Allows for various design lives, reliabilities, and percent slabs cracked at the end of the design life



Parking Lot Design with PavementDesigner

- Design a bus terminal that serves ~50 buses a day
- Existing subgrade is clay

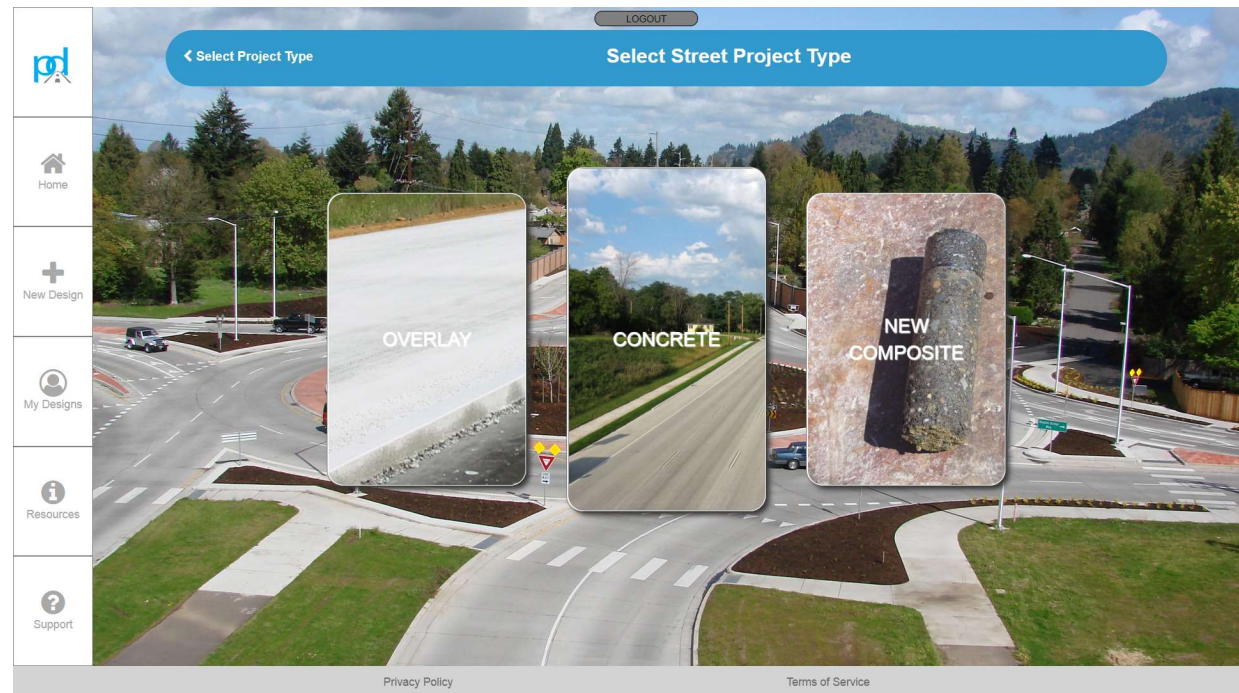




STREETS & LOCAL ROADS

Municipal Street Design with PavementDesigner

- Overlays
 - On Asphalt and Concrete
 - Bonded and Unbonded
- Full-Depth Concrete
 - JPCP
 - RCC
 - CRCP
- Composite Pavements



Other Ways of Designing Municipal Streets

- AASHTO 93/86/72
- Pavement ME
- ACI 325.12R-02
 - Guide for Design of Jointed Concrete Pavements for Streets and Local Roads
- StreetPave

AASHTO® Guide for
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StreetPave¹²
Structural Design Software
for Street and Road
Concrete Pavements



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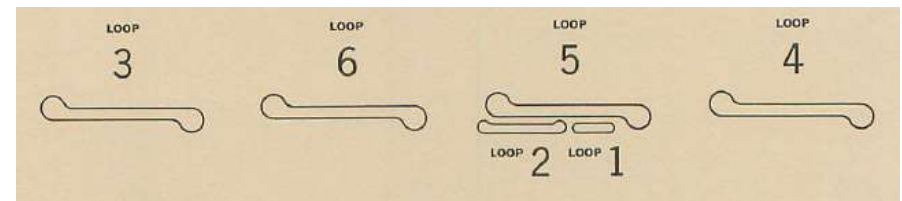
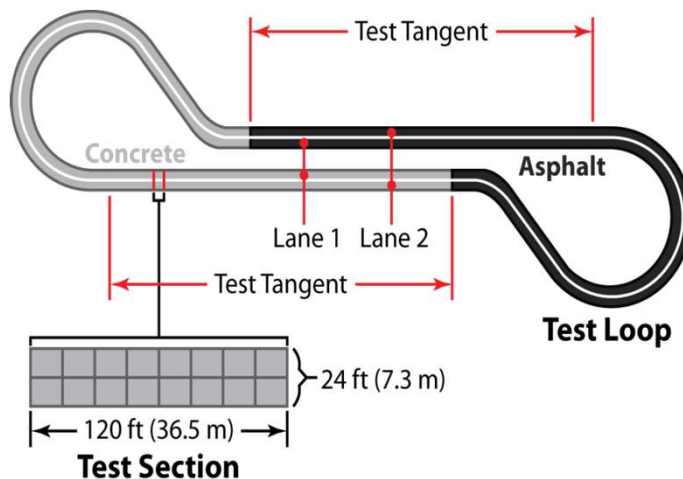
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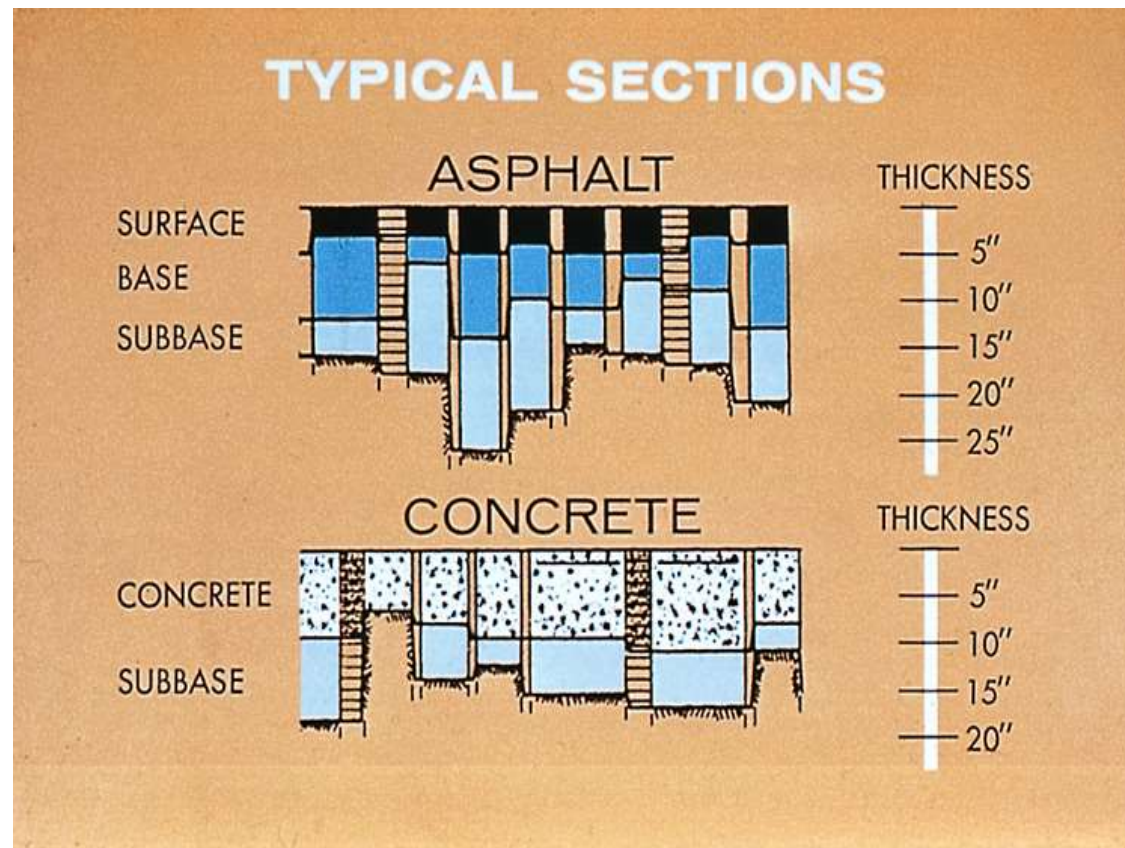
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AASHTO 93

- Wholly empirical – AASHO Road Test
- Limited inference space:
 - Materials
 - Structural sections
 - Soils
 - Traffic



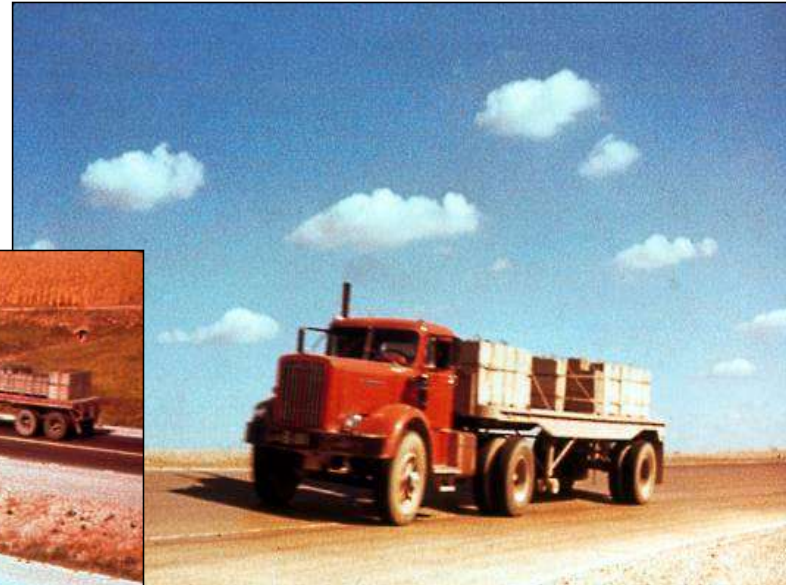
Necessary Thickness was Guessed!



Subgrade = Clay Soil

Sections Loaded for 2 Yrs | 1.1 Mil Reps

**Max Single
Axle**



**Max Tandem
Axle**

1986-93 JPCP AASHTO 93 Equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Standard Normal Deviate} \quad \text{Overall Standard Deviation} \quad \text{Change in Serviceability} \\
 & \text{Traffic} \quad \text{Thickness} \\
 & \text{Terminal Serviceability} \\
 & \text{Modulus of Rupture} \quad \text{Drainage Coefficient} \\
 & \text{Load Transfer} \quad \text{Modulus of Elasticity} \quad \text{Modulus of Subgrade Reaction}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Log}(ESAL) = & Z_R * s_o + 7.35 * \text{Log}(D+1) - 0.06 + \left[\frac{\text{Log} \left[\frac{\Delta PSI}{4.5 - 1.5} \right]}{1 + \frac{1.624 * 10^7}{(D+1)^{8.46}}} \right] \\
 & + (4.22 - 0.32 * p_t) * \text{Log} \left[\frac{S'_c * C_d * (D^{0.75} - 1.132)}{215.63 * J * \left[D^{0.75} - \frac{18.42}{(E_c / k)^{0.25}} \right]} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

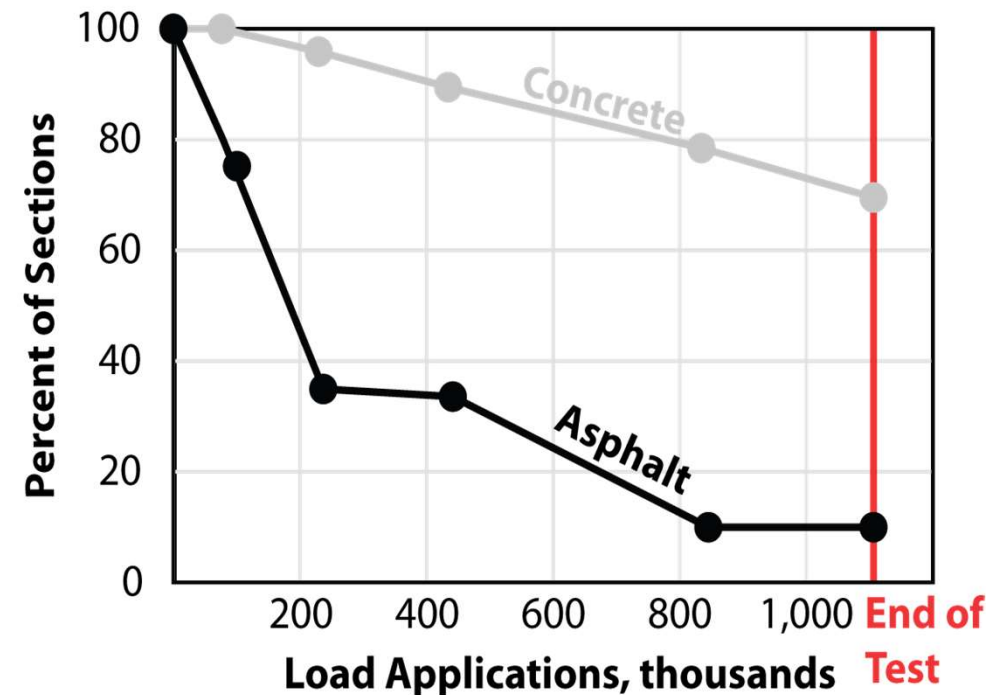
**WHAT DO
DESIGNERS
FOCUS ON?**

Performance Estimated Subjectively

- **Present Serviceability Index (PSI)**

- 4.0 – 5.0 = Very Good
- 3.0 – 4.0 = Good
- 2.0 – 3.0 = Fair
- 1.0 – 2.0 = Poor
- 0.0 – 1.0 = Very Poor
- “Failure” at the Road Test considered @ 1.5
- Typical U.S. state agency terminal serviceability in practice = 2.5

PERCENT SURVIVING WITH PSI ABOVE 2.5



Note on Inference Space of '93

The experimental design at the AASHO Road Test included a wide range of loads as previously discussed (Section 1.4.1); however, the applied loads were limited to a maximum of 1,114,000 axle applications for those sections which survived the full trafficking period. Thus, the maximum number of 18-kip equivalent single axle loads (ESAL's) applied to any test section was approximately one million. However, by applying the concept of equivalent loads to test sections subjected to only 30-kip single axle loads, for example, it

is possible to extend the findings to 8×10^6 ESAL's. Use of any design ESAL's above 8×10^6 requires extrapolation beyond the equations developed from the Road Test results. Such extrapolations have, how-

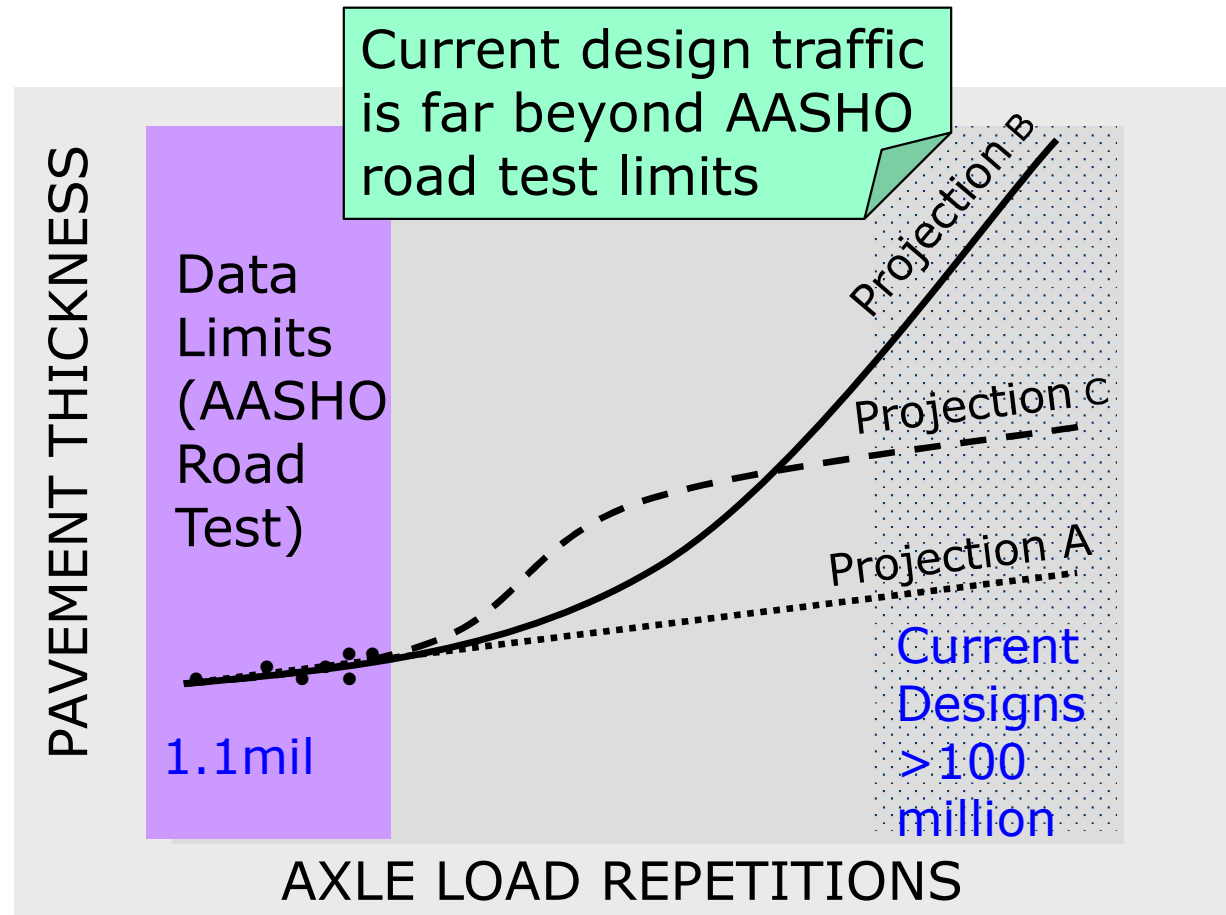
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Don't Just Take My Word...

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United States General Accounting Office
Report to the Secretary of
Transportation

November 1997

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Highway Pavement Design Guide Is Outdated



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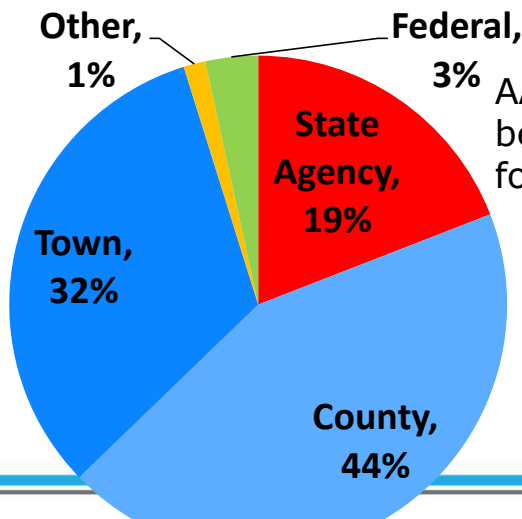
“The current design guide and its predecessors were largely based on design equations empirically derived from the observations AASHTO’s predecessor made during road performance tests completed in 1959-60. Several transportation experts have criticized the empirical data thus derived as outdated and inadequate for today’s highway system. In addition, a March 1994 DOT Office of Inspector General report concluded that the design guide was outdated and that pavement design information it relied on could not be supported and validated with systematic comparisons to actual experience or research.”
...this is why Pavement ME exists!

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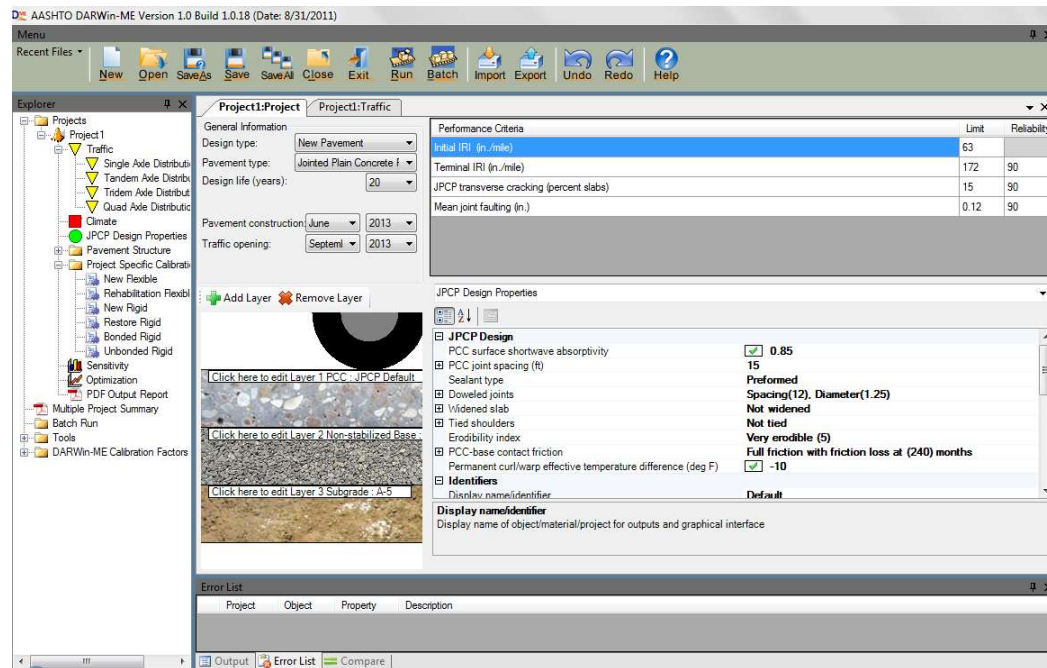
AASHTOWare Pavement ME Design



- Developed for Highways
 - NOT street, road, parking lot, etc.
- Complex
- Expensive



AASHTO tools are being developed for these owners...

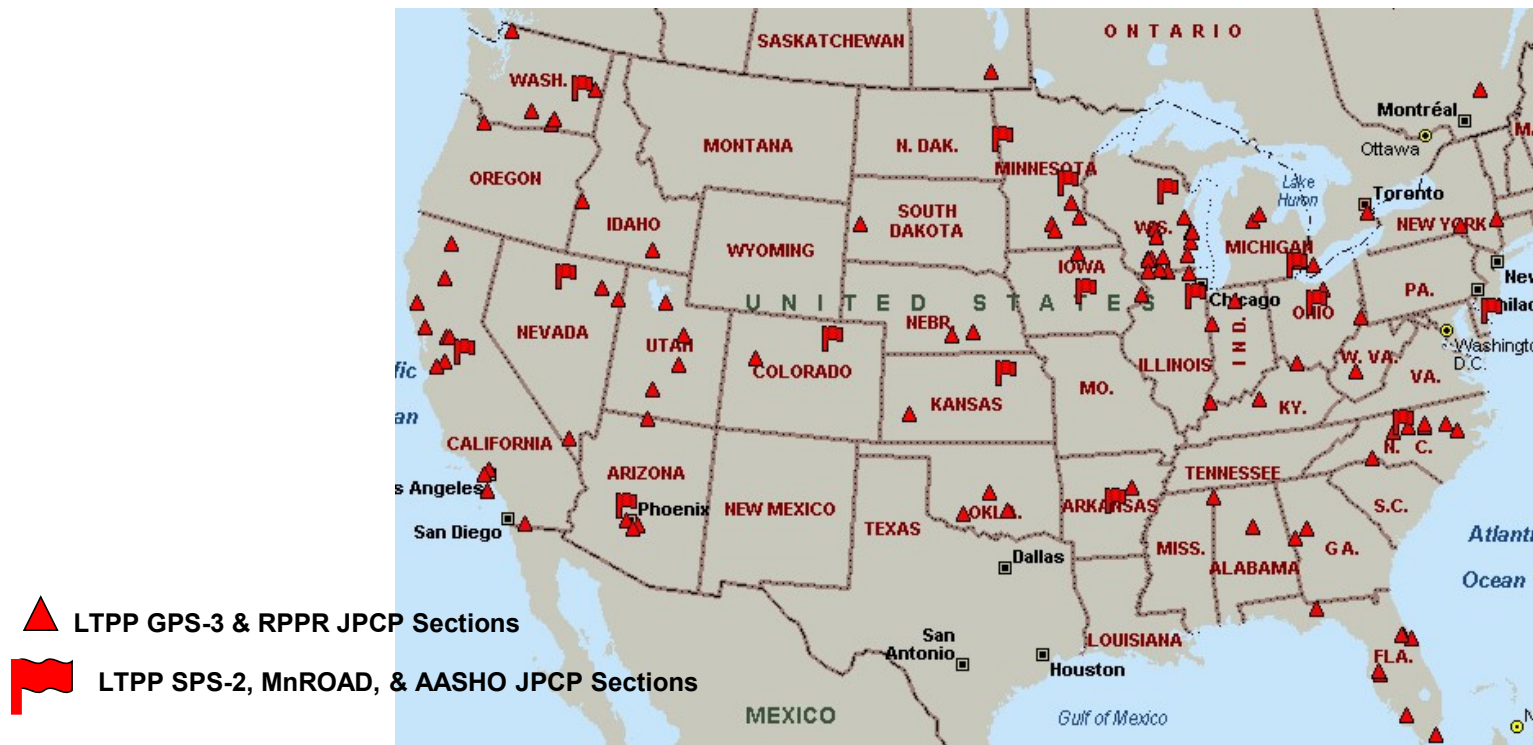


Pavement ME Design

- Not “perfect” & not intended to be a “final” product
- Complex and relatively costly
- Primarily for high volume roadways



JPCP Calibration – **BIG INF. SPACE!**



Sounds Easy Enough, Right?

$$Fault_m = \sum_{i=1}^m \Delta Fault_i$$

$$\Delta Fault_i = C_{34} * (FAULTMAX_{i-1} - Fault_{i-1})^2 * DE_i$$

$$FAULTMAX_i = FAULTMAX_0 + C_7 * \sum_{j=1}^m DE_j * \log(1 + C_5 * 5.0^{EROD})^{C_6}$$

$$FAULTMAX_0 = C_{12} * \delta_{\text{curling}} * \left[\log(1 + C_5 * 5.0^{EROD}) * \log\left(\frac{P_{200} * \text{WetDays}}{P_s}\right) \right]^{C_6}$$

$$\sigma_0 = \frac{E_{PCC} \Delta \varepsilon_{\text{tot}}}{2(1 - \mu_{PCC})}$$

$$IRI = IRI_I + C1 * CRK + C2 * SPALL + C3 * TFAULT + C4 * SF_{\text{cation}} \text{ due to the traffic load}$$

$$SCF = -1400 + 350 * AIR\% * (0.5 + PREFORM) + 3.4 f'c * 0.4 - 0.2 (FTCYC * AGE) + 43 h_{PCC} - 536 WC_Ratio$$

$$cw = \text{Max} \left(L \cdot \left(\varepsilon_{shr} + \alpha_{PCC} \Delta T_{\zeta} - \frac{c_2 f_{\sigma}}{E_{PCC}} \right) \cdot 1000 \cdot CC, 0.001 \right) \quad 3.4.64$$

n = traffic path.

The damage increments were discussed previously in this section.

The applied number of load applications ($n_{i,j,k,l,m,n}$) is the actual number of axle type k of load level l that passed through traffic path n under each condition (age, season, and temperature difference). The allowable number of load applications is the number of load cycles at which fatigue failure is expected (corresponding to 50 percent slab cracking) and is a function of the applied stress and PCC strength. The allowable number of load applications is determined using the following fatigue model:

$$\log(N_{i,j,k,l,m,n}) = C_1 \cdot \left(\frac{MR_i}{\sigma_{i,j,k,l,m,n}} \right)^{C_2} + 0.4371 \quad (3.4.10)$$

where,

$N_{i,j,k,l,m,n}$ = allowable number of load applications at condition i, j, k, l, m, n
 MR_i = PCC modulus of rupture at age i , psi
 $\sigma_{i,j,k,l,m,n}$ = applied stress at condition i, j, k, l, m, n
 C_1 = calibration constant = 2.0
 C_2 = calibration constant = 1.22

The fatigue damage calculation is a simple process of summing damage from each damage increment, except that a numerical integration scheme is used to accurately determine the effects of traffic wander. The fatigue damage at the critical damage location caused by an axle load placed at any random distance away from the pavement edge (point j) is given by the following:

$$FD_i^* = P(COV_j) FD_j \quad (3.4.11)$$

where,

FD_i^* = fatigue damage at location i (critical damage location) due to the fraction of

The probability of coverage is determined assuming normal distribution.

$$NORMDIST = \frac{1}{SD_{nd} \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} \right)^2} \quad (3.4.12)$$

where,

$NORMDIST$ = normal distribution density function.
 x = wheel location - distance from pavement edge (or outside of the paint stripe for widened slab) to the outer edge of outermost wheel, in.

INPUTS, INPUTS, INPUTS!!!!

AASHTOWare Pavement ME Design 2.6.2.2 (US)

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Project1:Project

General Information
Design type: New Pavement
Pavement type: Jointed Plain Concrete Pavement (JPCP)
Design life (years): 30
Pavement construction: June 2025
Traffic opening: September 2025
☐ Special traffic loading for flexible pavements
Add Layer Remove Layer

Performance Criteria

	Limit	Reliability	Report Visibility
Initial IRI (in/mile)	63		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Terminal IRI (in/mile)	172	90	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
JPCP transverse cracking (percent slabs)	15	90	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mean joint faulting (in)	0.12	90	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

JPCP Design Properties

JPCP Design

- PCC surface shortwave absorptivity ☒ 0.85
- Spacing(12). Diameter(1.25)
- Very erodible (5)
- Full friction with friction loss at (240) months
- 15
- ☒ -10
- Prefomed
- Not tied
- Not widened

Identifiers

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Display name/identifier	
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Default JPCP Design Parameters

Default

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Person who approved use of this object/material/project

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Progress

Stop All Analysis

AASHTO 93 vs. ME

Wide range of structural and rehabilitation designs

design

Limited structural sections

AASHTO 93

50+ million load reps

traffic

1.1 million load reps

AASHTO Pavement ME

1 climate/2 years

climate

All climates over 20-50 years

1 set of materials

materials

New and diverse materials

ACI 325

- Limited design charts
- Previously based on StreetPave runs
- Updated version based on PavementDesigner runs

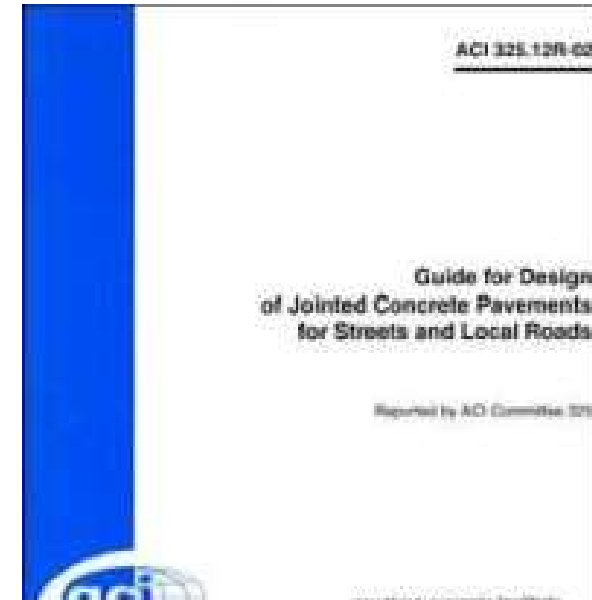


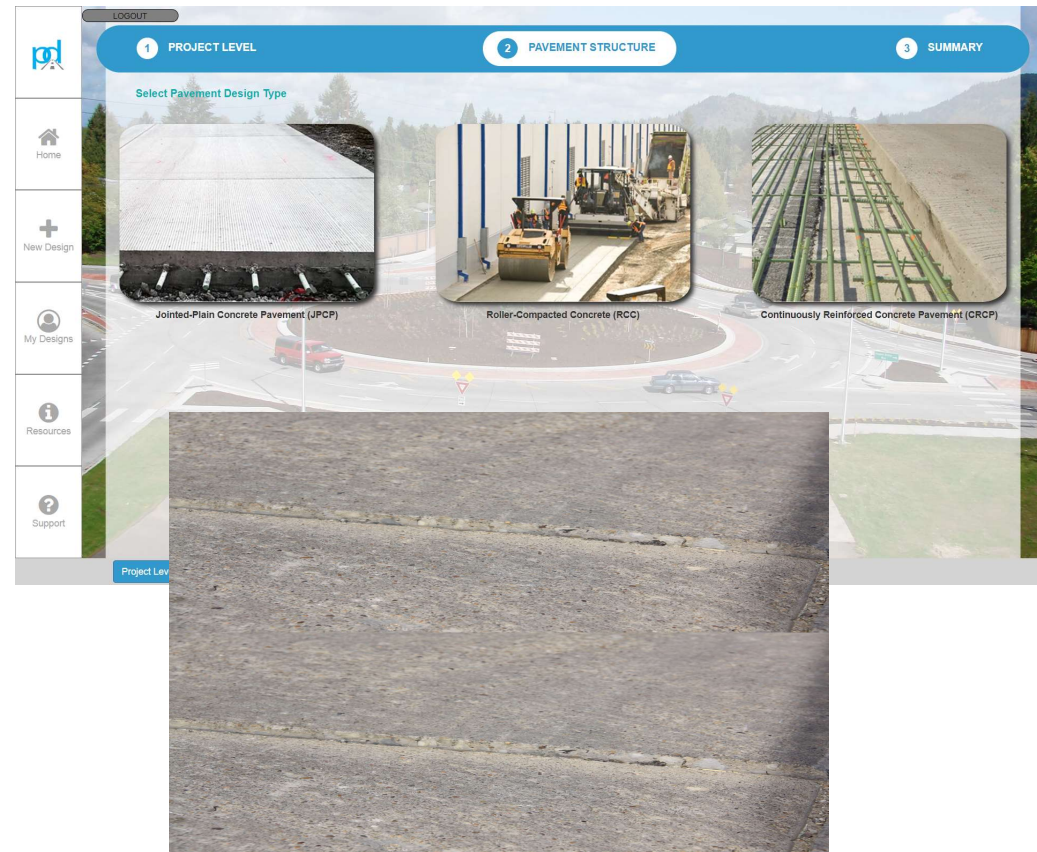
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	B (ADTT = 25)	5.0	5.0	5.5	6.0	5.5	5.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.5	7.0
	B (ADTT = 300)	5.5	5.5	6.0	6.5	6.0	6.0	6.5	7.0	6.5	7.0	7.0	7.5
	C (ADTT = 100)	5.5	6.0	6.0	6.5	6.0	6.5	6.5	7.0	6.5	7.0	7.5	7.5
	C (ADTT = 300)	6.0	6.0	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	7.0	7.5	7.0	7.5	7.5	8.0
	C (ADTT = 700)	6.0	6.5	6.5	7.0	6.5	7.0	7.0	7.5	7.0	7.5	8.0	8.5
	D (ADTT = 700) [†]	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0

* ADTT = average daily truck traffic. Trucks are defined as vehicles with at least six wheels; excludes rural trucks, pickup trucks, and other four-wheel vehicles. Refer to Appendix A.

PavementDesigner for Roadways

- Roots date back to the 1960s PCA Method
- Tailored for streets and roads
- Failure modes are cracking and erosion



PavementDesigner.org Evaluation and Comparison to MnPAVE-Rigid

Final Report

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<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/stateaid/projectdelivery/pdp/pavement/pavment-design-software-comp-review.pdf>

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION State Aid Division Technical Memorandum No. 20-SA-01 November 5, 2020

To: County Engineers
City Engineers
MnDOT District State Aid Engineers
MnDOT District Materials Engineers
FHWA

From: Kristine Elwood, P.E. 
State Aid Engineer

Subject: State Aid for Local Transportation (SALT)
Use of PavementDesigner.org Software for Design of Concrete Pavements
for Cities and Counties

Expiration

This Technical Memorandum will remain in effect until November 5, 2025 unless superseded prior to this date, or the information provided in this Technical Memorandum is incorporated into the State Aid Manual.

Implementation

This Technical Memorandum, which allows the use of the PavementDesigner.org (PavementDesigner) software for jointed concrete pavement design as an alternative to the MnPAVE-Rigid software, is effective immediately. In deciding which software program to use, several factors, including those mentioned in this Technical Memorandum, shall be considered by the Engineer. City, county and consultant engineers working on State Aid and Federal-aid concrete pavement projects are allowed to use the PavementDesigner software program as an alternative to the MnPAVE-Rigid software program. However, concrete pavement projects within Trunk Highway right-of-way must continue to implement the MnPAVE-Rigid design software.

Introduction

To stay current with new technology and design methods, in October 2019 State Aid for Local Transportation (SALT) initiated a study by Braun Intertec to compare PavementDesigner to MnPAVE-Rigid.

Based on the recommendations found in the report titled "PavementDesigner.org Evaluation and Comparison to MnPAVE-Rigid", SALT will allow the PavementDesigner software to be used as an alternative design mechanism for concrete pavement.

Purpose

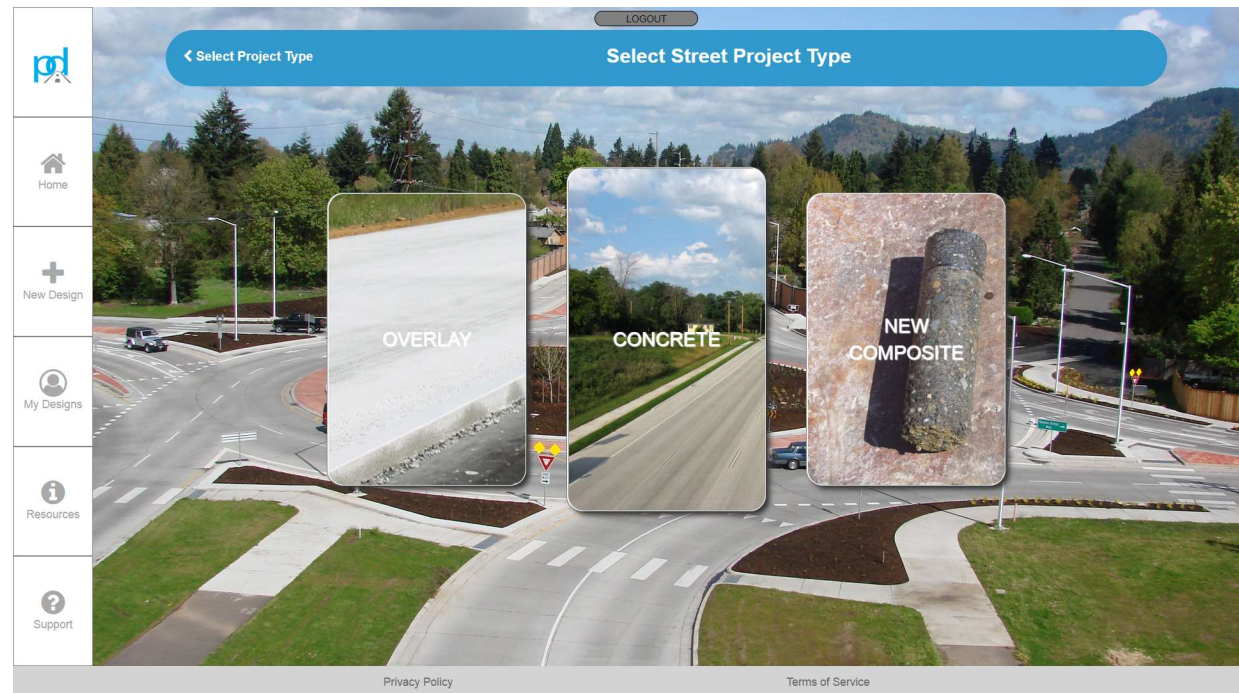
There are three main purposes of this Technical Memorandum. First, to describe which

<http://www.dot.minnesota.gov/stateaid/admin/memos/20-sa-01.pdf>

PavementDesigner.org

Municipal Street Design with PavementDesigner

- Design for Overland Parkway with ~100 trucks/day
- Existing Subgrade is poorly graded silt (A-5)





DESIGN SUMMARY REPORT FOR JOINTED-PLAIN CONCRETE PAVEMENT (JPCP)

DATE CREATED: Thu Oct 04 2018 15:10:11 GMT-0500 (Central Daylight Time)

Project Description

Project Name: ARDOT - I-30 Calculated
Designer's Name: undefined Route: undefined
Project Description: undefined

Design Summary

Recommended Design Thickness:	Doweled 8.50 in.	Undoweled 8.50 in.	Maximum Joint Spacing:	Doweled 15 ft.	Undoweled 15 ft.
Calculated Minimum Thickness:	8.43 in.	8.43 in.			

Pavement Structure

SUBBASE

User-Defined Composite K-Value of Substructure: 160 psi/in

Layer Type	Resilient Modulus	Layer Thickness
JOINTED PLAIN CONCRETE SURFACE		
Hot-Mix or Warm-Mix Asphalt Base	450,000 psi	1 in
Cement Stabilized Subgrade	100,000 psi	6 in
SUBGRADE		

CONCRETE

28-Day Flex Strength: 630 psi
Modulus of Elasticity: 3500000 psi

Edge Support: Yes
Macrofibers in Concrete: No

SUBGRADE

R-Value: 20
Calculated MRSG Value 4,305 psi

Project Level

TRAFFIC

Spectrum Type: Major Arterial
Design Life: 20 years
Trucks Per Day: 7,860
Traffic Growth Rate %: 1 % per year
Directional Distribution: 60 %
Design Lane Distribution: 60 %

GLOBAL

Reliability: 90 %
% Slabs Cracked at End of Design Life: 5 %
Avg Trucks/Day in Design Lane Over the Design Life: 2,596
Total Trucks in Design Lane Over the Design Life: 18,904,070

ARDOT - I-30 and Ramps Concrete Pavement Design Analysis - Optimized

File Name: C:\Users\jferrebee.acpa\Documents\My ME Design\ARDOT - I-30 and Ramps Concrete Pavement Design Analysis - Optimized.dgpx

Design Inputs

Design Life: 20 years
Design Type: JPCP
Existing construction: -
Pavement construction: June, 2020
Traffic opening: September, 2020
Climate Data 34.747, -92.233
Sources (Lat/Lon)

Design Structure

Layer type	Material Type	Thickness (in)
PCC	JPCP Default	9.0
Flexible	Default asphalt concrete	1.0
Cement_Base	Cement stabilized	6.0
Subgrade	A-7-6	10.0
Subgrade	A-7-6	Semi-infinite

Joint Design:	
Joint spacing (ft)	15.0
Dowel diameter (in)	1.25
Slab width (ft)	12.0

Traffic

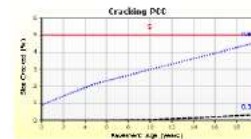
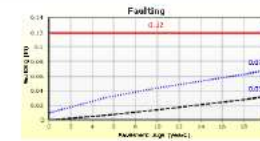
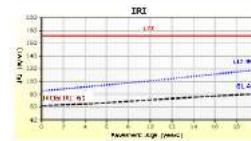
Age (year)	Heavy Trucks (cumulative)
2020 (initial)	7,860
2030 (10 years)	9,775,300
2040 (20 years)	22,134,400

Design Outputs

Distress Prediction Summary

Distress Type	Distress @ Specified Reliability		Reliability (%)		Criterion Satisfied?
	Target	Predicted	Target	Achieved	
Terminal IRI (in/mile)	172.00	117.99	90.00	99.92	Pass
Mean joint faulting (in)	0.12	0.07	90.00	99.90	Pass
JPCP transverse cracking (percent slabs)	5.00	4.61	90.00	91.91	Pass

Distress Charts



— Threshold Value @ Specified Reliability - - - @ 50% Reliability

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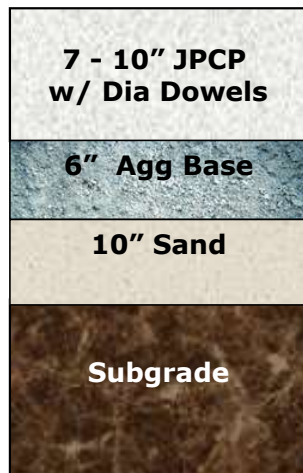
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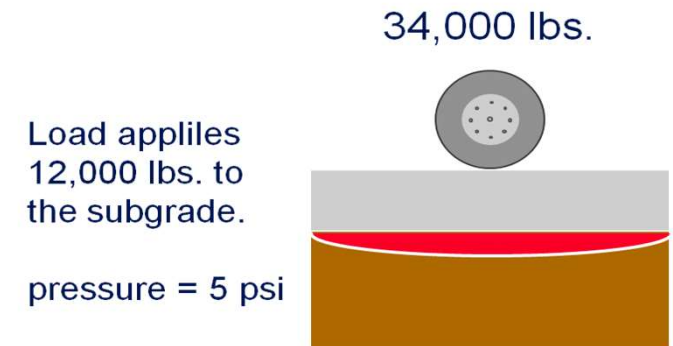
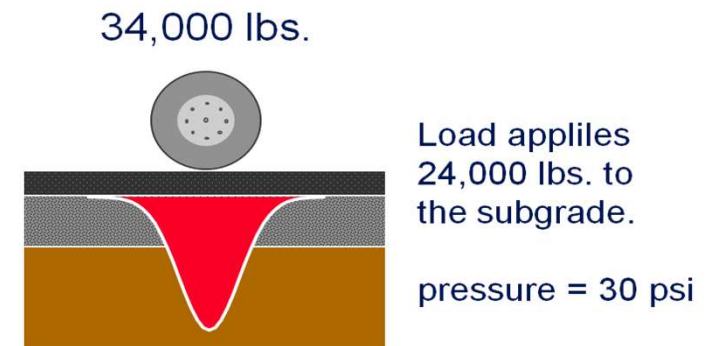
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Typical Sections – Foundation Design

- Commonly Used Concrete Section... Why?



- Asphalt designs heavily utilize supporting layers >
- Concrete spreads the load over larger areas, reducing reliance on bases >



PROJECT SPECIFIC PAVEMENT DESIGN LOWERS COST AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Caltrans Concrete Design		Optimized Concrete Design		Original CALTRANS Schedule		Optimized Pavement-ME Design	
				LCA (tons CO2e)	LCCA (NPV \$)	LCA (tons CO2e)	LCCA (NPV \$)
<div>9.6" JPCP w/ 1.25" Dia Dowels</div> <div>4.8" LCB (Lean Concrete Base)</div> <div>7.2" Agg Subbse</div> <div>Subgrade</div>	<div>8.5" JPCP w/ 1.25" Dia Dowels</div> <div>6.0" Agg Subbse</div> <div>Subgrade</div>	Initial Const.	3,954	\$3,147,585	3,063	\$2,256,638	
		Pavement	2,860	\$2,229,803	2,803	\$2,021,307	
		LCB	781	\$644,902	--	--	
		Agg Subbase	313	\$272,880	260	\$235,331	
		Rehabilitation	479	\$911,663	54	\$315,798	
Carbonation		(123)		(87)			
PVI-Deflection		604		704			
PVI-Roughness		1,912		2,110			
Total		6,826	\$4,059,248	5,844	\$2,572,437		

Optimization reduced the initial construction GWP by 890 tons (22.5%) and the life cycle GWP by 980 tons (14.3%)

Optimization reduced the initial construction costs by \$890k (28.3%) and the life cycle cost \$1.48M (36.6%)

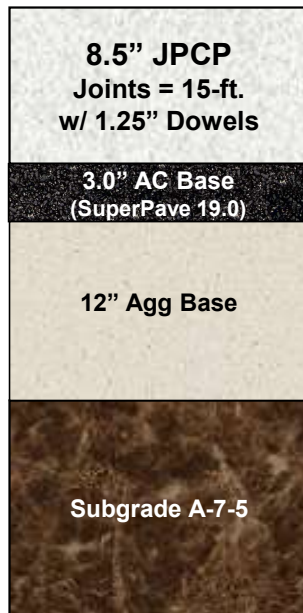
Caltrans Concrete Design: From Table 623.1E (South Coast/Central Coast, Type II SG
Initial AADTT = 1,357 / day, 4% Compound Growth (Initial ESAL = 335,000 / yr)
20 Yr ESALs = 10,650,000; 50 Yr ESALS = 51,151,000



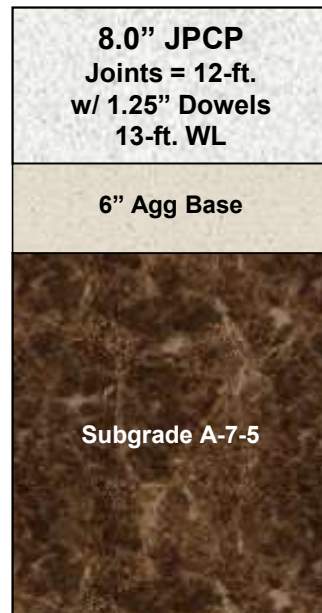
Tyler Speakmon, Cemex

PAVEMENT ME PROVIDES A PROCESS TO COMPARE DIFFERENT DESIGNS / DIFFERENT FEATURES

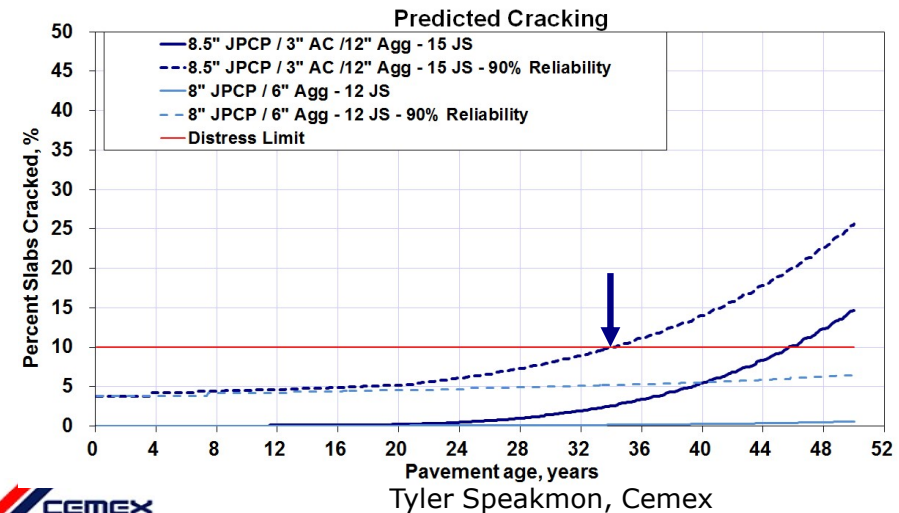
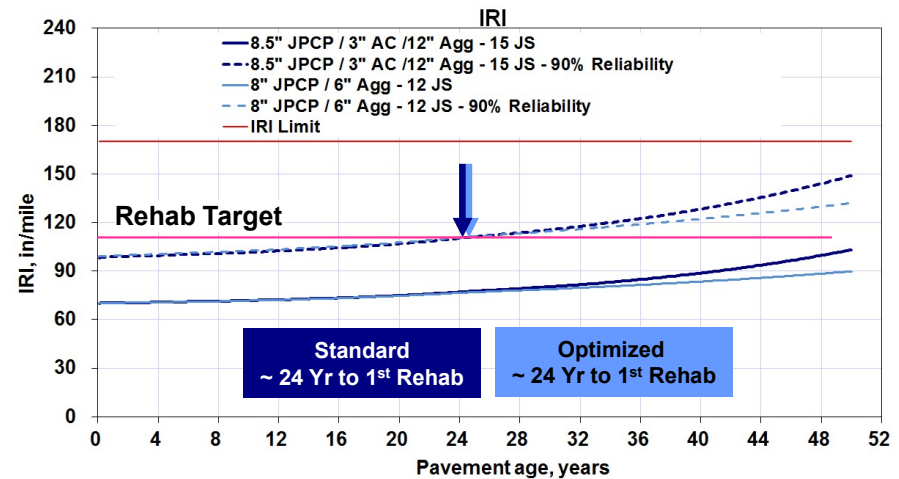
Original Concrete Design



Optimized Concrete Design

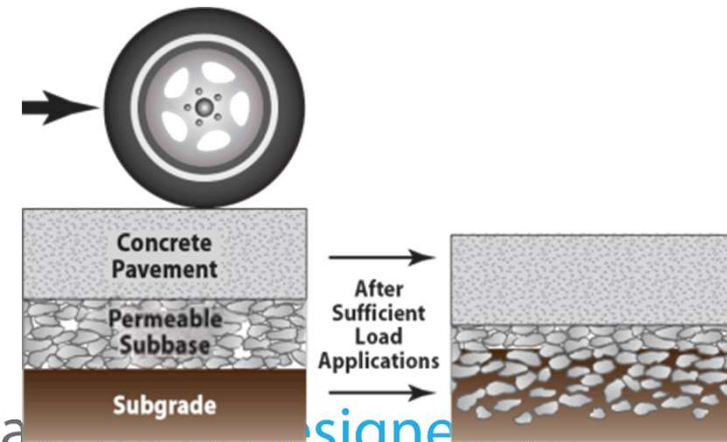
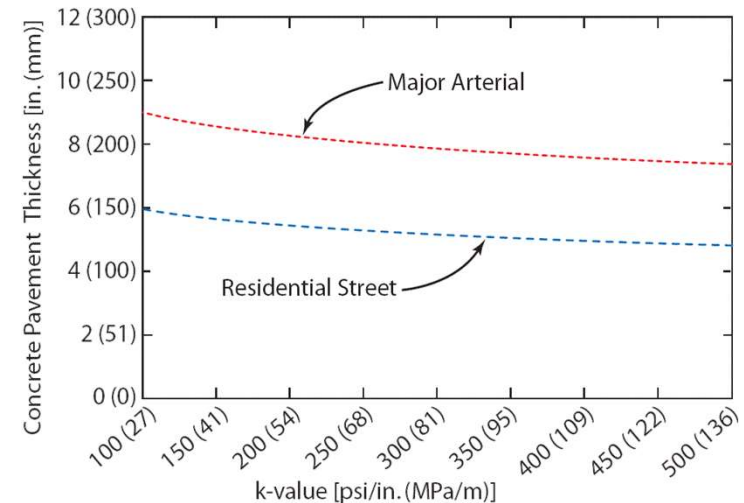


Pavement ME gives a repeatable, non-biased, scientific process to determine how a specific pavement design will perform



Typical Sections – Foundation Design

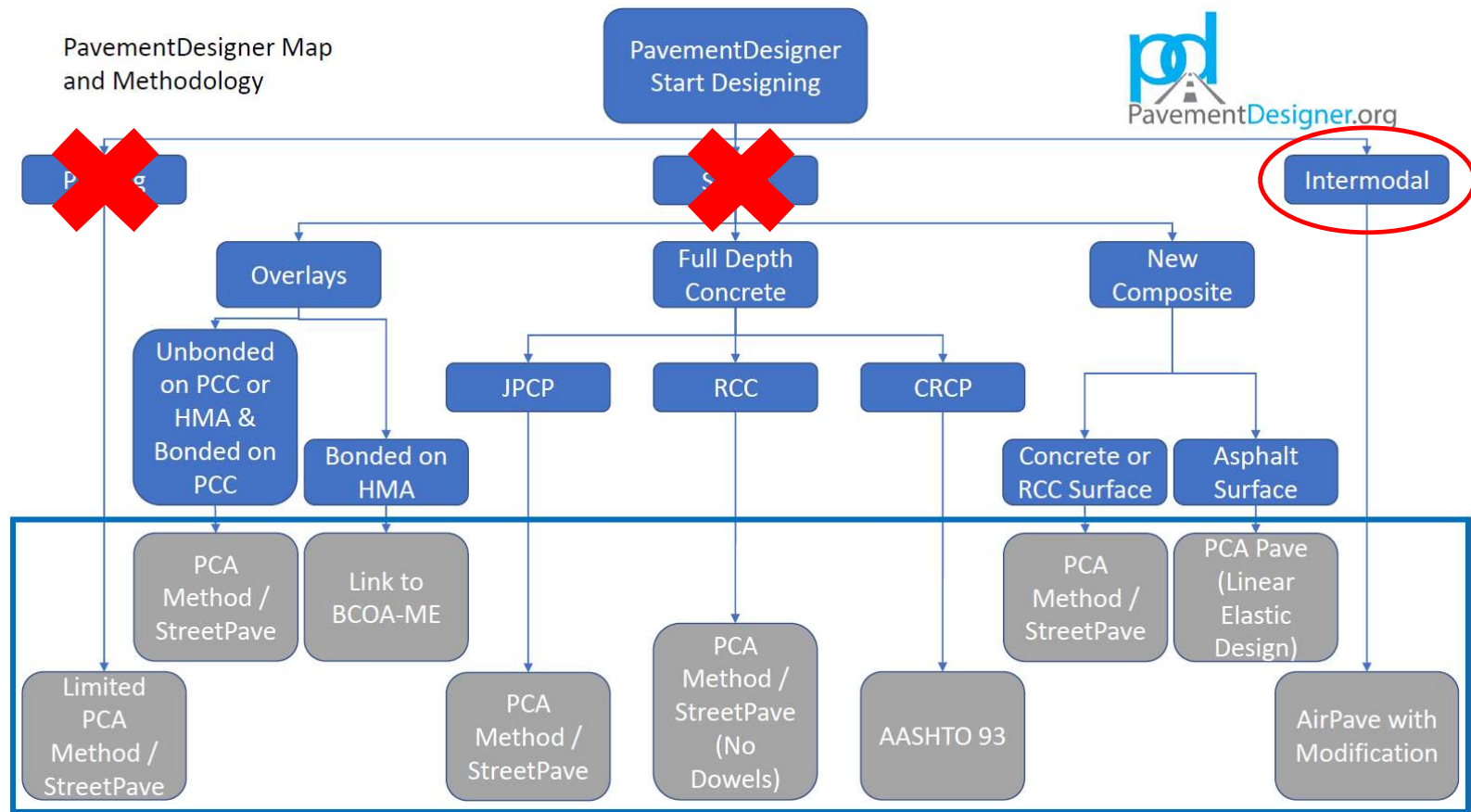
- Concrete needs:
 - Stability
 - Uniformity
 - Some drainability (50 – 150 ft/day)
 - Achieved with either:
 - Daylighted subbases
 - Edge drains
- Concrete does not need:
 - Excessive strength ->
 - Extra layers
 - Permeable bases ->



Differences Between Parking and Street Design

- Simplicity in Parking:
 - Limited Spectrums (for now)
 - Growth Rate = 0%
 - Directional Dist = 100%
 - Design Lane Dist = 100%
 - Fibers not allowed
 - Edge support assumed to be yes
 - Only allows 1 subbase layer





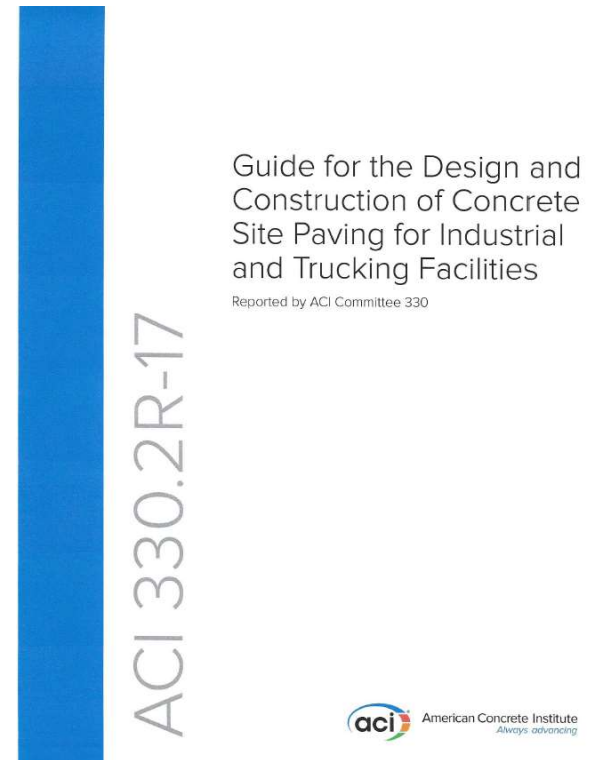
INTERMODAL DESIGN

Intermodal Design?



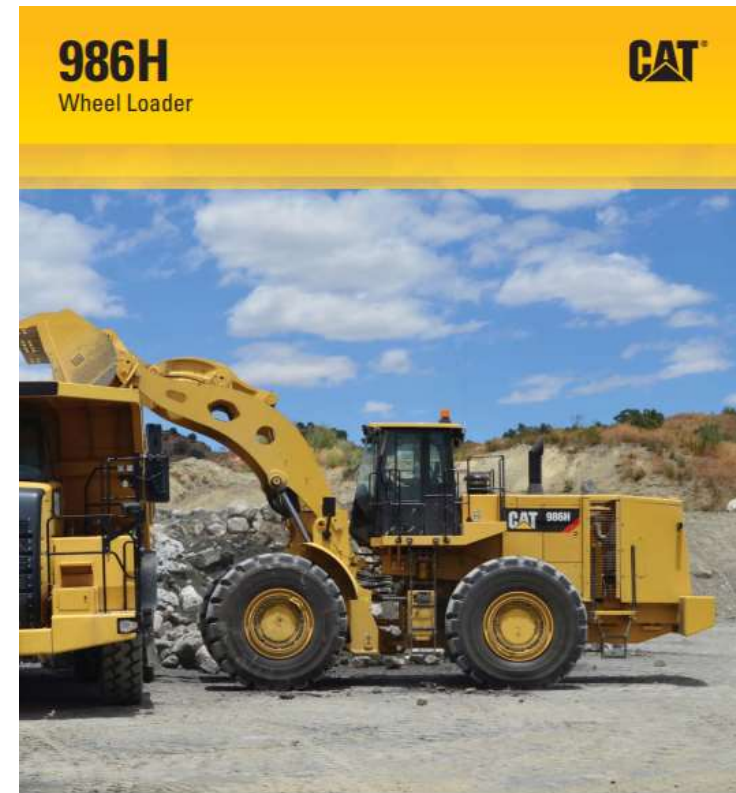
What Designs are Available for Heavy Intermodal/Industrial Vehicles

- ACI 330.2R-17 – Guide for the Design and Construction of Concrete Site Paving for Industrial and Trucking Facilities
 - Uses design tables (Mainly for Trucks)
 - Lists additional design software:
 - ACPA StreetPave
 - Pavement ME
 - TCPavements / Optipave
 - ACPA AirPave



Intermodal Design with PavementDesigner

- Design for a CAT 986 Loader
 - 130,000 lb
 - Wheel base = 12.5 ft
 - Axle width = 10 ft
 - Tire Pressure = 90 psi



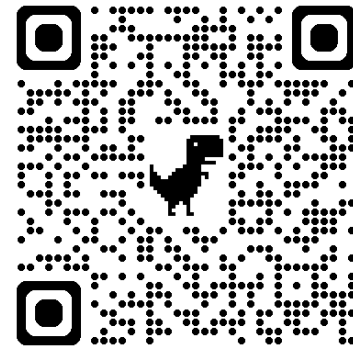
Engine		Operating Specifications	
Engine Model	Cat® C15 ACERT™	Rated Payload – Quarry Face	10 tonnes 11 tons
Gross Power – ISO 14396	329 kW 441 hp	Rated Payload – Loose Material (Standard)	12.7 tonnes 14 tons
Net Power – SAE J1349	305 kW 409 hp	Rated Payload – Loose Material (High Lift)	11 tonnes 12.1 tons
Buckets		Operating Weight	43 717 kg 96,379 lb
Bucket Capacities	5-10.3 m³ 6.5-13.5 yd³		

Optimization in the Future...Today!

Pavement Design and LCA

LCCA In a Future Update

<http://pavementlca.mit.edu/>



Input Data

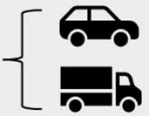
Pavement Contexts

Geographical Location 

Climatic Conditions 

Material Properties 

Pavement Geometry 

Traffic 



MIT
CONCRETE
SUSTAINABILITY
HUB



MIT CSHub Streamlined Pavement Life Cycle Assessment Tool

Pavement Context


Detailed Context

Concrete Embodied Emission

Asphalt Embodied Emission

Pavement Design

Design Name:



Surface: Thickness (in): Min. Max.

Base: Thickness (in): Min. Max.

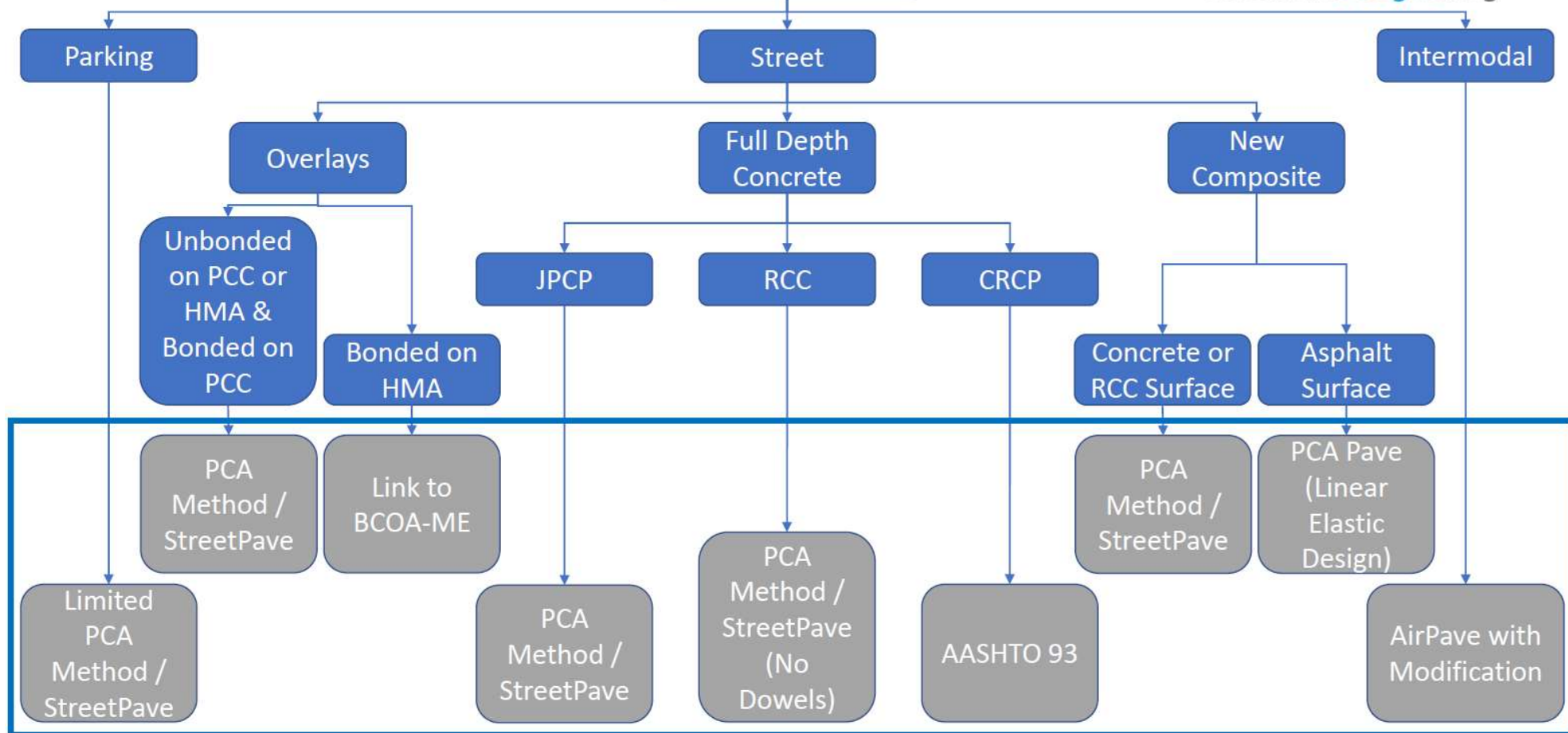
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PCC Comp. Strength (psi): Custom Thickness:

Parameters	Min	Max	Mean	Distribution
PCC Elastic Modulus (10^6 psi)	3	5	4	Uniform
PCC Comp. Strength (psi)	3500	4500	4000	Uniform
PCC Modules of Rupture (psi)	562	637	600	Uniform
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (10^{-6} in/in/F)	4	6	5	Uniform
Joint Spacing (ft)	15	15	15	Uniform
Base Resilient Modulus (ESB): psi	20000	40000	30000	Uniform

Maintenance and Rehabilitation (M&R) Schedule

Timing (years)		Treatment Type		
Min	Max			
33	38	100% Diamond Grinding w/ Full Dep		
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0	0	Unspecified	▼	0 0
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Thank You!

Any Questions?

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