



# Asphalt Research & Trends from the US & Abroad

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The Road Ahead is  
Getting Greener and Cleaner



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# An Interesting Fact (At Least to Me)

1. The Eagles and the Steelers once played together as the Steagles.



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Who woulda thunk it, right? It's true, though. During the 1943 season, many of the Eagles and Steelers players served in World War II. The remaining players combined for a single season to play together as the Steagles.



# ....and a To Do for me!

## HYNER TRAIL CHALLENGE

— 25k and 50k —



# Where We Need to Be as an Industry?

- **World Class Performance** lies at the intersection of Quality (Performance), Sustainability and Economics.
- Can You Have All Three Simultaneously?
  - YES, but it requires desire and attention to detail.
- The Industry is changing *rapidly* and those who adapt and grow will survive and thrive.





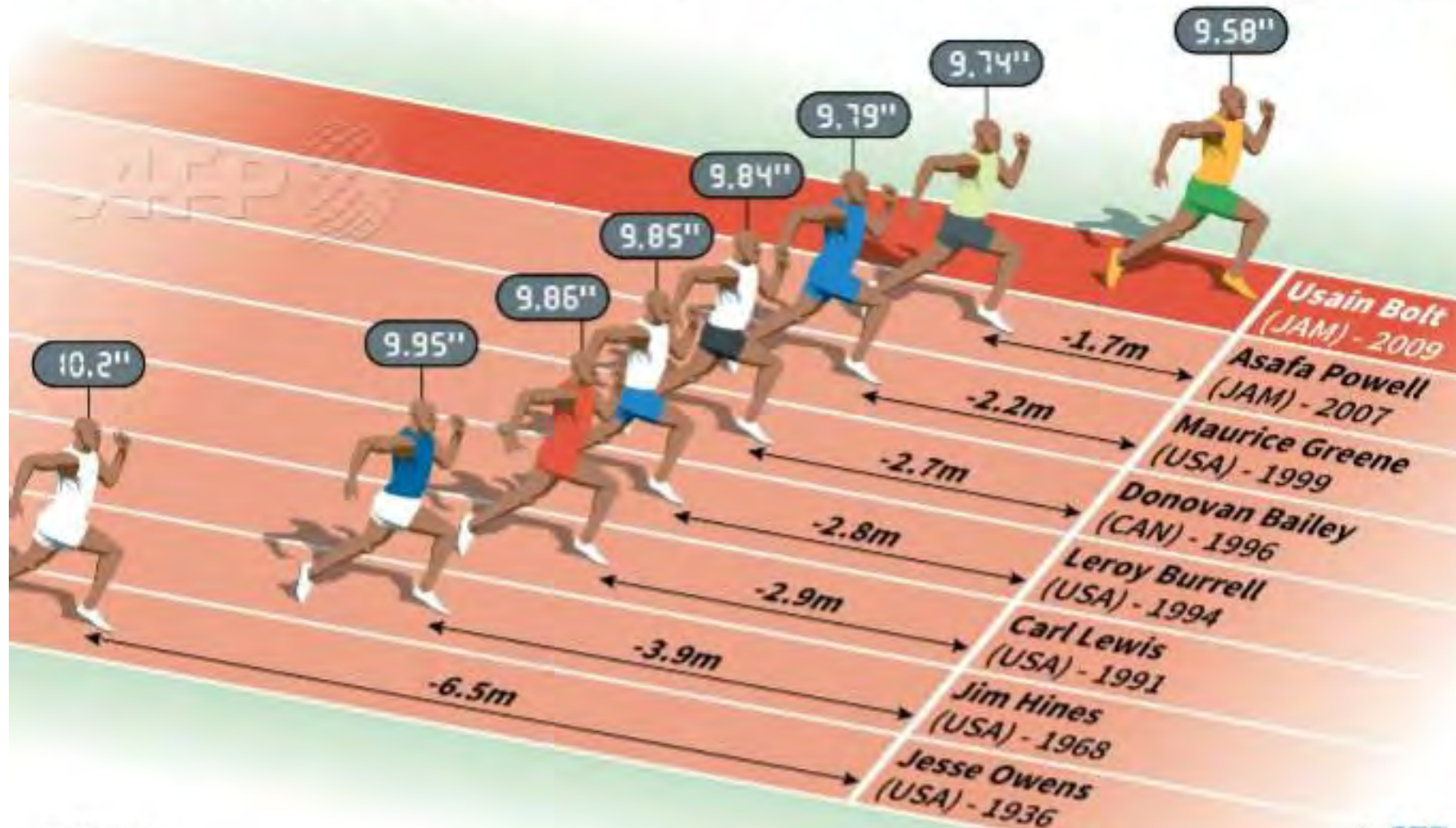


Survival is optional.

No one has to change.

W. Edwards Deming

# How past sprinting greats compare to Usain Bolt



Source: IAAF

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# Research & Innovation

- “Research is a lever that provided with money will generate knowledge whilst innovation is a lever that provided with knowledge will generate money.”

<https://www.eitdigital.eu/newsroom/news/archive/the-saga-of-research-vs-innovation/>



<https://www.slideshare.net/ibtecar/research-innovation-62199084>


# What is the Key Driver of Research & Innovation Today?

- **Sustainability!**
- In recent years there has been a dramatic emphasis on pavement sustainability.
  - Development of carbon-neutral road materials and sustainable paving materials
  - Hyper focus of most companies.

## LONGER LIFE PAVEMENTS

The design lives of longer life pavements may range from 25 to more than 40 years for both asphalt and concrete pavements. Longer life pavements are generally justified by higher volume traffic and are often the opportunity to reduce lifecycle costs, lower costs, and environmental impacts as compared to conventional pavement designs.

Lower costs, reduced environmental impacts, and positive social benefits



**ECONOMIC**  
Reduce lifecycle costs

**ENVIRONMENTAL**  
Reduce carbon footprint, reduce maintenance costs, increase sustainability

**SOCIAL**  
Improve safety, reduce noise, improve air quality

### CASE STUDIES

<p><b>MINNESOTA</b> Long life Concrete Pavement</p> <p>40% Life cycle savings compared to conventional pavement</p> <p>70% Reduction in maintenance costs over 20-year period</p>	<p><b>TENNESSEE</b> Perpetual Asphalt Pavement</p> <p>20% Life cycle savings compared to conventional pavement</p> <p>27% Reduction in maintenance costs over 20-year period</p>
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## RECYCLING

IMPROVING PAVEMENT SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH

THINK GREEN  
REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

According to the EPA, 80% of the materials used in the U.S. are recycled, but only 10% of the materials used in the U.S. are recycled.

- REDUCE** - Reduce the amount of material used in the pavement.
- REUSE** - Reuse materials in the pavement.
- RECYCLE** - Recycle materials in the pavement.

**WHY RECYCLE?**

- ENVIRONMENTAL** - Reduced a large amount of waste to landfills.
- ECONOMIC** - Reduced pavement construction costs.
- SOCIAL** - Reduced the amount of waste to landfills.

### CASE STUDIES

<p><b>MINNESOTA</b> Recycled Asphalt Pavement</p> <p>70% Life cycle savings compared to conventional pavement</p>	<p><b>MINNESOTA</b> Recycled Concrete Pavement</p> <p>50% Life cycle savings compared to conventional pavement</p>
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## SUSTAINABILITY RATING SYSTEMS

Tools to encourage sustainable practices and communicate benefits



### CASE STUDIES

**MINNESOTA: GREEN & BIODIVERSITY CERTIFIED ROAD**

- 100% recycled aggregate
- 100% recycled asphalt
- 100% recycled concrete
- 100% recycled steel reinforcement
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# Our Values

At CRH, our Values unite us in the way we work, every day, all over the world.



**People are  
our Priority**



**Character is  
our Strength**



**Performance is  
our Commitment**



**Innovation is  
our way Forward**





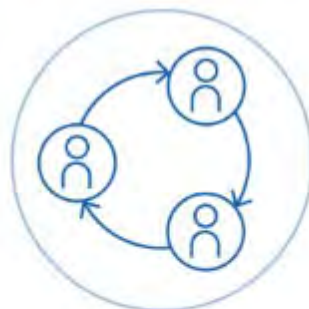
## Our Pillars

To make a real difference in the world and to ensure it is a better place for future generations, we are committed to long term sustainable business success.

Our Pillars help us win for all our stakeholders.



**Empowered  
Talent**



**Customer  
Connected**



**Focused  
Growth**



**Sustainability  
Leadership**

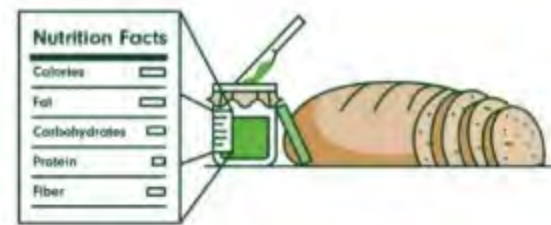




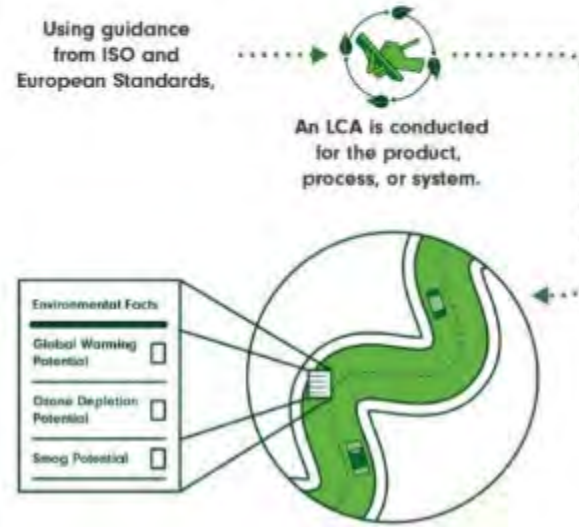
# Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)

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- **Third-party verified document** that publicly discloses the environmental impacts associated with sourcing, manufacturing, use, transportation, and disposal of your product.
- **Provide** verifiable and transparent information on **life-cycle environmental impact data** for materials or products.
- **Allow meaningful comparisons of the environmental performance of materials** (if they were developed using the same product category rules, PCRs, which are industry consensus standards and guidelines used in developing and reporting EPDs).
- **Identify areas** for environmental performance **improvement**, encouraging industry efficiency.



Similar to nutrition labels for food products, EPDs communicate critical environmental information on pavement materials to the customer.



TRACI Impact Indicator	Unit	Materials	Transport	Production
Global Warming Potential	kg CO <sub>2</sub> -Equiv.	83.4	11.8	168
Ozone Depletion	kg CFC-11-Equiv.	1.81e-08	5e-10	8.55e-11
Acidification	kg SO <sub>2</sub> -Equiv.	0.486	0.0577	1.08
Eutrophication	kg N-Equiv.	0.0263	0.00373	0.0207
Smog Air	kg O <sub>3</sub> -Equiv.	8.23	1.81	13.3

[https://ofmpub.epa.gov/sor\\_internet/registry/termreg/searchandretrieve/termsandacronyms/search.do](https://ofmpub.epa.gov/sor_internet/registry/termreg/searchandretrieve/termsandacronyms/search.do)

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/pavement/sustainability/hif19087.pdf>

# GWP - Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (CO2e)

- The unit used to measure the impacts of releasing (or avoiding the release of) different greenhouse gases; it is obtained by multiplying the mass of the greenhouse gas by its global warming potential.
- CO2e puts all GHG emissions in relation to carbon dioxide, which is considered to have a GWP of 1.

[https://www.appropedia.org/Glossary\\_of\\_sustainability\\_terms](https://www.appropedia.org/Glossary_of_sustainability_terms)

**An Environmental Product Declaration for Asphalt Mixtures**

**TABLE 4. LIFE CYCLE IMPACT INDICATORS**

ACRONYM	INDICATOR	UNIT	QUANTITY PER METRIC TONNE ASPHALT MIXTURE (PER SHORT TON ASPHALT MIXTURE)			
			MATERIALS (A1)	TRANSPORT (A2)	PRODUCTION (A3)	TOTAL (A1-A3)
GWP-100	Global warming potential, incl. biogenic CO2	kg CO2 Equiv.	24.85 (22.55)	8.61 (7.81)	27.41 (24.86)	60.87 (55.22)
ODP	Ozone depletion potential	kg CFC-11 Equiv.	1.35e-08 (1.23e-08)	5.21e-08 (4.72e-08)	2.84e-08 (2.58e-08)	9.40e-08 (8.52e-08)
EP	Eutrophication potential	kg N Equiv.	6.74e-03 (6.11e-03)	4.47e-03 (4.06e-03)	2.88e-03 (2.62e-03)	1.41e-02 (1.28e-02)
AP	Acidification potential	kg SO2 Equiv.	7.33e-02 (6.65e-02)	7.40e-02 (6.71e-02)	4.92e-02 (4.46e-02)	1.96e-01 (1.78e-01)
POCP	Photochemical ozone creation potential	kg O3 Equiv.	1.55 (1.41)	2.48 (2.25)	1.55 (1.41)	5.58 (5.07)

$$CO2e = GWP * GHG \text{ emission (tons)}$$



# Key Points...

**Regardless of your personal viewpoint,** leading practices that save \$\$\$ almost always have a positive sustainability impact.

- Reduce Aggregate Moisture
- Lower Production Temperature
- Reduced Virgin Binder Demand
- Increased Recycle Use
- Using Locally Available Aggregates

**Sustainability impacts must be considered in decision making process (i.e. CAPEX)**

- Cost / [Benefit (\$ + Sustainability)]



***Being Green Can Make you Green!***





## Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP)

• 1% RAP ~ 0.35 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e / ton



## Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA)

• 25F Temp. ~ 0.67 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e / ton (Natural Gas) / 0.80 (Propane) / 0.95 (RFO)



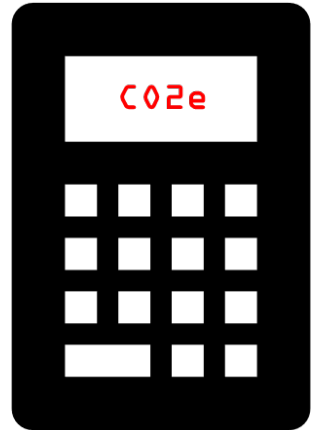
## Liquid Asphalt

• 0.1% liquid = 0.25% VMA = ~ 0.57 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e / ton



## Moisture

• 1% Moisture ~ 1.47 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e / ton (Natural Gas) / 1.75 (Propane) / 2.06 (RFO)



*\*\*General Estimates: Local Conditions Will Drive Actual Data\*\**





# U.S. vs Europe

- My experience...
- Europe (and others) is collectively outpacing the U.S. with many “innovative” technologies and processes.
- Reason...
  - Research, Innovation, and Application are being ***required and driven by procurement practices*** which have sustainability embedded.
  - Owners are requiring and paying for it!



*Whatever is happening in Europe will eventually find its way to the U.S.*

# Decision Making...

## Historic decision making....

- New technology
  - What's the cost?
  - What's the benefit?

## Future decision making....

- New technology
  - What's the cost?
  - What's the benefit?
  - What's the sustainability benefit?
  - How do I justify expense for "sustainability" benefit?
    - Required
    - Good will



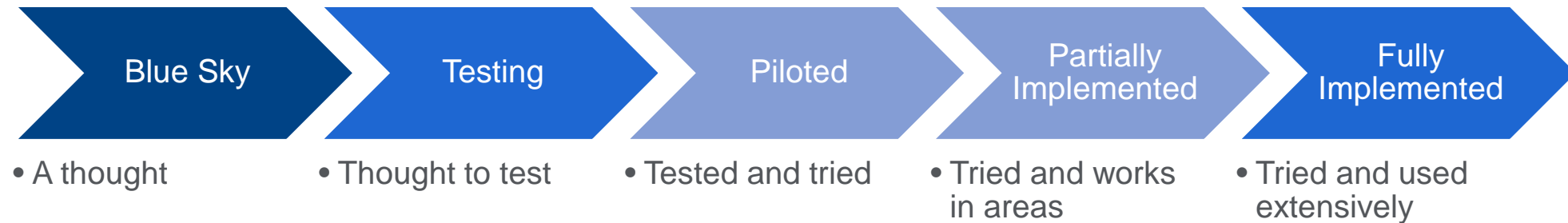
# So, Let's Talk About What's Happening!

- **First**, there is a LOT of research and innovation taking place. Impossible to capture everything.
- Let's bucket items into categories....
  - Materials + Mix Design
  - Production
  - Construction
  - General



# Innovation Continuum

- An innovation will fall somewhere on a continuum from “blue sky” to fully implemented.



# What's PennDOT Researching?

- In F.Y. 2021-2022, approximately \$2.3 million were provided to fund important research projects that addressed the vital transportation needs of Pennsylvania in the areas of construction, design, maintenance, operations, and safety, planning and policy, and technology transfer.
- Active Asphalt Projects:
  1. Recycled Plastics in Pennsylvania Asphalt
  2. Evaluation of Asphalt Performance Testing Protocols in PA



Source: Dave Thomspon, District 5-0



## RESEARCH PROGRAM

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Bureau of Planning & Research - Research Division

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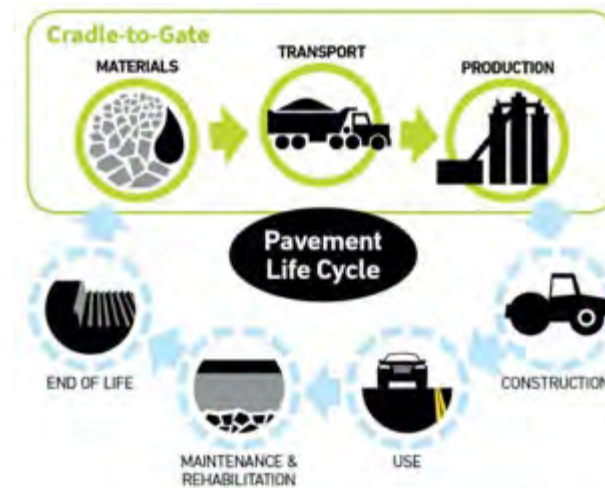
**MATERIALS**

**+**

**MIX DESIGN**

# Materials and Mix Design

- **Extensive** research being conducted in materials area.
- Mix design research primarily focused around performance testing and balanced mix design.
- Substantial opportunity here with regards to lowering the EPD (cradle to gate) CO<sub>2</sub>e.



# NCHRP



- National Cooperative Highway Research Program is the States' Research Program
- Substantial Balanced Mix Design and Recycled Materials Emphasis.

<a href="#">NCHRP 09-57B</a>	Field Validation of Laboratory Cracking Tests of Asphalt Mixtures	Pending	Contract pending.
<a href="#">NCHRP 09-58</a>	The Effects of Recycling Agents on Asphalt Mixtures with High RAS and RAP Binder Ratios	Completed	
<a href="#">NCHRP 09-59</a>	Relating Asphalt Binder Fatigue Properties to Asphalt Mixture Fatigue Performance	Final	Published as NCHRP Research Report 982
<a href="#">NCHRP 09-60</a>	Addressing Impacts of Changes in Asphalt Binder Formulation and Manufacture on Pavement Performance through Changes in Asphalt Binder Specifications	Active	Research in progress
<a href="#">NCHRP 09-61</a>	Short- and Long-Term Binder Aging Methods to Accurately Reflect Aging in Asphalt Mixtures	Completed	
<a href="#">NCHRP 09-62</a>	Rapid Tests and Specifications for Construction of Asphalt-Treated Cold Recycled Pavements	Completed	Publication pending
<a href="#">NCHRP 09-63</a>	A Calibrated and Validated National Performance-Related Specification for Emulsified Asphalt Binder	Active	Research in progress
<a href="#">NCHRP 09-64</a>	Developing Laboratory Methods and Specifications to Test Tack Coat Materials	Completed	Publication decision pending.
<a href="#">NCHRP 09-65</a>	Capturing Durability of High Recycled Binder Ratio (RBR) Asphalt Mixtures	Active	Research in progress
<a href="#">NCHRP 09-66</a>	Performance Properties of Laboratory Produced Recycled Plastic Modified (RPM) Asphalt Binders and Mixtures	Active	Research in progress
<a href="#">NCHRP 09-67</a>	New Materials & Technology Deployment in Asphalt Pavement Structural Design	Anticipated	
<a href="#">NCHRP 09-68</a>	Recycled Asphalt Materials: Binder Availability and Its Impact on Mix Performance	Active	Research in progress
<a href="#">NCHRP 09-69</a>	Verifying Quantities of Materials Used in Asphalt Mixtures at Production Facilities	Active	
<a href="#">NCHRP 09-70</a>	Feasibility Evaluation and Guidance Development for Implementing Practical Aging Protocols for Balanced Mix Design (BMD) Verification and Acceptance	Anticipated	In development
<a href="#">NCHRP 09-71</a>	Guidance to Develop Optimized Framework of Asphalt Mixture Performance Testing for Balanced Mix Design and Acceptance (BMD&A)	Anticipated	In development
<a href="#">NCHRP 09-72</a>	Sensitivity Evaluation of Balanced Mix Design Performance Tests to Binder Properties and Mix Design Variables	Anticipated	In development





# Research in Progress (RIP)

- <https://rip.trb.org/>



**RIP** The Transportation Research Board's Research in Progress (RIP) Database contains information on more than 12,000 current or recently completed transportation research projects. RIP records primarily are projects funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation and State Departments of Transportation. University transportation research also is included in the database.

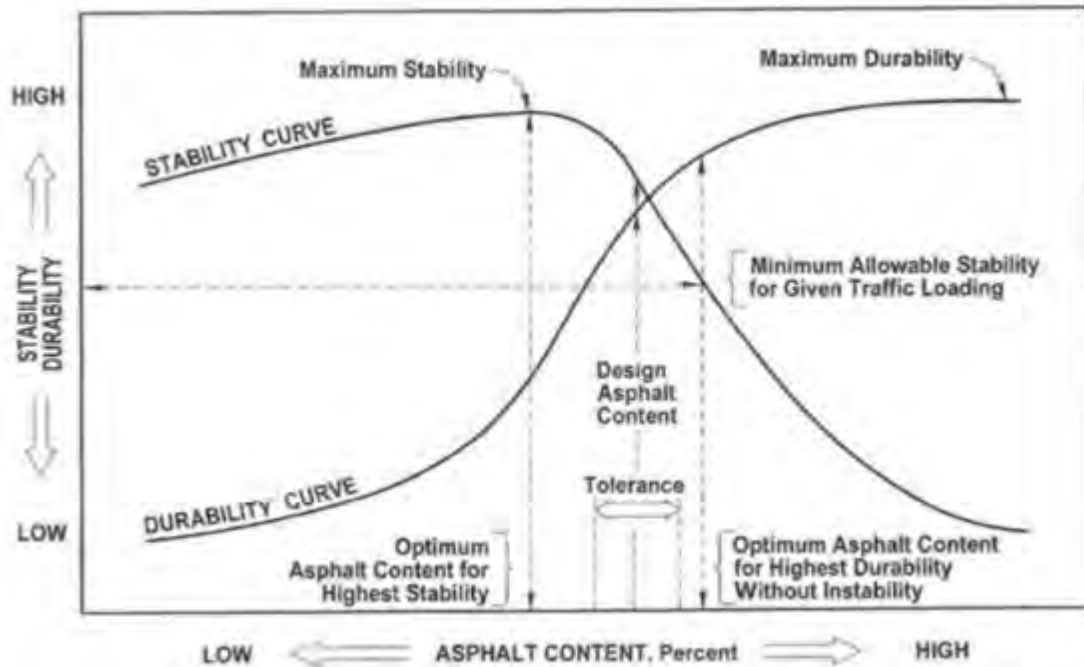
# Research in Progress (RIP)

- Balanced Mix Design – Example Search
- 28 active / planned research efforts on BMD area.
- Over \$7M funding.

1. Re-evaluating Asphalt Rutting Test for <b>Balanced Mix Design</b> and Quality Assurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ohio Department of Transportation, \$495000, Active	2024-0
2. Ruggedness Study of Specimen Preparation and Fine-Tuning of Test Methods for IDT-C and IDT-HT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Virginia Department of Transportation, \$241447, Active	2023-1
3. Replacing Fossil Fuel-Based Asphalt Binder with Sustainable Lignin Binder from Waste	<input type="checkbox"/>	Southern Plains Transportation Center, \$184933, Active	2023-1
4. 2298 Incorporating Quality Recycled Asphalt Pavement into the <b>Balanced Mix Design</b> World	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oklahoma Department of Transportation, \$293000, Active	2023-1
5. Field Validation of <b>Balanced Mix Design</b> Initial Criteria	<input type="checkbox"/>	Virginia Department of Transportation, \$250889, Active	2023-0
6. Optimizing Asphalt <b>Mix</b> ture Performance Testing for <b>Balanced Mix Design</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Center for Infrastructure Transformation, \$634918, Active	2023-0
7. Benchmarking Study of TDOT D <b>Mix</b> tures for <b>Balanced Mixed Design</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tennessee Department of Transportation, \$225000, Active	2023-0
8. Evaluation of <b>Balanced Mix Design</b> (BMD) Surface <b>Mix</b> tures with Conventional and High RAP Contents under Laboratory-Scale and Full-Scale Accelerated Pavement Test (APT)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Virginia Department of Transportation, \$15005, Active	2023-0
9. Evaluation of <b>Balanced Mixed Design</b> in Kansas	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kansas Department of Transportation, \$76660, Active	2023-0
10. TSR Replacement and Stripping Tests River Gravel in Asphalt <b>Mix</b> es	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missouri Department of Transportation, \$250000, Active	2023-0
11. Development of Preliminary <b>Balanced Mix Design</b> Method for Stone Matrix Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Center for Transportation Infrastructure Durability and Life-Extension, \$89970, Active	2023-0
12. <b>Balanced Mix Design</b> for Surface Asphalt <b>Mix</b> tures: Fiber-Modified <b>Mix</b> tures	<input type="checkbox"/>	Virginia Department of Transportation, \$130071, Active	2022-0
13. Assessing Cracking Test Methods to Improve the Performance of ADOT Asphalt <b>Mix</b> e	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arizona Department of Transportation, \$\$289,988.36, Active	2022-0
14. Developing Long-term Aging Protocols for Cracking Performance Evaluation of Aspha <b>Mix</b> tures in Virginia	<input type="checkbox"/>	Virginia Department of Transportation, \$673878, Active	2022-0
15. Nebraska <b>Balanced Mix Design</b> – Phase II	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nebraska Department of Transportation, \$141,914.00, Active	2022-07-01
16. Inter-Laboratory Study for the Indirect Tensile Test at High Temperature and Rapid Rutting Test	<input type="checkbox"/>	Virginia Department of Transportation, \$249311, Active	2022-05-02
17. Validation of Loose <b>Mix</b> Aging Procedures for Cracking Resistance Evaluation in <b>Balanced Mix Design</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minnesota Department of Transportation, \$100,000, Active	2022-04-01
18. TRC2201 - Update to ARDOT Superpave Gyrotory Compaction (SGC) Specification to Increase Pavement Durability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arkansas Department of Transportation, \$\$508,421, Active	2022-03-28
19. Mechanistic-Based Evaluation of Performance Thresholds for Engineered Surface Asphalt <b>Mix</b> tures	<input type="checkbox"/>	Virginia Department of Transportation, \$548142, Active	2022-02-02
20. Implementation of <b>Balanced Mix Design</b> Methods in Oregon to Meet Long-term Performance Goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oregon Department of Transportation, \$315000, Active	2021-09-20
21. Establish Performance-Based Acceptable Lab-Molded Density Range for <b>Mix Design</b> and QC/QA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Texas Department of Transportation, \$829,999, Active	2021-09-01
22. <b>Balanced Mix Design</b> for Surface Asphalt <b>Mix</b> tures: 2021 and 2022 Plant <b>Mix</b> Schedule Pilots	<input type="checkbox"/>	Virginia Department of Transportation, \$335919, Active	2021-07-12
23. Development of a Fatigue Testing Protocol for Asphalt <b>Mix</b> ture Using Hamburg Wheel Tracking Device	<input type="checkbox"/>	Center for Integrated Asset Management for Multimodal Transportation Infrastructure Systems (CIAMTIS), \$139808, Active	2021-06-08
24. Capturing Durability of High Recycled Binder Ratio (RBR) Asphalt <b>Mix</b> tures	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation Research Board, \$750000, Active	2021-03-26
25. 2288 Long Term Performance and Benefits of Combined <b>Balanced Mix Design</b> and Chemical WMA Technology	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oklahoma Department of Transportation, \$\$ 300,000, Active	2021-01-22
26. Implementation of <b>Balanced Mix Design</b> of Asphalt <b>Mix</b> tures Prepared with Reclaimed Asphalt Pavements and Rejuvenators for Enhanced Performance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Idaho Transportation Department, \$170000, Active	2020-09-01
27. Evaluating Recycling Agents' Acceptance for Virginia: Test Protocols and Performance-Based Threshold Criteria	<input type="checkbox"/>	Virginia Department of Transportation, \$467438, Active	2020-07-01
28. Impact of Production Variability on <b>Balanced Mix Design</b> in Virginia	<input type="checkbox"/>	Virginia Department of Transportation, \$362921, Active	2019-10-23

# Balanced Mix Design (BMD)

- An innovative BMD approach offers the potential to ensure quality (performance), enhance the sustainability footprint of mixes through optimization of binder, recycle and aggregate use, and provide a means of quantifying the overall economics.



BMD Checks All the Boxes...



QUALITY



SUSTAINABILITY



ECONOMICS





# With the current volumetric mix design system...



Recycled Shingles



Fractionated RAP



Recycled Tire Rubber



we have no way of knowing if these materials help or hurt



WMA additives



Recycling agents



Aramid & Polyolefin fibers

Source: Randy West, NCAT

....and no way to know if the mix is truly optimized!



# Balanced Mix Design - Approaches

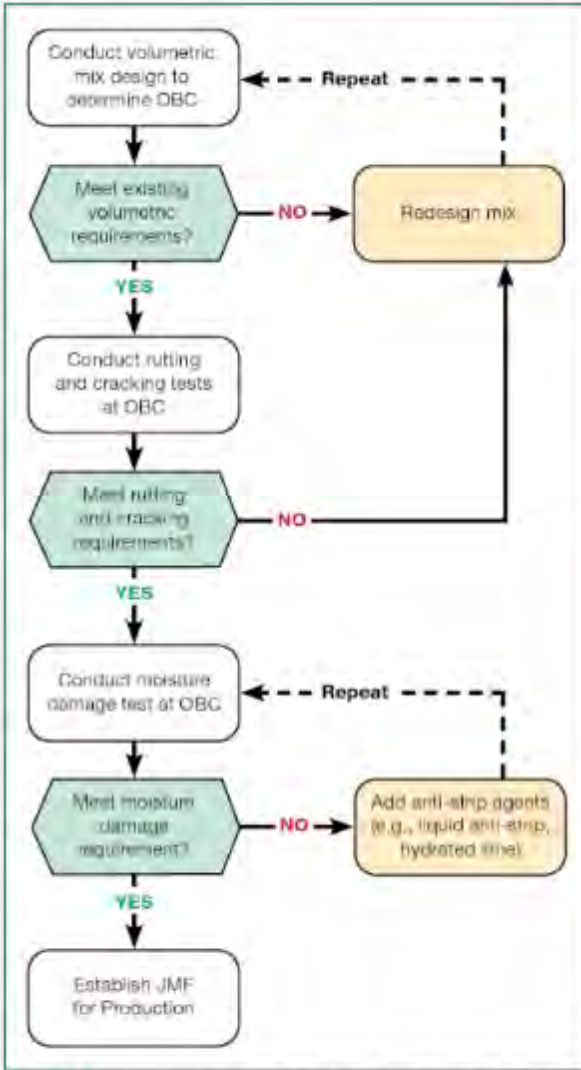


Figure 1. Graphical Illustration of the Volumetric Design with Performance Verification Approach (Approach A)

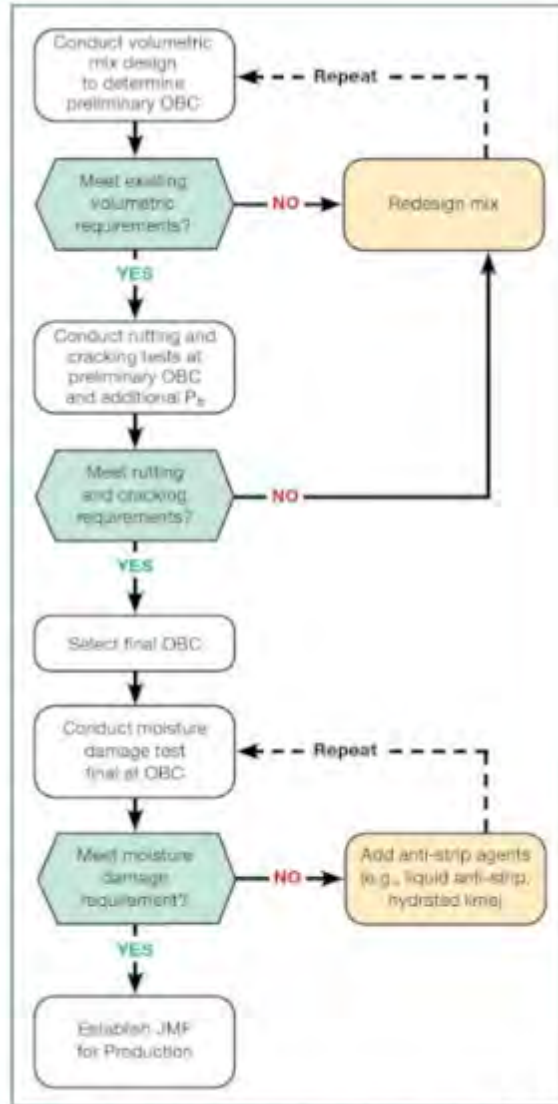


Figure 2. Graphical Illustration of the Volumetric Design with Performance Optimization Approach (Approach B)

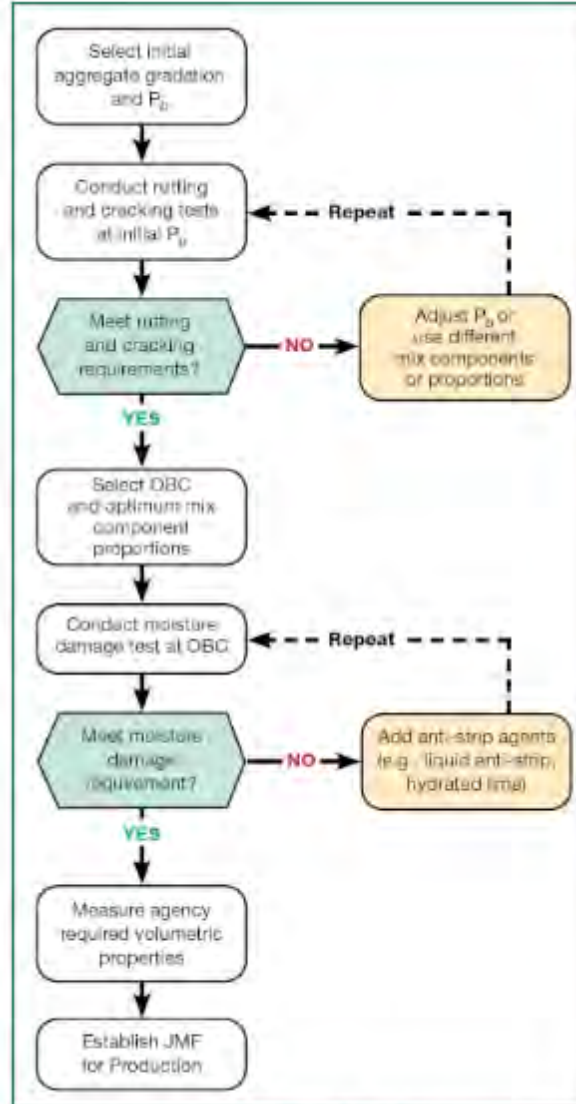


Figure 3. Graphical Illustration of the Performance-Modified Volumetric Design Approach (Approach C)

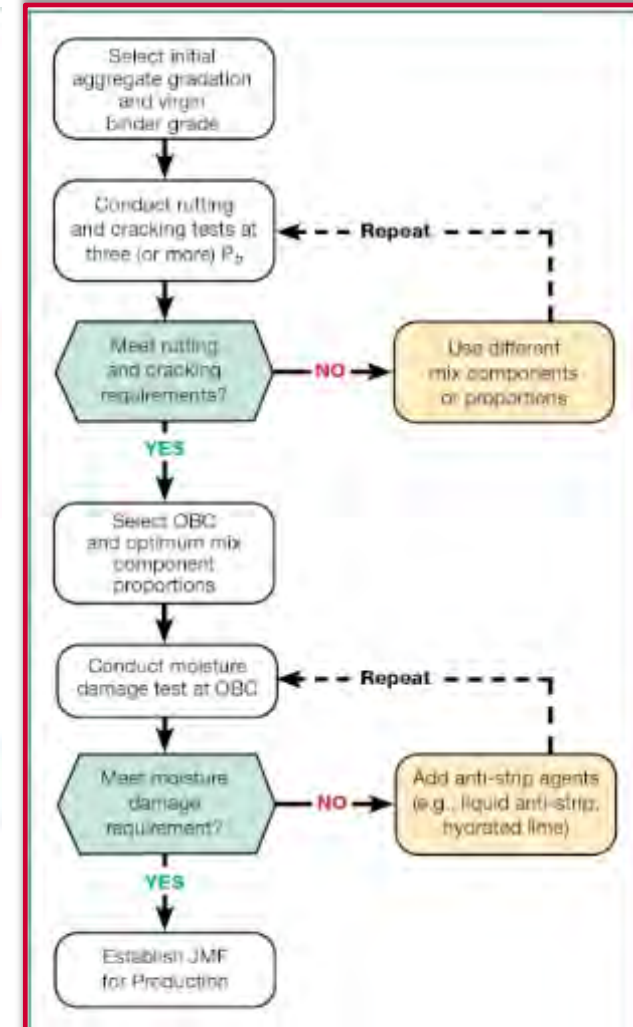


Figure 4. Graphical Illustration of the Performance Design Approach (Approach D)

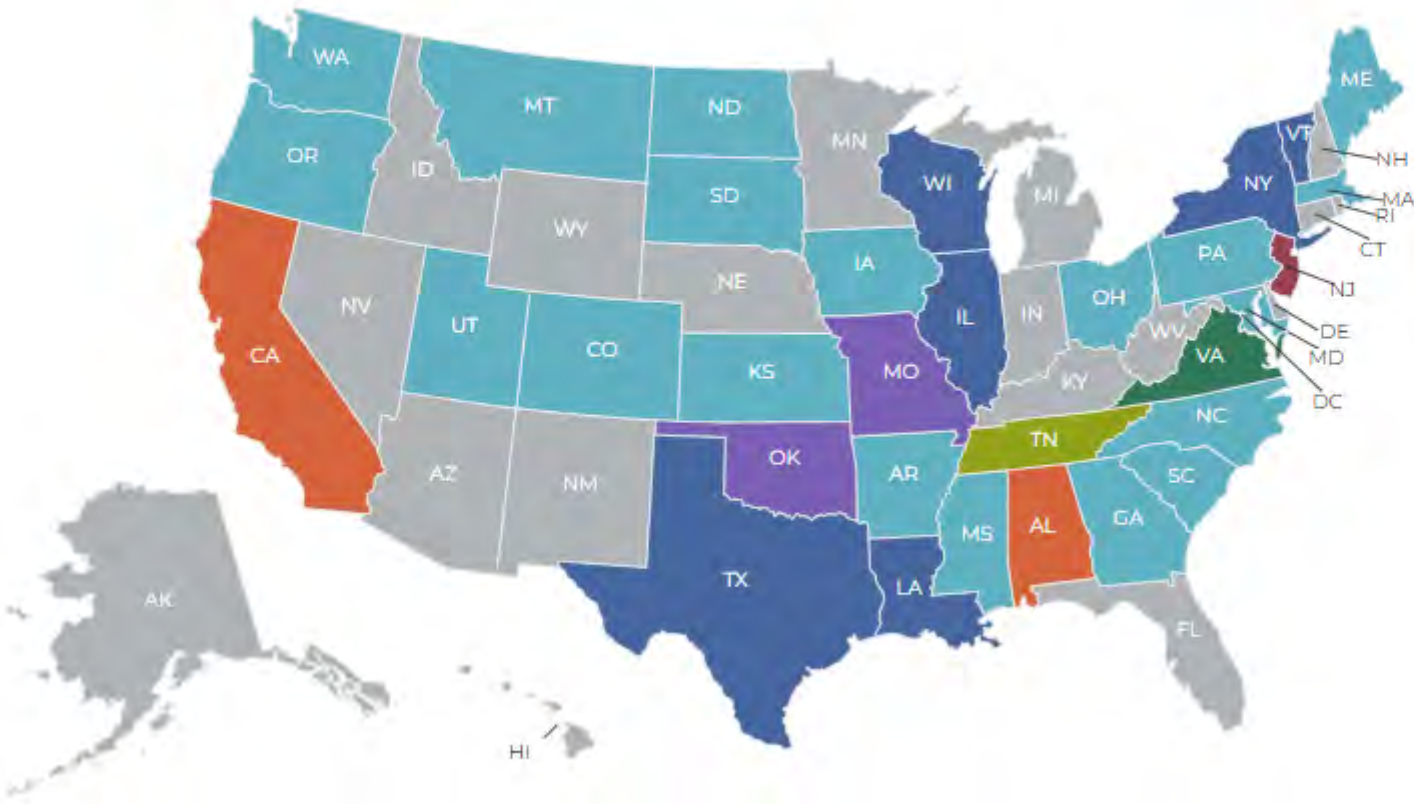
# BMD Implementation Status

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**BMD APPROACH**

RUTTING TEST

CRACKING TEST



- APPROACH A -  
VOLUMETRIC DESIGN WITH PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION
- APPROACH A AND B
- APPROACH A AND D
- APPROACH B -  
VOLUMETRIC DESIGN WITH PERFORMANCE OPTIMIZATION
- APPROACH C -  
PERFORMANCE-MODIFIED VOLUMETRIC DESIGN
- APPROACH D -  
PERFORMANCE DESIGN
- PRE-IMPLEMENTATION







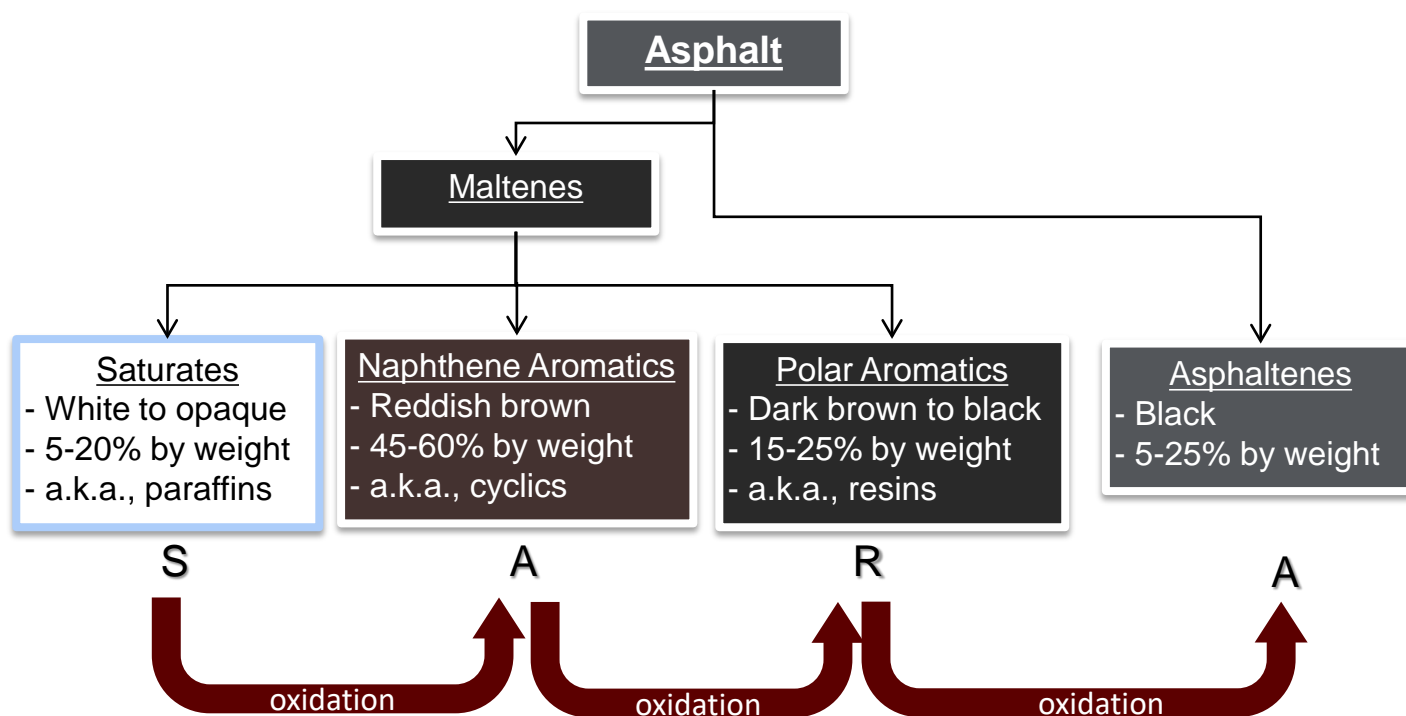
# BMD (PennDOT)



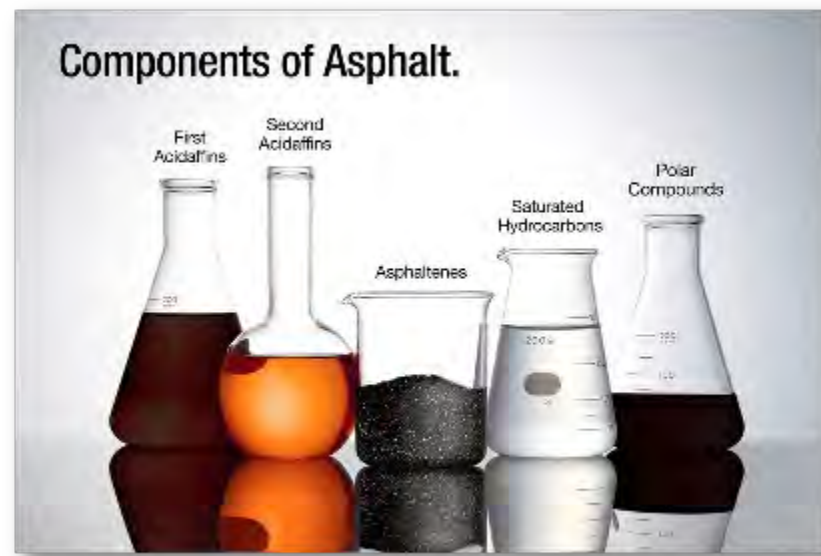
**Table 1. PennDOT's Preliminary Performance Test Criteria for Mix Design Approval**

Traffic Level (Million ESALs)	HWTT			IDEAL-CT
	Rut Depth at 20,000 Passes (mm)	Stripping Inflection Point (SIP)	Passes to 12.5mm Rut Depth	Cracking Tolerance Index (CT <sub>index</sub> )
≤ 3	≤ 15	N/A	N/A	> 70
	≤ 20	≥ 14,000	10,000	
	≤ 25	≥ 16,000	12,000	
3 to 10	≤ 10	N/A	N/A	> 80
	≤ 15	≥ 14,000	12,000	
	≤ 20	≥ 16,000	14,000	
≥ 10	≤ 10	N/A	N/A	> 90
	≤ 12	16,000	15,000	

# Rejuvenators (Recycling Agents)



Saturates  
 Aromatics  
 Resins  
 Asphaltenes



<http://www.tricorrefining.com/cyclogen.php>

The role of rejuvenators is to restore or rebalance the portions of the asphalt that have depleted during aging



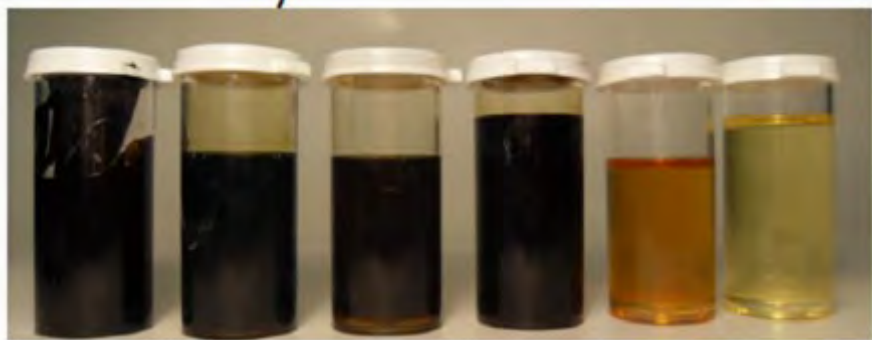
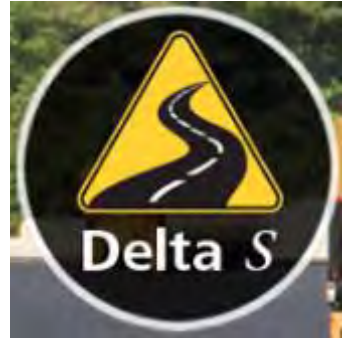
# Rejuvenators (Recycling Agents)

- Rejuvenators will be a key to advancing the recycled content in asphalt mixtures.
- Value = Higher recycle, lower CO<sub>2</sub>e, longer service life

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Cargill

EVOFLEX



SRIPATH  
TECHNOLOGIES, LLC  
Make Asphalt Better.

ASPHALT & WAX INNOVATIONS  
GREEN ASPHALT TECHNOLOGIES













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# Recycled Plastic

- Research efforts continue around recycled plastics to determine their long term performance and use potential.

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	
 PETE	Clear tough plastic such as soft drink, juice and water bottles.	
 HDPE	Common white or colored plastic such as milk containers and shampoo bottles.	
 V	Hard rigid clear plastic such as cordial bottles.	
 LDPE	Soft flexible plastic e.g. squeezable bottles such as sauce bottles.	
 PP	Hard but flexible plastic such as microwave ware, takeaway containers, some yogurt/ice cream/jam containers, hinged lunch boxes.	
 PS	Rigid, brittle plastic such as small tubs and margarine/butter containers.	
 OTHER	All other plastics, including acrylic and nylon. Examples include some sports drink bottles, sunglasses, large water cooler bottles.	

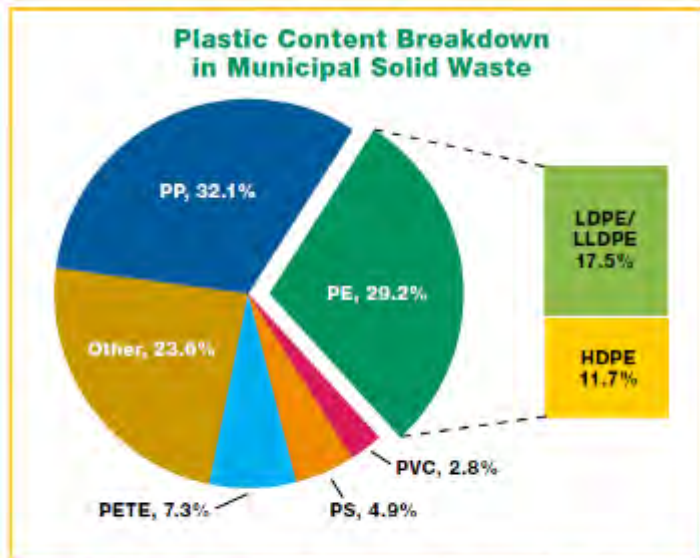


Figure 2-1. Plastic Content Breakdown in Municipal Solid Waste (DuBois, 2020; Based on EPA 2017)



# Recycled Plastic Mix (RPM)

- Macrebur MR8 Product
- Richer appearing mix, great workability



# Fibers

- Increased research on use of synthetic fibers.
- Can improve performance of mixes.
- Advanced engineering offers potential to help with recycle loadings.





# Cold Central Plant Recycling (CCPR)

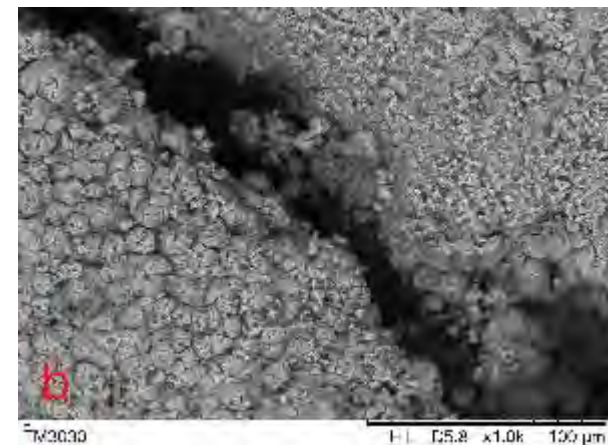
Partially  
Implemented

- Produced mostly in stand along pugmill plant
- Can be produced in asphalt plant.
  - 50/50 RAP add at RAP collar and cold feed.
  - Lower production rate around 100 to 150 tph.
  - Water added via foamers or other modification
  - Cement filler added normally
  - Successfully done at NCAT Test Track



# Self Healing Asphalt

- Fischer defined self-healing property of a material as “the ability to substantially return to an initial, proper operating state or condition prior exposure to a dynamic environment by making the necessary adjustments to restore to normality and/or the ability to resist the formation of irregularities and/or defects” [1].
- Traditional methods to achieve self-healing asphalt pavements includes rejuvenation and heating. Rejuvenators are usually incorporated through capsules, hollow fibers, or vascular fibers. Upon cracking, the encapsulation breaks and the healing agent flows out and heals the crack.
- **Value = Longer service life and enhanced LCA**



# Alternative Binders

Blue Sky

Testing

Piloted

- Alternatives to petroleum derived asphalt binder are needed.
  - Enhance sustainability and reduce exposure to crude supply issues.
- Potential solutions...
  - Lignin
  - Biochar
  - Algae
  - Vegetable oil
  - Bio products



## ***Sustainability Value of Bio-Based Products...***

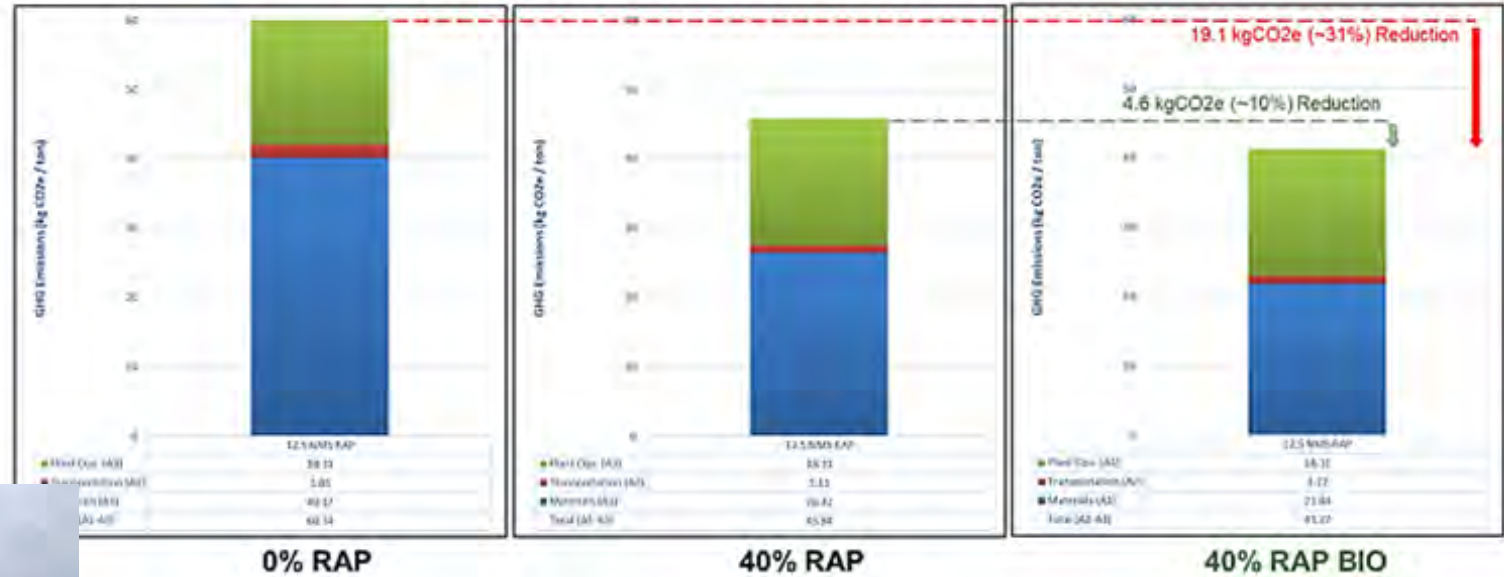
*"Bio-based waste is used to improve properties (lifetime of the material) and environmental sustainability by shifting from fossil-based resources to bio-based resources. Bio-based resources are in favor from the sustainability point of view: they are renewable and do not contribute to climate change, as CO<sub>2</sub> is captured from the atmosphere as a result of photosynthesis in the original vegetal source."*



# Alternative Binders – Successful Trial

- CRH partnered with Cargill to successfully trial a bio resin product to replace 20% of the virgin binder content.
- Research ongoing.....!

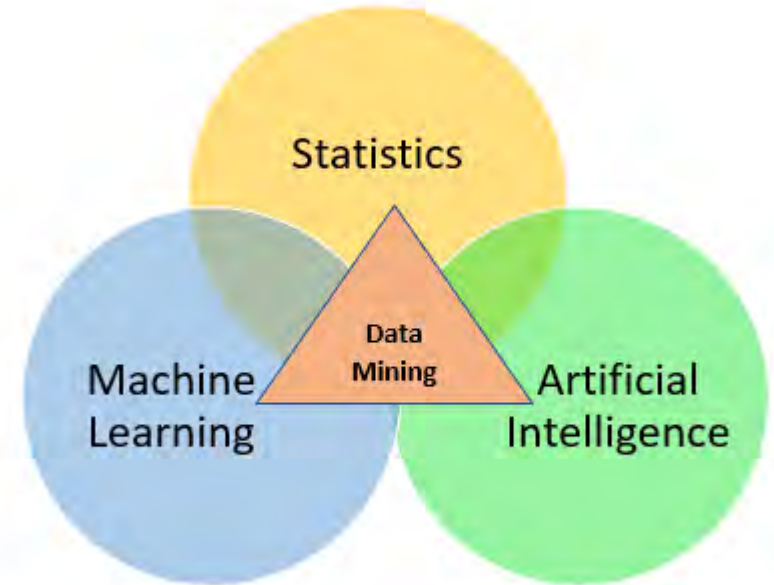
- The combination of high RAP and bio-binder incorporation was estimated to provide a **31% reduction** in kgCO<sub>2e</sub> emissions.



# Enhanced Data Analysis and Use

Partially  
Implemented

- **Artificial Intelligence**
  - Leverages computers and machines to mimic the problem-solving and decision-making capabilities of the human mind.
- **Machine Learning**
  - Branch of artificial intelligence (AI) and computer science which focuses on the use of data and algorithms to imitate the way that humans learn, gradually improving its accuracy.
- **Data Mining**
  - Searching and analyzing a large batch of raw data in order to identify patterns and extract useful information.
- **Statistics**
  - Collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data



*Tremendous opportunity to USE generated data to optimize our operations.*



# Example

- Statistical forecasting is a way to predict the future based on data from the past.
- We have the data (or we better have it!)
- Example
  - Plant that makes 50,000 tons of a given mix w/ asphalt binder test every 500 tons
  - 100 QC tests available
- What do we do with these data? **Put your data to work for you!**

AIR VOIDS EVALUATOR - Normal (PWS)	
Air Voids Analysis	
Lower Air Voids Specification Target, %	3.5
Upper Air Voids Specification Target, %	4.5
Actual Air Voids, %	4.20
Number of Samples	1
Standard Deviation, %	0.30
Standard Error of Mean, %	0.30
Percent of Results Below the Lower Target Air Voids, %	0.98
Percent of Results Above the Upper Target Air Voids, %	15.87
Percent of Results Within Specification Air Voids Range, %	83.2

		What If (Percent of Results Within Specification Air Voids)															
		Air Voids Standard Deviation, %															
		##	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
Actual Air Voids, %	2.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.6	1.6	3.0	4.5	6.1	7.5	8.7	9.7	10.5	11.1	
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**PRODUCTION**

# Multi Fuel Burners

- Burners capable of using various fuel sources based on market availability and economics.



# Hydrogen Burners

Blue Sky

Testing

Piloted

- Eliminates CO<sub>2</sub> emissions associated with the plant burner.
- Can also run hydrogen + natural gas

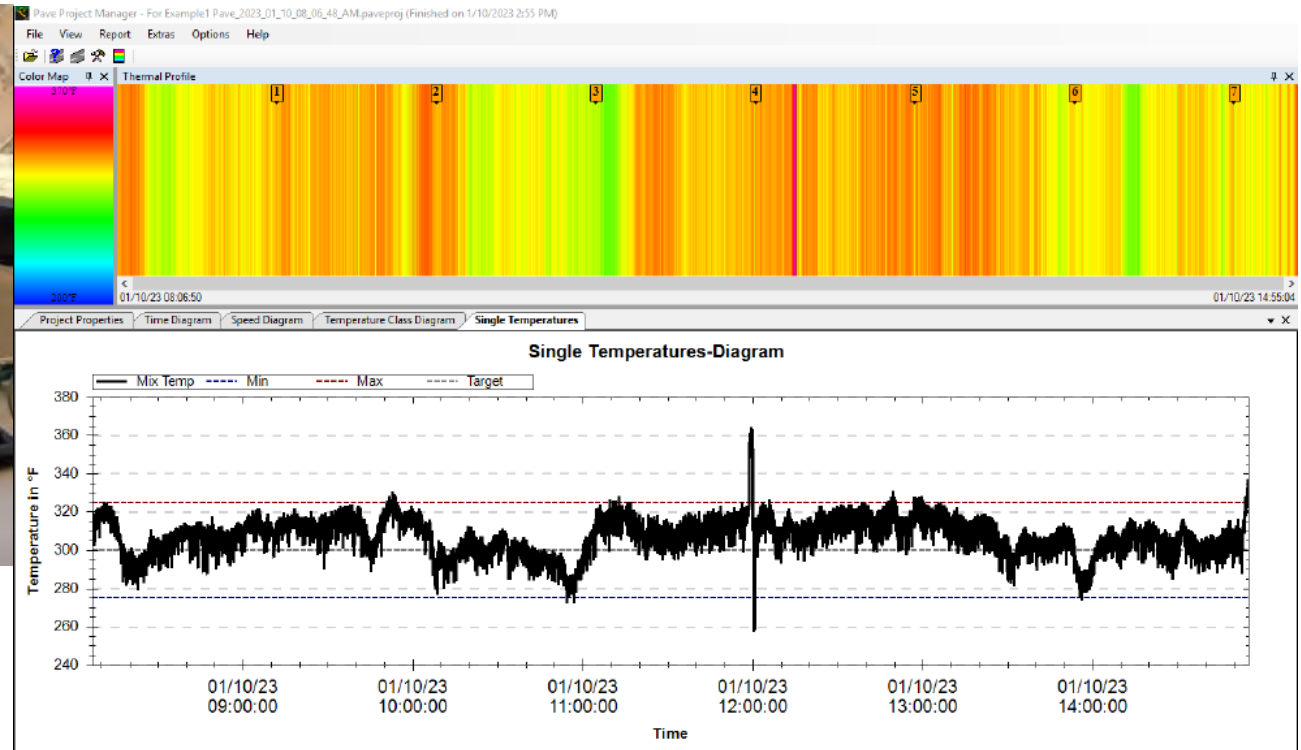


<https://www.worldhighways.com/wh6/news/revolutionary-asphalt-plant-heating-ammann>



# Real Time Plant Production Temperature Monitoring

- Continuous mix temperature at plant.
- Simple, prototype systems being developed.



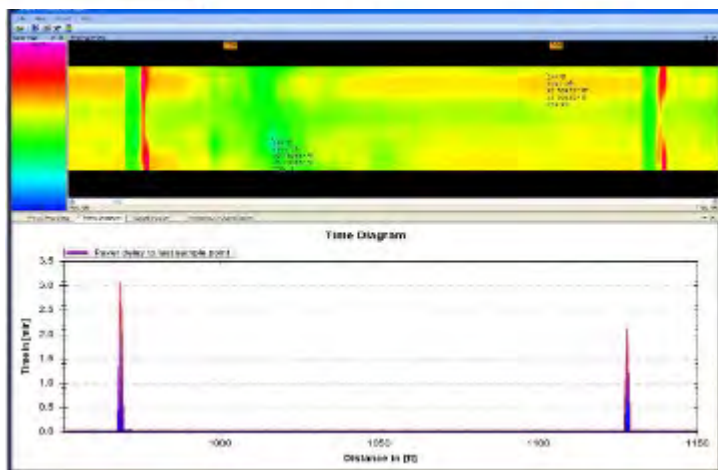
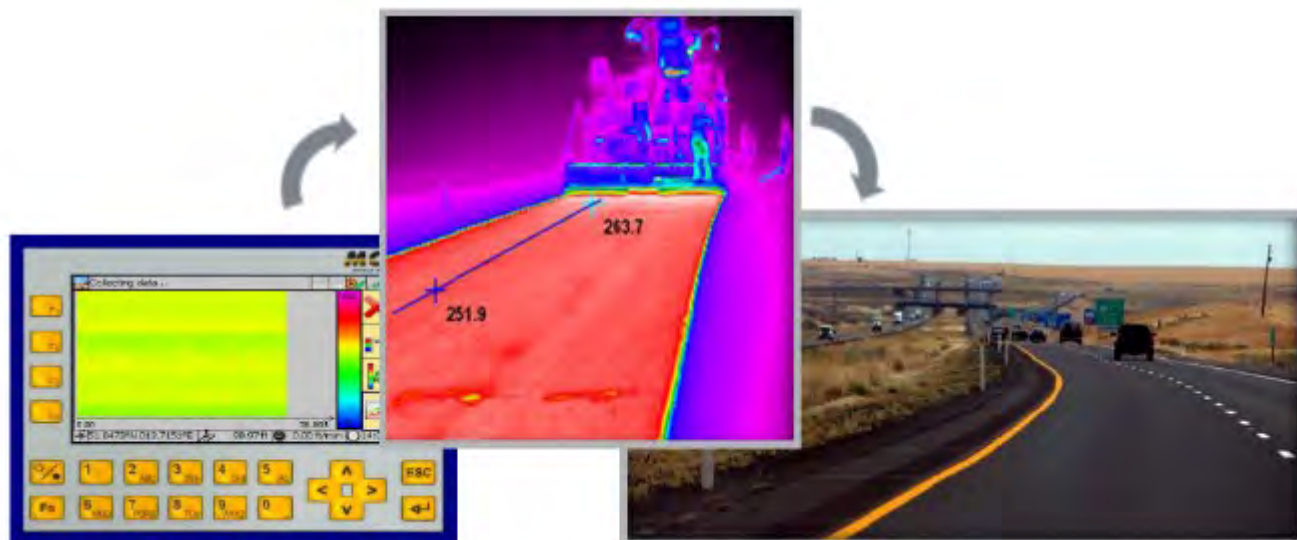
*Valuable documentation and training tool!*



**CONSTRUCTION**

# Thermal Profiling

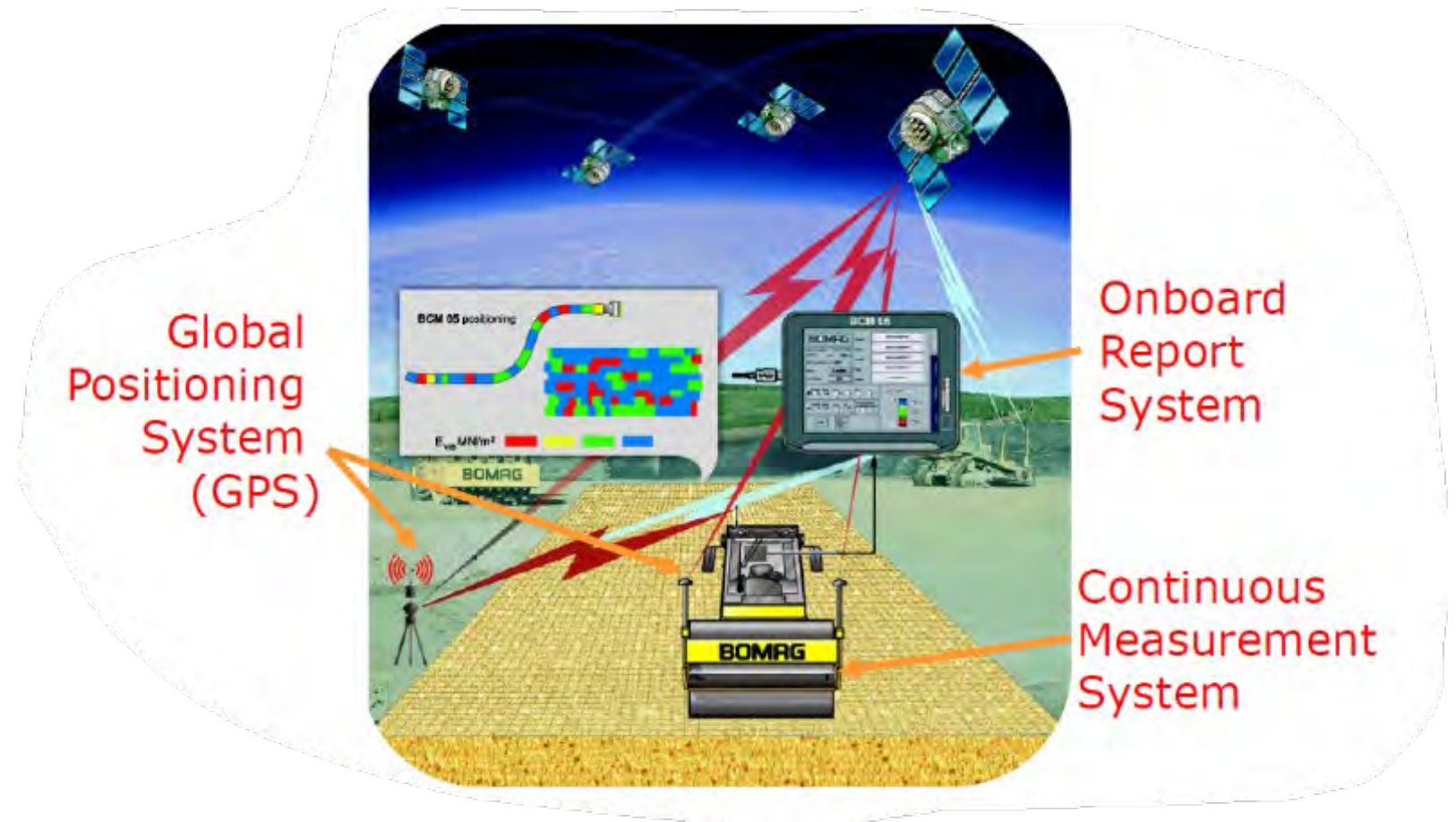
- Technology has been around, but continues to be improved and value obtained.
- Ultimate value is operator training to improve quality.





# Intelligent Compaction

- Same as thermal profiling. Technology been around but continues to evolve.
- Coverage mapping is valuable.



# Automated Rollers

- Technology is relatively new.
- Operator removal is safety enhancement.
- Remote or autonomous operation.



<https://www.volvoce.com/global/en/news-and-events/news-and-stories/2021/volvo-ce-unveils-cx01-single-drum-asphalt-compactor-concept-at-the-utility-expo/>



# 3D Paving

Partially  
Implemented

- Automated paver set up based on specified 3D design
- Enhanced smoothness





**GENERAL**

# EV Charging Roadways

Blue Sky

Testing

Piloted

- Magnetic resonance induction charging
  - Coil of copper wire embedded in the street to transfer electricity from the grid to electric vehicles passing overhead. An on-board receiver pulls in that electricity, typically in low amounts, to provide the battery a continuous charge.

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## Detroit's road of the future will charge your car as you drive on it

The first public EV charging roadway in the U.S. is now open.



<https://www.fastcompany.com/90990095/detroits-road-of-the-future-will-charge-your-car-as-you-drive-on-it>

<https://www.fox2detroit.com/news/first-wireless-charging-road-in-u-s-set-to-be-unveiled-in-detroit>

CRH

# Pennsylvania Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Roadmap

- PennDOT and DEP are working to develop electric vehicle charging corridors on main highways in Pennsylvania. The goal is to have chargers available every 50 miles, located no more than 5 miles from the highway.

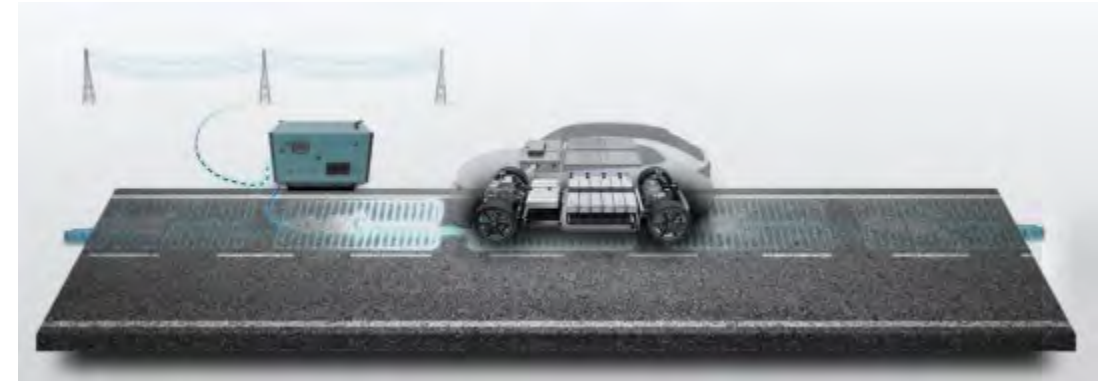




# Advancing Sustainability through Powered Infrastructure for Roadway Electrification (ASPIRE)



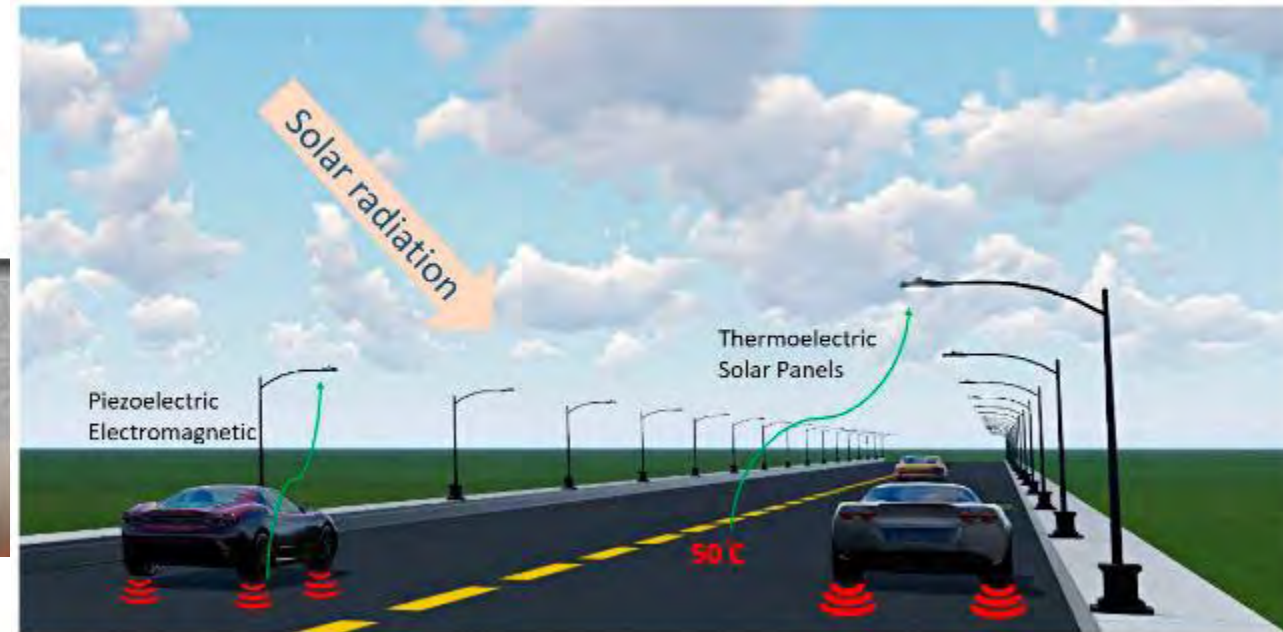
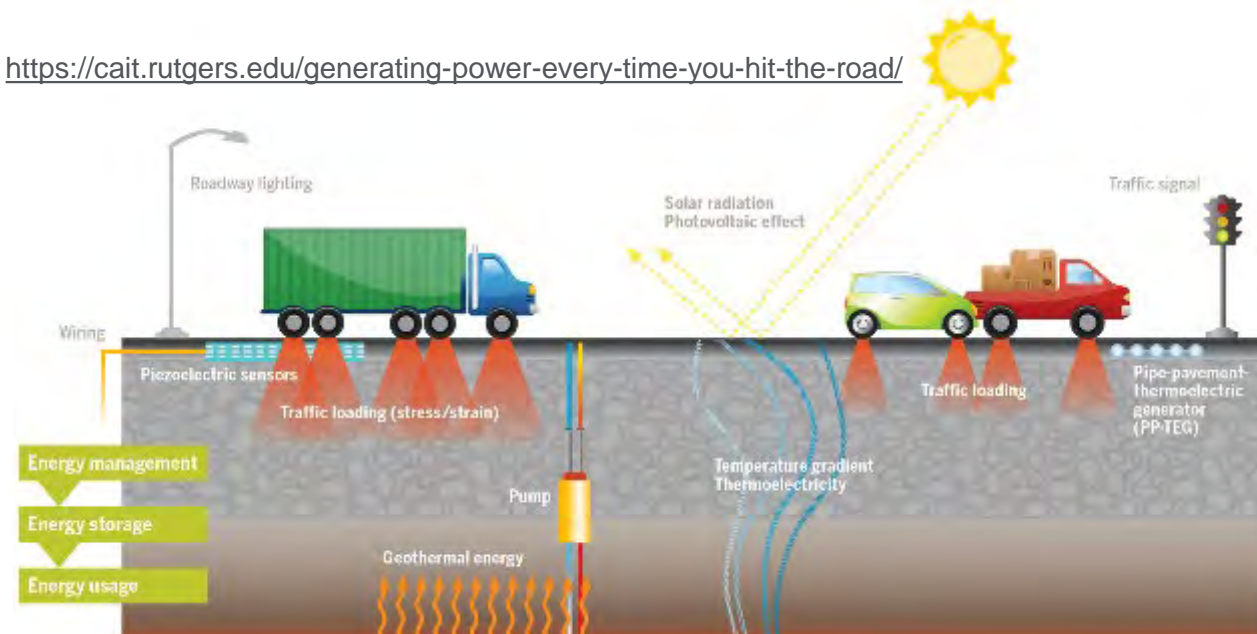
- Scope is to eliminate range and charging as barriers to electric vehicle use. Solutions include plug-in and wireless charging systems that are integrated into roadways, parking structures and networked with the electric grid and traffic management systems.



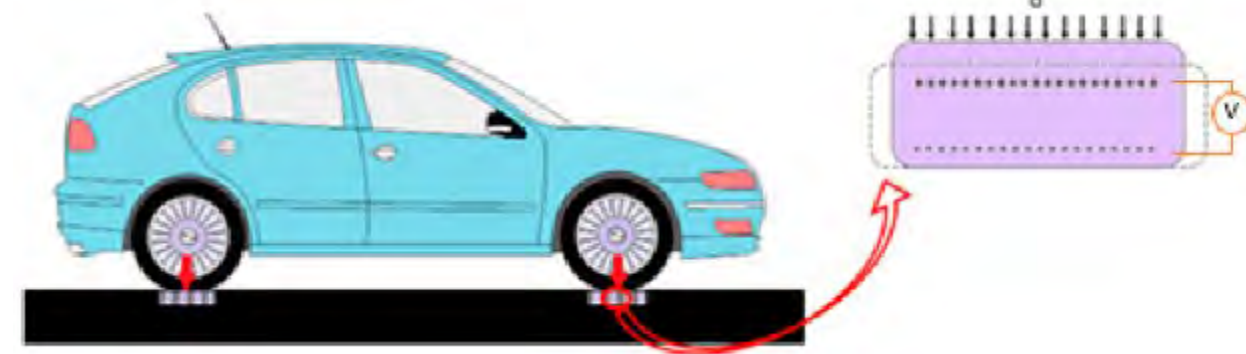
# Energy Harvesting

- Can energy (from thermal and mechanical vibration) be harvested or captured via trafficking.

<https://cait.rutgers.edu/generating-power-every-time-you-hit-the-road/>

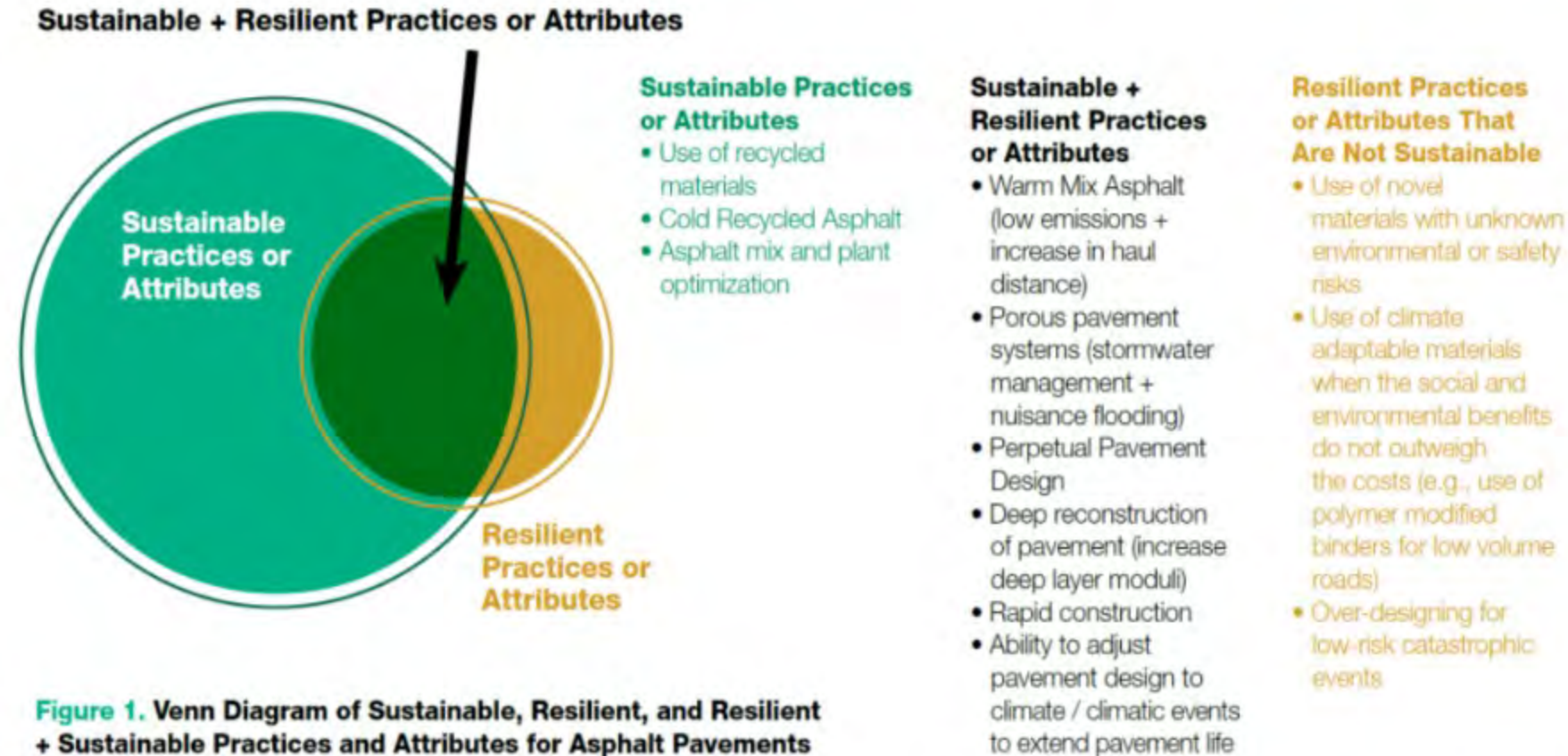


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# Pavement Resiliency

Resilience is defined by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as “The ability to anticipate, prepare for, and adapt to changing conditions and withstand, respond to, and recover rapidly from disruptions”



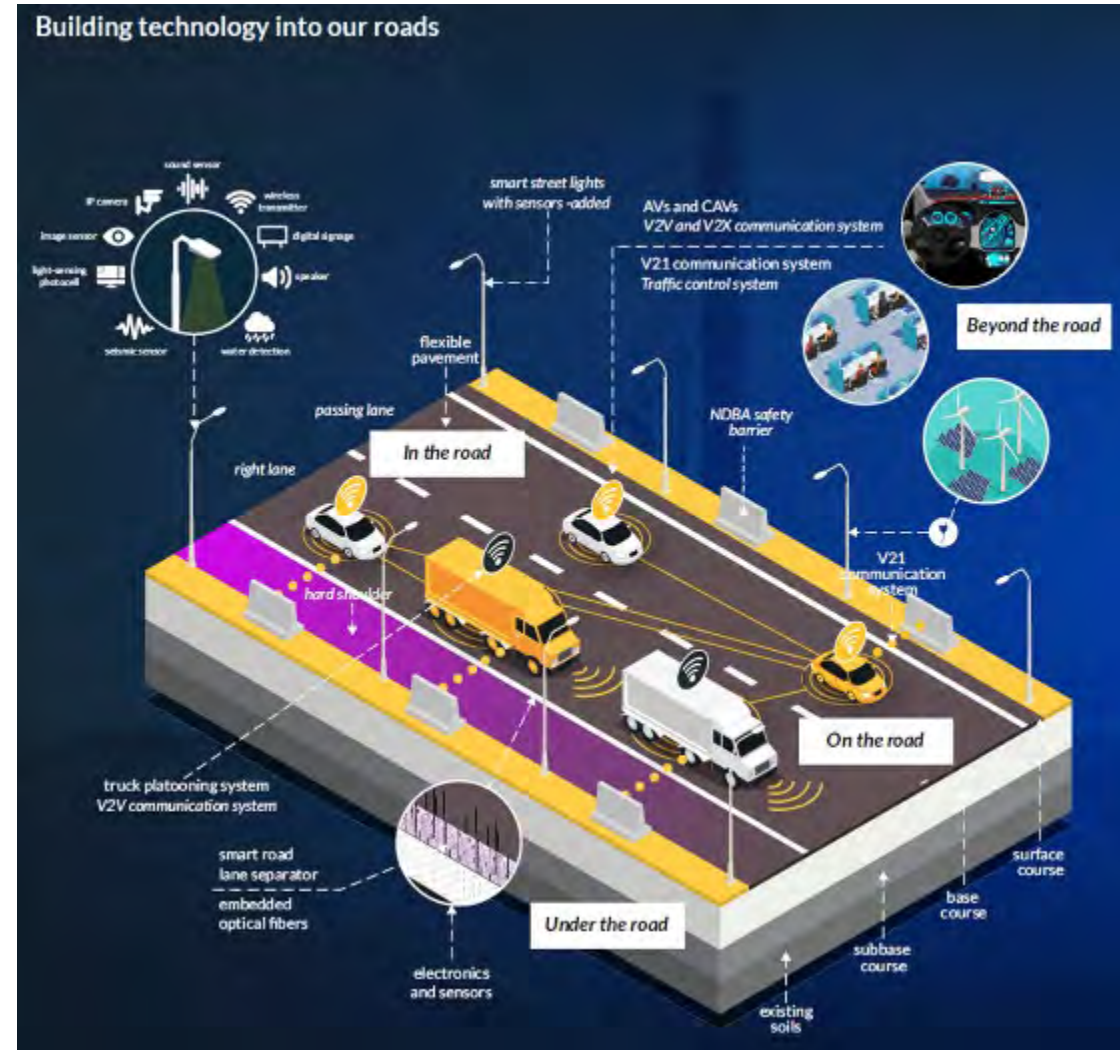
**Figure 1. Venn Diagram of Sustainable, Resilient, and Resilient + Sustainable Practices and Attributes for Asphalt Pavements**

**Figure 1. Venn Diagram of Sustainable and Resilient Practices and Attributes for Asphalt Pavements (Bowers and Gu 2021)**



# Pavement Communications

- Vehicle to Vehicle (V2V)
  - Smart technology that enables vehicle data to exchange from one vehicle to another.
- Vehicle to Infrastructure (V2I)
  - Captures data such as traffic congestion, weather advisories, bridge clearance levels, traffic light status, and then wirelessly transmits it to inform drivers of conditions they need to be aware of which aids in safety.
- Vehicle to Everything (V2X)
  - Notify drivers of dangerous weather conditions, accidents and traffic congestion nearby, and other dangerous behaviors happening in close range.



<https://hgventures.com/futureofroads/>

**PEOPLE**

# Workforce of Tomorrow

- **FACTS:**

1. People will remain the absolute key to success!
2. Workers are increasingly hard to find and retain.





# What Will the “Future” Look Like

- Effective and responsible use of local and recycled materials designed via an innovative balanced mix design system using appropriate performance tests.
- Enhanced use of automation to help control, manage, produce and construct mixes for optimal quality and economics.
- Pavements will serve multiple functions.
- Procurement practices will demand sustainability.
- **PEOPLE** will continue to be the key to success.



# Our Imagination is the Starting Point for Innovation

- Be curious
- Be open minded
- Be creative
- Be open to failure
  
- **Be ready!!!**



# Thank You

