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A. INTRODUCTION

The New England Transportation Consortium (NETC) is a cooperative effort of the transportation agencies of the six New England States. Through the Consortium, the states pool professional, academic, and financial resources for transportation research leading to the development of improved methods for dealing with common problems associated with the administration, planning, design, construction, rehabilitation, reconstruction, operation and maintenance of the region's transportation system.

The Consortium operates through a) a committee structure consisting of: a Policy Committee, an Advisory Committee and Project Technical Committees and b) a Coordinator and Lead State.

B. 2000 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Funding Approved For New Research In Eight High Priority Areas: The NETC Policy Committee, upon recommendation of the Advisory Committee, approved funding for new research in the following areas:
   - Ground-Based Imaging and Data Acquisition Systems for Roadway Inventories in New England
   - Permeability of Superpave Mixes
   - Composite Reinforced Timber Guardrail
   - Portable Falling Weight Deflectometer
   - Modified Eccentric Loading Guardrail Terminal
   - Visualization Techniques for Public Presentations of Transportation Projects
   - Incident Detection Algorithms
   - Thin Pavements Using Geogrids and Drainage Composites in a Cold Region

2. Consortium Publishes First Newsletter: 'Research News' the Consortium's biannual newsletter was published for the first time and distributed to three hundred transportation professionals and researchers at New England's transportation agencies and state universities. This edition of the newsletter contains information on the Consortium's organization, active research projects and available publications.

3. Federal Highway Administration Awards Consortium Grant To Develop Electronic Newsletter: The Consortium won a competitive technology marketing grant, from the Federal Highway Administration for its proposal to develop a web-based electronic version of the Consortium's newsletter 'Research News'. It will be completed in 2001.
4. Findings From Three Research Projects Distributed: Final reports for the following projects were published and distributed to New England's state transportation agencies and universities, the Federal Highway Administration, and the AASHTO Region 1 Research Advisory Committee:

- Use of Wood Waste Materials for Erosion Control
- Use of Tire Chip/Soil Mixtures To Limit Frost Heave and Pavement Damage of Paved Roads
- Implementation and Evaluation of Traffic Marking Recesses for Application of Thermoplastic Pavement Markings on Modified Open Graded Friction Course

5. Twelve Student Research Positions Funded At Participating Universities: During 2000, NETC-funded research projects supported 12 student research positions at participating universities, 7 of which were graduate students and 5 of which were undergraduate students.

6. Technology Transfer:

- Requests for Research Reports: Fifteen requests for final reports of NETC funded research projects were processed. Requests were received from: the Arizona, Maryland and Ohio Departments of Transportation; the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority; the Coalition of New England Governors; the Ministry of Transport, Government of Quebec; the Town of Auburn, MA; consultants in New Jersey, New Hampshire and Massachusetts; a magazine publisher in Ohio; a member of private industry in Massachusetts; FHWA-RI.

- Presentations at Meetings/Conferences:
  a. Annual Visit of Transportation Research Board Representative: The NETC Coordinator made a presentation on the Consortium's mission, organization, project selection procedures and current research projects, at the annual visit of the Transportation Research Board representative to the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

  b. New England Materials and Research Engineers 11th Annual Meeting:

      1) "Advanced Composites for the Protection of Transportation Infrastructure" (a report on preliminary findings from NETC Project 96-3), Dr. Perumalsamy Balaguru, Rutgers University

      2) "Marketing the New England Transportation Consortium Research Program," Gerald McCarthy, NETC Coordinator

  c. American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials Annual Meeting: The NETC Coordinator presented an exhibit of NETC research projects at the AASHTO Annual Meeting held in Indianapolis, Indiana in December, 2000.

  d. Northeast Association of State Transportation Officials Annual Meeting: The NETC Coordinator presented an exhibit of NETC research projects held at the NASTO Annual Meeting in Mashantucket, Connecticut in April, 2000.
e. Connecticut Joint Highway Research Advisory Council Meeting:
The NETC Coordinator presented a report on the activities of the
Consortium to the CT Joint Highway Research Advisory Council
at its December 21, 2000 meeting.

- Papers Presented at Technical Conferences or Published in Technical
  Journals: NETC researchers made nine presentations at technical
  conferences and published three papers in technical journals.
C. PROGRESS OF ACTIVE PROJECTS

PROJECT NUMBER: 94-1

PROJECT TITLE: Structural Analysis of New England Subbase Materials and Structures

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): K. Wayne Lee, Milton T. Huston, Jeffrey S. Davis, and Sekhar Vajjhala, University of Rhode Island, Department of Civil Engineering

STATUS: Continuing

INITIAL AGREEMENT DATE: 9/10/95

END DATE: 3/31/99

PROJECT OBJECTIVES: The objectives of this research are: (1) to compile a database of subbase aggregate properties by aggregate types common to New England, (2) collect data from existing analysis of natural aggregates and recycled material/aggregates blends, (3) develop recycled material blends, and (4) recommend appropriate testing for state agencies to develop optimum properties for specific sources and various combinations of blended materials projects.

The objectives were amended to modify the existing Instron testing system for the AASHTO TP46, and to characterize the subbase materials with and without reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP).

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2000: URI research team revised the draft final report in accordance with comments of the technical committee, and sent it to the technical committee for the approval of printing on September 14, 2000.

REPORTS, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS: None
PROJECT NUMBER: 94-2

PROJECT TITLE: Nondestructive Testing of Reinforced Concrete Bridges Using Radar Imaging Techniques

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): Dryver R. Huston, University of Vermont

STATUS: Continuing

INITIAL AGREEMENT DATE: 10/16/95

END DATE: 9/30/99

PROJECT OBJECTIVES: The overall goal of this project is to advance the state-of-the-art in ground-penetrating-radar (GPR) imaging techniques so that it will become an even more practical and precise tool for assessing the integrity of reinforced concrete bridge decks, with particular attention directed towards the specific problems of the bridges in New England. The plan is to conduct numerical, laboratory and field studies with the ultimate goal of developing a reliable and easy-to-use field technique. Phase I involves the numerical modeling of the interactions of defects in concrete bridge decks and GPR through the adaptation of available algorithms, software and dielectric parameter data. Phase II involves the laboratory verification of the numerical models through the testing of specimens with known defects. Phase III involves the development of radar waveform image processing techniques so that defect conditions can be identified readily. Phase IV involves the field testing of the methods on selected bridge structures in New England. Phase V involves the development of the appropriate documentation so the technology developed in this project is capable of being used by the state transportation agencies. This is an interdisciplinary project that has a team of investigators from Vermont and Massachusetts: Prof. Dryver R. Huston and Prof. Peter L. Fuhr from the University of Vermont; Dr. Kenneth Maser of Infrasense, Inc.; and Dr. William Weedon of Applied Radar Analysis, Inc. The project will take three years to complete.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2000:
The major accomplishments during this period were the development of a handheld radar system that can be used to inspect bridge columns and retaining walls. This unit was tested in the lab and used to test two bridges in Vermont. The handheld unit is fairly crude, but is possibly the first of its type. In addition, pavement studies were conducted on an I-89 overpass in New Hampshire. A draft final report was submitted to the Technical Advisory Committee for review. Suggestions for revision have been incorporated into a revised final report.

REPORTS, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:


PROJECT NUMBER: 94-4

PROJECT TITLE: Durability of Concrete Crack Repair Systems

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS: G. Tsiatas, University of Rhode Island, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering

STATUS: Terminated

INITIAL AGREEMENT DATE: 9/1/97

END DATE: 12/31/99

REPORTS, PAPERS, AND PRESENTATIONS:


2. "Durability of Concrete Crack Repair Systems," Tsiatas, G. and Robinson, J. A presentation to representatives of the Chemical Grouting Division of Kajima Corporation (Japan), University of Rhode Island, College of Engineering, October 26, 1999.

NOTE: This project was terminated without a final report.
PROJECT NUMBER: 95-3

PROJECT TITLE: Implementation and Evaluation of Traffic Marking Recesses For Application of Thermoplastic Pavement Markings on Modified Open Graded Mixes

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): K. Wayne Lee, Stephen A. Cardi, II and Sean Corrigan, The University of Rhode Island and Cardi Corporation

STATUS: Completed

INITIAL AGREEMENT DATE: N/A

END DATE: N/A

PROJECT OBJECTIVES: If thermoplastic pavement striping were applied to a constructed recess in the pavement surface, snowplow blades would pass over without damaging either the marking or the pavement. This study will determine the best means of creating traffic marking recesses and the cost effectiveness of this method. To accomplish this task the URI research team will work with a contractor on an existing construction project to carry out a trial field installation of the traffic marking recesses. Construction specifications will be developed for this method by the URI research team with the assistance of the contractor.

After construction, the durability and retroreflectivity of the recessed markings will be monitored three times each year for two years. The monitoring and evaluation period will take place once prior to the winter maintenance season, once during the winter months and once after the winter maintenance season. The durability of the recessed markings will be evaluated by a subjective rating method, and the retroreflectivity will be measured by a retroreflectometer. The URI research team will also produce a narrative videotape of late night wet-weather condition review of the test sections. The final report will be submitted within 3 weeks of the final evaluation and will include pictures of each evaluated section, the late night wet-weather video, as well as comparisons of the recessed and non-recessed areas durability and retroreflectivity.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2000:
Upon the technical committee’s approval, one hundred (100) copies of final research report and twelve (12) copies of narrative videotapes were submitted to NBTC Coordinator on 11/7/00.

REPORTS, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:

PROJECT NUMBER: 95-5

PROJECT TITLE: Buried Joints in Short Span Bridges

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS: G. Tsiatas, University of Rhode Island, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering

STATUS: Terminated

INITIAL AGREEMENT DATE: 8/1/95

END DATE: Completion of work

REPORTS, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:


NOTE: This project was terminated without a final report.
PROJECT NUMBER: 96-2

PROJECT TITLE: Optimizing GPS Use in Transportation Projects

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): C. Roger Ferguson, University of Connecticut and John E. Bean, Central Connecticut State University

STATUS: Continuing

INITIAL AGREEMENT DATE: 7/1/97

END DATE: 6/30/99

PROJECT OBJECTIVES: To identify ways to optimize the use of GPS in transportation projects.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2000:
Met with representatives of the three primary GPS equipment vendors to discuss available equipment, equipment features, and equipment prices. Information obtained from these meetings will be used in matrix compilation for Task 2. Arranged for each of the vendors to exhibit their wares and answer questions about GS equipment and technology at a combined meeting of all of the New England GPS users that will be coordinated as part of this project.

Completed draft reports of the summer 1997 individual meetings with each New England State DOT and distributed them to the DOT's for comment, correction, and additional information which was missed in the meeting minutes.

Completed the draft composite report of the summer 1997 New England State DOT meetings.

Computer programs have been developed to: a) continuously download, translate, and archive base station data and b) transfer base station data from remote sites to a central location via network or modem. An automated zip drive-based station archiving system was developed and working GPS base stations were established at two locations.

REPORTS, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS: None
PROJECT NUMBER: 96-3

PROJECT TITLE: Effectiveness of Fiber Reinforced Composites as Structural and Protective Coverings for Bridge Elements Exposed to Deicing-Salt Chlorides

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): P. Balaguru, Professor, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and Kang-Won W. Lee, Professor, The University of Rhode Island

STATUS: Continuing

INITIAL AGREEMENT DATE: 8/31/97

END DATE: 12/31/00

PROJECT OBJECTIVES: The primary objective of the proposed research is to identify a cost-effective composite system that will provide long-term performance under freeze-thaw, wet-dry, and deicing salt environments. The primary tasks are: (i) selecting the promising candidates in terms of materials, combination of fibers and matrices, and application techniques, and (ii) evaluation of the selected materials and systems for long-term performance.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2000:
Results obtained during this investigation were used for part of the following publications and presentations.

REPORTS, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Publications:


Presentations:


PROJECT NUMBER: 97-1

PROJECT TITLE: A Portable Method to Determine Chloride Concentration on Roadway Pavements

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): Norman W. Garrick and Nikolaos P. Nikolaidis, University of Connecticut

STATUS: Continuing

INITIAL AGREEMENT DATE: 9/1/98

END DATE: 9/30/01

PROJECT OBJECTIVES: The objective of this work is the development of technology to be used in conjunction with a management framework for effective deicer deployment. The goal is a system that will result in the optimum use of road deicer, thereby, reducing the cost and minimizing the undesirable water quality effects of chlorine, while, at the same time, preserving highway safety.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2000:
In September we began work on designing our second-generation prototype salinity-measuring device. In this effort we were guided by the results of both field and laboratory testing of the first prototype. The results were quite promising but they also indicate some shortcomings with the prototype. Specifically we felt that the original system was not sufficiently precise or responsive. The new design is expected to be much better in this regard because we have drastically reduced the size of the system and have installed a superior system for melting snow.

The old system consists of two major components: the sample collection assembly, and the measurement unit. This system is designed to collect in the storage box any slush that is splashed up by the front vehicle tire. This slush is heated in the box and then flows through appropriate filters to the measurement chamber. The salinity of the water in the chamber is measured using a conductivity meter. The meter we selected is designed to continuously measure and record the salinity of water that is pumped through the measurement chamber. The conductivity meter is connected to a laptop computer that is configured to give instantaneous readings of salinity and other pertinent measures such as the water temperature.
Figure 1: Close-up of Redesigned Prototype

The new prototype is quite similar in principle to the old; however, the retention volume was significantly decreased from 500 ml to 66 ml. In addition, the heating system was upgraded by increasing the power and by adding a controller to regulate the temperature in the unit. The redesigned system was completed in December and testing will commence in January 2001.

REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PAPERS: None
PROJECT NUMBER: NETC 97-2

PROJECT TITLE: "Performance Evaluation and Economic Analysis of Combinations of Durability Enhancing Admixtures (Mineral and Chemical) in Structural Concrete for the Northeast U.S.A."

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): Scott A. Civjan
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

STATUS: Continuing

INITIAL AGREEMENT DATE: 8/30/98

END DATE: 8/31/01

PROJECT OBJECTIVES: To evaluate the performance of chemical and mineral durability enhancing admixtures in structural reinforced concrete mixes typical of those specified by State Highway Departments in New England. Combinations of silica fume, fly ash, ground granulated blast furnace slag, disodium salts, and chemical corrosion inhibitors are being considered. The final report will contain guidelines for the New England State Highway Departments on the specification and use of mineral and chemical admixtures in structural reinforced concrete, including both expected long-term durability enhancement and overall life cycle economic impacts.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2000:
1) Final mix designs for specimens completed, forwarded to, and approved by the NETC Technical Committee for review.
2) Materials received, specimens constructed, and specimens prepared and wired for long term testing.
3) Temperature/humidity enclosures constructed and tested.
4) Test setup completed, data collection methods finalized.
5) Long term testing protocol initiated for all specimens.
6) Internal NETC Interim Report distributed (no comments received/finalized).
7) One "non-cracked" specimen of mixes 1, 3 and 4 (control, silica fume, fly ash) were re-cast due to early cracking.
8) DSS materials delayed 6 months due to fabrication/delivery problems (specimens delayed)
9) Continual evaluation of data.

Initial Findings

1) Early cracking observed in silica fume mix; however this did not occur when silica fume was used in combination with other admixtures.
2) All initially cracked specimens that included fly ash, as an individual admixture or in combination, exhibited reduced macrocell corrosion potential readings through testing to date, as compared to other specimens.
3) DSS material appears to eliminate early corrosion potential, even in initially "cracked"
specimens.

4) To date, 38 of 56 initially non-cracked specimens have negligible macrocell corrosion potential readings (reading approximately zero), while others are well below the expected level to indicate significant corrosion. Negligible readings are present in 12 of 20 single admixture and 25 of 32 admixture combination non-cracked specimens.

REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PAPERS:


PROJECT NUMBER: NETC 97-3

PROJECT TITLE: Determining Properties, Standards and Performance of Wood Waste Material as an Erosion Control Mulch and as a Filter Berm

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): Richard P. Long and Kenneth R. Demars, University of Connecticut, Storrs

STATUS: Completed

INITIAL AGREEMENT DATE: N/A

END DATE: N/A

PROJECT OBJECTIVES: The objective of this study is to perform laboratory and simulated field testing of the physical and chemical properties and behavior of wood waste compost for use in erosion control on construction projects. The two applications of interest are the use of compost as an erosion control mulch on slopes and as an erosion control filter berm. Particular goals include: 1) the development of criteria to predict the field behavior of wood waste material for various uses, and 2) recommendation of procurement specifications and associated testing protocols.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2000:
Laboratory testing and analysis was completed. A Preliminary Draft Report was submitted to the technical committee for review and comment.

Summary

The filtration properties of wood waste mulch were evaluated for use in an erosion control berm application. Four wood waste materials were subjected to laboratory testing to determine their hydraulic properties in the unaltered state and the modified state. The modifications consisted of adding small particles to the grain-size distribution of the wood waste. The filtration behavior of these materials was evaluated for the 1-D condition in a permeameter and for the 2-D flow condition in a sloping plexiglas box. The 2-D tests simulated field use of wood waste as an erosion control berm. The tests used a series of glass beads of known size and an erodible soil from the field test site, consisting of a silty fine sand, which was mixed with water and passed through the test apparatus. The suspended solids content of the effluent was used as a measure of filter effectiveness. The results of this study and the earlier phases were used to prepare model procurement specifications for wood waste material as erosion control mulch and as erosion control filter berm, which are appended to the report.

Conclusions

1.) This study and the earlier field test phase have shown that the wood waste erosion control filter berm can be effective at controlling erosion. The paper mill wood waste used in this research was more effective than geosynthetic silt fence or hay bales.
2.) The well-established principles of aggregate filtration apply to the filtration behavior of wood waste materials in the filter berm application, although selecting sizes of wood waste materials is not as straightforward. A typical wood waste material requires at least 20-30% by dry weight passing the No. 20 sieve to be an effective filter berm which will retain fine sand to silt sized particles.

3.) For coarse wood waste materials having between 10 and 30% passing the No. 30 sieve, the filtration properties and performance of a filter berm can be improved by adding to the upstream face a thin layer of soil containing particle sizes 80% of which are greater than the No. 30 sieve.

4.) The moisture content of the wood waste material is not critical, but it is best placed when it is slightly damp to help compact the material.

5.) Paper mill wood waste performed best as a filter berm because it contained a high portion of fine particles and had a lower permeability than other materials tested.

REPORTS, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:

PROJECT NUMBER: 99-1

PROJECT TITLE: Bridge Rail Transitions-Development and Crash Testing

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): Jerry Zoller, New Hampshire Department of Transportation

STATUS: Continuing

INITIAL AGREEMENT DATE: 6/5/98

END DATE: To be determined

PROJECT OBJECTIVES: To produce a crash tested bridge rail transition design for use with the NETC 2-bar curb-mounted and 4-bar sidewalk-mounted steel bridge railing acceptable to FHWA.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2000:
The technical committee effort is a continuation of the NETC 2-bar and 4-bar bridge rail design and crash testing project of 1988-1999 which ended with NETC issuing reports R10 and R14.

The committee has developed a transition design for both the 2-bar and 4-bar NETC bridge rail systems. In addition, a third transition design has been developed utilizing a concrete end block.

These transition designs have been submitted for review and concurrence by FHWA prior to entering the crash testing phase of the project.

REPORTS, PAPERS, AND PRESENTATIONS: None
PROJECT NUMBER: NETC 99-3

PROJECT TITLE: Guidelines for Development of Statewide Scour Monitoring Systems in New England

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): Carlton L. Ho, Assistant Professor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst and Jeffrey M. Di Stasi, Graduate Research Assistant, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

STATUS: Continuing

INITIAL AGREEMENT DATE: 9/1/99

END DATE: 3/31/01

PROJECT OBJECTIVES: Create a GIS for each state that catalogs the locations and attributes of scour critical bridges, precipitation gages, stream gages, and in-place scour monitors throughout each New England state; identify the procedures taken by states to identify scour critical bridges; identify and document all sources that provide precipitation data, stream data, storm prediction, flood forecasting, evacuation routing, etc.; develop a conceptual model of a real-time system that incorporates hazard and risk assessment for bridges jeopardized by scour.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2000:
Examined state-of-the-art scour applications such as ScourWatch and contemporary scour applications such as HEC-18, Comparative Scour Analysis, and Rapid Estimation Method

1) Reviewed types of scour monitoring techniques/instrumentation
2) Performed and documented extensive Internet search for websites containing sources of real-time hydrological and meteorological data, including automated stream and rain gage networks, weather forecasting offices, and radar.
3) Developed a comprehensive GIS for each New England state to evaluate bridges susceptible to scour that includes coverages of automated gage networks (precipitation and stream), bridges, and dams.
4) Reviewed and proposed methods of predicting discharge at ungaged bridge sites for different recurrence intervals.
5) Proposed conceptual, flexible, priority-based model by which scour can be evaluated in real-time through adoption and modification of existing scour analyses and utilization of Internet resources; the strength of the model is its incorporation of multiple algorithms for analytical purposes.
6) Outlined the framework of a warning system in which statistical analysis of historical gage data from active real-time stream gages is used to monitor bridge scour in real-time to assist emergency personnel prepare and respond to a storm event; this includes the generation of "scour tables" for each bridge at various flow recurrence intervals.
REPORTS, PAPERS, AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Real-Time Bridge Scour Assessment and Warning, Di Stasi, J.M. and Ho, C.L.  
   Proceedings of International Symposium: Technical Committee No. 33 on Scour of  
PROJECT NUMBER: 99-4

PROJECT TITLE: Quantifying Roadside Rest Area Usage

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): Per Garder, University of Maine, Orono

STATUS: Continuing

INITIAL AGREEMENT DATE: 9/1/99

END DATE: 2/28/01

PROJECT OBJECTIVES: The primary objective of the research is to use public input in determining the need for and spacing between roadside rest areas along different types of highways, i.e., interstates and other state highways. The focus of this research is planned to be on interstate facilities. Another objective is to clarify which services are essential, highly appreciated, somewhat appreciated, and of little value, and how these needs vary over the day. A service may be essential even if there is a fairly low demand for it. For example, even if only one in ten-thousand motorists passing a rest area is so sleepy that he/she needs to stop, providing a safe place to take a nap for that person may save his/her life as well as other people’s lives. On the other hand, a rest area may attract hundreds or thousands of motorists every day because it is a convenient place to buy drinks and snacks. But if the rest area were to be closed, existing fast-food restaurants and convenience stores at next exit may easily be able to provide the same services, at least if information about this is provided. In other words, it is not only quantifying rest-area usage that should form the basis of whether to keep a rest area or not. Conversely, usage volumes—which are correlated with sales revenue—are what counts when negotiating leasing fees. Thus, the opinion of the public regarding the importance of services provided at rest areas should form the basis of such an analysis.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2000:
A draft final report was delivered in December 2000. Feedback to that draft was received February 14, 2001. Corrections will be made before the end of March 2001, and a new draft will be submitted, hopefully before that.

REPORTS, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS: None
PROJECT NUMBER: 99-6

PROJECT TITLE: Analytical and Experimental Investigation of the Effects of Concrete Removal Operations on Adjacent Concrete That is to Remain

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): Rusk Masih, University of Connecticut, Avery Point

STATUS: Continuing

INITIAL AGREEMENT DATE: 8/23/99

END DATE: 02/28/02

PROJECT OBJECTIVES: To achieve simplified guideline, indicating the effect of the powerful demolition equipment on the concrete to stay.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2000:
1. The equipment and strain gages were ordered and procured for the project before the start of the project. The equipment and strain gages cost was born by UCONN School of engineering, rather than the project.
2. All strain gages were installed on the deck, the abutments and the pier of the bridge to measure the effect of the heavy demolition equipment on the remaining parts of the bridge. The monitoring of the effect of demolition through the strain gages was accomplished successfully and the readings were recorded by the monitoring equipment and the lap top computer all were purchased by the University of Connecticut School of Engineering. The reading results were graphed for each strain gage. It was found that the effect of the 4 inch diameter Hoe-Ram on the remaining structure is limited to local areas not exceeding 2 feet from the center of the load application. The effect on other areas was insignificant, when the deck is 7 ½ inch thick, however if the thickness is decreased, then those stresses introduced by the demolition become quite significant. Such observations were backed by the theoretical analysis, using ANSYS finite elements program. Both static analysis and dynamic analysis were consistent with the strain gages. The dynamic analysis gave a dynamic load factor of 1.8 since structural damping was not included in the analysis for extra safety.
3. All the samples of the concrete taken from the project were tested and found that the effect of the demolition equipment mention above was not spreading to a significant distance.
4. Most of the static analysis is finished.
5. Most of the dynamic analysis is finished.
6. The mathematical modeling of the structure to check the effect of the wave equation is done and most of the analysis related to the wave equation effect on the remaining parts of the structure is finished.
REPORTS, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:


PROJECT NUMBER:
NETC 00-1

PROJECT TITLE:
Ground-Based Imaging and Data Acquisition Systems for Roadway Inventories in New England - A Synthesis of Practice

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): Kathleen Hancock,
University of Massachusetts at Amherst

STATUS: New

INITIAL AGREEMENT DATE: 9/1/00

END DATE: 8/31/01

PROJECT OBJECTIVES: The primary objective of this research is to develop a synthesis of practice for ground-based imaging and data acquisition systems for roadway inventories in New England.

This project will also:
- provide insight into the different locational referencing schemes that are being used,
- determine how states in the region are coordinating those schemes,
- and identify how states are incorporating inventory data into geographic information systems (GIS) for transportation analysis activities.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2000:
The signed contract was received in November so only one month of activity occurred during 2000.

1. A meeting was held between the committee chair and PI to discuss the scope and proposed approach.
2. Two surveys, one for personnel responsible for collecting videolog information and one for personnel responsible for GIS activities, were completed and submitted to the committee chair for comment.
3. A cover letter for the surveys was drafted.

REPORTS, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS: None
PROJECT NUMBER: 00-2

PROJECT TITLE: Evaluation of Permeability of Superpave Mixes

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): Walaa S. Mogawer, Ph.D., P.E. UMass Dartmouth and Rajib Mallick, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

STATUS: New

INITIAL AGREEMENT DATE: 9/1/00

END DATE: 12/15/01

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:
1. Evaluate the permeability of hot mix asphalt mixes with fine and coarse gradations.
2. Evaluate the permeability of hot mix asphalt mixes with different nominal maximum aggregate size.
3. Evaluate the effect of different types of aggregates on permeability of HMA.
4. Prepare recommendations for design criteria of permeability values, and in-place and laboratory permeability testing.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2000:
1. A kick-off meeting was conducted on September 27, 2000 – all technical committee members were invited.
2. The compaction and evaluation of mixes from Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts is in progress.
3. The design and fabrication of a field permeameter will be complete by the first week of April 2001.

REPORTS, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS: None
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E. NETC REPORTS, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

E1. Policies And Procedures:

Project Number   Title

E2. Annual Reports:

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N/A              "Annual Report For Calendar Year 1995," March 1996, NETCR3
                 "Annual Report For Calendar Year 1996," January 1997, NETCR4
                 "Annual Report For Calendar Year 1998," January 1999, NETCR10
                 "Annual Report For Calendar Year 1999" January 2000, NETCR21
                 "Annual Report For Calendar Year 2000" August 2001 NETCR27

E3. Reports, Papers, And Presentations 1988-1994:

Project Number   Title


Martland, C.P. Little, and Álvaro, A.E., "Regional Rail Planning In New England," MIT, August 1993. (Accepted for publication 1994)
E3. Reports, Papers, And Presentations 1988-1994 (Cont'd):

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**Reports:**


**Papers and Presentations:**


"Civil Engineering Uses for Tire Chips," Humphrey D. N. A six-hour short course presented to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, the Maine Dept. of Transportation, the Texas Engineering Extension Service, the Manitoba Tire Stewardship Board, the Alberta Tire Recycling Management Board, and the Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology.


Project Number  Title
N/A    Tire Chips As Lightweight Backfill For Retaining Walls, Phase II: Full-Scale Testing (cont'd):

Papers and Presentations (cont'd):


"Tire Chips: A New Road Building Geomaterial," Humphrey, D. N. Presented at the Conference on Waste and Recycled Materials in the Transportation Infrastructure, held in conjunction with the 75th Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board, January 7, 1996.

"Use of Tire Chips in Civil Engineering." Presented at the 76th Annual Meeting of the Rubber Association of Canada, March 7, 1996.


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Reports:


Papers and Presentations: None

94-1

Structural Analysis Of New England Subbase Materials And Structures

Reports: None

Papers and Presentations:


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Title
Structural Analysis Of New England Subbase Materials And Structures (cont'd):

Papers and Presentations: (cont'd)


94-2

Nondestructive Testing Of Reinforced Concrete Bridges Using Radar Imaging Techniques

Reports: None

Papers and Presentations:


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Title
Nondestructive Testing Of Reinforced Concrete Bridges Using Radar Imaging Techniques (cont'd):

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94-3

Procedures For The Evaluation Of Sheet Membrane Waterproofing

Reports:


Papers and Presentations: None

94-4

Durability Of Concrete Crack Repair Systems

Reports: None

Papers and Presentations:

"Durability of Concrete Crack Repair, Projects," Robinson, J. Presented at the University of Rhode Island Graduate Seminar Series, Kingston, RI, November 19, 1997.

"Durability of Concrete Crack Repair System," Tsiatas, G. and Robinson, J. Presentation to representatives of the Chemical Grouting Division of Kajima Corporation (Japan), University of Rhode Island, College of Engineering, October 26, 1999.

95-1

Use Of Tire Chip/Soil Mixtures To Limit Frost Heave And Pavement Damage Of Paved Roads

Reports: None
95-1

Title
Use Of Tire Chip/Soil Mixtures To Limit Frost Heave And Pavement Damage Of Paved Roads (cont'd)

Papers and Presentations:


"Highway Applications of Tire Shreds," Humphrey, D. A 7-hour short course presented to the RI DOT, April 1999.

"Field Trial of Tire Shreds as Insulation for Paved Roads," Humphrey, D., Chen, L.H., Lawrence, B. A paper presented at the 10th International Conference on Cold Regions Engineering: Putting Research into Practice, held in Hanover, NH, August 16-19, 1999.

95-2

Suitability Of Non-Hydric Soils For Wetland Mitigation

Reports:


Papers and Presentations: None

95-3

Implementation And Evaluation Of Traffic Marking Recesses For Application of Thermo-Plastic Markings On Modified Open Graded Mixes

Reports: None

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Title
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Papers and Presentations:


95-5

Buried Joints In Short Span Bridges

Reports: None

Papers and Presentations:


95-6

Guidelines For Ride Quality Acceptance Of Pavements

Reports:


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96-1

Implementation of Superpave

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**Papers and Presentations:**


"Recent Advances in Fiber Composites," Seminar Series, University Cataleuna, Spain, June 28, 1999.


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<td>Durability of High Strength Composite Repairs under Scaling Conditions,&quot; CONSEC 01, June 2001 (to be presented).</td>
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| 97-1           | **A Portable Method To Determine Chloride Concentration On Roadway Pavements** | Reports: None.                                                                                                                                 |
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| 97-2           | **Performance Evaluation And Economic Analysis Of Combinations Of Durability Enhancing Admixtures (Mineral And Chemical) In Structural Concrete For The Northeast U.S.A** | Reports:                                                                                                                                 |

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E4. NETC Reports, Papers And Presentations 1995-2000 (Cont'd):

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Performance Evaluation And Economic Analysis Of Combinations Of Durability Enhancing Admixtures (Mineral And Chemical) In Structural Concrete For The Northeast U.S.A

Reports (cont'd):


Papers and Presentations: None

Project Number 97-3

Determining Properties, Standards And Performance Of Wood Material As An Erosion Control Mulch And As A Filter Berm

Report:


Project Number 97-4

Early Distress Of Open-Graded Friction Course (OGFC)

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"The Effect of Bridge Rehabilitation on the Remaining Structural Parts." Presented and published in the proceedings of the ASCE conference at Stanford University, August 2000.

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