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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.

B. 2008 HIGHLIGHTS

1. NETCAWARDS $566,465 FOR RESEARCH TO THE FOLLOWING UNIVERSITIES:
   a) UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT $267,538:
      - Dr. Ramesh Malla, “Sealing of Small Movement Bridge Expansion Joints: Field Demonstration and Monitoring”; $75,000
      - James Mahoney, “Recycling Asphalt Pavements Containing Modified Binders”; $82,751
      - James Mahoney, “Establishing Default Dynamic Modulus Values for New England”; $109,787
   b) UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST $74,000:
      - Dr. Sergio Brena, “Advanced Composite Materials in New England’s Transportation Infrastructure: Selection of Prototype”; $25,910
      - Dr. Scott Civjan, “Enhancing the Reflectivity of Concrete Barriers”; $48,090
   c) UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS DARTMOUTH $99,927:
      - Dr. Walaa Mogawer, “Fix It First: Utilizing the Seismic Property Analyzer and MMLS to Develop Guidelines for the Use of Polymer Modified Thin Lift HMA vs. Surface Treatments”
   d) UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND $125,000:
      - Dr. Sze Yang, “Measurement of Adhesion Properties Between Topcoat Paint and Metallized/Galvanized Steel with ‘Surface Energy’ Measurement Equipment”

2. NETC ALLOCATES $38,284 TO BE AWARDED FOR RESEARCH IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:
   a) TRAFFICE SAFETY; $120,000:
   b) HIGHWAY STRUCTURES; $250,000:
      - “Active Structural Control of Cantilevered Support Structures”
   c) COMPOSITE MATERIALS; $42,847:
d) ENVIRONMENT $90,000:
- “Effective Establishment of Native Grasses on Roadsides”

3. FINDINGS FROM THE FOLLOWING RESEARCH PROJECTS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO NEW ENGLAND’S STATE TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES AND STATE UNIVERSITIES, THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS’ REGION 1 RESEARCH AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICE AND THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION LIBRARY:


4. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER:
* An exhibit of the Consortium’s research projects was presented at the 94th Annual Meeting of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials held in Hartford, CT in October 2008.

* In response to a call, from the Transportation Research Board, for papers in the subject area of “New and Emerging Models for State Transportation Organizations to Improve Organizational and System Performance and Increase Funding”, the following paper was submitted and accepted for presentation at the January 2009 Transportation Research Board Meeting in Washington, DC: “The New England Transportation Consortium (NETC): A Model for the Management of a Multistate Cooperative Research Program”, Paper No. 09-0840, Oliveira, D., Sime, J. and McCarthy, G.

* The following papers arising from NETC sponsored research were presented at technical conferences or published in technical journals by NETC researchers:
  
2008.

C. PROGRESS OF ACTIVE PROJECTS

PROJECT NUMBER: 01-1 (T2 Phase 1)

PROJECT TITLE: Advanced Composite Materials in New England's Transportation Infrastructure - Technology Transfer Phase 1: Selection of Prototype

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): Sergio F. Breña, PI, and Scott A. Civjan, Co-PI, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

STATUS: New


ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: 6/30/2009

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:
The main objective of this project is to identify a component commonly used in the transportation infrastructure in New England for fabrication using advanced composite materials (ACMs). A related objective will be to collect sufficient details about this component to be able to develop the research problem statement to solicit proposals to fabricate and implement it in demonstration projects in New England. The selected component will likely be one where safety of the transportation network users is not compromised, to alleviate some of the current concerns that engineers have about long-term performance of ACMs and lack of design standards for these materials. Committal from DOT engineers to incorporate the ACM product in a future project will be sought in this phase of the project.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:
Meetings at transportation agencies in New England were conducted to discuss opportunities to fabricate and implement an object fabricated using advanced composite materials. Feedback from engineers that work in different areas in the transportation agencies was received during these meetings. Additionally, manufacturers of fiber-reinforced composites were invited to attend these meetings and provided valuable input to the discussions. At this point, several possible applications have been identified and the selection of a prototype application will be made in consultation with the members of the technical advisory committee.

REPORTS/PAPERS PUBLISHED, PRESENTATIONS MADE RELATING TO THIS PROJECT FROM THE START OF THE PROJECT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008: None
PROJECT NUMBER: 02-1

PROJECT TITLE: Relating Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement Density to Performance

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): Walaa S. Mogawer, PI, UMass Dartmouth; Rajib Mallick, Co-PI, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Jo Sias Daniel, Co-PI, University of New Hampshire

STATUS: Continuing


ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: 6/1/2009

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:
The objective of the proposed study is to determine relationship between pavement density and performance through testing of pavements at different levels of in-place density with accelerated pavement loading equipment and environmental simulation. Another objective is to use the obtained relationship to determine pay adjustments for different densities.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:

1. UMass Dartmouth prepared specimens for beam fatigue testing. These beams were cut from the larger MMLS fatigue slabs fabricated using the MMLS vibratory drum compactor. The density of each beam fatigue specimen was determined in accordance with AASHTO T116. After reviewing the density data, it was noted that these new beams fatigue test specimens did not exhibit the desired density levels outlined in the proposal (88%, 91%, 94%, and 97%). Many specimens exhibited densities in the range of 86% to 90%.

In order to construct beam fatigue test specimens with higher density levels, additional slabs were constructed with the MMLS vibratory drum compactor. The compaction setup was changed in order to increase the potential for higher density samples. This was accomplished by reducing the slab size in order to minimize heat loss, compacting directly on top of a ¾” steel plate, and applying more passes with the MMLS vibratory drum compactor. Specimens cut from these slabs again exhibited densities in the range of 86% to 90%.

In order to construct beam fatigue specimens with higher density levels another compactor will be required. UMass Dartmouth arranged to utilize the Pavement Technology Inc. Asphalt Vibratory Compactor (AVC) locates at Rutgers University in New Jersey. Rutgers has utilized this device to construct all their beam fatigue specimens.
2. In order to be consistent with the mixes being tested, more plant produced 9.5mm and 12.5mm Superpave mix was obtained and produced in August 2008.

3. UMass Dartmouth personnel fabricated and cut beam specimens at the Rutgers facility in New Jersey in September 2008 for beam fatigue testing. Specimens were fabricated for both the 9.5mm and 12.5mm Superpave mixes. A total of eighteen (18) specimens were fabricated for each mix at varying density levels (low, moderate, high) as shown in Table 1:

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Table 1: Beam Fatigue Specimen Air Void Data

The target densities for the mixes include in this study, as outlined in the original proposal, were: 88%, 91%, 94%, and 97%. Based on the data in Table 1, the 9.5mm specimens had average densities of 88.4%, 91.3%, and 94.2%. The 12.5mm specimens had average densities of 88.7%, 91.0%, and 93.1%. For each density level, the mix will be tested at three micro-strain levels. Additionally, the beam fatigue data will be used to examine the impact of density on the fatigue endurance limit following a procedure developed in NCHRP 9-38.

Many attempts were made to prepare specimens with higher densities (i.e. 97%) for each mix. Several methods were utilized including raising the compaction temperature, compacting specimens in lifts, and increasing the amount of vibratory time in the compactor. These specimens did not reach densities higher than 94% for the 9.5mm mix and 93% for the 12.5mm mix. Therefore, due to compactor limitations, the higher density slabs (97%) were not fabricated.
4. Rutgers began testing the beam fatigue specimens. Each specimen is being tested in accordance with AASHTO T321 “Standard Method of Test for Determining the Fatigue Life of Compacted Hot-Mix Asphalt (HMA) Subjected to Repeated Flexural Bending.”

5. UMass Dartmouth prepared gyratory specimens for the rutting evaluation of the 9.5mm and 12.5mm mixes for this study. Rutting analysis of each mixture for this study was completed using the Asphalt Pavement Analyzer (APA) in accordance with AASHTO TP63 “Standard Method of Test for Determining the Rutting Susceptibility of Asphalt Paving Mixtures Using the Asphalt Pavement Analyzer (APA).” The 9.5mm Superpave mix was tested at average densities of 87.6%, 91.3%, 94.1%, and 98.5%. The 12.5mm Superpave mix was tested at densities of 85.9%, 91.7%, 94.5%, and 95.9%.

6. Fabrication of specimens for Dynamic Modulus (|E*|) testing commenced.

REPORTS/PAPERS PUBLISHED, PRESENTATIONS MADE RELATING TO THIS PROJECT FROM THE START OF THE PROJECT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008: None
PROJECT NUMBER: 02-6 (Phase 2)

PROJECT TITLE: Sealing of Small Movement Bridge Expansion Joints - Phase II: Field Demonstration and Monitoring

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): Ramesh B. Malla, PI, and Montgomery Shaw, Co-PI, University of Connecticut

STATUS: New

AGREEMENT TERM: 8/1/2008 – 7/31/2011

ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: 7/31/2011

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:
The main objective of this NETC 02-6 (Phase 2) project is to test the behavior of the silicone foam sealant under various in-field conditions, make any necessary changes, and evaluate its performance while on an operating highway bridge in order to determine its cost effectiveness and durability. The project involves pre-field laboratory testing, field installation, post installation monitoring, report preparation, and specification preparation.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:
1. Materials for Pre-Field Laboratory Testing have been gathered. Asphalt and steel blocks similar to the concrete samples already used in testing have been gathered. Four new sets of Wabo grey and white material have also been obtained after discovering the material used by the previous graduate students was too old. New crosslinker and platinum catalyst has also been obtained due to an insufficient supply of leftover crosslinker and catalyst. Dow Corning foam sealant (RCS 902) material has also been obtained for comparison study if needed.

The following tests have been completed for both the silicone foam and Wabo solid sealants applied to asphalt and steel (Picture 1 shows two samples using asphalt substrate, while Picture 2 shows testing on a sample with steel substrates):
   - Tack Free Time Test
   - Tension Test
   - Oven-Aged Bond Test
   - Salt Water Immersion Test – The results for the oven-aged bond test and salt water immersion test have been attached to this report (See Figures 1 and 2). Nominal stress-strain results for both asphalt and steel substrates are presented. Below the graphs for asphalt and steel substrates, nominal stress-strain results compiled in Phase 1 of the project using concrete substrate is presented for comparison.

2. Cure Rate Test is underway. A series of tension tests are planned after the sealant samples are cured for various time periods including, 3 hours, 6 hours, 18 hours, 24 hours and then every 24 hours for the duration of 42 days. Some these tests
have been accomplished. Rest will be completed in this 3rd Quarter of the project (ending March 2009).

3. As traffic congestion can become a problem, a lane on a bridge cannot be shut down for a lengthy period of time to allow the silicone sealant to fully cure. Therefore, to access the performance of the sealant in the initial stage after pouring, tension tests were performed on the sealant specimens having been cured for just one hour. The results showed that even after the sealant was stretched for 300% strain, there was neither a loss of bond between the substrates and the sealant, nor the sealant material tore apart. Understandably, however, because the sealant was only in its initial phase of curing, the specimen did not revert back to its original length when the load was removed. Nonetheless, this should not be a concern as the joint gap movement in the field within a few hours after the application of the sealant is expected to be very small (mostly, due to the traffic load, not due to the temperature fluctuation which is normally the cause for larger joint gap opening and closing.)

4. A candidate applicator suitable for applying large quantity silicone foam sealant in the field has been identified (See Picture 3 and Figure 3). The idea focuses on using a device much like a grease gun. One end of the device has a pressurized pump handle, which looks a lot like a tire pump for bicycles. Pulling back the handle creates an open tank in which the proper chemicals can be placed and mixed. A simple paint mixer attached to a power drill can create sufficient mixing. The side opposite to the handle screws off revealing the open tank. This top has been slightly modified to provide a small opening that has a metal tube attached to it. After mixing the chemicals and screwing the top back onto the device you can release the handle, allowing the pressure of the pump to squeeze the mixed silicone foam material out of the device.

5. Materials and components for designing a simulated bridge expansion joint have been gathered (See Picture 4 and Figure 4). The setup includes a wooden pallet with wheels attached to the bottom of it. Two steel I-beams have been placed on the pallet to simulate a bridge expansion joint. This setup provides a simulated joint with which to practice applying the silicone sealant material in large quantity, and expand or contract to recreate bridge movements. By practicing the application of the sealant, a detailed procedure for sealing the bridge can be made. Especially, this will help in to come up with the specific instructions on how high above the backer rod the joint should be filled given the fact that the silicone foam expands 70% of its volume after it has cured. By expanding and contracting the joint we can see how well the material bonds to the substrate. We can also have some displacement sensor installed on this simulated joint to gain knowledge and procedure to monitor the joint gap opening and closing in the field. This task is planned for this quarter (third quarter of the project).
PHOTOS/FIGURES

Picture 1 – Test Samples (Asphalt)  Picture 2 – Sample Testing (Steel)

Picture 3 – Applicator  Picture 4 – Simulated Expansion Joint

REPORTS/PAPERS PUBLISHED, PRESENTATIONS MADE RELATING TO THIS PROJECT FROM THE START OF THE PROJECT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008: None
PROJECT NUMBER: 03-1

PROJECT TITLE: Ability of Wood Fiber Materials to Attenuate Heavy Metals Associated with Highway Runoff

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): Allison MacKay, University of Connecticut

STATUS: Completed


ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: N/A

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:
The objective of this research is to identify the key parameters that affect the efficacy of wood fibers for removing typical heavy metal contaminants from roadway runoff. Woody materials constitute a cheap, abundant material with the potential to attenuate the diverse suite of contaminants associated with roadway runoff. Laboratory column studies will be conducted to assess the effects of wood type and particle size, flow rate, wet-dry cycles, salt concentration and wood-aging effects on contaminant retention. Results of this research will be used to evaluate the heavy metal-attenuation effectiveness of current stormwater flow management techniques that incorporate woody materials, such as mulches used in slop stabilization and berm construction, and will be used to design remedial structures incorporating woody materials to be used for stormwater management in future roadway projects.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:
Final report submitted and distributed.

REPORTS/PAPERS PUBLISHED, PRESENTATIONS MADE RELATING TO THIS PROJECT FROM THE START OF THE PROJECT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:
PROJECT NUMBER: 03-2

PROJECT TITLE: Field Studies of Concrete Containing Salts of an Alkenyl-Substituted Succinic Acid

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

STATUS: Completed


ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: N/A

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:
The overall objective of this project is to determine the field applicability of using DSS in concrete for transportation structures. Specifically, the study will develop mixing and placing procedures for concretes containing DSS and will study how well DSS added to concrete in highway and bridge structures protects against reinforcement corrosion and freeze-thaw damage. Field placements using DSS will be made in various New England states. Procedures for long term monitoring will be implemented. In addition, recommendations for laboratory and field testing to address any concerns with long term performance will be developed.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:
Contract extension was implemented – allowing the final interactions with Maine DOT, Rockland contractors and final report printing.

Task 1a - Literature Review
Final check of literature review completed to include any new information in Final Report.

Task 1b - Determine Potential Sites for Field Implementation
Maine: Rockland Ferry Terminal – site selection was finalized. Approximately half of construction used Hycrete concretes, with the remainder the standard high performance concrete.

Task 2 – Large-Scale Mixing
N/A

Task 3 - Field Placement
Maine: Rockland Ferry Terminal – Construction completed including monitoring plan.

Task 4 - Standardized Testing
N/A
Task 5 - Develop Specifications
N/A

Task 6 - Develop Monitoring Plan
Initial corrosion readings were taken at Maine Rockland Ferry Terminal. Second set of readings completed at VT curb site.

Task 7 - Prepare Final Report
Decision made to submit one final report (rather than 2 proposed previously). Final draft completed and reviewed by committee. Corrections made and submitted to NETC. Final approval obtained. Final report was printed and delivered to NETC.

REPORTS/PAPERS PUBLISHED, PRESENTATIONS MADE RELATING TO THIS PROJECT FROM THE START OF THE PROJECT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:


PROJECT NUMBER: 03-6

PROJECT TITLE: Fix It First: Utilizing the Seismic Property Analyzer and MMLS to Develop Guidelines for the Use of Polymer Modified Thin Lift HMA vs. Surface Treatments

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): Walaa S. Mogawer, PI, UMass Dartmouth; Jo Sias Daniel, Co-PI, University of New Hampshire

STATUS: Continuing


ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: Agreement Pending

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Define and compare thin lift overlay maintenance mixes and surface treatments currently used in the New England States.
- Evaluate the thin lift overlay maintenance mixes and surface treatments currently used in the New England States and compare to those currently used worldwide.
- Determine the current New England DOT procedures for picking rehabilitation methodologies.
- Perform and evaluate non-destructive testing to better determine the optimum time to apply surface treatments or thin lift overlay mixes to the existing pavements in order to properly prioritize rehabilitation projects.
- Evaluate the benefits and drawbacks of using PMA thin lift mixes versus surface treatments with lab testing.
- Evaluate the cost comparisons between PMA thin lift mixes and surface treatments.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:

1. Work continued on the literature review.

2. Aggregate stockpiles were received from the two contractors (Aggregate Industries - Wrentham, MA and J.H. Lynch - Cumberland, RI) who will place the field trial of AR Gap Graded (HMA-ARGG). Aggregate consensus property testing (sieve analysis, specific gravity testing, sand equivalent testing, flat and elongated particle determination) was completed on all stockpiles.

3. Two trial blends were developed utilizing the MassHighway provisional specifications for the HMA-ARGG mix. This process was completed for both contractors’ aggregate stockpiles.

4. Originally mix designs were to be developed with a PG76-34 binder. However, the supplier ceased manufacturing of the PG76-34. Therefore, the project PI
consulted with the project technical committee chair on a suitable substitution. A PG58-28 with 20% rubber binder was selected.

5. One HMA-ARGG mix design was developed using for each contractors’ aggregate stockpiles (i.e. two mix designs) in accordance with the MassHighway provisional specifications for HMA-ARGG mix. The HMA-ARGG mix produced by J.H. Lynch was duplicated using a Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA) additive known as Advera®.

6. The rutting susceptibility of each mix developed was tested utilizing the Asphalt Pavement Analyzer (APA).

7. The mix designs were submitted to each contractor for production. Plant produced mix of the HMA-ARGG without Advera® was obtained from J.H. Lynch to fabricate specimens for further evaluation.

8. UMass Dartmouth ordered and received the Portable Seismic Property Analyzer (PSPA) for Non-Destructive Field Testing. Training on the device was conducted in September at UMass Dartmouth.

9. No significant accomplishments were made in the final quarter as the project agreement expired on November 31st, 2008. UMass Dartmouth had previously requested and extension for this project in February 2008, but the extension has not been processed yet. UMass Dartmouth will re-commence work once the extension agreement is executed.

REPORTS/PAPERS PUBLISHED, PRESENTATIONS MADE RELATING TO THIS PROJECT FROM THE START OF THE PROJECT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008: None
PROJECT NUMBER: 04-1 (Phase 1)

PROJECT TITLE: Recycling Asphalt Pavements Containing Modified Binders

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): James Mahoney, Connecticut Transportation Institute, University of Connecticut

STATUS: Completed


ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: N/A

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Phase 1
The first objective of this Phase of the research is to provide a universally accepted definition of what constitutes a modified asphalt binder. The second objective of this Phase is to determine what types of modified asphalt binders are currently being used in the region. This will include contacting State Transportation Agencies as well as asphalt binder suppliers.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:
The work on Phase 1 of this project was completed.

REPORTS/PAPERS PUBLISHED, PRESENTATIONS MADE RELATING TO THIS PROJECT FROM THE START OF THE PROJECT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008: None
PROJECT NUMBER: 04-1 (Phase 2)

PROJECT TITLE: Recycling Asphalt Pavements Containing Modified Binders - Phase 2

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): James Mahoney, Connecticut Transportation Institute, University of Connecticut

STATUS: Continuing


ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: 6/30/2009

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of the second Phase of this project will attempt to address incompatibilities that may arise when RAP is used in a new HMA pavement that contains a virgin modified asphalt binder. This Phase of the project will also provide guidance as to the proper amount of RAP that can be added to the HMA without causing problems. In addition, the interaction of polyphosphoric acid modified virgin asphalts and the aggregates in the RAP will also be tested to determine if there is a negative impact on the HMA mixes performance.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:
The research team has acquired modified asphalt binders from NuStar Asphalt (Formerly Citgo Asphalt) as well as Irving. The material from Irving is a PPA modified asphalt. The virgin binder material came from Hudson Liquid Asphalts. The research team has also acquired RAP samples containing granite from Vermont as well as RAP with schist as a its primary aggregate from a milling project in Connecticut, RAP with basalt as its primary aggregate from Connecticut and RAP with limestone as its primary aggregate from a source in Maine.

The research team has acquired the software required for the dynamic shear rheometer in order to conduct the testing of asphalt binders using multiple stress creep recovery (MSCR) test for asphalt binders.

The research team has characterized the aggregate properties for the different types of RAP used on this project. The research team has also designed a Superpave mix design that will be used with the different sources of RAP utilizing basalt aggregates as the source of coarse aggregates and manufactured stone sand. The aggregate was deemed by the research team to be the least likely to interact with the different asphalt binders as it does not have any known interactions with the asphalt. This aggregate structure is being used to incorporate the various RAPs into a mixture that should only require small changes in the aggregate structure to accept the different RAPs.
The research team has prepared numerous samples for testing as well as testing of the mixtures in order to meet volumetric requirements and dial in the mixes prior to data collection. This has comprised the vast majority of effort spent in recent months on this research ensuring that the mixes used still meet the Superpave volumetric requirements.

REPORTS/PAPERS PUBLISHED, PRESENTATIONS MADE RELATING TO THIS PROJECT FROM THE START OF THE PROJECT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008: None
PROJECT NUMBER: 04-2

PROJECT TITLE: Driver-Eye-Movement-Based Investigation for Improving Work-Zone Safety

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): Donald L. Fisher, PI, Mike Knodler, Co-PI, and Alexander Pollatsek, Co-PI, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

STATUS: Continuing


ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: 03/31/2009

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

1. Determine how driver eye movements vary with different work zone designs
2. Develop recommendation for more effective use of existing work zone traffic control devices.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:

Driving Simulator Experiment 1. We have completed the first driving simulator experiment (simulator on left, virtual work zone on right in figure below). A total of 38 drivers between the ages of 18 and 59 years participated in the experiment. The average age of each group was 26.4 years. Analysis of the vehicle data indicated that drivers on the cell phone were closer to a vehicle slowing in the work zone when they first braked, were traveling faster when they were within 49 feet (15 m) of the slowing vehicle, and were more likely to brake hard. Analyses of the eye tracker data were also undertaken. Mirror glances were recorded for lane changes in responses to other vehicles, to work zone transitions (the start of cones) and to signs directing them to move right or left. If a driver failed to glance into the mirror, he or she was much more likely to be on the cell phone than not. Additionally, the spread of the middle 50% of the glances on the horizontal axis was much smaller (by a factor of two almost) for drivers on the cell phone than it was for drivers not on the cell phone. The results strongly suggest that cell phone use reduces situational awareness and will increase the two major types of crashes in work zone activity areas, which are rear end and sideswipe collisions...

Field Study: Experiment 2. We have completed the experiment in the field. Twenty-four drivers navigated a closed one mile road on campus a total of four times, in part of which a work zone with barrels was set up. Vehicle data was captured and stored in real time. The vehicle itself was instrumented with three cameras (in addition to the eye tracker), one on the driver’s foot, one on the speedometer and one aimed at the readout from a forward facing laser rangefinder that measured the following distance. The driver wore the same eye tracker in the field study that was used in the simulator study. On two of the loops, the driver was engaged in a simulated hands-free cell phone task (the same one that was used in the simulator); on the other two loops the driver was
not so engaged. A lead vehicle was always ahead of the participant driver. Cues that the lead vehicle would stop were used on two of the loops. In this case, a human like mannequin (on a short platform with wheels) was pulled across the work zone when the lead vehicle closed to within 100 feet. The thought was that a pedestrian (i.e., mannequin) entering the path of a lead vehicle should alert an attentive driver that he or she may have to slow for a lead vehicle soon. The lead vehicle never actually decelerated, but the driver of the lead vehicle activated the brake lights half the time that the mannequin was pulled across the road and half the time that the mannequin remained in the work zone. All mannequins wore traffic safety vests with fluorescent and retroreflective materials. The results are now being analyzed. Drivers on the cell phone who braked while in the work zone transition or activity areas (not all drivers braked; others had their foot on the brakes the entire time) took about twice as long to do such (2.4 s) as drivers not on the cell phone (1.2 s), came about 30% closer to the lead vehicle (23.8 vs. 33.4 ft), and closed about 33% faster (6.4 mph vs. 4.9 mph)

**Driving Simulator: Experiment 3.** Based upon the results from the first two studies, measures were taken to attempt to mitigate the risk to which cell phone drivers exposed themselves and others. The results from the first two studies suggest that drivers cued that a lead vehicle might be braking who are not on the cell phone perform significantly better than drivers in the same situation who are on their cell phone. However, if the drivers are not cued, both those on and off the cell phone perform equally poorly. This led to the design of a warning for a work zone that traffic ahead could be slowing that was evaluated in the final study. In this third and final study, the driving simulator was again utilized. The lead vehicle braked in a cued and uncued situation. Furthermore, half of the time that a lead vehicle in the work zone was stopped or traveling slowly, the drivers were displayed a message on a flashing variable message sign, “STOP AHEAD CELL OFF.” We found that drivers not engaged in a cell phone task were able to reduce their speed earlier in response to a slowing lead vehicle than were drivers engaged in the cell phone task. They were also less likely to brake hard and more likely to make glances at the rear and side view mirrors. Moreover, drivers not engaged in a cell phone task scanned almost twice as far to the left and right. Finally, the use of a variable message sign that is activated by slow traffic speed was associated with improved performance in both the cell and no cell phone driving.
REPORTS/PAPERS PUBLISHED, PRESENTATIONS MADE RELATING TO
THIS PROJECT FROM THE START OF THE PROJECT THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2008:
Arundel County Police Special Operations Building, Sponsored by the Maryland

“Understanding and Quantifying Driver Response,” Muttart, J.W., Texas Association of
Accident Reconstructionist Specials, Houston, TX, February 17 & 18, 2006.

“Using Event Data Recorder Information for Driver Response Research and Intelligent
Transportation Systems in Rear End Collision,” Muttart, J.W., CDR Users Conference,
Dallas, TX. February 13, 2006.

“Human Factors: Understanding & Evaluating Driver Response,” Muttart, J.W.,
Canadian Association of Traffic Accident Investigators & Reconstructionists,

“Driving Simulator Evaluation of Situational Awareness during Hands-Free
Communication,” Muttart, J.W., New England Institute of Transportation Engineers

“Accounting for Moderate Driver Distractions in Work Zones,” Muttart, J.W., Factors,
Formulae, Forensic, Technology, & Training Conference, Houston, TX. September 17,
2006.

“Driving Simulator Evaluation of Driver Performance during Hands-Free Cell Phone
Operation in a Work Zone: Driving without a Clue,” Muttart, J., Fisher, D. L., and
Pollatsek, A., (January 2007), Presentation given at the 86th Transportation Research
Board Annual Meeting, TRB, National Research Council, Washington, D.C.

“Driving Simulator Evaluation of Driver Performance during Hands-Free Cell
Phone Operation in a Work Zone: Driving without a Clue,” Muttart, J., Fisher, D. L.,
PROJECT NUMBER: 04-3

PROJECT TITLE: Estimating the Magnitude of Peak Flows for Steep Gradient Streams in New England

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): Jennifer Jacobs, PI, Thomas Ballestero, Co-PI, University of New Hampshire and Richard Vogel, Co-PI, Tufts University

STATUS: Continuing


ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: Agreement Pending

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:
The main objective of this research is to develop a set of regional regression relationships to predict flood flows for steep slope watersheds from basin characteristics. The regression relationships will be developed using standard USGS regional hydrologic methods. We propose to identify target watersheds in the New England region and to develop a database of physical basin parameters and historical streamflow necessary for the statistical analysis. Regression analyses will be conducted to identify explanatory variables and to develop regression relationships for average daily flow and 2-, 10-, 25-, 50-, and 100-year peak flow recurrence interval events. As appropriate, the New England states will be divided into subregions.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:
The Literature Review was presented to the committee and feedback was provided. The watershed selection was completed. The database of 204 steep watersheds is selected for this study. All historical streamflow statistics and basin characteristics are developed for each watershed. A database of supporting values was developed. The regression analyses have been conducted using the finalized flow and watershed characteristics. A preliminary set of equations is available. The final regression analysis and documentation can continue once the contract extension request is approved. The majority of the progress was accomplished prior to 2007 with the project being in hiatus for much of 2008 due to pending contract extension request.

REPORTS/PAPERS PUBLISHED, PRESENTATIONS MADE RELATING TO THIS PROJECT FROM THE START OF THE PROJECT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:
PROJECT NUMBER: 04-4

PROJECT TITLE: Determining the Effective PG Grade of Binder in RAP Mixes

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): PI: Jo Daniel, University of New Hampshire; Co-PI: Walaa Mogawer, UMass Dartmouth

STATUS: Continuing


ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: 7/31/2009

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:
The main objective of this research is to develop a method to determine or estimate the binder grade in mixtures designed with RAP from the properties of the mixture itself.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:
All testing for this project was completed in 2008 and analysis of the data is continuing. The original analysis plan has been adjusted due to some difficulties in applying the Hirsch model to shifted data. There is an asymptote in the Hirsch model that makes it impossible to back calculate the G* of the binder at the temperatures and frequencies needed to directly estimate the effective PG grade of the binder in the RAP mixtures. Instead, comparative analyses will be done with the back calculated G* master curves. The Hirsch model will be used to back calculate the effective binder G* master curve at room temperature. This will then be compared with typical binder master curves and the extracted curve for the RAP mixture to determine an appropriate estimation of the effective PG grade for the mix. The figure below shows comparative curves for the 40% RAP mixture (5240 label). In this case, the back calculated G* curve falls in between a PG 64-22 and PG 76-22 binder. Also note the recovered G* curve is much stiffer.

It is anticipated that the draft final report will be submitted to the committee by the end of May 2009.
REPORTS/PAPERS PUBLISHED, PRESENTATIONS MADE RELATING TO THIS PROJECT FROM THE START OF THE PROJECT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008: None
PROJECT NUMBER: 05-1

PROJECT TITLE: Development of Supplemental Resistance Method for the Design of Drilled Shaft Rock Sockets

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): Thomas C. Sanford, University of Maine

STATUS: Continuing


ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: Agreement Pending

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:
The objective of this study is to produce a drilled shaft design method for evaluating the now unused side shear or end bearing to supplement the AASHTO allowable load. The magnitude of unused side shear or end bearing corresponding to the AASHTO allowable load will be the magnitude that occurs at the same shaft movement as the allowable load. This method should reflect different rock socket geometry and different rock properties typical of New England. The method should be based on past load tests and be robust and easy-to-use.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:
Received load test data from Connecticut DOT. Total number of tests received from the Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Maine DOT’s was 14. Analysis of the data was started. Records of 460 Osterberg load tests conducted for public agencies by LOADTEST were obtained from Dr. Dan Brown of Auburn University. The information has been screened down to 40 tests occurring in hard rock, including the 14 tests indicated above. The geotechnical information on the tests, excluding the 14 tests, is incomplete. We are in the process of tracking down supplemental information from public agencies principally in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and New Jersey. Requirements for special field load tests have been developed and written.
Contacted all eastern states having load tests in hard rock to obtain additional information (subsurface, testing, construction, load testing, and contract documents). Obtained information from Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey by going to state offices resulting in a total of 10 tests with detailed information. Information on each of 10 tests was transcribed into common format in a written chapter for the draft report. Analysis of the results was begun. The literature review for the finite element modeling was conducted.

REPORTS/PAPERS PUBLISHED, PRESENTATIONS MADE RELATING TO THIS PROJECT FROM THE START OF THE PROJECT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008: None
PROJECT NUMBER: 05-5

PROJECT TITLE: Measurement of Adhesion Properties Between Topcoat Paint and Metallized/Galvanized Steel with Surface Energy Measurement Equipment

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): Sze C. Yang, PI, and K. Wayne Lee, Co-PI, University of Rhode Island

STATUS: New


ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: 12/31/2009

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

1. Compare the adhesion properties of NEPCOAT-approved topcoat paint over metallizing to topcoat paint over galvanizing using specialized “surface-energy” measuring lab methods.
2. Investigate various factors affecting the adhesion of topcoat paint over galvanizing.
3. Report and recommend practices which produce the best adhesion of NEPCOAT-approved topcoat paints over metallized and particularly galvanized steel surfaces. Examine surface cleaning, phosphating vs. wash primer.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:

Galvanized and metalized steel have gained popularity over the bare steel for use in new bridges because of their improved protection against corrosion. Associated with this trend is the need for paints suitable for coating on the zinc coated surfaces. Unlike the NEPCOAT list for bare steel, there is not yet a list of qualified coatings for the zinc-coated surfaces. It appears that the paints suitable for the galvanized steel in the auto and appliances industry may not be equally useful for bridges and highway structures. There are anecdotal reports of poor adhesion performance of paints for highway structures. In the absence of a list of qualified paints for zinc coated surfaces, the prudent and practical first step towards the eventual qualification process is to examine whether some of the paints in the current NEPCOAT list for bare steel would also work well for the galvanized and the metalized steel. Our initial test results show that some of the NEPCOAT paints may adhering to the zinc coated surfaces well enough to be useful.
One of the objectives of this project is to evaluate the NEPCOAT paints for adhesion strength on zinc coated steel. In our initial study (started September 2008) we tested the adhesion strength of two different commercial paints from the NEPCOAT list (paints B7-97 and SSC(02)-04). These paints were coated on test plates made of galvanized and metalized steel samples prepared by a commercial coating service (Newport Industrial Fabrication Inc. Newport, ME). The adhesion strengths for these samples were tested according to ASTM D4541 standard for pull-off strength tests using a model 601 Elcometer. Preliminary test results show that most of the samples (80%) pass the minimum requirement of the minimum strength of 600 psi. These preliminary results indicate that at least some paints on the NEPCOAT list could be used in both the bare steel and the zinc coated steel.

Figures 1 and 2 show the mode of coating separation after a dolly originally glued to the painted surface was pulled off at the end of the ASTM D4541 test. Figure 1 shows the NEPCOAT B7-97 paint (from Carboline Company) pulled off from the test steel plate (4”x4”x1/4”) with an Elcometer gauge break off reading at 700 psi. At a closer examination of the paints on the and the test plate we concluded that the separation occurred within the primer layer. The primer / zinc interface appears intact.

Figure 2 shows the same paint (B7-97) painted on galvanized steel after pulled off at 680 psi. The arrow drawn on a white paper indicates the faint depression of the attachment point. The primer / zinc interface was intact. The delamination of the paint occurs mostly at the top coat. There are samples that fail the ASTM D4541 tests at pull off strength in the 400 and 500 psi ranges. The fail rate is not high, but we do not yet have significantly reliable statistics for reporting these numbers.

We have begun a study of the wetting of paint on galvanized and the metalized surfaces using the technique of contact angle analysis. The purpose is to observe if there is a difference in wetting for different commercial primers. We are interested in whether there is a correlation in the wetting property of the primer with the pull off strength. We hope that this approach will provide an understanding of the difference in the adhesion performance.
REPORTS/PAPERS PUBLISHED, PRESENTATIONS MADE RELATING TO THIS PROJECT FROM THE START OF THE PROJECT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008: None
PROJECT NUMBER: 05-6

PROJECT TITLE: Employing Graphic-Aided Dynamic Message Signs to Assist Elder Drivers’ Message Comprehension

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): J. H. Wang, University of Rhode Island

STATUS: Continuing

AGREEMENT TERM: 1/1/2006 - 4/30/2008

ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: Agreement Pending

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:
- Review and evaluate existing research and literature related to the use of graphic-aided DMSs and the effects of such uses on elder drivers.
- Examine the feasibility of employing graphics in DMS messaging to assist drivers’ comprehension of the message with a particular focus on elder drivers.
- Compile and or develop a library of graphic-aided text messages if such use were determined to be both feasible and beneficial.
- Make recommendations to identify, re-design, or create elderly friendly dynamic message signs that are effective for the driving population as a whole.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:
- A computer-based questionnaire to collect drivers’ opinions and preferences and a driving simulation experiment to collect drivers’ response times regarding the use of graphics in DMS was successfully developed and tested. Both the survey and simulation were successfully conducted in May and June with 480 people completed the survey and 170 people completed the simulation. The major part of the survey and simulation were conducted in Warwick Mall, RI.
- 35 additional elder drivers between the ages of 60 and 94 were recruited to complete the computer-based questionnaire and the driving simulation experiment to provide a better contrast between young and older drivers. Members of the research team visited local elderly housing communities to recruit subjects and drove them to the URI lab to participate in the research project. The resulting opinions and preferences collected from the survey, and response times from the driving simulation were analyzed across the five age groups.
- The PI has made a presentation about the interim progress and result of this project at the Conn DOT. The presentation was videotaped and was made available for public viewing through the web.
- Aaron Clark, the graduate student who worked in the project, successfully defended his thesis in November 2007.
- A paper was written based on partial findings of this project and was presented at the 88th TRB meeting in Washington, DC in January 2008.
A second paper was prepared based on further results of this project and was presented at the 2008 IIE Research Conference in Vancouver, Canada in May 2008.

REPORTS/PAPERS PUBLISHED, PRESENTATIONS MADE RELATING TO THIS PROJECT FROM THE START OF THE PROJECT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:
A presentation was given to the Rhode Island DOT on November 16, 2006.


PROJECT NUMBER:  NETC 05-7

PROJECT TITLE:  Warrants for Exclusive Left Turn Lanes at Unsignalized Intersections and Driveways - Phase 2

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S):  John N. Ivan, University of Connecticut and Adel E. Sadek, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York

STATUS:  Continuing


ANTICIPATED COMPLETION:  3/1/2009

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

The primary objective of this project is to consider accident and operational experience to develop a set of warrants prescribing conditions under which it is and is not appropriate to install exclusive left turn lanes at unsignalized intersections and driveways. The resulting warrants will balance both safety and operational considerations. Empirical Bayes analysis and negative binomial modeling will be used to compare the accident experience at unsignalized intersections with and without exclusive left turn lanes, especially noting the contributions of other conditions (e.g., volume level, land use, driveway density, and roadway geometry). Traffic simulation will be used to estimate delay to through and left-turning vehicles at these same intersections, again noting the contributions of these other conditions. The resulting warrants will then consider not only traffic volumes, but also observed safety experience and other pertinent characteristics of the intersection or driveway.

A secondary objective is to examine the safety experience at unsignalized intersections and driveways with existing exclusive left turn lanes to see what can be learned about how to design them to be safer. This will involve observing all of the geometric characteristics of the sites studied, along with the precise application of traffic control devices used, including pavement markings and signage, as well as lane and pavement width. Then, in addition to the warrants developed, we will also prepare guidelines for how to physically design and control exclusive left turn lanes to maximize safety for all road users.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:

- Volume-based warrants for left turn lanes were developed based on delay and number of stops for rural two-lane roads and urban two- and four-lane roads.
- A safety comparison between intersections with and without left turn lanes was conducted for three- and four-leg intersection on rural two-lane and urban two- and four-lane roads. Strong evidence was found that left turn lanes reduce same-direction crashes on rural two lane roads at four-leg intersections and on urban four-lane roads at three-leg intersections. Some evidence was found that left turn lanes reduce same-direction crashes on rural two-lane roads at three-leg intersections and on urban four-lane roads at four-leg intersections. However,
there is no evidence that left turn lanes reduce same direction crashes on urban two-lane roads at either three or four leg intersections.

- A design analysis was also conducted of the intersections with left turn lanes that experienced higher than expected crash counts. These intersections tend to have one of the following conditions:
  - Very short taper and/or storage lengths
  - Multiple driveways using the same left turn lane
  - Other geometric conditions that increase the crash risk, such as horizontal curves

- Consequently, the recommendations of the report are the following:
  - Left turn lanes should strongly be considered on rural two-lane roads at four-leg intersections and on urban four-lane roads at three-leg intersections on the basis of safety, irrespective of whether or not the volume warrants are met. Otherwise, the volume warrants should be followed to determine when left turn lanes should be installed.
  - When designing left turn lanes, use the AASHTO recommended taper and storage lengths, avoid multiple driveways sharing the same left turn lane near a significant intersection, and consider the presence of other geometric features, such as horizontal curves, when designing a left turn lane. For example, do not begin the left turn lane in the middle of a curve where it cannot be seen by drivers approaching from behind. Sample photos and plan views of intersections with these conditions are attached at the end of the report.

A draft report was submitted to the Technical Committee for comment.
Example location with numerous driveways sharing a left turn lane

Example location with left turn lane on a horizontal curve

REPORTS/PAPERS PUBLISHED, PRESENTATIONS MADE RELATING TO THIS PROJECT FROM THE START OF THE PROJECT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:
“A Decision Support System for Predicting the likely Benefits of Left-turn Lane Installation,” Ranade, S., Sadek, A.W. and Ivan, J., 2007, TRB Annual meeting. Paper No. 07-0992; January 2007; Transportation Research Record, 2023:28-36, 2007. This paper received the Best Paper Award from the Committee on Operational Effects of Geometrics at the 2008 Annual Meeting.
PROJECT NUMBER: 05-8

PROJECT TITLE: Evaluation and Implementation of Traffic Simulation Models for Work Zones

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): John Collura, University of Massachusetts Amherst

STATUS: Continuing

AGREEMENT TERM: 1/1/2006 – 8/31/2008

ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: Agreement Pending

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:
1) assess the strengths and limitations of readily available computer based simulation models designed to evaluate the impacts of alternative work zone strategies; 2) make recommendations for the use of such simulation models on roadway reconstruction and rehabilitation projects in New England and New York State; and 3) conduct the necessary technology transfer activities in order to ensure that the results of this project are disseminated and provided directly to potential simulation model users, including transportation engineers and planners in New England and New York State.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:
The Literature Review (Task 1) focused on the identification of PC-based simulation models to assist State DOTs in the evaluation of alternative work zone strategies (QuickZone, QUEWZ, CA4PRS and CORSIM). The data requirements of these models were identified (Task 2) and incorporated into the assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of these models and their potential use by State DOTs (Task 3). The Simulation Software was used to assess the impacts of work zone strategies along segments of several major routes in New England.

REPORTS/PAPERS PUBLISHED, PRESENTATIONS MADE RELATING TO THIS PROJECT FROM THE START OF THE PROJECT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:
PROJECT NUMBER: 06-1


PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): Jo Sias Daniel, PI, University of New Hampshire; Ghassan R. Chehab, Co-PI, Pennsylvania State University

STATUS: Continuing

AGREEMENT TERM: 8/1/2006 - 7/31/2008

ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: Agreement Pending

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:
- Determine the design and data collection methods, material tests, and testing equipment currently in use by each state.
- Identify the Level 2 and Level 3 design guide inputs for which regional or local values are required.
- Provide state specific recommendations on implementation of the MEPDG including changes in data collection & measurement, equipment needs, training, and anticipated benefits.
- Provide specific recommendations for regional and local calibration of the MEPDG by identifying appropriate field test & monitoring sites, data to be collected, and perform local calibrations if appropriate field data is available.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:
Sensitivity analysis using the MEPDG has been completed for four of the New England states. The LTPP sections in each state were used to get a representative pavement cross section for analysis, shown in figure 1 below. Representative values and ranges for various MEPDG inputs were determined from state specifications and then multiple runs with the MEPDG software were conducted to determine the sensitivity of the input parameters to the resulting performance prediction.
The results obtained from the runs are interpreted graphically to obtain a relationship between each input variable used in the study and each predicted pavement distress. A few general observations made from the results are as follows:

- The trends for all the input parameters and their effects on predicted pavement distresses are the same for all the states studied, and are similar to the performance expected from theoretical explanation.
- Level 2 analysis conducted resulted in predicted performance that is lower than Level 3 values, with similar trends being repeated for each of the input variables considered.
- The magnitude of variability is different for different states studied due to difference in pavement layer structure, traffic and environmental conditions and the material properties used in the asphalt and unbound layers.
- Pavement distresses exceeded the pre-defined failure limits only in the case of New Hampshire, and were very much below the limits for Connecticut, Maine and Rhode Island.
- The AC overlay over fractured JPCP structure selected for the state of Rhode Island based on LTPP data returned zero predicted distress values for bottom-up and longitudinal cracking. The reason for zero prediction of cracking could result from a very high modulus fractured concrete course underlying the asphalt concrete layer.

Statistical analysis is also performed to determine the percentage variation caused by all individual input parameters on the predicted pavement distresses. An example for bottom up cracking in NH for Level 3 analysis is shown in Figure 2.
Figure 2. New Hampshire Level 3 – Effect Sizes for Fatigue Cracking

REPORTS/PAPERS PUBLISHED, PRESENTATIONS MADE RELATING TO THIS PROJECT FROM THE START OF THE PROJECT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008: None
PROJECT NUMBER: 06-3

PROJECT TITLE: Establishing Default Dynamic Modulus Values for New England

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): James Mahoney, PI, University of Connecticut

STATUS: New

INITIAL AGREEMENT DATE: 7/1/2008 – 12/31/2009

ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: 12/31/2009

PROJECT OBJECTIVES: RESEARCH OBJECTIVE:
The objective of this research is to test commonly used HMA mixtures throughout New England to determine their respective moduli. The results of this testing will be:

- Used to determine if there is a significant difference between dynamic modulus values for materials from throughout the region.
- Used to compare the dynamic modulus of lab produced mixes and plant produced mixes.
- Compared against the master curves derived by performing the reduced testing as outlined by Bonaquist and Christensen. This will reduce the number of temperatures as well as the number of frequencies tested. If this process correlates well with the full set testing master curves, it will reduce the amount of time required to conduct the testing.
- Compared against the predicted moduli obtained by using the Witczak Predictive Model and the Hirsh Model. If there is a strong correlation between the tested and predicted values then this would provide a reasonable value for the dynamic modulus for most HMA designs in the 2002 Pavement Design Guide.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:
The kick-off videoconference was conducted on August 8, 2008. The research team outlined the quantities of HMA needed to conduct the testing as well as adding that one plant produced mix will be tested for each state as long as it corresponds to one of the laboratory produced mixes. The research team has conducted an on going literature review of hot mix asphalt dynamic modulus. The great deal of research published in this area over the last couple of years may require some deviation from the models and methods proposed to ensure state-of-the-art practice. Any changes to the work plan would be coordinated with the technical committee.

In October and November the research team was able to collect the necessary raw materials from New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine and Connecticut to start fabricating laboratory specimens and plant mixed specimens. In addition, four mix designs from each state were obtained with the raw material. Preliminary batch sheets for the laboratory specimen fabrication have been generated for each mix and gyratory
specimens are currently being fabricated. However, fine tuning of the total batch weight for each mix is necessary to ensure the fabricated specimens are within the specified tolerances for height and percent air voids. To date test specimens for Connecticut mixes have been generated and are ready for dynamic modulus testing.

REPORTS/PAPERS PUBLISHED, PRESENTATIONS MADE RELATING TO THIS PROJECT FROM THE START OF THE PROJECT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008: None
PROJECT NUMBER: 06-5

PROJECT TITLE: The New England Winter Severity Index

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S): Samuel Miller, PI, Plymouth State University; Brendon Hoch, Co-PI, Plymouth State University

STATUS: Continuing


ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: Agreement Pending

PROJECT OBJECTIVES: RESEARCH OBJECTIVE: The objective of this study is to develop winter severity indices for the New England region. Anticipated tasks include identifying appropriate and manageable number of weather regions within New England, developing winter severity indices using statistical concepts, developing standard methods to utilize the indices and provide recommendations on maintaining and improving indices.

PROGRESS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008:

Task 1: Literature review – complete.

Task 2: Define climate zones – complete.

Task 3: Develop a NEWSI for each climate zone – complete.

Task 4: Validate NEWSI for each climate zone with historical dataset – complete.

Note: We upgraded this task to include five separate NEWSI’s for each transportation district. The purpose of this was to achieve higher correlation coefficients between costs and winter weather variables. The first is a general index that calculates all costs associated with winter road maintenance. The other four separately predict costs associated with labor, vehicles and equipment, and chemicals. Using historical cost data provided by the state transportation department, we have completed this for the state of Maine. The other five New England states did not respond to our request for cost data, so we have not been able to develop a cost predictor for them. All they will receive is a classification of their respective climate zones.

Task 5: Develop a GIS program that computes a NEWSI for zones as defined in task 2 – modified. Following our change of personnel, and in consultation with the Maine transportation department, we decided to create a web-based application that computes the NEWSI(s) for each of the Maine transportation districts, and presents the results in both graphical and numerical form. The webpage will automatically update itself once/month, and be housed on the Plymouth State University/Judd...
Gregg Meteorology Institute server.

Task 6: Develop and conduct one-day training workshops for each New England state – under construction. Given the lack of responsiveness from New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, all we will be able to provide them is a demonstration of how we determined their respective climate zones. Since this is not likely to be of interest to most transportation professionals, we have not begun work on this yet. We are currently focusing our attention on developing demonstrations for the five Maine transportation maintenance districts, since these are the only regions that will have a cost prediction algorithm.

REPORTS/PAPERS PUBLISHED, PRESENTATIONS MADE RELATING TO THIS PROJECT FROM THE START OF THE PROJECT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008: None
### D. FINANCIAL STATUS OF PROJECTS ACTIVE DURING 2008

#### D.1 FINANCIAL STATUS OF ACTIVE PROJECTS:

**Table 1: Financial Status of Projects Active During 2008**
*(As of December 1, 2008)*

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### D.2 NETC FUND BALANCE

As of December 31, 2008

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**Note:** Maine 2006 Obligation as of 11/06/06 per Peabody 11/30/06

| 100,000.00 | 779,708.47 |

**email Coord./Admin. Of NETC Calendar Year 2006 = 131,814**

| 100,718.92 | FINAL 678,989.55 |

**06” Project Series:**

| 06-1: New England Verification of NCHRP 7-3A Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide With Level 2 & 3 Input | 150,295.00 | 528,694.55 |
| 06-2: Infrastructure Management Systems Enhancement and Integration to Support True Integrated Management Decision-Making | 100,000.00 | 428,694.55 |
| 06-3 Establish Default Dynamic Modulus Values for New England | 110,000.00 | 318,694.55 |
| 06-4 Preventative Maintenance and Timing of Applications | 200,000.00 | 118,694.55 |
| 06-5 Winter Severity Indices for New England | 100,000.00 | 18,694.55 |

| Member Obligations 2007 = 600,000 | 618,694.55 |

| Coord./Admin. Of NETC Calendar Year 2007 | 122,644.79 | FINAL 496,049.76 |

**07” Project Series:**

| 07-1 In-Place Response Mechanisms of Recycled Layers Due to Temperature and Moisture Variations | 150,000.00 | 346,049.76 |
| 07-2 Exploring the Potential of Intelligent Intersections Deployment in New England | 100,000.00 | 246,049.76 |
| 07-3 Determining Optimum Distance for a Lane Drop Downstream from a Signalized Intersection | 100,000.00 | 146,049.76 |
| 07-4 Reliable Travel Time Estimation to Support Real-Time System Management Information | 100,000.00 | 46,049.76 |

**NETC Research Needs Conference**

| 7,500.00 | 38,549.76 |

| Member Obligations 2008 = 600,000 | 638,549.76 |

| Coord./Admin. Of NETC Calendar Year 2008 | 80,000.00 | 718,549.76 |

| 08-2 Evacuation Modeling to Assist Hazard Management and Response in Urban and Rural Areas of New England | 131,509.90 | FINAL 587,039.86 |
| 08-3 Best Management Practices for the Invasive Polygonum Cuspidatum (Japanese Knotweed) Along Transportation Corridors | 140,000.00 | 287,039.86 |
| 08-4 NETC Research Implementation Survey & Synthesis | 35,000.00 | 252,039.86 |
| 08-5 NET/UCM-UTC Transportation Research Challenge | 50,000.00 | 202,039.86 |
| 02-6 Phase II Sealing of Small Mvmt Brdge Expan Joints - Field Inst. & Mntrng | 75,000.00 | 127,039.86 |
| 08-6 (Alt.) Interaction Between Salinity, Soil Quality and Amendments in Roadside Plantings | 75,000.00 | 52,039.86 |

| Member Obligations 2009 = 600,000 | 652,039.86 |

| Coord./Admin. Of NETC Calendar Year 2009 (Approved) | 600,000.00 | 139,309.00 | 512,730.86 |
| 09-1 Applying the Highway Safety Manual in New England | 120,000.00 | 392,730.86 |
| 09-1 Active Structural Control of Cantilevered Support Structures: Phase 1 | 150,000.00 | 242,730.86 |
| Phase 2 | 100,000.00 | 142,730.86 |
| 09-2 Effective Establishment of Native Grasses on Roadsides | 90,000.00 | 52,730.86 |
| 09-3 Advanced Composite Materials: Prototype Development and Demonstration | 42,847.00 | 9,883.86 |

**Notes:**

1 = Member FFY allocations are obligated between October 1 and December 31
2 = A credit of $6,599.70 for NETC’s overpayment to UConn for CY 2004 NETC Management was applied, by UConn, to the “Indirect Cost” for project 02-5. Therefore although the total expenditures of the project were $26,279.69 the amount paid by NETC was $19,679.99
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E.1 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

E.2 ANNUAL REPORTS:
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“Annual Report For Calendar Year 2005,” August 2006, NETCR61
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E.3 NETC REPORTS, PAPERS, AND PRESENTATIONS 1988-1994 (cont’d):
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Nondestructive Testing of Reinforced Concrete Bridges Using Radar Imaging Techniques

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94-3 Procedures For The Evaluation Of Sheet Membrane Waterproofing:

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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
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Papers and Presentations:
“Performance Evaluation of Durability Enhancing Admixtures (Mineral and Chemical) in Structural Concrete,” Sund, D., Report in Partial Fulfillment of Master of Science in Civil Engineering Degree, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, September, 1999.
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 (cont'd):
Papers and Presentations:


97-3  Determining Properties, Standards And Performance Of Wood Material As An Erosion Control Mulch And As A Filter Berm
Reports:

Papers and Presentations:

97-4  Early Distress Of Open-Graded Friction Course (OGFC)
Reports:

Papers and Presentations:  None

99-1  Bridge Rail Transitions – Development and Crash Testing
Reports:
Design documents for the NETC 2-Bar Curb-Mounted and 4-Bar Sidewalk-Mounted Bridge Rail Transitions are available from the NETC Coordinator.

99-1  
**Bridge Rail Transitions – Development and Crash Testing (cont’d):**

**Papers and Presentations:**


99-2  
**Evaluation of Asphalitic Expansion Joints**

**Reports:**

**Papers and Presentations:** None

99-3  
**Development Of Priority Based Statewide Scour Monitoring Systems In New England**

**Reports:**


**Papers and Presentations:** None

99-4  
**Quantifying Roadside Rest Area Usage**

**Reports:**

**Papers and Presentations:**
Results from the rest-area research were included in a presentation by the PI: “The Efficacy and Use of Continuous Shoulder Rumble Strips: Engineering a Solution,” presented at the November 20-21, 2002 National Summit to Prevent Drowsy Driving, National Academy of Sciences, Washington, DC, November 21, 2002 (taped by C-SPAN. Summit also covered by CNN Live Today, CNN Live on Location, CBS Early Show, National Public Radio’s Market Place, and national radio network coverage by ABC, CBS, and AP as well as two stories by nationally syndicated health columnist Jane Brody of The New York Times).
Analytical and Experimental Investigation Of The Effects Of Concrete Removal Operations On Adjacent Concrete That Is To Remain

Reports:

Papers and Presentations:


“Effect of Demolition on Remaining Part of Concrete Bridge, Numerical Analysis Vs. Experimental Results.” Presented and published in the proceedings of Internationales Kolloquium uber die Anwedungen der Informatik in Architectur und Bauwesen, Germany, June 2000.

“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.

Ground-Based Imaging And Data Acquisition Systems For Roadway Inventories In New England - A Synthesis Of Practice

Reports:

Papers and Presentations: None
00-2  Evaluation Of Permeability Of Superpave Mixes  
Reports:  

Papers and Presentations:  

00-3  Design, Fabrication and Preliminary Testing of a Composite Reinforced Timber Guardrail  
Reports:  

Papers and Presentations: None

00-4  Portable Falling Weight Deflectometer Study  
Reports:  

Papers and Presentations: None

00-5  Guardrail Testing Modified Eccentric Loader Terminal (MELT) at NCHRP 350 TL-2  
Reports:  

Papers and Presentations:  
Dean Alberson, Texas Transportation Institute, Principal Investigator presented the results of the crash tests conducted on the MELT guardrail terminal to the Association of General Contractors/American Road Transportation Builders Association/American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials Task Force 13 meeting in Seattle, Washington, April 2002.
00-6  Effective Visualization Techniques for the Public Presentation of Transportation

Reports:


Papers and Presentations:  None

00-7  A Complete Review of Incident Detection Algorithms and Their Deployment: What Works and What Doesn’t

Reports:

Papers and Presentations:
“Use of Driver-Based Data for Incident Detection,” Parkany, Emily, Submitted to the 7th International Conference on Applications of Advanced Technologies in Transportation Engineering (AATT), Boston, August 2002.

00-8  Performance and Effectiveness of a Thin Pavement Section Using Geogrids and Drainage Geocomposites in a Cold Region

Reports:

Papers and Presentations:
| 01-1 | **Advanced Composite Materials for New England’s Transportation Infrastructure: A Study for Implementation and Synthesis of Technology and Practice**  
**Reports:**  
**Papers and Presentations:** None |
| 01-2 | **Development of a Testing Protocol for QC/QA of Hot Mix Asphalt**  
**Reports:**  
**Papers and Presentations:**  
| 01-3 | **Design of Superpave HMA for Low Volume Roads**  
**Reports:**  
**Papers and Presentations:**  
| 01-6 | **Field Evaluation of a New Compaction Monitoring Device**  
**Reports:**  
**Papers and Presentations:** None |
02-2  **Formulate Approach for 511 Implementation in New England**

*Reports:*
“Formulate Approach for 511 Implementation in New England,”

*Papers and Presentations: None*

02-3  **Establish Subgrade Support Values for Typical Soils in New England**

*Reports:*
“Establish Subgrade Support Values for Typical Subs in New England,”
Malla, R. B., and Joshi, S., April 2006, NETCR57.

*Papers and Presentations:*


02-5  **Determination of Moisture Content of Deicing Salt at Point of Delivery**

*Reports:*
“Determination of Moisture Content of Deicing Salt at Point of Delivery,”

*Papers and Presentations: None*
Sealing of Small Movement Bridge Expansion Joints

Reports:

Papers and Presentations:


Validating Traffic Simulation Models to Inclement Weather Travel Conditions with Applications to Arterial Coordinated Signal Systems

Reports:

Papers and Presentations:


Intelligent Transportation Systems Applications to Ski Resorts in New England

Reports:

Papers and Presentations:
03-1 Ability of Wood Fiber Materials to Attenuate Heavy Metals Associated with Highway Runoff

Reports:

03-2 Field Studies of Concrete Containing Salts of an Alkenyl-Substituted Succinic Acid

Reports:

Papers and Presentations:


03-3 Phase 1 Feasibility Study of an Erosion Control Laboratory in New England

Reports:

Papers and Presentations: None

03-3 Phase 2 Design Considerations for a Prototype Erosion Control Laboratory in New England

Reports:

Papers and Presentations: None
03-4  Measuring Pollutant Removal Efficiencies of Stormwater Treatment Units
Reports:

Papers and Presentations:


03-5  Evaluation of a Field Permeameter as a Longitudinal Joint Quality Indicator
Reports:

Papers and Presentations:


03-7  Basalt Fiber Reinforced Polymer Composites

Reports:

Papers and Presentations:


04-2  Driver-Eye-Movement-Based Investigation for Improving Work-Zone Safety

Reports:  None

Papers and Presentations:

“Understanding and Quantifying Driver Response,” Muttart, J.W., Texas Association of Accident Reconstructionist Specials, Houston, TX, February 17 & 18, 2006.

Driver-Eye-Movement-Based Investigation for Improving Work-Zone Safety (cont’d):

Papers and Presentations (cont’d):


Network-Based Highway Crash Prediction Using Geographic Information Systems

Reports:

Papers and Presentations:

05-6 Employing Graphic-Aided Dynamic Message Signs to Assist Elder Drivers’ Message Comprehension

Reports: None

Papers and Presentations:


05-7 Warrants for Exclusive Left Turn Lanes at Unsignalized Intersections and Driveways

Reports: None

Papers and Presentations:
“A Decision Support System for Predicting the likely Benefits of Left-turn Lane Installation,” Ranade, S., Sadek, A.W. and Ivan, J., 2007, TRB Annual meeting, Paper No. 07-0992; January 2007; Transportation Research Record, 2023:28-36, 2007. This paper received the Best Paper Award from the Committee on Operational Effects of Geometrics at the 2008 Annual Meeting.

05-8 Evaluation and Implementation of Traffic Simulation Models for Work Zones

Reports: None

Papers and Presentations: