In-Place Pavement Recycling - Moving Towards a Sustainable Future

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Outline

- Ontario road system overview
- Past - What have we learned
- Present - Current practices and improvements
- Case Studies
- Sustainable Future - Challenges
Ontario Road System

- ** Provincial System
  - Funded through provincial taxes
  - 16,520 centre-line km, 3000 bridges
  - $ 2.4 B Capital Constr.

- ** Municipal System: 
  - 152,000 centre-line km 132,000 bridges
MTO Pavement Network

- Provincial Road Network
  - freeway 8,900 lane-km
  - arterial 13,000 lane-km
  - collector 9,800 lane-km
  - local 7,500 lane-km

- 95% ==> Bituminous pavements
- 5% ==> Concrete and other types of pavements
- 70% of Canada’s exports and $1.2 trillion in goods are carried on Ontario’s provincial highways
Hwy 17, Northern Ontario
Greening Pavement Initiatives

Environmentally friendly pavement design, preservation and rehabilitation strategies include:

- Reuse and recycling of materials
  - Pavement recycling
  - Roof shingles, rubber tires, glass and ceramics
  - Blast furnace slag, fly ash and silica fume
- Warm mix asphalt concrete
- Drainable/permeable pavements
- Reduced noise and perpetual pavements
Implementation of Pavement Recycling in Ontario

- Central plant recycling - late 70’s
- Milling, partial depth - early 80’s
- Full depth reclamation - mid 80’s
- Cold in-place recycling - 1989
- Hot in-place recycling - 1990
- FDR with EA (FA) - 2000
- CIR with EA (FA) - 2003
MTO In-situ Asphalt Recycling Quantities

Years

Quantity (m²)
0, 1,000,000, 2,000,000, 3,000,000, 4,000,000, 5,000,000, 6,000,000, 7,000,000

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Full Depth Reclamation - FDR
Hot In-Place Recycling
- HIR
Cold In-Place Recycling -CIR
FDR with Expanded Asphalt Stabilization
CIR with Expanded Asphalt
# 10 Years Summary of Quantities

- **Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)**: 15,579,412 m²
- **Hot In-place Recycling (HIR)**: 324,124 m²
- **Cold In-place Recycling (CIR)**: 4,150,428 m²
- **FDR with Expanded Asphalt**: 2,664,245 m²
- **CIR with Expanded Asphalt**: 2,486,485 m²

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- **Total from 2001 to 2010**: 25,204,694 m²
Past Performance

- In-situ recycled pavements have performed well, often carrying significantly more traffic over their service life than anticipated.
- Designs built in the past have evolved from theory, road tests, and trial and error.
- Lessons have been learned from design problems/flaws, materials, and construction practices that have caused problems.
PCI Comparison – CIR vs. FDR

PCI

Age

CIR
FDR
Current Practice

Recent improvements in design, materials and construction processes have significantly increased the benefits of in-situ recycling techniques.

Improvements in technology have provided cost effective designs and optimization of rehabilitation strategies.
Design Improvements

Comprehensive Construction and Material Specifications

- OPSS 330, Full depth reclamation
- OPSS 334, Cold recycled mix
- OPSS 333, Cold in-place recycling
- OPSS 332, Hot in-place recycling
- OPSS 331, FDR with Expanded Asphalt
- OPSS 335, CIR with Expanded Asphalt

Available online:

http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/transrd
FDR with EA, Hwy 17, Wawa

- Highway 17
- 37.5 km south of Wawa.
- Within Lake Superior Provincial Park.
- 22.5 km in length.
- Grader placed
Design Considerations – Hwy 17 Project

- Existing pavement consisted of 80 mm of HMA, 100 mm of crushed granular base and 530 mm of granular subbase.
- PCI was 49 out of 100 indicative of extensive, moderate transverse cracking and extensive, moderate pavement edge break-up.
- 2010 AADT was 2500 with 28% trucks, mostly logging trucks.
- Rehab options considered included:
  - CIR with a 50 mm HMA overlay
  - FDR with a 120 mm HMA overlay
  - FDR with EAS and an 80 mm HMA overlay
The reclaimer/stabilizer attached to a tanker of hot asphalt cement

The grading and compacting operation following behind the EAS

The expanded asphalt mat following initial pass of the breakdown roller
International Roughness Index Comparison of Three Mix Design Trial Sections to Control Section on Highway 17, Wawa
MTO’s first use of CIR with EA was in 2003 on Highway 7, southwest of Ottawa.
Pavement Condition Prior to CIR and CIREAM
## Resilient Modulus of CIREAM and CIR Field Cored Samples

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**Average:**

- CIREAM: 5330
- CIR: 5187
- CIREAM: 5185
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**Std. Dev.:**

- CIREAM: 263
- CIR: 321
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### Indirect Tensile Strength of CIREAM and CIR Field Cored Samples

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IRI Comparison CIR vs. CIREAM

Avg IRI CIR - Avg IRI CIREAM

Years

IRI

2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010
CIR vs. CIREAM vs. Crack Repair and Overlay

Avg IRI CIR - Avg IRI CIREAM - Hwy 7, Perth to Wemyss

Years - IRI
Towards a Sustainable Future

What is Sustainable Development?

“.... Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”
Towards a Sustainable Future

To achieve sustainability, every corporate decision should consider the impact of the triple-bottom-line.

“What are the Social, Economic, and Environmental (SEE) Impacts of the decision”
GHG Emissions and Global Warming

Variation in Mean Surface Temp and CO₂ Concentration
Sustainable Pavement Criteria

“...safe, efficient, environmentally friendly pavements meeting the needs of present-day users without compromising those of future generations”

In-situ recycling technologies address the main criteria for a sustainable pavement:

- Optimizing the use of natural resources
- Reducing energy consumption
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Limiting pollution
- Improving health, safety and risk prevention
- Ensuring a high level of user comfort and safety
Energy Use Per Tonne Of Material Laid Down

The report concludes that recycling technologies are the most promising tool to assist in the selection of environmentally friendly flexible pavements.

MTO’s primary pavement design/rehabilitation goal is to provide safe durable roads that maximize the use of recycled materials.
Ontario Case Study

Environmental Benefits of In-place Recycling (CIR & CIREAM) vs. Mill and Overlay
Impact Evaluation

- **PaLATE** software - Pavement Life-cycle Assessment for Environmental and Economic Effect
- Created by Dr. Horvath of the University of California at Berkeley
- Assists decision-makers in evaluating the use of recycled materials in highway construction (both LCC and Environmental Impacts).
Using PaLATE model, the following emissions were calculated and compared:
$\text{CO}_2$ Emissions

![CO$_2$ Emissions Graph](image-url)
**NO\textsubscript{X} Emissions**

![Bar graph showing NO\textsubscript{X} emissions for different treatments.](image)

- **Mill & HMA**: The highest emissions, around 1.8 tonnes per 2-lane km.
- **CIR**: Moderate emissions, approximately 0.6 tonnes per 2-lane km.
- **CIREAM**: Lower emissions, around 0.4 tonnes per 2-lane km.
SO$_2$ Emissions

![Bar chart showing sulfur dioxide emissions in tonnes per 2-lane km for different treatments: Mill & HMA, CIR, and CIREAM.]
Environmental Benefits

- Per 2-lane km, CIR/CIREAM emits approximately 50% less GHG, consumes 62% less aggregates, and costs 40-50% less when compared to a conventional mill and overlay treatments.

- Since the implementation of CIR/CIREAM contracts, MTO has reduced GHG emissions by:
  - 144,400 tonnes of CO$_2$
  - 1,200 tonnes of NO$_x$
  - 25,200 tonnes of SO$_2$

  And saved 1.98 million tonnes of aggregates.
Technology Transfer

- CIR & CIREAM are two of the most environmental friendly flexible pavement rehabilitation techniques available; they reduce Life Cycle Costs, reuse existing non-renewable material, minimize new materials and reduce on site transportation.

- MTO actively promotes CIR/CIREAM through technical papers, presentations and by example
What's next?

- Current Life Cycle Costing (LCC) includes:
  - Initial, and discounted main/rehab costs and remaining life costs
  - User costs
- We now have the tools to calculate GHG emissions and energy savings – PaLATE software
- MTO has developed a rating system to quantify and encourage pavement sustainability
- We are moving towards including an environmental component into LCC (Environmental benefits/credits).
- Insures that the best treatment is selected to benefit economic, social and environmental needs - a Sustainable Approach.
Existing Green Rating Systems

- LEED® for Buildings
- University of Washington Green Roads
- NYSDOT GreenLITES Project Design Certification Program
- Alberta/Stantec Green Guide for Roads
- TAC Green Guide for Roads
# MTO Green Rating System Categories

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Maximum Total: 32
MTO Green Rating System Overview

**Pavement Technologies**
- 9 points
  - Long-life pavement design
    - 3 Points
  - Permeable Pavements
    - 2 Points
  - Noise Mitigation
    - 2 Points
  - Cool Pavements
    - 2 Points

**Materials & Resources**
- 11 points
  - Recycled Content
    - 5 Points
  - Reuse of Pavement
    - 2 Points
  - Local Materials
    - 2 Points
  - Construction Quality
    - 2 Points

**Energy & Atmosphere**
- 8 points
  - Reduce Energy Consumption
    - 3 Points
  - GHG Emissions Reduction
    - 3 Points
  - Rolling Resistance
    - 1 Point
  - Pollution Reduction
    - 1 Point

**Innovation & Design Process**
- 4 points
  - Innovation in Design
    - 2 Points
  - Exemplary Process
    - 2 Points
Summary

We will better achieve our sustainable pavement goals through:

- Building on current industry/ministry partnerships in the development of improved in-situ recycling specifications and design/construction procedures
- Encouraging continued innovation by the province's in-situ recycling contractors
- Supporting dedicated research programs to advance the technology
- Increasing technology transfer to accelerate adoption of in-situ recycling concepts
Conclusions

- There is an increased focus on sustainable asset preservation in Ontario, both at the provincial and municipal levels.
- Pavement preservation and rehabilitation incorporating timely insitu recycling treatments can significantly extend pavement life and result in improved network performance over time.
- Implementation of sustainable AM principles and performance measures are critical to addressing infrastructure investment requirements and environmental stewardship over the long-term.
Thank you!

Questions?

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