

# **2010**

# ***Midwestern Pavement Preservation Partnership Conference***

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***Celebrating 55 Years!***



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# Asphalt Paving Association of Iowa

An association of Hot-Mix Asphalt producers, asphalt cement suppliers, aggregate producers, consulting engineers and industry retailers formed to insure the highest quality of asphalt is produced and placed in the State of Iowa. Established in 1955.



# Benefits of Asphalt Pavements?

- Smooth
- Durable
- Quiet
- Fast Construction
- Environmentally Sustainable!



# *ASPHALT* *is the* *Environmentally Sustainable Pavement*

- Perpetual Pavements
- 100 % Recyclable (RAP)
- Recycled Asphalt Shingles (RAS)
- Porous Asphalt
- Warm-Mix Asphalt (WMA)
- **BioAsphalt!**



What about pavement  
preservation?



# Pavement Preservation

1. Design and construct long-lasting sustainable pavements.
2. Know the life-cycle of your pavements and plan your treatments in advance.
3. Execute the plan.



# Design for Success

1. Build a strong subgrade.
2. Insure proper drainage. **WATER is the ENEMY.**
3. Know your traffic count – especially the percentage of trucks.
4. Stage the construction if possible.
5. Build “Perpetual Pavements”.



# Perpetual Pavements



*The **New** Asphalt, **Absolutely!***

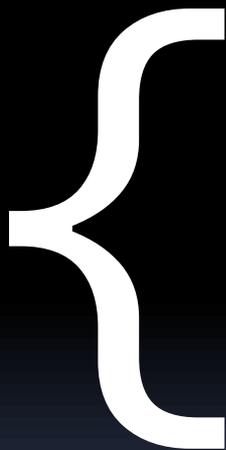
*Smooth / Quiet / Perpetual*



# Perpetual Pavements

Pavements requiring only periodic surface renewal

Structure Remains Intact



# Plan for Maintenance

1. Know your local pavement history.
2. Have an index for your pavements with planned maintenance – PMS.
3. Follow the plan.
4. Be adaptable to successes and failures.
5. Use your local contractors as a resource.



# Potential Early Life-Cycle Distresses

## 1. Crack Repair

- Longitudinal Joint cracking
- Reflective Cracking
- Thermal Cracking



# Longitudinal Cracking



# Reflective Cracking



# Thermal Cracking



# Cracking

## Causes:

- ▣ Reflective cracking
- ▣ Poor compaction at joint
- ▣ Poor tack coat at joint
- ▣ Incorrect PG Binder for climate
- ▣ Freeze / Thaw cycle
- ▣ Expansive soils

## Solutions:

- ▣ Crack seal
- ▣ Crack seal with slurry coat
- ▣ Mill and patch



# Potential Mid Life-Cycle Distresses

1. Raveling
2. Shoving / Rutting
3. Delamination / Debonding
4. Edge Cracking
5. Potholes



# Raveling

## Causes:

- Lack of density
- Uneven mixture
- Aging pavement, binders oxidized

## Solutions:

- Fog Seal
- Chip Seal
- Micro surface
- Thin lift Overlay
- Mill and Fill



# Shoving / Rutting

## Causes:

- ▣ Weak Pavement Design
- ▣ Incorrect Binder Choice
- ▣ Not enough crushed stone content
- ▣ Poor Compaction
- ▣ Debonding with base course

## Solutions:

- ▣ Leveling Course with HMA Overlay
- ▣ Mill and Fill
- ▣ Microsurfacing
- ▣ Slurry Seal



# Delamination / Debonding

## Causes:

- Poor Compaction
- Weak tack coat between layers
- Insufficient layer thickness

## Solutions:

- Partial depth patching
- Mill and Fill
- Microsurfacing



# Edge Cracking

## Causes:

- ▣ Weakened sub-base at edge
- ▣ Heavy loads
- ▣ Poor pavement edge support
- ▣ Poor shoulder drainage

## Solutions:

- ▣ Strengthen with overlay or reconstruction
- ▣ Widen lane or stabilize shoulders
- ▣ Place subdrains



# Potholes

## Causes:

- Inadequate Pavement Design
- Weakness in subgrade or subbase
- Poor compaction
- Segregation of mix
- Pavement Fatigue

## Solutions:

- Full-Depth Patching to necessary depth



# Potential End of Life-Cycle Distresses

1. Block Cracking / Alligator Cracking
2. Poor Ride Quality
3. Joint Heaving



# Block / Alligator Cracking

## Causes:

- Weakness in subgrade or subbase
- Pavement Fatigue

## Solutions:

- Full-Depth Patching to necessary depth
- Strengthening / Leveling course w/ Overlay
- Cold-in-Place Recycling w/ Overlay
- Reconstruction



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# Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation

1. Straight Overlay
2. Mill and Fill
3. Cold-in-Place Recycling with Overlay



# Straight Overlay

## Advantages:

- Lowest cost
- Fast to construct

## Disadvantages:

- Potential Lesser Ride Quality
- Raise height of grade



# Mill and Fill

## Advantages:

- Low cost
- Recycle the asphalt
- Fast to construct
- Keep grade the same
- Smooth Ride

## Disadvantages:

- Little more expensive
- Adds operation



# Cold-in-Place Recycling

## Advantages:

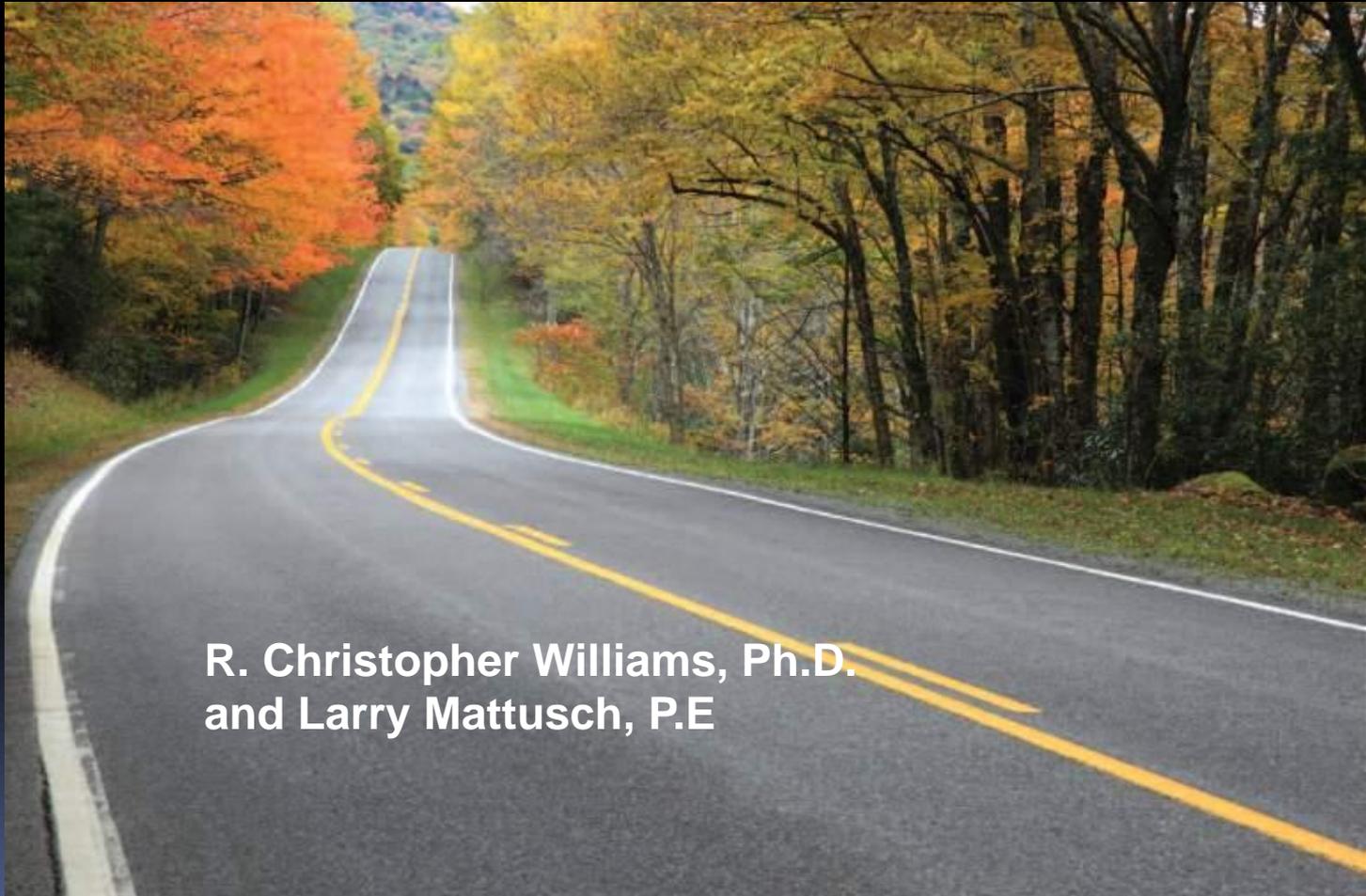
- ▣ Very Green Operation
- ▣ Use Existing Materials
- ▣ Controls Thermal Crack Reflection
- ▣ Smooth Ride
- ▣ Potential for Longer Pavement Life

## Disadvantages:

- ▣ More expensive
- ▣ Longer Construction Period

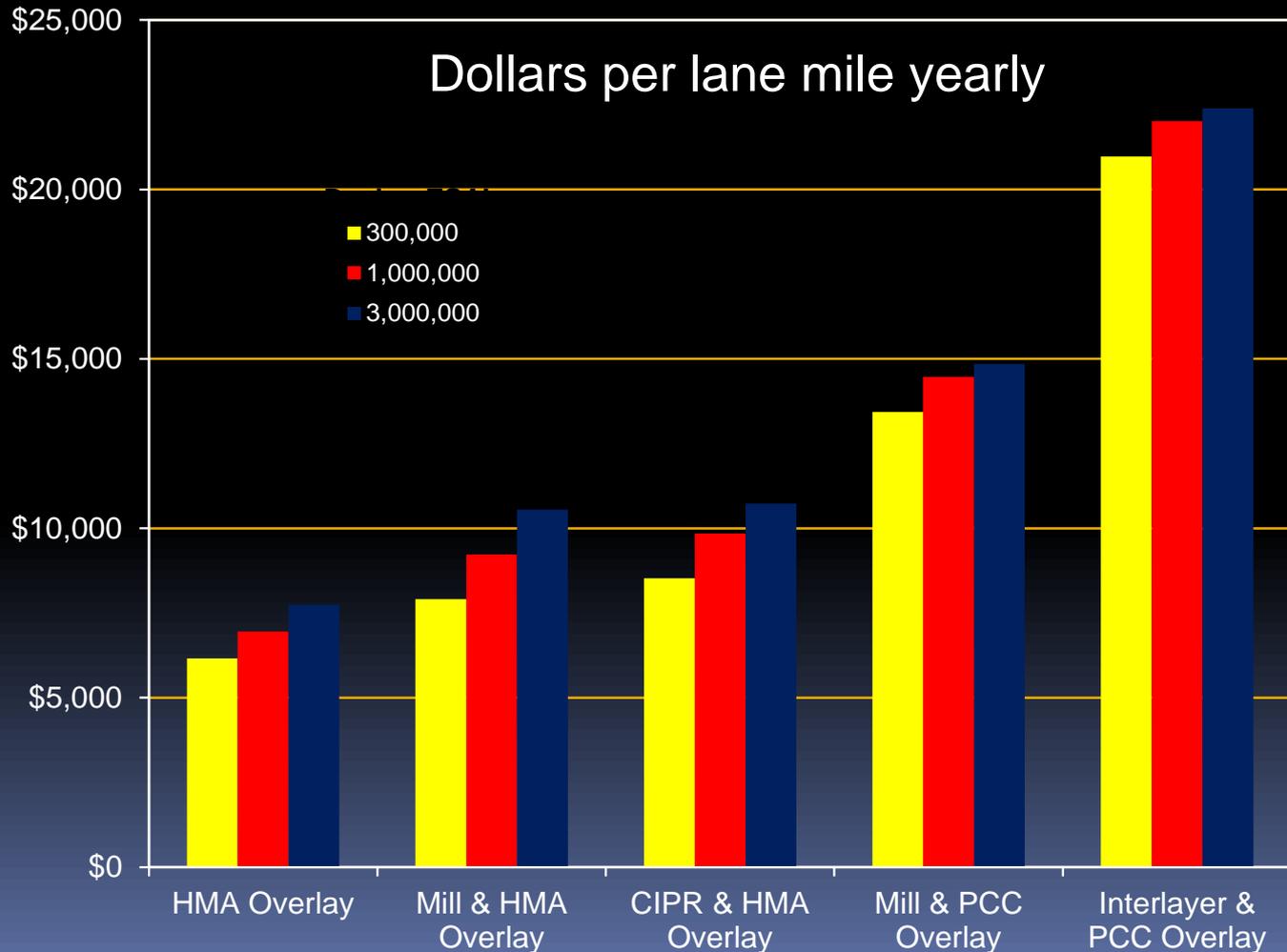


# *The Economic Values of Overlay Alternatives*



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# Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation

1. Straight Overlay
2. Rock Interlayer
3. Crack and Seat
4. Rubblization



# Straight Overlay of PCC

## Advantages:

- Lowest cost
- Fast to construct

## Disadvantages:

- Potential Lesser Ride Quality
- Reflective Cracking
- Raise height of grade



# Rock Interlayer with HMA Overlay

## Advantages:

- Low cost
- Fast to construct
- Retards Reflective Cracking

## Disadvantages:

- Raise height of grade
- Changes Future Pavement Rehab Choices



# PCC Crack and Seat

## Advantages:

- Low cost
- Fast to construct
- Retards Reflective Cracking
- Can use Rock Interlayer too
- Longer Overlay Life

## Disadvantages:

- Additional Cost
- Potential PCC Failures = Higher costs



# PCC Rubblization

## Advantages:

- Nearly eliminates Reflective Cracking
- Can use Rock Interlayer too
- Significantly Longer Overlay Life

## Disadvantages:

- Higher Additional Costs
- Greater Chance of PCC Failures = Higher costs



# Summary

1. Build a Strong Subgrade
2. Design for success— build Perpetual Pavements
3. Maintain PMS and keep up maintenance!

# APAI Upcoming Events

- APAI Convention Dec 1-2
- Greater Iowa Asphalt Conference  
March 2-4, DM Airport Holiday Inn
- Regional Meetings:
  - 3/22 Sioux City
  - 3/23 Council Bluffs
  - 3/24 Des Moines
  - 4/5 Mason City
  - 4/6 Dubuque
  - 4/7 Iowa City



**Thank you!**

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