#### Sustainable Development Utilizing Cold Asphalt Recycling

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### Sustainable Development;

"Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle...

#### For Agencies: Sustainability of Infrastructure Investment

- Maximize "return-on-infrastructure" by re-using in-place materials
- Stretch budgets: two or three roads for the price of one
- Structural qualities reduce maintenance costs
- Solutions for every stage of lifecycle
- From public roadways to airport runways
- Your asphalt assets contain superior aggregates and materials



### Today's "Tax Payer Friendly" Topics

- Project Selection
- Engineered Design
- Cold In-place Recycling (CIR)

Cold Central Plant Recycling (CCPR)

Benefits and Summery

#### Environmentally Sound Solutions for Every Phase of the Pavement Life Curve. Use Asphalt Recycling for Preservation



# When to Utilize Asphalt Recycling

- Anywhere mill and fill is considered
- Adequate existing pavement thickness
  - 2 to 4 inches in thickness.
  - Thick enough to take to stable base or leave 1" of existing pavement over native soils.
- Will handle all cracking distress provided not sub-grade or base related
- Where surface maintenance is no longer effective
- Where safety is a concern
- When life cycle costs dictate
- When you need to stretch your budget

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#### <u>Where</u> to Utilize Asphalt Recycling?

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#### **City Streets**

#### Highways

Virtually No Traffic Limitations Airports

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# Type's of Asphalt to Recycle

#### **Thermal Cracking**

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Patched

#### Fatigue Cracking

#### **Poor Rideability**

#### Dry, Raveled

#### Before and After Pictures Local CIR Projects

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### **Other Selection Considerations**

- Large Enough Project to Handle Minimum Daily Productions
- Width of Roadways, Cross Slope and Steep Grades
- Turns That can Accommodate the Train
- Height of Trees and Amount of Shaded Areas
- Utilities Need to be Double Adjusted
- Turn Around, Stage and Parking Areas
- Avoid Roads That are Road mixed, Cutbacks
- Temperatures and Time of Construction
- Use RAP to add Width or Increase Recycle Section

# Pavements Not To Be Recycled

**Poor Drainage** 

# Paving fabric makes it messy!

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Poor Base

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Avoid unstable subgrade or base problems!

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### **Removing Paving Fabric**

#### Higher costs

#### Lower production

# Engineered Mix Design On all Recycling Projects

- Prior to bidding the project.
  - Check existing pavement for adequate thickness.
    - Check for fabric and pavement type.
- Part of the contract is for contractor to core pavement to obtain samples for mix design using a systematic engineered system.
- Contactor optimizes the percentage and type of recycling agent unless state specifies asphalt foam. For asphalt foam the optimum percent asphalt is determined in a mix design by the Contractor
- Contactor determined the need for, percentage of and type of recycling additive at the mix design.

# Mix Design

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#### Defined sampling procedure, cores taken from various locations. Core samples sent to independent AASHTO approved lab.

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# Lab RAP Analysis

Lab

Field cores crushed to specific gradation bands
A design made for 2 of the gradations

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#### Field

- Field gradation depends upon multitude of factors: milling, weather, etc.
- Gradation compared to lab tested band
- Recycling agent percentage based on applicable gradation

#### Density Compaction Effort Superpave Gyratory Compactor or Marshal Compactor

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# **Raveling Test**

#### **Proper CIR**

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#### Inadequate CIR

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# **Test Strip**

- First day construct single lane 2,000 ft (minimum) in length within the limits to be cold in-place recycled.
- Demonstrate:
  - Planer clean cuts and proper width.
  - Pugmill good mixing and coating of recycling agent and water.
  - Pickup machine picking up windrow.
  - Paver proper horsepower and leaving a smooth mat.
  - Rollers proper weight with working water.
  - Crushing and screening meets maximum gradation.
- Determine rolling pattern and maximum density (Breakover Point) by testing in same location.
- Determine moisture content before and after recycling.
- Cold in-place recycling operations may continue through the first day after successful test strip.

# **Quality Control**

- Adjustments may be made based upon the opinion of the Contractor. Need to be documented.
- QA/QC results submitted to Engineer on a daily basis
- Each Lot 3,000 square yards record:
  - Depth of cut on both ends of drum every 300 ft
  - Length, width and depth of cut
  - Mass of water, dry RAP and emulsion
  - Percent Emulsion
  - Ambient and compacted recycled surface temperatures
  - Maximum particle size of recycled material Field Sieve over 1-inch
  - In-place density from nuclear gauge readings in 10 random locations
  - Relative Compaction of lot compared to rolling vs. density chart
  - Every third lot field gradation through the No. 4 sieve. Compare to mix design

# Cold In-place Recycling (CIR)

#### Distressed Pavement = New Pavement Using A Train of Equipment that:

- Mills deteriorated pavement
  - Reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP)
- Crushes RAP to gradation
- Mixes with recycling agent
- Re-Paves recycled mix
- Compacts to specified density
- Readies for surface treatment
- Small carbon footprint

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## Cold In-place Recycling (CIR) Preservation or Minor Rehabilitation

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### Asphalt Recycling Train

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# **Pavement Milling Machine**

#### Main Mill

- Self-propelled
- Minimum 12.5 ft cutter
- Automatic depth controls to maintain the depth
- Control cross slope

#### Supplemental Mill

- Put millings in front of main mill to pickup and process
- Shoulders and misc. areas

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# Mixing and Proportioning Equipment

- Continuous pugmill
- Equipped with paddles to provide sufficient mixing.
- Belt scale and integrated microprocessor control.
- Automatic controls to obtain the proper amount of recycling agent and additives.
- Weighing and measuring devices must be tested in conformance with California Test 109.

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### Recycling Plant Meets Caltrans CT 109 Calibration Requirements

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# Crushing and Sizing Equipment, 100% Closed Circuit System.

Crushing and sizing equipment capable of reducing RAP to the 100% passing 1-inch sieve prior to mixing millings with engineered recycling agent.

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# New Recycled Asphalt Mix

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### **Pick Up and Installation**

#### Caltrans State Route 33

**Recycled Asphalt Surface** 

### **Compaction and Testing**

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# **Quick Opening to Traffic**

Rolling is completed
Some cure time, fast return to traffic
Fog-seal and sand blotter are applied

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# New Recycled Surface

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#### **Cracking Pattern Eliminated or Disrupted**

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### Los Angeles County 2011

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#### Angeles Forest Highway

#### L.A. County CIR 3-inches

#### 2.75% PASS R Engineered Emulsion

# City of San Diego, Portofino Drive

#### Value Engineered

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## City of Beverly Hills August 2010

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#### CIR Project of the year 2010 A.R.R.A

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## City of Agoura Hills July 2010

#### Thousand Oaks<sup>BL</sup>

#### Value Engineered

# City of Agoura Hills July 2010

### Project Profile: CIR Eucalyptus Avenue City of Moreno Valley, California

#### Value Engineered

#### Project Profile; City of Moreno Valley "Energy and Cost Savings"

8,744 tons of asphalt removed and repaved. 840 fewer trucks used utilizing CIR, compared to a mill and fill operation. 1,649 fewer barrels of oil used. 79.6% fewer carbon emissions utilizing CIR compared to mill and fill operation. Cost savings to the City \$262,320.00. Cut 30% off the project schedule.

# Cold Central Plant Recycling (CCPR)

#### Clean Rap = New Pavement:

- Stockpiled and kept clean
- Crushed RAP to gradation
- Mixed with engineered emulsion or foamed asphalt
  - In a central plant
- Transported to lay down area
- Paved as a recycled mix
- Compacted to specified density
- Readied for surface treatment

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From RAP

to Pavement

### "Urban Quarries" Recycle Asphalt Assets on Site!

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Crushing and Screening of the Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) to the Specified Gradation for Cold Central Plant Recycling.

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#### Compaction

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# City of Santa Ana Project "Restore" 2009-2011

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Millings are Stockpiled, Processed to Specific Gradation Requirements.

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Sweeping and Tacked Prior to Install

"The City of Santa Ana was able to improve 260 miles of the roads by the end of this program for \$72 million. This is over two and a half times as many miles as originally envisioned for 72% of the cost and two years ahead of schedule".

Souri Amirani, Deputy City Engineer for the city of Santa Ana's Public Works Department. California Asphalt Magazine June 2010

#### CIR/CCPR Surfaces Must Be Sealed

Fog Sealed or Slurry Sealed Low volume – Shoulders and Lots

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Chip Sealed – Low Volume Highways

#### HMA Overlaid – Higher Volume Highways

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#### Recycling is Typically Utilized for the Initial and Life Cycle Cost Savings

- Costs up to 25% to 50% of traditional method of mill and fill
- Cost savings are a result of:
  - Value of existing aggregate and binder
  - Cost of milling asphalt
  - Trucking and haul off the millings
  - Dump fees of RAP
  - Cost of new AC

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#### Recycling In-Place Saves Material Resources, Money and Energy

- Re-using existing asset's instead of replacing or discarding
- Reduces import-export from 83 truckloads (mill and fill) to two
- Fewer emissions, less traffic,small carbon footprint
- Structural value and long life: resists reflective and thermal cracking

#### TO REHABILITATE 1 LANE-MILE OF HIGHWAY AT 3" DEPTH:

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PRS Cold In-Place Recycling: 2 truckloads to import emulsion

Recycling is "Green"

#### **Energy Use Per Tonne Of Material Laid Down**

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Source: The Environmental Road of the Future, Life Cycle Analysis by Chappat, M. and Julian Bilal. Colas Group, 2003, p.34

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Ministry of Transportation Ministère des Transports

# **Performance Expectations**

Life Expectancy 15-20 years minimum Restores old pavement Restarts design life Improves Ride Quality (Smoothness) Mitigate Reflective Cracking Preventative Maintenance Activities are Similar to that for Hot Mix Asphalt

# Future Maintenance Activities Recommended

Future PM applications may include:

- Fog Seal
- Crack Sealing
- Chip Seals, Cape Seals
- Micro Surfacing/Slurry
- Thin AC Overlay
- Bonded Ware Course
- Cold In-place Recycling

#### Specified CIR and CCPR

- Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
- Arizona Dept. of Transportation
- California Dept. Of Transportation
   City of Agoura Hills
- City of Anaheim
- City of Beverly Hills
- City of California City
- City of Chino
- City of Hanford
- City of Highland
- County of Elko
- Federal Highway Administration
- L.A. County Sanitation District
- City of Lancaster
- City of Lemon Grove
- City of Moreno Valley
- City of Modesto
- National Park Service
- Nevada Dept. of Transportation

- City of Palm Desert
- City of Porterville
  - County of Los Angeles
  - City of Napa
- City of Rancho Mirage
- County of Riverside
- City of Sacramento
- County of San Bernardino
- City of Santa Ana
- City of San Diego
- County of San Diego
- City of San Jacinto
- City of South San Francisco
- County of San Luis Obispo
- County of Sonoma
- City of Shafter
- City of Susanville
- County of Tulare
  - City of Vernon

# Summary - Benefits of Recycling and Reclamation

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- Shorter Construction Periods with Reduction in User Delays
- Improved Pavement and Structural Section Properties
- 20 Plus Years Performance Expectations
- Cost Savings Over Traditional Rehabilitation Methods
  - Preserves the Investment Already Made in Pavements
- Sustainable Development ".... Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."
  - Optimize the use of natural resources
  - Reduce energy consumption
  - Reduces Truck Traffic
  - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions, limiting pollution

### **Preservation of the Environment!**

 Green and government approved: Caltrans, NDOT, FHWA, FAA, Green book, other national and local agencies

- Reduced environmental impact:
  - Smaller carbon footprint
  - Lower emissions, less disruption
  - Conserves scarce resources
  - Public Safety
  - Better Materials
- Be an eco hero

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#### Questions?

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