# WESTERN STATES REGIONAL IN-PLACE RECYCLING CONFERENCE

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# COLD IN-PLACE RECYCLE OVERVIEW

#### OUTLINE

DEFINITION OF CIR ✤ EARLY HISTORY IN THE WEST TYPES OF CIR TRAINS USED Searly LIMITATIONS PERCEIVED ✤ IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROCESS OVER TIME PRESENT DAY CIR TRAINS ADVANCES IN THE PROCESS OVERALL GROWTH OF THE PROCESS

#### COLD IN-PLACE RECYCLING DEFINITION

THE COLD IN-PLACE RECYCLING (CIR) PROCESS INVOLVES MILLING THE EXISTING ASPHALT SURFACING TO A SPECIFIED DEPTH, SIZING THE MILLED MATERIAL, ADDING VARIOUS ADDITIVES (EMULSION, FOAM, LIME SLURRY, CEMENT), MIXING THE RAP AND THE ADDITIVES, LAYING AND COMPACTING THE RECYCLED MATERIAL.

## EARLY CIR HISTORY

- FIRST ATTEMPTS AT THE "TRAIN" PROCESS WERE IN THE EARLY 80'S IN CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA
- IN MID 80'S, OTHER STATES SUCH AS OREGON AND NEW MEXICO BEGAN USING THE PROCESS
- THE WFLHD AND OTHER WESTERN STATES BEGAN TO USE THE PROCESS AS WELL

#### **TYPES OF CIR TRAINS USED**

THE MAJORITY OF THE EARLY TRAINS WERE MULTI UNIT TRAINS CONSISTING OF A MILLING MACHINE, CRUSHER/SCREENING UNIT, AND A SEPARATE PUGMILL UNIT



## EARLY LIMITATIONS

 EARLY ON, IT WAS PERCEIVED AS A PROCESS THAT COULD ONLY BE USED ON LOW VOLUME ROADS IN RURAL AREAS

- MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF EMULSIONS WERE USED WITH VARYING DEGREES OF SUCCESS
- MANY AGENCIES WERE RELUCTANT TO SPECIFY THE PROCESS BECAUSE THERE WAS NO UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED MIX DESIGN PROCESS

#### **IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROCESS**

- \* EARLY RESEARCH DONE BY OREGON STATE (DR. GARY HICKS) AND GORDON MCKEEN WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE GROWTH OF THE PROCESS
- ARRA CONTRACTORS WORKED DILIGENTLY TO CRAFT EVER IMPROVING SPECIFICATIONS FOR AGENCIES
- IMPROVEMENTS IN EQUIPMENT AND ADDITIVES ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO A BETTER QUALITY PRODUCT

## PRESENT DAY TRAINS

 SINGLE UNIT TRAINS
SINGLE UNIT FRONT DISCHARGE TRAINS
DIRECT DISCHARGE INTO THE PAVER
RECYCLE UNITS WITH BUILT IN SCREED
EMULSION OR FOAMED ASPHALT CAPABILITIES















## **ADVANCES IN THE PROCESS**

- VIRTUALLY ALL SPECIFYING AGENCIES UTILIZE SOME FORM OF A MIX DESIGN PROCESS
- THE ADVENT OF ENGINEERED EMULSIONS HAS IMPROVED COATING CHARACTERISTICS, IMPROVED EARLY STRENGTH CHARACTERISTICS
- ADDITIVES SUCH AS LIME AND CEMENT HAVE SHOWN TO IMPROVE THE OVERALL QUALITY OF THE FINAL PRODUCT

#### OVERALL GROWTH OF THE PROCESS

- AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUED QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AS WELL AS THE ADVENT OF SHORTER LENGTH TRAINS, IT IS NO LONGER LIMITED TO LOW VOLUME ROADS IN RURAL APPLICATIONS
- THE NUMBER OF CIR TRAINS IN THE U.S. AND CANADA NOW NUMBERS OVER 30!
- EVERY STATE IN THE WEST HAS PERFORMED CIR
- CITY AND COUNTY AGENCIES SPECIFYING CIR CONTINUES TO GROW



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