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Transportation Demographics





Alaska's Experience in FDR

- <u>Reclaim</u> existing pavement (HMA) and crushed aggregate base (CABC)
- <u>Reclaim</u> HMA + CABC & <u>Stabilize</u> With;
 - Portland Cement
 - Foamed Asphalt
 - Emulsion
 - Chemical Stabilization with Fiber Reinforcing



Roads Selected for FDR and Base Stabilization





Selection Process Elements

- Maximize Use of Local & Existing Materials
- Life Cycle Cost and Initial Cost To Build Structural Section
- Design Vehicle
 - ESALS for Highways Legal Loads
 - Design Aircraft e.g. Boeing 737-400



Additive Selection

- State has a <u>stabilized base policy</u> due to thaw weakening of unbound bases that require spring weight restrictions
- Mechanistic design considerations of higher M_R for additives that bind RAP & CABC
- Aircraft over 100,000 lbs require stabilized base due to wheel loadings



Additive Selection Factors

- Cost effectiveness allowing use of local materials in embankments;
 - silts
 - material with high moisture contents
- Aggregate Size –Pit Run NFS Embankment With +3" Aggregate is Hard to Process in Place



Portland Cement Stabilization

RAP & CABC and Embankment Stabilization



Absorbs Water
From Existing Soil
Rigid Stabilization,
More Difficult to
Recycle



Portland Cement Stabilization

Stabilized Sub-Base (Local Silt) for Bethel Airport





Bethel Silt Cement Stabilization

- Gradation
 - 100% passing the #30 sieve
 - 97% passing the #50 sieve
 - 26% passing the #200 sieve

- Maximum Dry density
 - 109 pcf @ 13.5 % moisture
- Frost Susceptibility



 No plasticity Index but high capacity of moisture and permeability



Portland Cement Stabilization

Soil Cement Base Alternative

Pay Item					
Number	Pay Item description	Quantity	Pay Unit	Unit Bid Price	Amount Bid
G-100a	Mobilization and Demobilization	All Req'd	lump sum	\$260,000.00	\$260,000.00
P-152a	Unclassified Excavation	80,400	cubic yard	\$6.00	\$482,400.00
P-152h(1)	Borrow Embankment	66,500	cubic yard	\$7.00	\$465,500.00
P-152h(2)	Type A Borrow Embankment	25,800	cubic yard	\$7.30	\$188,340.00
P-209b	Crushed Aggregate Base Course	800	ton	\$55.00	\$44,000.00
P-301a	Soil Cement Base Course	52,700	square yard	\$8.60	\$453,220.00
P-301b	Portland Cement	1,500	ton	\$425.00	\$637,500.00

Total Basic Alternative Bid = \$2,530,960.00

Crushed Aggregate Base Alternative

Pay Item					
Number	Pay Item description	Quantity	Pay Unit	Unit Bid Price	Amount Bid
G-100a	Mobilization and Demobilization	All Req'd	lump sum	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00
P-152a	Unclassified Excavation	85,600	cubic yard	\$6.00	\$513,600.00
P-152h(1)	Borrow Embankment	64,600	cubic yard	\$7.00	\$452,200.00
P-152h(2)	Type A Borrow Embankment	25,900	cubic yard	\$7.30	\$189,070.00
P-209b	Crushed Aggregate Base Course	35,600	ton	\$55.00	\$1,958,000.00

Total Basic Alternative Bid = \$3,462,870.00



Foamed Asphalt Stabilization





Foamed Asphalt Train in Homer, Ak





Foamed Asphalt Stabilization

- Highways: Existing Pavement & Base, 6" Total Depth
- Homer, Seward, Soldotna, Wasilla, Fairbanks, Bethel
- Airports: FDR 15" Existing CABC & Subase
- St. Paul Airport, St. George Airport
- Mine Roads: Stabilize Existing Subbase
- Red Dog Zinc Mine



Red Dog Zinc Mine - Tech Cominco Knik Construction Co., 2002





Haul truck: 240 ton ~ 480k lbs, 11 axles
33 trucks/day; 105 psi tire pressure
Traffic volume: 27M ESALs over a 10-year design period





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5-in crushed rock added
Stabilization depth: 10"
3.0% ± 0.3% foamed asphalt
AC-2.5 at 330°F
2.5% water



Foam Asphalt Stabilization

- Produces Flexible Bound System in One Pass
- Recycles existing materials
- Restores smoothness,
- Eliminates Reflective Cracking In Existing HMA, Upgrade PG of Asphalt Cement in HMA
- Foamed Asphalt Agglomerates Fine Aggregate (Does Not Coat Large Aggregate)
- Increased M_R From 65 ksi to 110ksi



Evaluate Material

Fig 4.11 Suitability of material for foamed bitumen treatment





Fig 4.9 Characteristics of foamed bitumen



Half-life (s)

with unfoarned biturnen



Indirect Tension Test



Specifications require Field ITS > 85% Lab ITS or Increase HMA Thickness At Contractor's Expense.



Foamed Asphalt Stabilization

- Total Cost of Foaming: Approx \$10/sq.yd. (6" deep)
- Cost of Equal Strength of HMA: Approx. \$20/sq.yd



Emulsified Treated Base in SE Alaska

- Performance- Has been very successful
- Typical Modulus obtained: 100 to 130 KSI
- Cost has varied over 10 year period, typically

Includes mixing, asphalt emulsion & cement powder



Construction Issues

- Placement and grading of mixture, time limited
- Compaction based upon control strip
- Curing
- Placement of final wearing surface, either HMA or BS⊤



FDR w/Emulsified Treated Base







Deep Compaction with Pad Foot Roller













Thank You, Questions?