# Chip Seal and Microsurfacing Practices in the Midwest

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#### Why Maintenance Emphasis?

- The country has significant investment already in place
- Increasing the life span of existing assets between major rehabilitation cycles improves the roadway's life cycle cost
- Recent study from the Asphalt Institute concludes that early maintenance decreases a roadway's oxidation



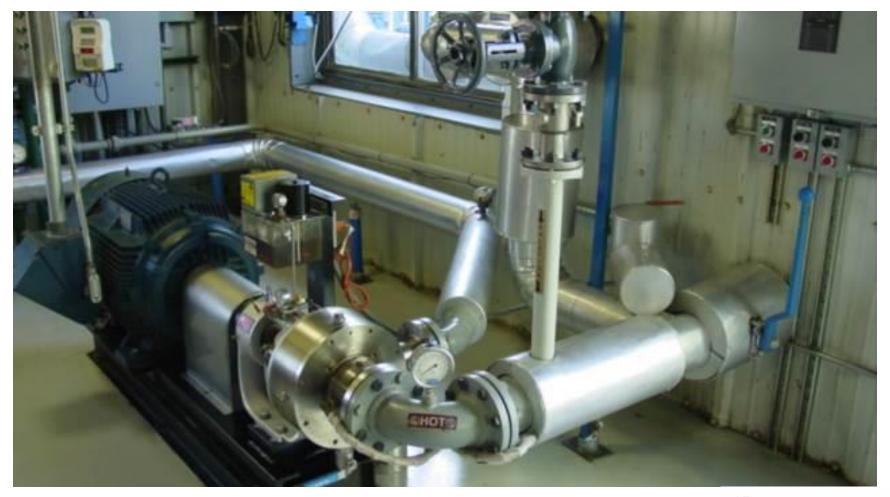
# Common Applications in the Midwest and its emulsified asphalts

- Microsurfacing
  - CQS-1HP (CSS-1HP Slurry)
  - CQS-1P
- Slurry
  - CQS-1H
  - CSS-1H Slurry
- Cold-in-Place Recycle
  - CIR-EE
  - SBEE
  - PG 49-34 (PG 52-34 CIR)

- Chip Seals
  - CRS-2P (CRS-2M, CRS-P, CRS-1HP)
  - CRS-2
  - HFRS-2
  - HFRS-2P (HFP)
  - HFMS-2 (AE-150S, HFE-90)
  - HFMS-2S (HFE-150)



#### **Emulsion Mill**





# Common Aggregates Utilized in the Midwest

- Granite
- Quartzite
- Limestone
- Natural gravels
- Trap Rock (basalt or igneous rock)
- Slag (by-product of coal burning process)



# 1/4" Granite





# 3/8" Granite





# 1/4" Granite





# 3/8" Granite





# 1/8" Trap Rock





#### 3/8" Limestone (uniform gradation)





#### Limestone (non-uniform gradation)





#### Crushed natural gravel with limestone





#### Natural gravel (smooth side)





#### Natural gravel (fractured face)





# Slag





#### Chip Seal Designs

- <u>1/8" Trap Rock</u>
- ¼" Granite
- <u>3/8" Granite</u>
- 3/8" Granite
- 3/8" Natural crushed



# **HFRS-2P Compatibility**





### **HFRS-2 Compatibility**





### MnRoad Chip Seal (I-94)





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#### Trap Rock Chip Seal Video





#### 3 roller passes with rubber tired rollers





#### Recent Trap Rock Chip Seal





#### Recent Trap Rock Chip Seal





## **Granite Chip Seal**





#### Recent Limestone Chip Seal





#### Recent Limestone Chip Seal





#### Recent Pea Gravel Chip Seal





## Recent Slag Chip Seal





# Recent Slag Chip Seal





### Recent Slag Chip Seal





#### 1 Day Old Chip Seal (pre-fog seal)





# CFS-1 D50 Fog Seal Trial (normally fog seal with CSS-1H D50)





#### CFS-1 D50 Broken in < 10 minutes



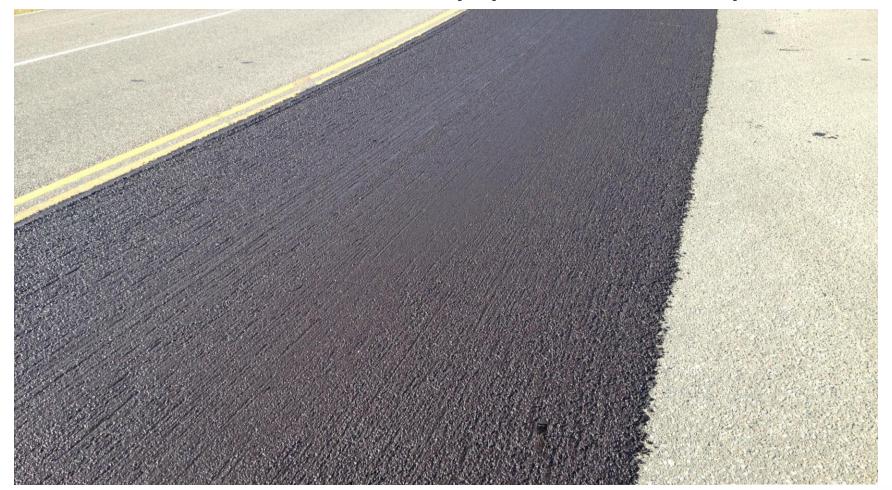


### Microsurfacing

- MnDOT requires a return to traffic within 1 hour
- Other Midwest states do not have have this return to traffic requirement
- Chemistry of the CQS-1HP / CQS-1P is different based on the set time requirement



## Recent Type II Microsurfacing (CQS-1HP & Granite) (Still brown)





## Recent Type II Microsurfacing (Turning black, Set time ~ 15 minutes)





### **Scratch Coarse**





### **Surface Coarse**





### **Surface Course**





#### Implementation of Flexible Microsuracing

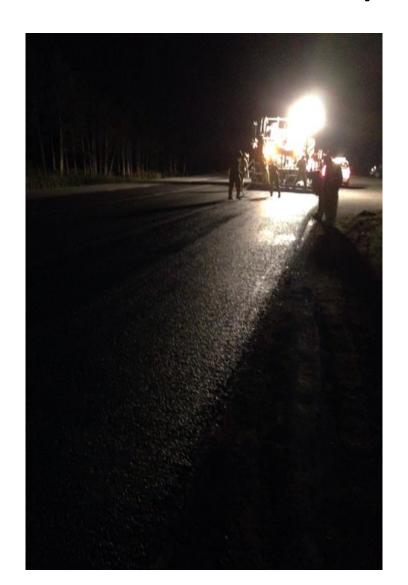
- CQS-1HP has historically been done utilizing
   PG 64-22 and either natural or synthetic latex
- CQS-1P projects have been implemented with
  - PG 58-28 and synthetic latex
  - PG 49-34 and SBS polymer
- Current challenges
  - Wet Track Abrasion values are higher
  - Chemistry needed to be tweaked to speed up set time

# CQS-1P Test Strip (mid 60'sF, low humidity, set in ~ 20 minutes)





### CQS-1P Test Strip





### New Stillwater, MN bridge





### New Stillwater, MN Bridge





### Existing Stillwater, MN Bridge





### Questions?



