



CHIP SEAL: A PROGRAMMATIC APPROACH

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Statistics

- 194,000 Lane Miles
- 21,000 LM chip sealed annually
- \$357 Million annually spent on chip seals

Safety + Preservation = Chip Seals

- Average annual fatalities on Texas roads: 3,208
- Average annual fatalities attributable to wet weather: 286
- 87.19 percent of our roads in good or better condition



Opportunities or Challenges?







Statewide Preservation: A Programmatic Asset Focus



Typical Financial Investment in Preventative Maintenance and Rehabilitation

\$1.3 Billion / YR : Choosing PM vs. REHAB – looking to optimize

Competitive Bidding



- Statewide Specifications
 - Tiered system for binder selection
 - Aggregate selection tool
 - PG binder system

Competitive Bidding



- Alternative Contract Bidding Processes
 - Bid Alternates
 - Bid Options
 - Bid Optimization
- Performance Based: Looking Ahead
 - Warranty
 - Embedment Performance

- Annual Training
 - Inspector Training
 - Chip Seal workshops
- Industry Partnerships
 - Texas Asphalt Pavement Association
 - Texas Transportation Institute
 - UT Center for Lifetime Engineering Education (CLEE)
 - Associated General Contractors of Texas



Curent Grade	Surface Performance Grade of Multiple Project Samples							
AC-20-5TR	67-16	70-13	70-16	70-19	73-16	73-19	76-16	79-19
CRS-2	64-10	67-13						
CRS-2P	70-10	76-16	79-16					
AC-10	61-19	64-16	64-19					
AC-15P	70-19	73-13	73-19	73-22				

- Grade selection based on climatic temperature and field condition
- Current specifications allow for multiple proposed SPG grade binders.

Possible SPG Requirements (6 degree increments)



Impacts on Pavements Conditions



Surface Damage and Deformation



Traditional materials and design have to be changed.

SUCCESSFUL PROJECT SELECTION



Pavement Management System

Best Practice: tool to use in determining "proper treatment at the proper time"...

Successful Operation



Good Chip Seal Cycle Builds a Good Maintenance Program

Best Practice: full-time chip seal designer and inspector

"...it's an annual operation that requires designer and inspector working together..."



Holistic Roadway Preparation



Chip Seal: A Programmatic Approach

Figure 4-10

- Base Repair
- Edge Repair
- Crack Sealing



- Milling or Planing
- Level Up
- Pothole Repair



Crack Seal and Repair



Aggregate Stockpiling

Considerations:

- Distance from roadway
- Drainage
- Sight distance
- Adjacent property access



Chip Seal Placement



Seal coat program preparations are iterative and repeating processes



Questions?

