Superpave In-Situ Stress/Strain Investigation (SISSI) AN OVERVIEW AND A LOOK AT RESULTS

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Superpave In-Situ Stress/Strain

Investigation

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- Mansour Solaimanian
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- David Anderson
- ➢ Researchers and Many Students



- Validation/Calibration of Superpave mixture and structural design procedures and models
- Calibration of AASHTO Pavement Design Guides
 Regional basis
- ➢ Gather long-term pavement performance data
- Develop long-term performance database



Site Selection

- ➢ Eight sites
- ➢ Two pavement types
 - ✓ Structural overlays
 - ✓ New full-depth asphalt construction
- > Two traffic levels
 - ✓ Under 30 million ESAL's
 - ✓ Over 30 million ESAL's
- > Two climatic zones
 - ✓ North and south of I-80 \checkmark

Location of Sites





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Construction Years

Year 2000 Tioga County, US 15 Mercer County, I-80 Year 2001 Perry County, US 22/322 Warren County, US 6

Year 2002 Somerset County, PA TP Delaware County, US 202 Year 2003 Blair County, SR 1001









On-Site Instrumentation

Dynamic - Pavement response to load
 Vertical stress - unbound layers
 Horizontal strain - all layers
 Deflection – layer interface

Environmental - Pavement
 Temperature profile
 Moisture in unbound layers
 Frost depth

Tioga County, North Bound, Route 15





Multi-Depth Deflectometer (MDD)



Strain Gage and Pressure Cell







TEMPERATURE - FROST DEPTH

Thermocouples





Frost Gage (Resistivity Probe)





Moisture Content Measurement











Measurement Summary







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Environmental Data Collection





Dynamic Data Collection





Truck for Pavement Loading





Data Collection





Wander Measurement





Falling Weight Deflectometer





Transverse Profile

- ≻ Simple, low cost
- Easily transportable
- > Measurements each time dynamic test conducted





Distress Survey





Laboratory Investigation

>Performed at Different Temperatures:





Laboratory Investigation

Dynamic Modulus Test







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1 – Fatigue Cracking 4 a- Longitudinal Cracking – Wheel path 4 b- Longitudinal Cracking – Non-wheel path 6 L – Transverse Cracking (Low) M – Medium H-High







Temperature Variation – Freeze Cycles





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Pavement Freezing Depth





Pavement Response to Load



Time



Pavement Response to Load – Position Effect



Horizontal Strain



Pavement Response to Load – Position Effect



Horizontal Strain



Pavement Response to Load – Position Effect



Vertical Deflection (MDD)



Pavement Response to Load – Seasonal Effect

Tensile Strain at the Top of Binder (Front Load Configuration)





Laboratory Testing - Binder





Laboratory Testing – Master Curve





Laboratory Testing - Binders



SISSI Site Asphalt Binders



Laboratory Testing – Mix Modulus











Layer Thicknesses for One of SISSI Sites



AASHTO Design Guide – Predicted Distress





AASHTO Design Guide – Predicted Distress





Thank You!





