ICT Update for 49th Annual Illinois Bituminous Paving Conference

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ICT Vision

- Serve the transportation needs of IDOT, the State of Illinois, and the nation through research, education, and outreach
 - Rapid response to future scientific challenges in transportation
 - Adapt to changing needs
- Develop and implement innovative and costeffective technologies
- Optimize the limited resources of IDOT



ICT Growth









New Funds by Focus Area



ICT Funds Available, Committed and Remaining by Year



Research Progress/ Status

□ Total Projects Approved to Date = 93

- **81** Regular Projects Selected by Exec. Committee
- 12 Special (Short-Term) Projects

□ 24 Projects Are Completed

- 16 Regular Projects
- **8** Special (Short-Term) Projects
- □ 24 ICT Reports Published on Website
- □ 69 Active ICT Projects



Outsourcing Growth

- Initial Project List in August 2005 IDOT-UIUC Agreement
 - □ 12 UIUC Projects/ \$3.3M
 - Outsourced Projects
- □ 81 Project Additions (12/05 11/08)
 - □ 59 UI Projects/ \$10.3M
 - 22 Outsourced Projects/ \$2.2M



Who's Participating in ICT?

- □ 40 Academic Researchers (PI's/ Co-PI's)
- **50 Graduate Students**
- 9 Universities
- A Private Consulting Firms
- □ 2 Federal/ Local Gov't. Agencies
- □ Consultants



Research Need Selection



Served by a Top Facility - ATREL



Materials Testing Laboratory

















Accelerated Transportation Loading ASsembly (ATLAS)







ATLAS Upgrade





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Project Spotlight Project Status

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PROJECTS

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PUBLICATIONS

Pub. No.	Proj. No.	Title	Authors	Date
ICT-08- 025	ICT R27- 15	REGIONAL WAREHOUSE TRIP PRODUCTION ANALYSIS,Chicago Metro Area, September, 2008	Jon B. De∀ries and Sofia V. Dermisi	Oct-08
FHWA- ICT-08- 021	ICT-R27- 23	Evaluation of HMA Overlays in Illinois	Angela S. Wolters, Todd E. Hoerner, and Kurt D. Smith	Sep- 08
FHWA- ICT-08- 022	ICT R39- 2	Nondestructive Pavement Analysis Using ILLI-PAVE Artificial Neural Network Models	Onur Pekcan, Erol Tutumluer, Marshall Thompson	Sep- 08
FHWA- ICT-08- 023	ICT R55	Tack Coat Optimization for HMA Overlays: Laboratory Testing	lmad L. Al-Qadi, Samuel H. Carpenter, Zhen Leng, Hasan Ozer, James S. Trepanier	Sep- 08
ICT-08- 024	ICT R43	Evaluation of Video Detection Systems, Volume 1 - Effects of Configuration Changes in the Performance of Video Detection Systems	Juan C. Medina, Rahim F. Benekohal, Madhav Chitturi	Sep- 08
FHWA- ICT-08- 017	ICT-R39	EXTENDED LIFE HOT MIX ASPHALT PAVEMENT (ELHMAP) TEST SECTIONS AT ATREL	S.H. Carpenter	Jul-08
FHWA- ICT-08- 018	ICT-R27- 16	Truckers' Park/Rest Facility Study	Peter Beltemacchi, Laurence Rohter, Jac Selinsky, Terry Manning	Jul-08
FHWA- ICT-08-	ICT-R27- 7	Carbon Monoxide Screen for Signalized Intersections COSIM,	Scott Peters	Jul-08

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Quarterly ICT E-Newsletter

ICT eNeucletter Suppose 2005

- Redesigned early 2008; emailed in February, May, August, November.
- Covers ICT, UIUC, and IDOT news, including project updates, publication updates, RFP posting, transportation conferences, etc.
- Broad mailing list includes IDOT associates, UIUC alumni, international contacts, other transportation centers, many more.



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Online/ Electronic Initiatives

Examples of Initiatives In Progress:

- Online Research Needs Submission
- Online Reporting of Project Progress
- Automated Quarterly Progress Reports
- Online Registration/Payment for Continuing Education Classes/ Short Courses
- More Online Meetings & Training



Examples of Current ICT Projects

- □ **Green Technology:** Pavement Recycling & Rehabilitation
- Traffic/ Engineering Safety: Nighttime Construction; Speed Photo-Enforcement
- □ Secure Bridges: Chicago Bridge Assessment
- Renewal Energy: Wind Energy
- Training Initiatives: Documentation of Contract Quantities



Evaluation/ Optimization of Tack Coat & Bond of HMA Overlays of PCC

- The effectiveness of tack coat application between existing PCC pavement and HMA overlay was quantified through lab testing and accelerated pavement testing (APT).
- Outcome: Optimized tack coat type and application rate.
- Status: Lab testing report is available on ICT website; APT report is being finalized.





Laboratory Testing

- A specially designed direct shear testing fixture was used.
- Experimental variables include tack coat type, tack coat application rate, HMA type, temperature, and moisture.







Accelerated Pavement Testing (APT)





Field Tack Coat Application

Centennial variable-bar liquid distributor

Geotextile pad for tack coat application rate measurement

Research Outcome

- Lab and field testing results suggest that asphalt emulsion provides better interface bonding than cutback; no significant difference between SS-1hP and SS-1h.
- □ From lab testing, optimum residual tack coat application rate is 0.04 gal/yd². This value was validated in the field.
- □ Lab testing results showed that temperature and moisture affected interface shear strength.
- □ How to improve bonding:
 - Mill PCC surface
 - Clean PCC surface
 - Uniform tack coat distribution



Determination of Usable Residual Asphalt Binder in RAP

- Characterization of the amount of binder contribution from RAP materials during the mixing process
- Outcome: Validation of current mix design procedure and impact of various levels of RAP on HMA design and performance
- Status: Final report is being reviewed.



Research Approach

- Binder and aggregate recovery using Rotovapor method
- Prepare mixes using typical RAP as well as recovered materials
- Residual binder evaluation
- □ Impact of RAP on mixes:
 - Content: various levels (0, 20, and 40%)
 - Performance: complex modulus, moisture sensitivity, and fracture energy
 - Interaction Mechanism: Electron microscopy



Preliminary Research Outcome

- RAP binder (for mixes up to 40% RAP) is efficiently working in the mixes.
- Current mix design procedure has been validated.
- Complex modulus results showed an increase in mix stiffness with RAP increase.
- Moisture susceptibility may be reduced when RAP is used.
- Preliminary testing suggests an increase in low temperature cracking potential with increasing RAP.

Impact of High RAP Content on Pavement Structural Performance

- Demonstrate impact of high RAP percentages (20+ to 40+%) on HMA structural and performance characteristics (E*, fatigue, low temperature fracture, rutting, and moisture susceptibility)
- Prepare mix designs at a variety of % RAP, binder grade (PG 64-22, PG 58-22, and PG 58-28); perform structural tests; conduct performance tests
- Outcome: impact of high RAP % on HMA performance (limitation); impact of grade bumping on performance properties
- □ **Status:** To be started



Cost-Effectiveness and Performance of Overlay Systems in Illinois

- Evaluate the effectiveness of interlayer systems in controlling reflective cracking.
- Outcome: Develop an interlayer system assessment system and quantify the interlayer system effectiveness.



Research Outcome



Evaluation of Material Properties of HMA





Preliminary Findings

- The cost-benefit of interlayer systems depend on field performance, material cost, construction time, and joint spacing (based on quantitative assessment of various types of reflective cracking interlayer systems)
- System D (ISAC) outperformed the other investigated systems regardless of traffic volume, followed by system E (Sand mix). Area-wide System A (Non-woven fabric) had a marginal performance benefit.
- A simplified ESAL-T_L chart was developed to select the appropriate interlayer system to retard reflective cracking; a program (CIND) was developed for detailed and cost effectiveness analysis.
- Fracture energy of overlay and interlayer system materials was highly correlated with field performance.



Binder Testing and Analysis

- Analyze DSR data, G*, of typical IDOT binders to provide indications of expected HMA Dynamic Modulus (E*) values for use in pavement design
- Construct G* Master Curves using rhea software, then predict E* Master Curves using Hirsch Model (bad low temp data)





Binder Testing and Analysis (Outcome)

- Predicted E* within PG64-22 grade was comparable to labmeasured E*
- Cannot assign E* differences based on grade differences nor within a grade.
- Binder modulus is highly variable at pavement structural temperatures (70–90F); it is not indicated by grading temperature information



Validation of Extended Live HMA Pavement Designs

Verify structural analysis for multi-layered pevement structure; provide test data for dynamic modulus, E*, and fatigue for current IDOT mixes; validate the existence and magnitude of a fatigue endurance limit (FEL). Outcome: Verification of typical E* values for surface and binder mixtures; verification of improved typical fatigue algorithms for IDOT binder mixtures and FEL; examination of response and fatigue failure in thin sections; differences between field and lab

Status: New fatigue equations for rubblization and full depth HMA designs (report on ICT website)

Performance of HMA Overlays in Illinois

- Assessed overall performance of overlaid pavement sections on two subsets of network pavement
- Outcome: Effectiveness of SMART (Surface Maintenance at the Right Time) & of policy overlays for sections constructed from 1980-2001 vs. 2001-present.
- Status: Final report posted on ICT website in September '08





Nondestructive Pavement Evaluation Using ILLI-PAVE Based ANN Models

- Developed advanced models based on ILLI-PAVE FE solutions for rapidly and more accurately backcalculating pavement layer properties from FWD data.
- Outcome: ANN-Pro and SoftSys software for computing pavement layer moduli & thicknesses.
- Status: Final report is available on ICT website.





Characterization of IL Aggregates for Subgrade Replacement & Subbase

- Characterizes strength, stiffness, and deformation behavior of various types IL commonly used aggregate.
- Outcome: Improved aggregate cover thickness predictions for subgrade replacement and subbase
- Status: Lab testing 80% completed; Final Report due in June 2009.





Expansive Characteristics of Recycled Materials Used as Pavement Base Materials

- Evaluated expansive properties of some RAP for use as pavement base.
- Outcome: Recommendations for RAP material expansion potentials compared to virgin steel slag aggregate.
- Status: Final report is currently under review; to be available end of 2008.





M-E Design, Implementation & Monitoring of Flexible Pavements

- Cooperate with IDOT to update, revise & justify full-depth HMA design procedure; review/revise HMA OL thickness design algorithm for rubblized PCCP; & provide technical support
- Status: In progress/ current emphasis on full depth HMA





Development of a Thin, Quiet, Long-Lasting, High Friction Surface Layer for Economical Use in Illinois

- Physical properties as well as cost-benefit of various newly developed surface mixtures will be measured and compared.
- Outcome: identify/ develop a cost-effective mix for a new generation of surface layers (durable, high friction, and low noise).



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□ **Status:** In Progress.

Other Selected ICT Projects: Hot-Mix Asphalt

- Profile Equipment Verification
- Hot-Mix Asphalt Sampling
- Cold In-Place & Full-Depth Recycling with Asphalt Products
- Performance of HMA Overlays in Illinois
- Evaluation of Pavement Damage Due to New Tire Designs (Wide-Base Tires)
- Expansive Characteristics of Recycled Materials Used as Pavement Base Materials
- Characterization of IL Aggregates for Subgrade Replacement & Subbase



Nighttime Construction: Evaluating Lighting Glare

- Levels of glare and lighting performance of various lighting arrangements were analyzed and compared.
- Outcome: Recommendations for lighting arrangements that reduce and control glare at nighttime work zones.
- Status: Final report is available on ICT website.





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