

HR - 1011

**RECYCLING OF
CASS COUNTY I-80
ASPHALT CONCRETE**

PROGRESS REPORT



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RECYCLING CASS COUNTY I-80 ASPHALT CONCRETE

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Abstract

Approximately 40,000 tons of slightly damaged asphalt concrete has been removed from Interstate 80 in Cass and stockpiled. Laboratory tests had indicated that this material had considerable value when upgraded with new aggregate and asphalt cement. This report documents the procedures used and results obtained on an experimental recycling project. It was demonstrated that present drum mixing-recycling equipment and procedures can be used to utilize this material with satisfactory results. Laboratory analyses of material components and mixtures were performed; these analyses indicate mixture can be produced that is uniform, stable, and very closely resembles mixture produced with all new material. Follow-up evaluations will be made to determine the effects of traffic and environment. Preliminary data indicate that plans should be made to incorporate the stockpiled material in projects near the stockpile site.

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Introduction

Approximately 40,000 tons of asphalt concrete have been removed from I-80 in Cass County. The material is being stored on leased property located approximately 3 miles north of the I-80 - US 71 interchange. The lease requires the material be removed by December 30, 1979.

This material has been damaged somewhat by moisture, temperature, and traffic. As presently constituted, it lacks the stability that is required for heavy interstate traffic. Even though this material has been damaged, laboratory tests indicate this material has considerable value when upgraded with approximately 35 percent virgin material and a small percentage of new asphalt cement.

The large quantity of salvageable material in Cass County and the success of the recycling project in Kossuth County (HR-188) indicated that steps be taken to verify the laboratory findings referred to above. Therefore a test section was established on US 169 in Kossuth County three and one half (3-1/2) miles north of the Humboldt County Line. Although the test section was located a considerable distance from the stockpile and future usage areas, it was convenient to the contractor's plant site. The expense associated with transporting the salvaged material was considerably less than that resulting from moving the large drum mixing plant for a small quantity of production.

The 1700 foot test section, refer to Figure 1, was constructed under Staff Action authorization No. S-78-154, approved August 10, 1977, refer to Appendix A. Approximately 304 tons of recycled asphalt

concrete were placed on a 20 foot wide PCC pavement originally constructed in 1936. A portion of the test section pavement was originally constructed with sloping curb; this required extra overlap by the paver at the centerline for a short distance. This highway carries an average of 2030 cars and trucks per day (ADT).

Objectives

The primary objectives for the project were established as follows:

1. Determine the feasibility of recycling the 40,000 stockpile located in Cass County.
2. Determine recycled mixture characteristics using laboratory tests.
3. Determine roadway behavior of the recycled mixture.
4. Determine if this salvaged asphalt mixture could be blended with new aggregate and asphalt in an acceptable manner by the plant equipment available at this time.

Materials

The salvaged asphalt binder and surface course mixture was removed from the Cass County section of I-80 between US 71 and the Adair County line during the 1977 construction season. Some of the material had been heater-planed and some has been resurfaced with a thin layer of Hot Sand Surface Course. No attempt was made to separate the salvaged material during removal and stockpiling operations.

The salvaged 1-1/2" thick binder course was originally produced and placed in 1973 and 1974. It was a Type A 3/4 inch asphalt concrete mixture composed of 65 percent crushed limestone

produced from the Argentine geologic formation, 35 percent locally produced sand, and 5.25 percent 85-100 penetration asphalt cement. The salvaged 1-1/2" thick surface course was originally produced and placed in 1973 and 1974. It was a Type A 1/2 inch asphalt concrete mixture composed of 65 percent crushed gravel produced from a glacial deposit near Auburn, 35 percent locally produced sand, and 5.25 percent 85-100 penetration asphalt cement.

Adverse interactions between material characteristics, traffic, and environmental conditions developed during the summer of 1974 resulting in severe ruts and corrugations. This behavior reduced the serviceability and presented hazards to the highway users. A project was scheduled for the 1977 construction season to remove and replace this material. Project details can be obtained from the plans, specifications, and project records for Cass County Project I-IR-80-2(64)63--14-15.

Samples of the salvaged material were characterized; the test data is summarized in Table 1. Sample No. 7-263 is a composite sample of I-80 binder and surface course mixture. This material was used to develop the job mix formula for the test section. Samples 6-21, 6-22, and 6-23 are core samples of crushed gravel aggregate-surface course and samples 6-24, 6-25, and 6-26 are core samples of limestone aggregate-binder course obtained from I-80 prior to removal.

The original asphalt cement exhibited penetrations in the middle of the 85-100 range; the original absolute viscosity tests were in the 650-700 poise range. With the exception of sample 6-21, the recovery tests do not indicate that very much hardening took place during production and the 2 to 3 year service period. The low absolute viscosity and temperature susceptibility of the asphalt cement

have been considered factors in the observed poor performance of the resurfacing. These characteristics, together with the weather, heavy traffic, and moisture, resulted in aggregate striping, rutting, and corrugation of the binder and surface courses.

A job mix formula, refer to Table 2, was developed for the test section utilizing 65 percent salvaged material and 35 percent virgin crushed limestone produced from the Kampen Quarry in Humboldt. The crushed stone source was selected because it could produce acceptable Type A quality aggregate and was located near the plant site. The design objective was to develop a recycled mix which would comply with requirements of Materials I.M. 511, Table A for standard Type A asphalt concrete. This was accomplished by adding 35 percent virgin limestone and 1 percent new 85-100 penetration asphalt cement.

Construction

Production and placement of the recycled asphalt concrete mixture was completed by the Rohlin Construction Company of Estherville, Iowa on August 18, 1977. Salvaged mixture from Cass County and virgin limestone were delivered to the plant site by truck during non-operating periods.

The contractor utilized a specially modified drum mixing plant manufactured by the Iowa Manufacturing Company of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The modifications consisted of a second cold feed and weigh belt delivery unit, and a drum insert package which protected the salvaged asphalt mixture from the burner flame. Figure 2 shows how the drum insert package was constructed and mounted on the standard drum mixing unit. This equipment was designed and fabricated in response to the recycling work let by Kossuth County earlier in the year. This work was funded in part by the Iowa Highway Re-

search Board through Project HR-188; a formal report covering this research will be developed by Kossuth County Engineer Richard P. Henely.

Work on the test section began on the morning of August 18, 1977; placement operations were completed and two-way traffic restored about noon the same day. Placement began on the north end of the test section on the northbound lane; the contractor reversed the laying sequence for the opposite lane.

Some difficulty was encountered during production with temperature control. The sensor located in the drum mixer discharge was found to be improperly located; this resulted in higher actual mixture temperatures than were displayed by the temperature monitor in the plant control room. Thermometer checks indicated some of the mixture was produced in the 325° to 350°F range. During this period, the exhaust stack exhibited abnormally high particulate emissions and blue smoke. After the equipment and operations were adjusted, normal mixture temperatures (250-300°F) and emissions were obtained.

The salvaged asphalt concrete had been removed from the roadway by a CMI Roto Mill; this resulted in non-uniform sizing of material. The long haul (155 miles) and the freshness of the salvaged material caused the milled material to congeal somewhat, refer to Figure 3. The large particles were apparently reprocessed satisfactorily because none were observed in the trucks, paver hopper, or finished surface. This would indicate that at least some large particles can be handled by this plant equipment. For the sake of uniformity and ease of feeding, sizing should be controlled quite care-

fully. Excessive quantities of oversize material would disrupt the feeding operations and cause non-uniform mix to be produced.

Placement and compaction operations were carried out in the usual manner. A standard Iowa Manufacturing Company paver, refer to Figure 4, placed the material without difficulty. The compaction train consisted of a large vibratory roller and a pneumatic tired roller. The vibratory roller was used for breakdown and finish rolling.

Due to stockpile loss and dry batching requirements, the contractor ran short of crushed limestone aggregate. Glacial gravel aggregate was taken from a county stockpile at the plant site to finish the test section, refer to notation on Figure 1.

Test Results

Four box samples of recycled mixture were obtained from the roadway just prior to compaction. Sealed samples were also obtained at the same time; these were kept in frozen storage until subjected to extraction and recovery tests. The test data are summarized in Tables III and IV.

Box samples 1, 2, and 3 were obtained from the production formulation of 65 percent salvaged asphalt concrete, 35 percent virgin crushed limestone and 1.26 percent 85-100 penetration asphalt cement. Box sample No. 4 was obtained from the last part of the run when 35 percent virgin glacial gravel was substituted for the limestone.

The extraction-gradation tests (samples 1, 2, and 3) indicate that some degradation took place. The percentages passing the No. 200 sieve increased from a preliminary estimate of 7.4 percent to an average of 9.8 percent. This can be remedied by more selective processing of the virgin aggregates.

The test section mixture composition exhibited above average density (2.43), Marshall stability (3869), and flow (13) values and below average laboratory void percentages (3.0). Reducing the percentage passing the No. 200 sieve will also tend to reduce the density, stability, and flow values and increase the void percentage. The mix characteristics will then be more comparable to mixture composed of all new material.

The test results for box samples 1, 2, and 3 indicate that a reasonably acceptable and uniform product can be obtained using this material and this process. Although it would be desirable to adjust the characteristics for some applications, the mixture as produced for the test section would be quite acceptable for most primary and secondary uses.

Box Sample No. 4 exhibits slightly different characteristics due to the nature of the virgin glacial gravel that was added. Although the Marshall stability (3865 lbs.) remained above average the flow value dropped to 10 which is more normal for this type of asphalt-aggregate combination. The laboratory void level increased approximately 3-1/2 percent to 6.4 percent. This occurred because the laboratory density decreased from 2.43 to 2.34 while maximum specific gravity (Rice) remained constant at 2.50. The changes as indicated above are attributed to the differences in aggregate characteristics; the most significant are gradation and composition. The gravel was quite fine through the intermediate sizes, e.g. No's. 8, 16, and 30, and contained unsound shale and limestone.

Four (4) sealed samples, two from each lane, were also taken to determine the characteristics of the recovered asphalt cement. The data are summarized in Table IV.

The extracted aggregate gradations for sealed samples 1 and 2 agreed quite well with the results obtained from box samples, 1, 2, and 3. No explanation can be provided for the gradation differences noted in sealed samples 3 and 4 versus box sample 4. These samples were all taken during the last part of the production run. This part of the run was when the transition was made from limestone to gravel aggregate.

The recovered asphalt exhibited variable characteristics, refer to Table IV. The penetrations (@ 77°F.) ranged from 39 to 55, while the absolute viscosity (@ 140°F.) ranged from 1740 to 4270 poise. The low penetration and high viscosity results (sample 4) can be associated with mix produced with low quality gravel aggregate additive. This aggregate, because of its absorptive nature, has long been associated with rapid asphalt hardening.

The recovery data, although somewhat limited and variable, indicates no significant damage is incurred in the recycling process. This data together with the other mixture characterization tests indicate that this process can produce reasonably acceptable and uniform recycled asphalt concrete.

Core samples were also obtained from the compacted recycled asphalt concrete. Thickness and density measurements were made; the data is summarized in Table V. The results indicate the northbound lane, which was placed first, was compacted to a higher more uniform level of density than the southbound lane. This is attributed to the fact that only one aggregate additive (limestone) was used on the northbound lane. There was also some delay in changing

directions; this resulted in some hot mix being held in trucks until placement resumed. The southbound lane was also laid slightly thinner because materials were in short supply. The results generally indicate that satisfactory density can be achieved if operations and materials are properly controlled.

Summary, Conclusions, and Recommendations

A 1700 foot long test section was constructed on US 169 in Kossuth County wherein salvaged asphalt concrete from I-80 in Cass County was utilized. The salvaged mix was blended with virgin aggregate and recycled through a modified drum mixing plant, the reprocessed mixture was satisfactorily placed 1-1/2 inches thick as a resurfacing course on an old P.C. concrete pavement.

The following conclusions and recommendations appear to be justified in light of observed experience and test results.

1. It appears to be feasible to recycle the salvaged asphalt concrete stockpiled in Cass County.
2. The laboratory tests indicate that satisfactory and uniform mixture can be produced by this recycling procedure.
3. This recycling process does not appear to damage the material.
4. Production and placement operations can be carried on without unusual adjustments, difficulty, or delay.
5. Although this recycled material has only been in service for a very short time, preliminary observations indicate that the mixture composed of 65 percent salvaged asphalt concrete and 35 percent limestone will

perform satisfactorily. Where gravel aggregate was used for the additive, poor performance is expected because of low A.C. content and high voids.

6. The material stockpiled in Cass County should be integrated into projects in the near future.
7. The contractor who reprocesses the Cass County stockpile should be made cognizant of the tendency of this material to congeal during handling and stockpiling operations.

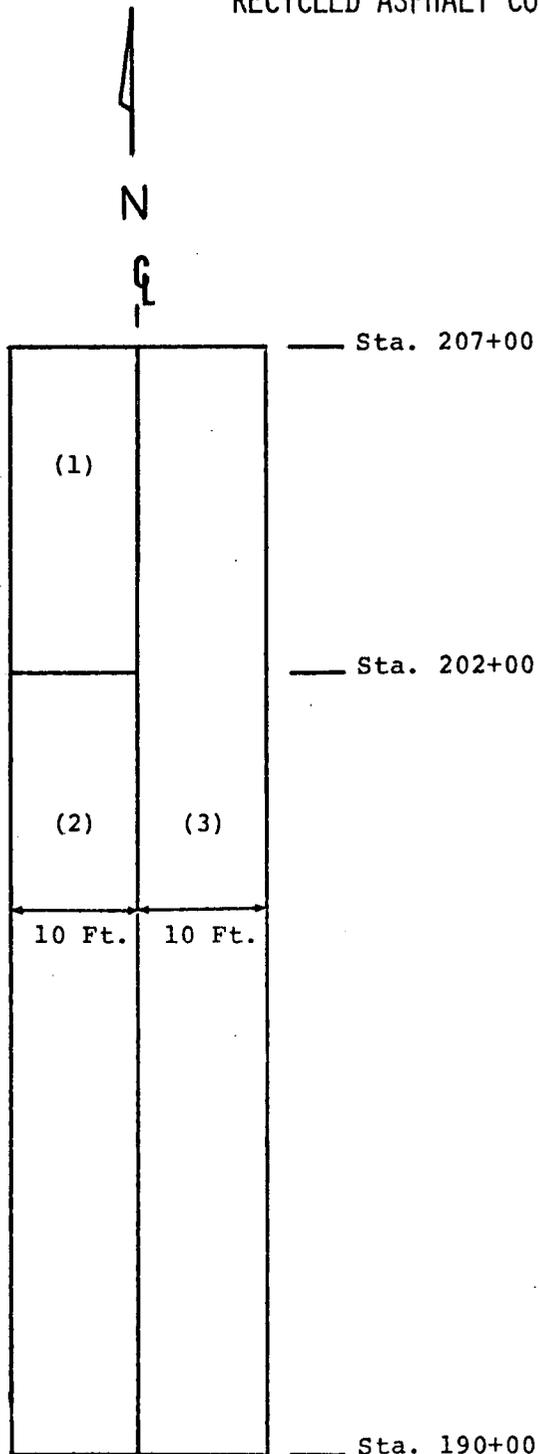
Footnote: This project was too small to allow for a complete emission testing program. Visual observations indicated that plant operations during start up did not yield acceptable stack opacity and particulate discharge; this was improved when plant adjustments were made. During the latter part of the run the plant appeared to produce an emission level visually comparable to that obtained earlier on the Kossuth County project. Research Project HR-188 conducted by Kossuth County Engineer Richard P. Henely focused on this aspect of asphalt recycling; complete emission testing was conducted on that project. The data can be obtained from that source.

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Figure I
 RESEARCH PROJECT HR-1011
 RECYCLED ASPHALT CONCRETE OVERLAY



Recycled asphalt concrete overlay on U.S. 169 3-1/2 miles north of the Humboldt County Line.

Asphalt Layed over P.C. Paving.

Total asphalt concrete used:
 304.26 Tons

Tack Coat used:
 516 gallons

Section (1)
 Asphalt mix:
 65% Reclaimed material
 35% County gravel

Sections (2) & (3)
 Asphalt mix:
 65% Reclaimed material
 35% Limestone

A total of 126.40 tons of mix was placed on the southbound lane and a total of 177.86 tons was placed on the northbound lane.



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Figure 2

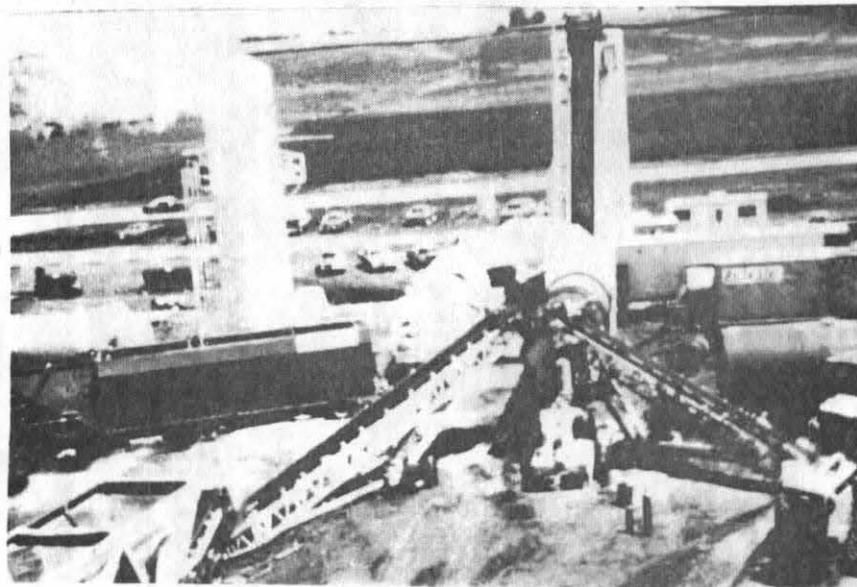
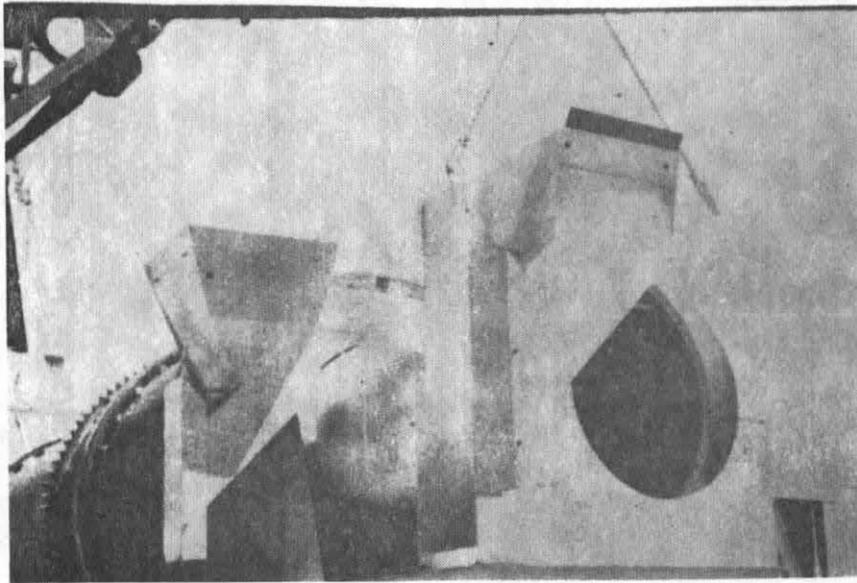
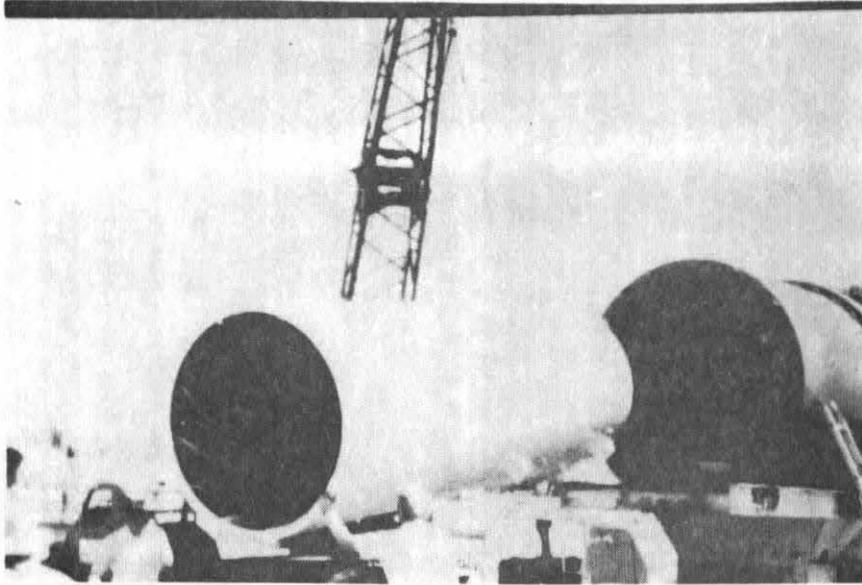


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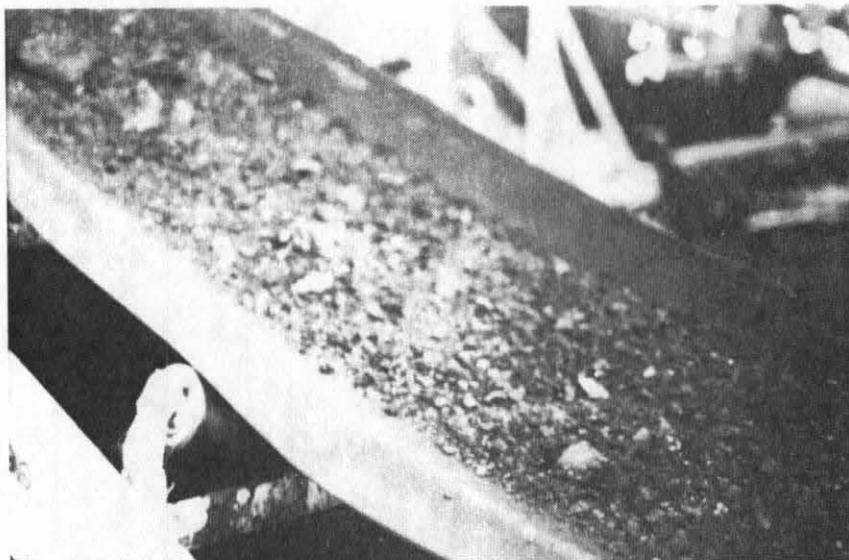


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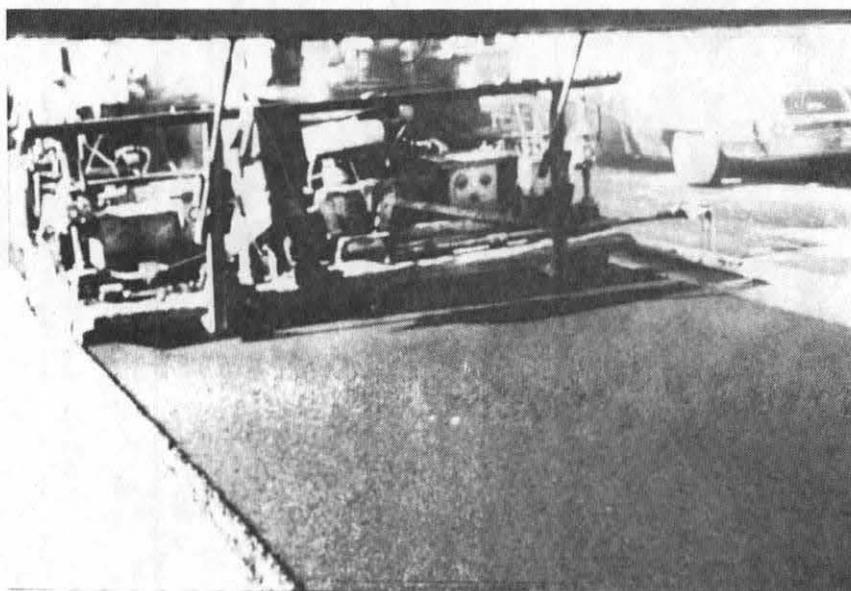


Table I
 Research Project HR-1011
 Characteristics of Salvaged Asphalt Concrete

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<u>Sample No. 7-263*</u>	
<u>Extr. Gradation</u>	
Sieve Size	% Passing
3/4"	100
1/2"	96
3/8"	84
No. 4	65
No. 8	52
No. 16	41
No. 30	30
No. 50	15
No. 100	8.3
No. 200	6.8
Extr. % A.C.	5.2
Rec. Pen. A.C.	65
Rec. Abs. Visc.	1020 P
Rec. Kin. Visc.	247 Cs

<u>Sample No. 6-21**</u>	
<u>Rec. Pen. AC 32</u>	
Rec. Abs. Visc.	3089 P
Rec. Kin. Visc.	371 Cs

<u>Sample No. 6-22**</u>	
<u>Rec. Pen. AC 45</u>	
Rec. Abs. Visc.	1989 P
Rec. Kin. Visc.	320 Cs

<u>Sample No. 6-23**</u>	
<u>Rec. Pen. AC 47</u>	
Rec. Abs. Visc.	1678 P
Rec. Kin. Visc.	306 Cs

<u>Sample No. 6-24***</u>	
<u>Rec. Pen. AC 53</u>	
Rec. Abs. Visc.	1453 P
Rec. Kin. Visc.	289 Cs

<u>Sample No. 6-25***</u>	
<u>Rec. Pen. AC 76</u>	
Rec. Abs. Visc.	980 P
Rec. Kin. Visc.	252 Cs

<u>Sample No. 6-26***</u>	
<u>Rec. Pen. AC 64</u>	
Rec. Abs. Visc.	1147 P
Rec. Kin. Visc.	265 Cs

<u>Recompacted Mix</u>	
Lab. Dens.	2.40
Marshall Stability	1898
Marshall Flow	9

Key: Rec. Pen. A.C. - Recovered Penetration of A.C. @ 77°F.
 Rec. Abs. Visc. - Recovered Absolute Viscosity of A.C. @ 140°F.
 Rec. Kin. Visc. - Recovered Kinematic Viscosity of A.C. @ 275°F.
 P - Poise
 Cs - Centistokes
 * - Combined Binder and Surface Course.
 ** - Surface Course
 *** - Binder Course

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 OFFICE OF MATERIALS
 ASPHALT CONCRETE MIX DESIGN
 LAB LOCATION: AMES

MIX, TYPE AND CLASS: RECYCLED ASPH. CONC. LAB NO. ABD7-479

INTENDED USE:

SIZE 3/4" SPEC. NO. DATE REPORTED 8-15-77

COUNTY KOSSUTH PROJECT DEPT. INFO. (IA. 169) HR1011

CONTRACTOR ROHLIN

PROJ. LOCATION

AGG. SOURCES RECYCLED MATL. FROM CASS I-80, CONTAINING 5.2% ASPHALT;
 CRUSHED LIMESTONE-KAMPEN QR.-HUMBOLDT CO.

JOB MIX FORMULA AGGREGATE PROPORTIONS: 65% ABC7-263(RECY) 35% AAT7-467(LMST)

JOB MIX FORMULA - COMBINED GRADATION

1-1/2"	1"	3/4"	1/2"	3/8"	NO.4	NO.8	NO.16	NO.30	NO.50	NO.100	NO.200
	100	96	97	98	58	46	35	26	15	9.5	7.4

TOLERANCE:

75 BLOW MARSHALL DENSITY											2.44
ASPHALT SOURCE AND APPROXIMATE VISCOSITY											KOCH - 1300 POISES
FLASTICITY INDEX											
% ASPH. IN MIX							3.75	4.75	5.75	6.75	
NUMBER OF MARSHALL BLOWS							50	50	50	50	
MARSHALL STABILITY - LBS.							3068	2183	1990	1600	
FLOW - 0.01 IN.							9	12	17	25	
SP. GR. BY DISPLACEMENT (LAB DENS.)							2.37	2.42	2.42	2.40	
BULK SP. GR. COMB. DRY AGG.							2.659	2.659	2.659	2.659	
SP. GR. ASPH. @ 77 F.							1.029	1.029	1.029	1.029	
CALC. SOLID SP. GR.							2.53	2.49	2.46	2.42	
% VOIDS - CALC.							6.4	3.0	1.5	0.9	
WET SP. GR.							2.53	2.49	2.44	2.41	
% VOIDS - RICE							6.3	2.8	1.0	0.5	
% WATER ABSORPTION - AGGREGATE							0.74	0.74	0.74	0.74	
% VOIDS IN THE MINERAL AGGREGATE							14.2	13.3	14.2	15.8	
% V.O.A. FILLED WITH ASPHALT							55.0	77.7	89.3	94.4	
CALCULATED ASPH. FILM THICKNESS (MICRONS)							5.1	6.7	8.3	10.0	

A CONTENT OF 4.25% ASPHALT IS RECOMMENDED TO START THE JOB.
 THIS IS AN ADDITION OF 1.0 % OF ASPHALT.

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Table III

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CHARACTERISTICS OF BOX SAMPLES OF RECYCLED MIXTURE

Sieve Size	Mix Sample No. 1 <u>NB Rdwy.</u>	Mix Sample No. 2 <u>NB Rdwy.</u>	Mix Sample No. 3 <u>SB Rdwy.</u>	Mix Sample No. 4 <u>SB Rdwy.</u>
	Percent Passing			
3/4"	100	100	100	100
1/2"	96.7	96.3	97.3	98.4
3/8"	85.9	85.6	83.7	89.2
No. 4	63.9	62.6	61.2	72.5
No. 8	50.6	49.3	49.0	58.8
No. 16	38.5	38.4	38.4	46.5
No. 30	28.3	29.3	29.3	34.3
No. 50	17.2	18.8	19.1	20.9
No. 100	10.8	12.5	12.7	12.9
No. 200	8.4	10.2	10.3	10.2
Lab Dens.	2.43	2.44	2.42	2.34
Rice Sp. Gr.	2.50	2.51	2.50	2.50
% Voids	2.9	2.8	3.2	6.4
Marshall Stab.	3820	3623	4163	3863
Marshall Flow	12	13	13	10
Extr. % A.C.	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.1
% Retained Stability	-	96.0	---	58.9

Mix Samples 1, 2, & 3 - 65% Recycled A.C. & 35% Virgin Limestone, + 1.26% A.C.

Mix Sample 4 - 65% Recycled A.C. & 35% Glacial Gravel + 1.26% A.C.

Lab Density - 50 Blow Marshall Compaction

Table IV

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CHARACTERISTICS OF SEALED SAMPLES

Sieve Size	Mix Sample No. 1 NB Rdwy.	Mix Sample No. 2 NB Rdwy.	Mix Sample No. 3 SB Rdwy.	Mix Sample No. 4 SB Rdwy.
3/4	100	100	100	100
1/2	98	98	98	97
3/8	84	86	88	78
No. 4	60	61	67	55
No. 8	47	48	52	42
No. 16	37	38	41	33
No. 30	29	29	32	25
No. 50	18	19	22	16
No. 100	12	13	14	11
No. 200	9.7	10.4	11.2	9.1
Rec. Pen.	45	52	55	39
Rec. Abs. Visc.	2380	2000	1740	4270
Rec. Kin. Visc.	392	363	341	526

Mix Samples 1, 2, & 3 - 65% Recycled A.C. & 35% Virgin Limestone +1.26% A.C.

Mix Sample 4 - 65% Recycled A.C. & 35% County Gravel + 1.26% A.C.

Rec. Pen. - Recovered Penetration @ 77°F. (25°C.)

Pen. Abs. Visc. - Recovered Absolute Viscosity @ 140°F. (60°C) poise.

Rec. Kin. Visc. - Recovered Kinematic Viscosity @ 275°F. (135°C.) Centistokes

Table V
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 CORE SAMPLE DENSITY TEST RESULTS

Northbound Lane					
<u>Core No.</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>Core Thickness</u>	<u>Core Density</u>	<u>Lab Density</u>	<u>% Density</u>
1	195+65 R	1.6"	2.29	2.43	94.2
2	197+80 R	1.3"	2.32	2.43	95.5
4	201+30 R	1.7"	2.33	2.43	95.9
6	203+30 R	1.6"	2.30	2.43	94.6
7	205+00 R	1.6"	<u>2.28</u>	2.43	<u>93.8</u>
	Average		2.304		94.8
Southbound Lane					
3	197+80 L	1.7"	2.38	2.43	97.9
5*	201+30 L	1.6"	2.18	2.43	89.7
8**	205+00 L	1.4"	2.19	2.34	93.6

*Transition area between limestone and gravel aggregate additive.

**Gravel aggregate used for additive.

Form 102.10
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
~~AGENDA ITEM / COMMISSION ORDER~~ / STAFF ACTION

~~Division Bureau~~/Office Materials Item/Order No. S-78-154

Submitted by George Calvert Phone No. 6-1189 Meeting Date August 5, 1977

TITLE: HR-1011 "Recycling of Cass County I-80 Asphalt Concrete"

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Approximately 40,000 tons of asphalt concrete are currently being removed from I-80 in Cass County. The material is being stored on leased property located approximately 3 miles north of the I-80 - US 71 interchange. The lease requires the material be removed by December 30, 1979.

Based upon the success of the Kossuth County research project, HR-188, this material is valuable for use in recycled asphalt concrete. It has been damaged somewhat by moisture, temperature, and traffic and lacks the stability that is required for heavy interstate traffic. Even though this material has been damaged, laboratory tests indicate this material has considerable value when upgraded with approximately 35 per cent virgin material. A field trial is needed to verify the laboratory findings.

The Rohlin Construction Company is operating a specially modified plant just south of Algona that is capable of producing recycled asphalt concrete. They have agreed to produce 300 tons to construct a reasonable sized test section on US 169.

The test section will provide the opportunity to: 1. test handling and processing procedures, 2. develop design criteria and 3. evaluate performance of the recycled material. The information and test data will be used to develop the necessary parameters for appropriate utilization of the 40,000 ton stockpile. Several resurfacing and rehabilitation projects can be developed within reasonable proximity of the stockpile site. It is anticipated that sizeable project cost savings can be realized through the recycling of this material.

PROPOSAL/ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that staff approval be granted to expend an amount not to exceed \$12,000 from the Primary Road Research Fund for construction of this recycled asphalt research test section.

*YC: Highway Div. (2)
Accounting*

~~CONSIDER FOR COMMISSION~~ STAFF ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

WJG

Division Director

Finance (if involved)

Legal (if liabilities)

9/29

State Director (if required)

	Vote		
	Aye	Nay	Pass
Dunn	—	—	—
Gardner	—	—	—
Garst	—	—	—
McGrath	—	—	—
Rigler	—	—	—
Schoelerman	—	—	—
Thoms	—	—	—