

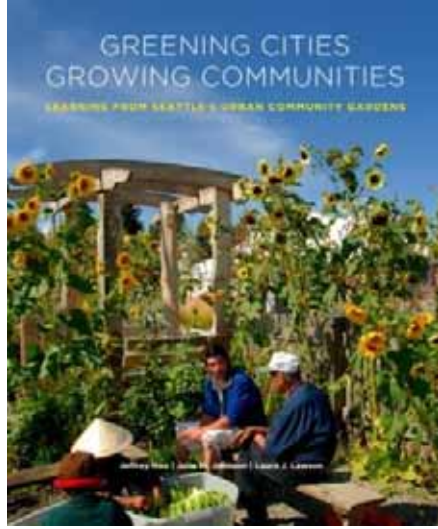
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Design for Performance: Segmental Concrete Pavements

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES



Design for Performance: Segmental Concrete Pavements

- Explore the environmental, economic, and social benefits of segmental pavements.
- Understand inputs and assumptions used to conduct a life-cycle cost analysis for different types of pavements.
- Review design considerations and assembly options for segmental concrete pavement.
- Use the analysis tools and performance criteria from the SITES® rating system to estimate environmental performance.



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Performance Potentials for Segmental Concrete Pavements

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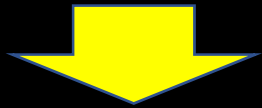
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Content Tracks

Economic, environmental & social benefits/
performance of segmental pavements

- Application guidelines from ICPI, past projects, peers, & industry to help maximize performance
- Ways to measure performance potentials while knowing/respecting limitations
- ICPI resources on www.icpi.org to help translate performance into design schematics/development, specs, construction & maintenance

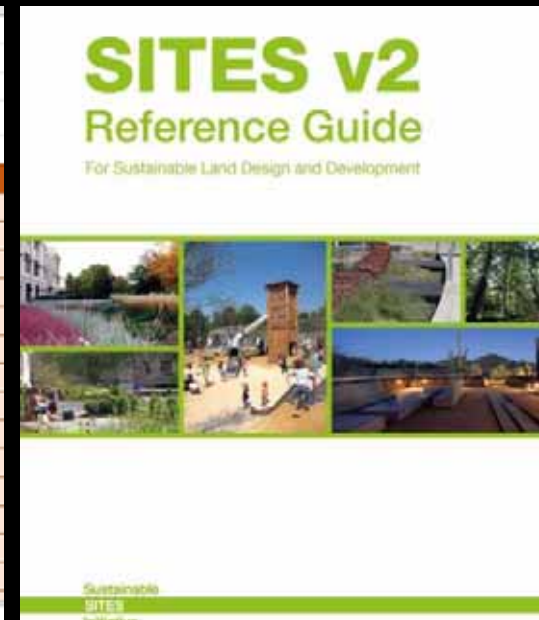
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Outline

- Understand the economic inputs & outputs for life-cycle cost analysis for pavements
- Use analysis tools & performance criteria from SITES v2 to evaluate environmental & social performance of segmental concrete pavements
- Underscore the growing importance of life cycle analysis of environmental impacts from pavements
- Review assembly options for segmental concrete pavement

Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute Lifecycle Cost Analysis Tool		
Global Design Inputs		
Project Name	Sample Subdivision	Item
Location	Sample Town	Each
		Annual
Discount Rate	4.0%	Pavement Area
Analysis Period	40 years	Driveway Area
Construction Year	2017	Storm Sewer Length
Project Type	Roadway	Number of Catchbasins
		SWM Pond Area
Project Geometry		
Number of Lanes (enter 1 if project is not a roadway)		
Pavement Width		ft.
Pavement Length		ft.
Area	0	sq. ft.
For PCC Pavements:		
Average Joint Spacing	12	ft.



Measuring Performance

- **Economic**

Life cycle cost analysis - on & off-site costs & benefits

- **Environmental**

Life cycle analysis from manufacturing, design decisions, construction, use & end-of-life

- **Social**

Material language for increased human community, safety, education, comfort & beauty



Life-Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA)

Inputs:

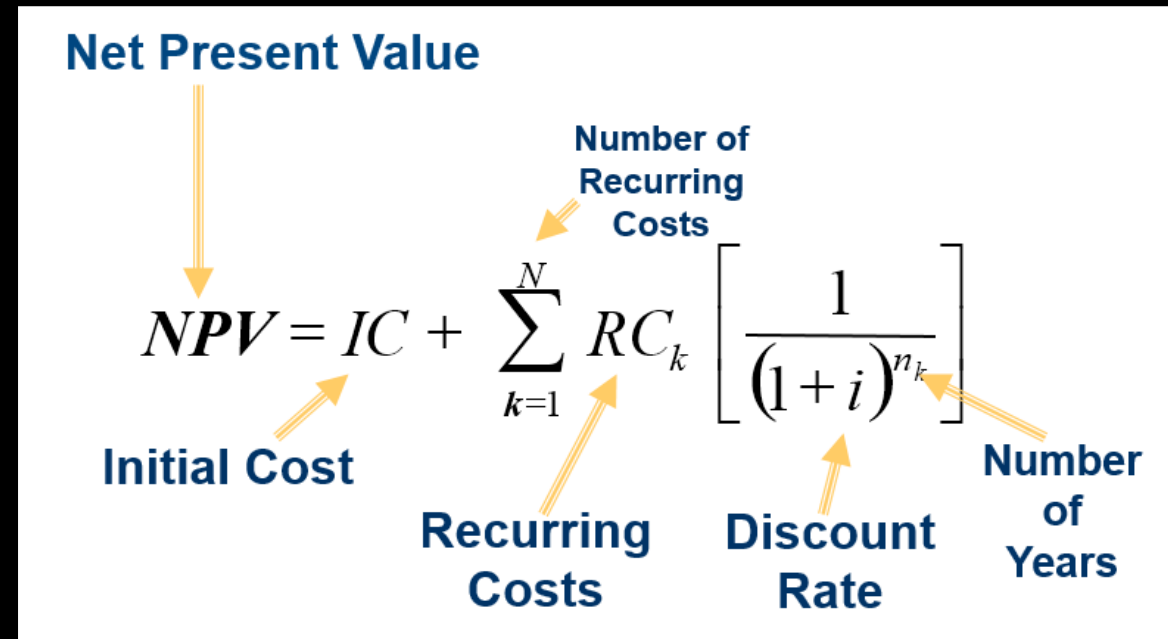
1. Analysis period in years
2. Construction costs
3. Off-site costs & compensating benefits
4. Future maintenance costs & schedules
5. Future costs *discounted* back to the present:

Money spent in the future: worth *less* than today

Future mntce costs discounted (reduced) to present value via a *discount rate* (interest rate - inflation rate)

6. End-of-life residual or salvage value

Output: Net present value of future costs + initial construction costs...compare to LCCAs of other pavement options



LCCA tool on www.icpi.org

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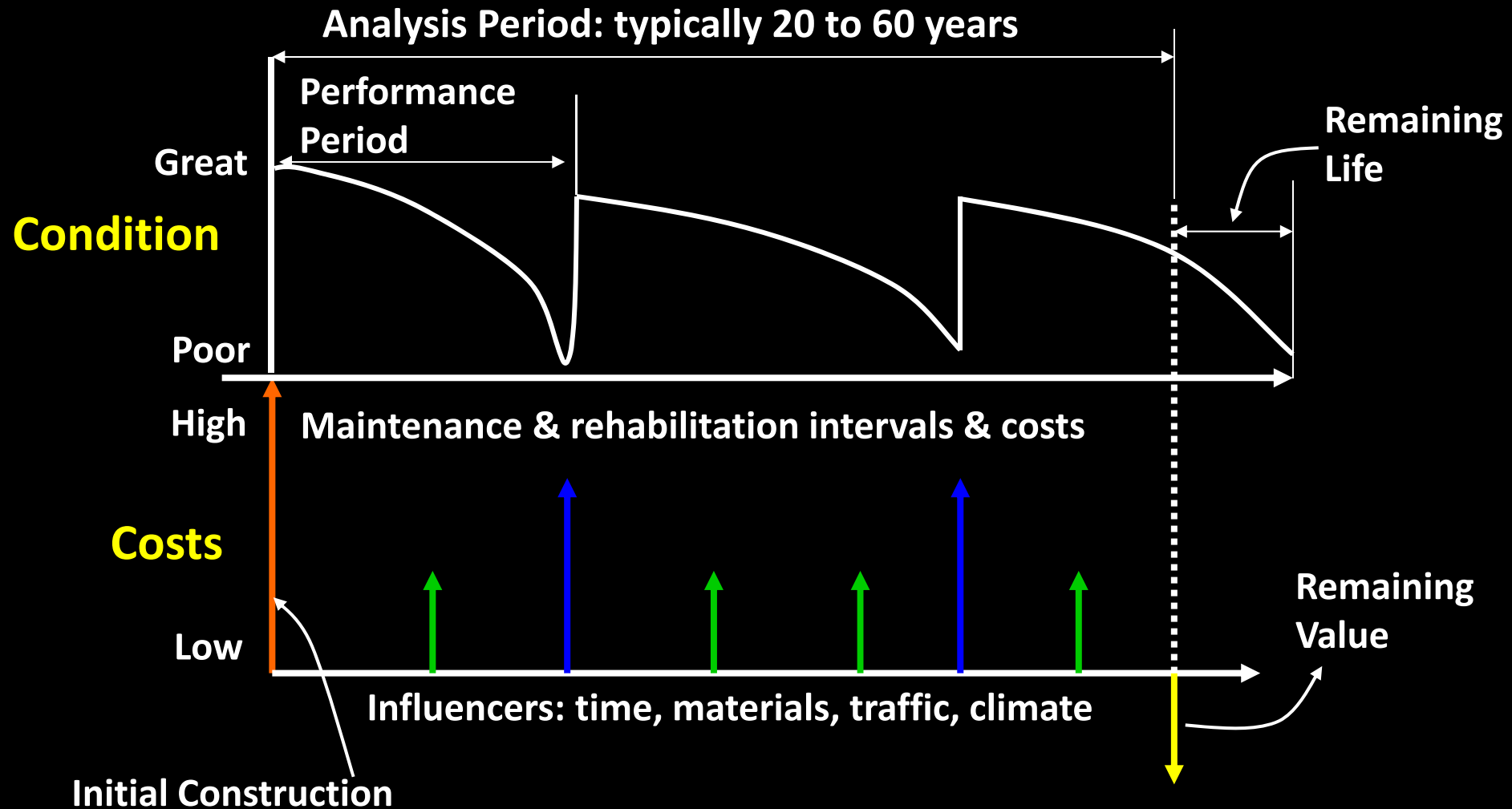
LIFE CYCLE COST ANALYSIS SPREADSHEET

BASIC INPUT PARAMETERS

Project Description	Denver Example-2, 5M ESALS
Location	Denver, Colorado
Type of Project	Urban Pavement Design
Analysis Period	20
Discount Rate	4.0



Life-Cycle Cost Analysis Method



LCCA Case Study: North Bay, Ontario

Vacation city in northern Ontario

1984: 150,000 sf pavers in streets & walks

Roads: 14 in. aggregate base & subbase

Annual snow plowing & deicer use

8,000 vehicles per day, 5% trucks

1991: Structural testing study predicted 20+ years of performance

2003: LCCA performed, no maintenance yet

2017: After 33 years, City decides to refresh pavers in 2020



Interlocking Concrete Pavement			Asphalt Pavement		
Costs in \$ per Kilometer of Each Lane (~36,000 sf / lane km): 40 year analysis, 4% discount rate					
Initial	Maintenance	Total	Initial	Maintenance	Total
\$159,465	\$9,072	\$168,537	\$94,256	\$84,861	\$179,117

Asphalt maintenance: Mill / overlay at 18 years (40 to 50 mm), 27 years (90 to 100 mm), & 36 years (40/50 mm). Periodic routing, sealing & patching included.

Concrete paver maintenance: \$0.06/sf (\$0.65/m²) over ~40 years

LCCA Example: Off & On-site Economic Performance

LA Foundation Case Study: Canal Park, Washington, DC

Increases in:

Adjacent property values

Land/water conserved/used more efficiently

Income for landscape maintenance

Employment



Tools for Measuring Environmental & Social Performance

Sections relevant to
performance measurement of
segmental concrete pavement:

Site Design & Construction

Environmental Benefits

3 Water

4 Soil + Water

5 Materials Selection

7 Construction

Social benefits

6 Human Health + Well-Being

9 Education + Performance Monitoring

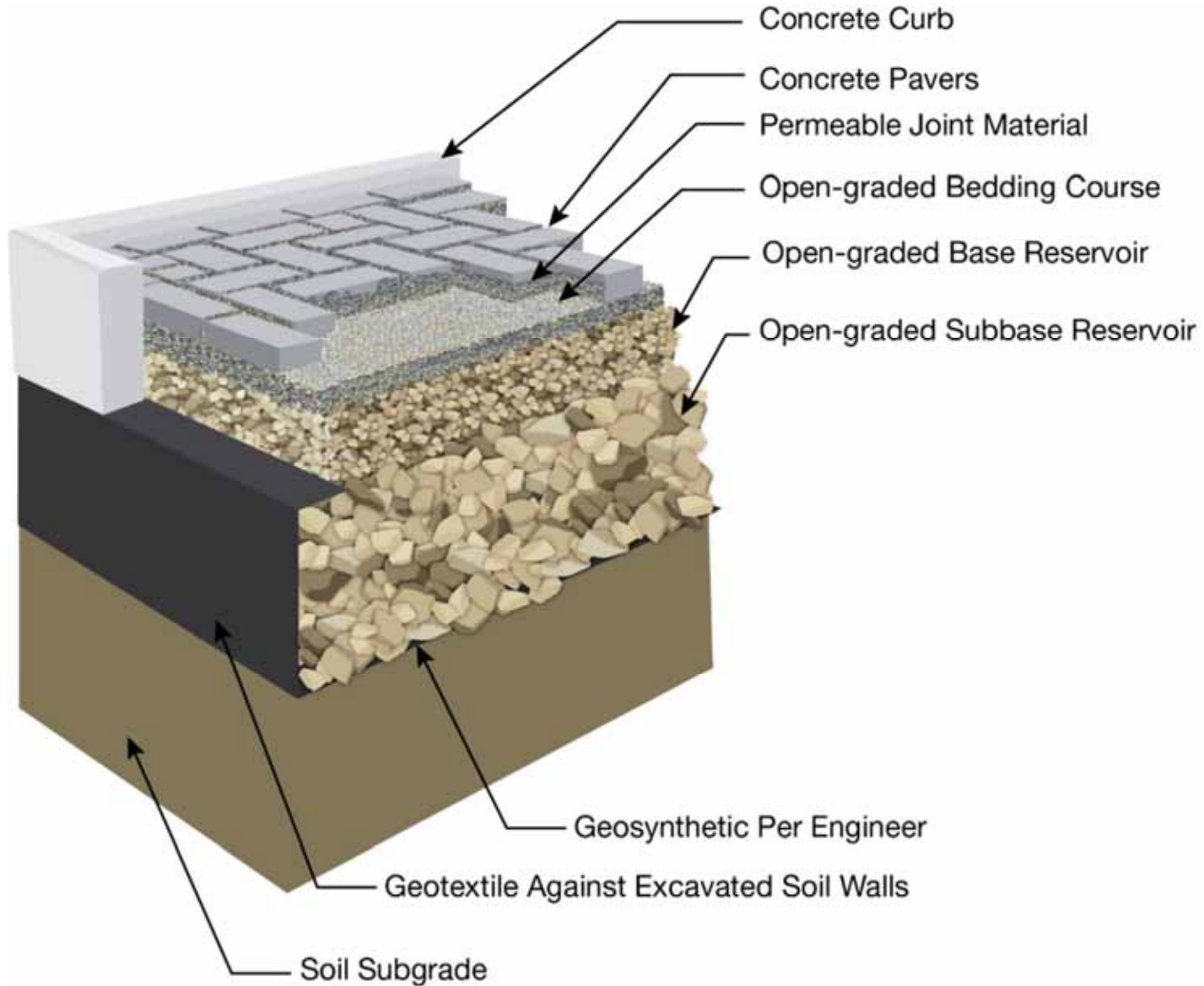
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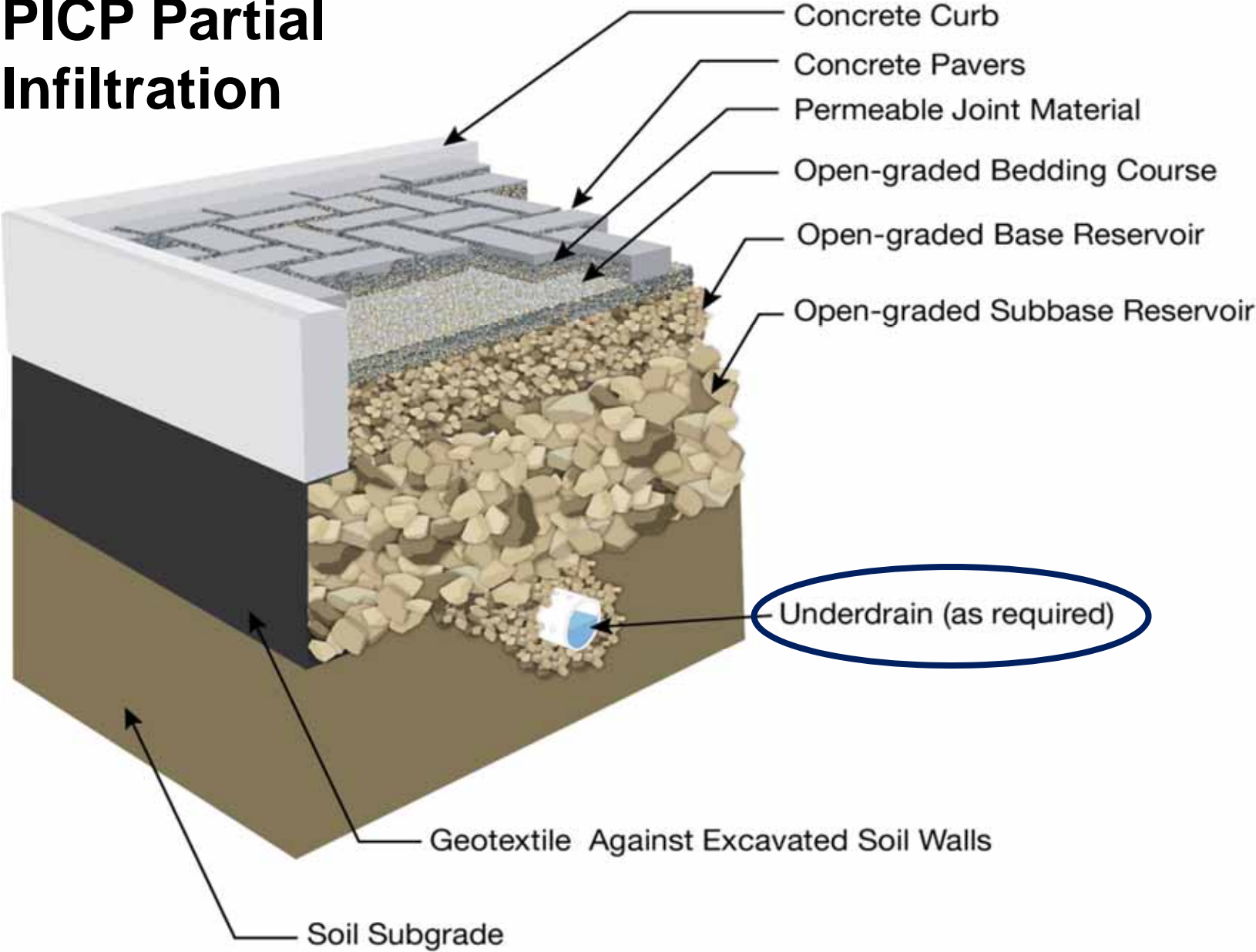


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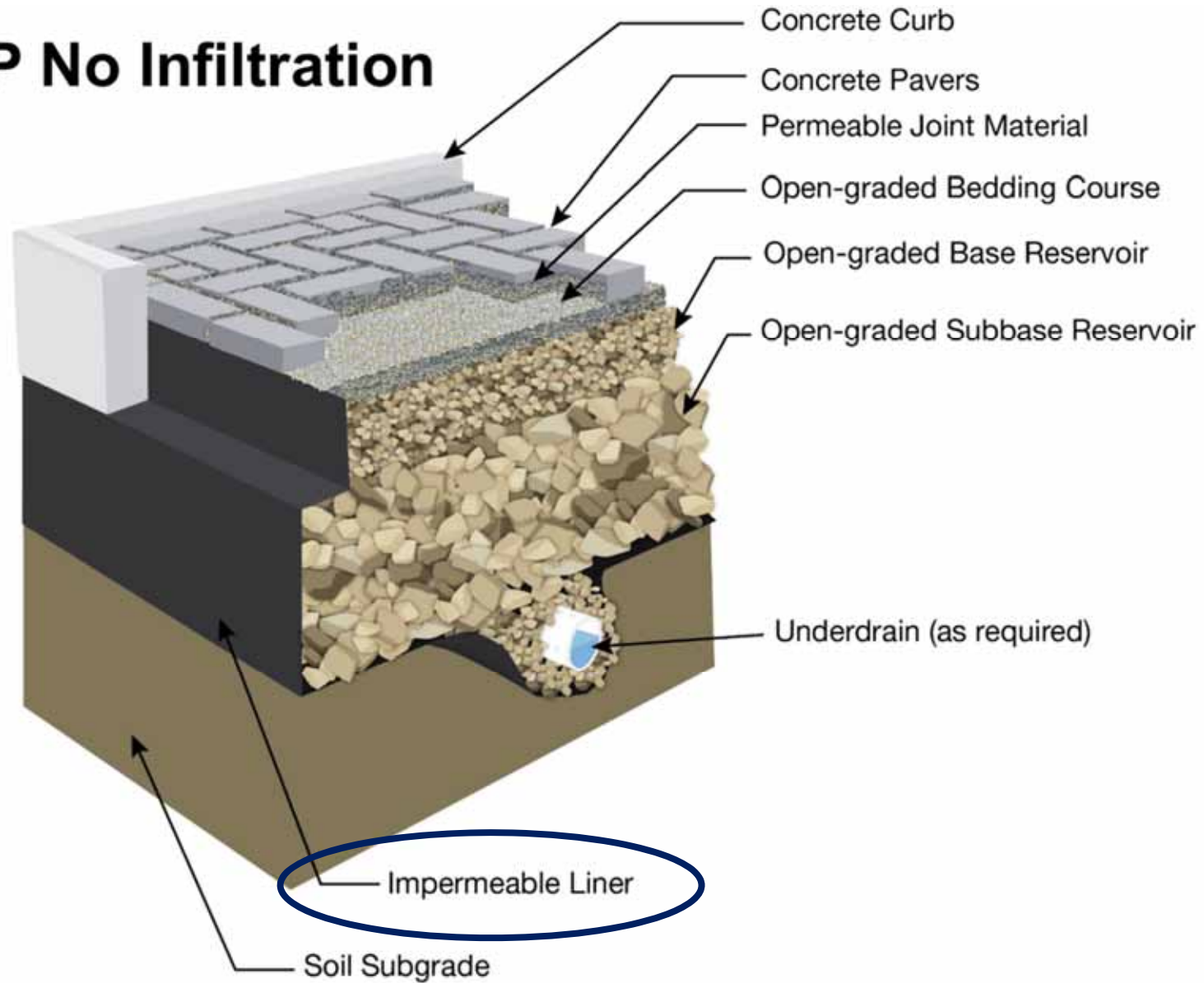
PICP Full Infiltration



PICP Partial Infiltration



PICP No Infiltration

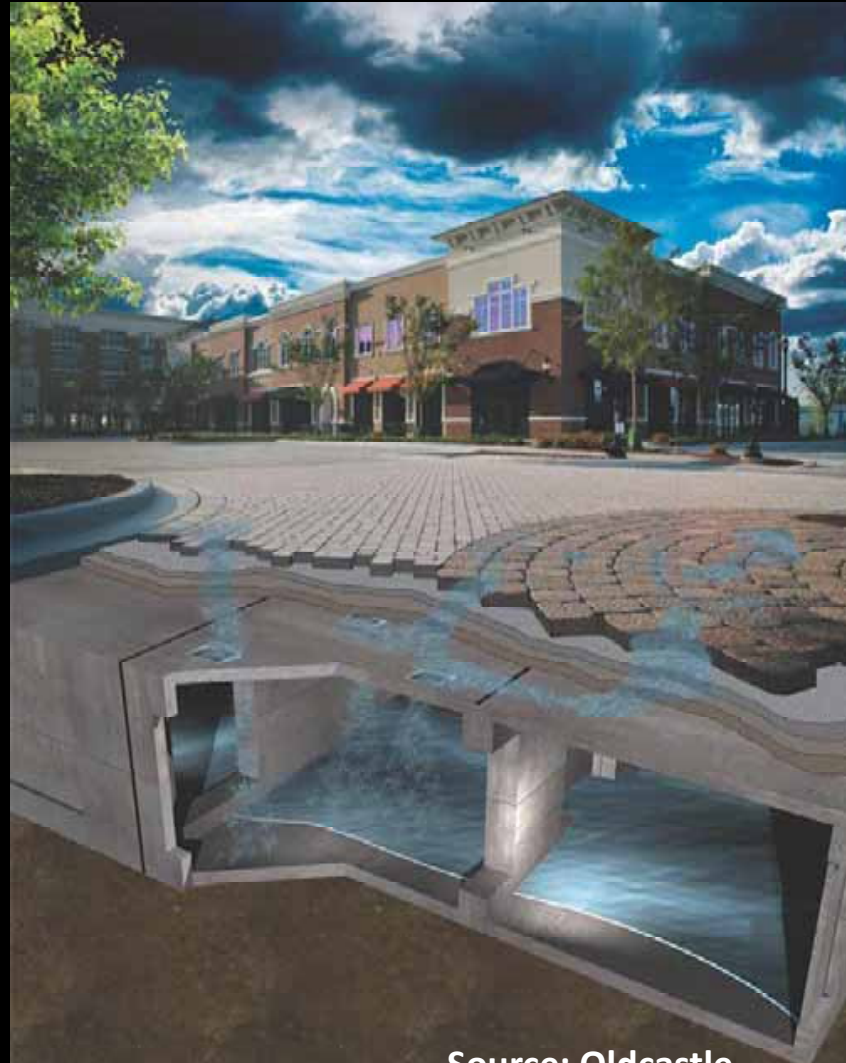
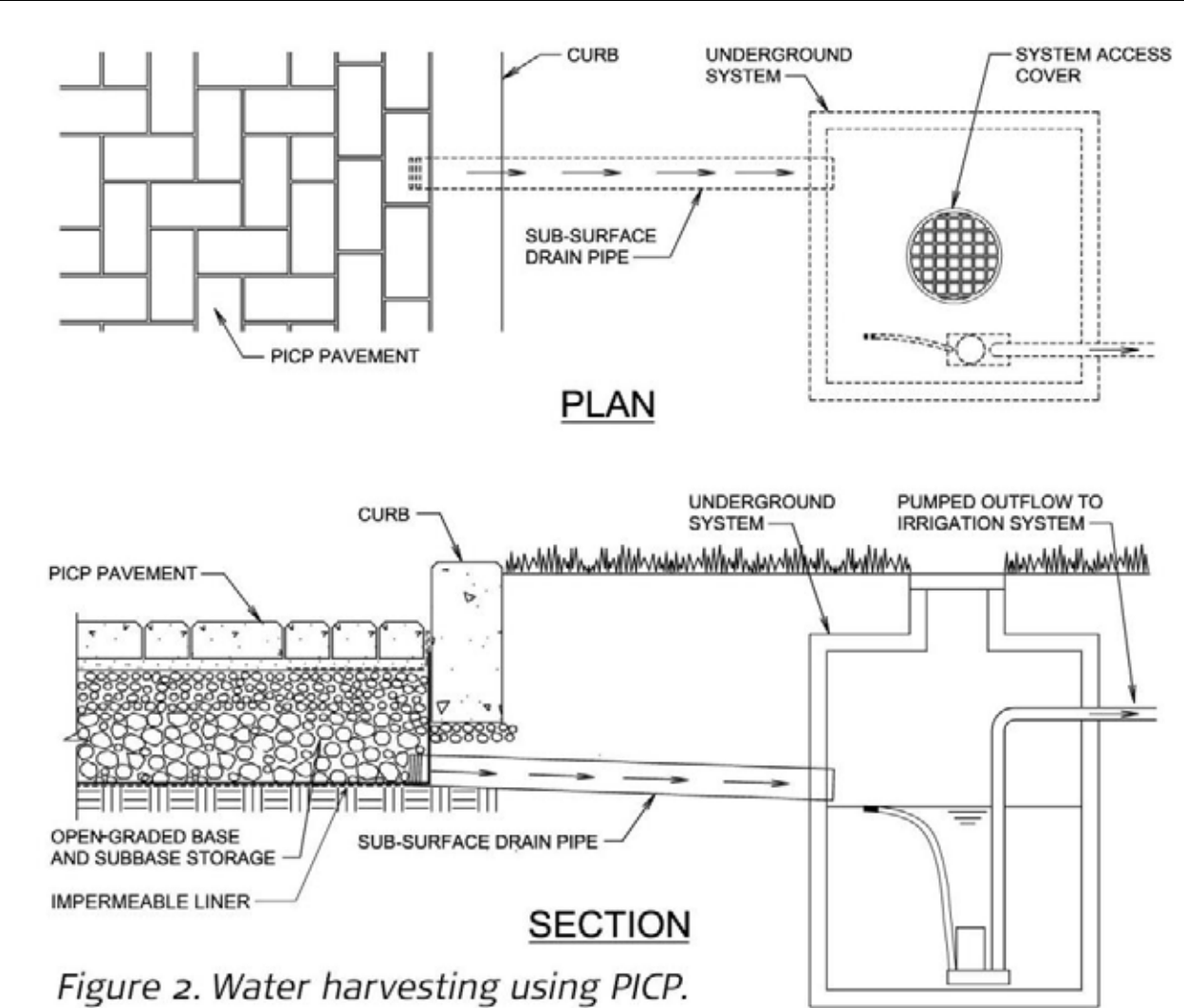


3: Site Design – Water

	PICP Infiltration Options		
Performance Criteria	Full	Partial	No
3.1 Required: Manage 60 th percentile storm event on site	■	■	■
3.2 Required: Reduce landscape irrigation by 50% or eliminate			■
3.3 Manage 80 th , 90 th or 95 th percentile storm event on site	■	■	■
3.4 Reduce irrigation water by 75% or no potable water use			■
3.5 Design stormwater features as amenities	■	■	■
3.6 Restore 30%, 60% or 90% of aquatic ecosystems	■	■	■

3.2 & 3.4 Water Harvesting for On-site Irrigation

Examples of no infiltration PICP



Source: Oldcastle

3.1 & 3.3 Manage 60th, 80th, 90th or 95th percentile storm event on site

Example: Allston Way, Berkeley, CA PICP street infiltrates the 85th percentile storm



Source: AECOM

**3.5 Stormwater
Amenity
50% to 100% of site
stormwater features
Example:
Mary Bartelme Park
Chicago**



**High reflectance,
titanium dioxide coated PICP**

3.6 Restore 30%, 60% or 90% of aquatic ecosystems



Source: Uni-group

LA Foundation Case Study
Morton Arboretum
Lisle, IL 500-car PICP parking lot



PICP reduced runoff & pollutants that helped restore the lake



Performance Tools for Measuring Stormwater Reduction

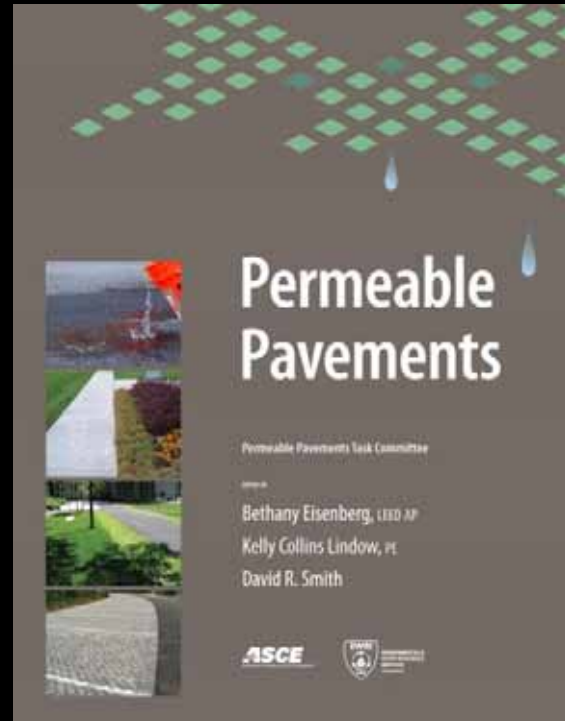
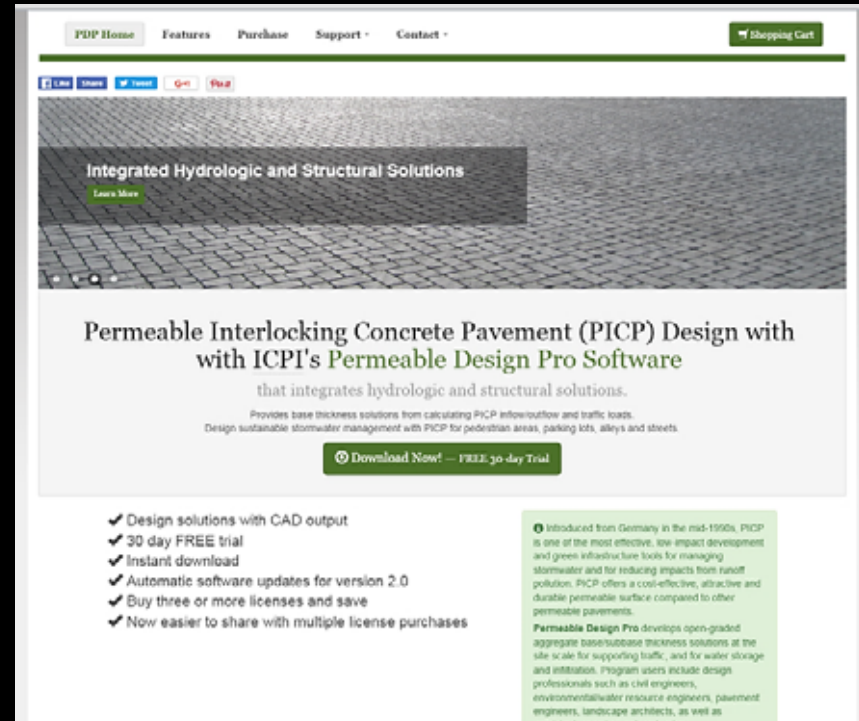
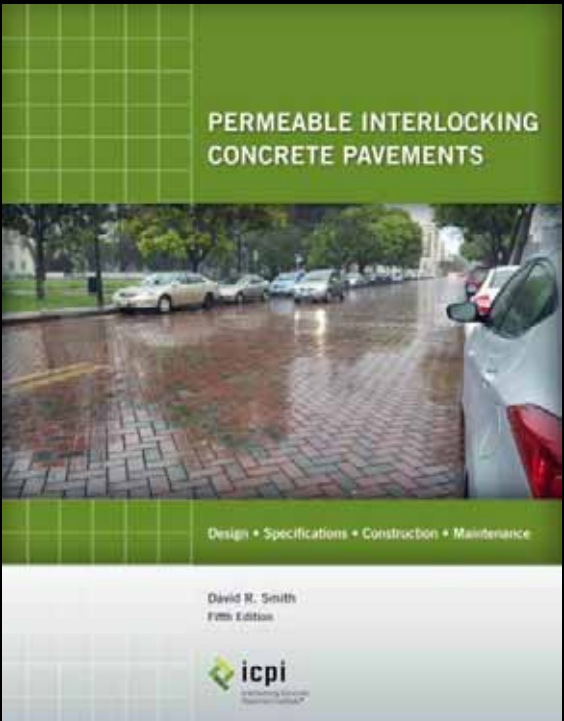
- EPA National Stormwater Calculator
- Regional EPA models
- State stormwater agency or DOT Excel sheets
- Technical Release 55: NRCS Curve Number & Nashville LID Manual

Tools:

PICP Manual
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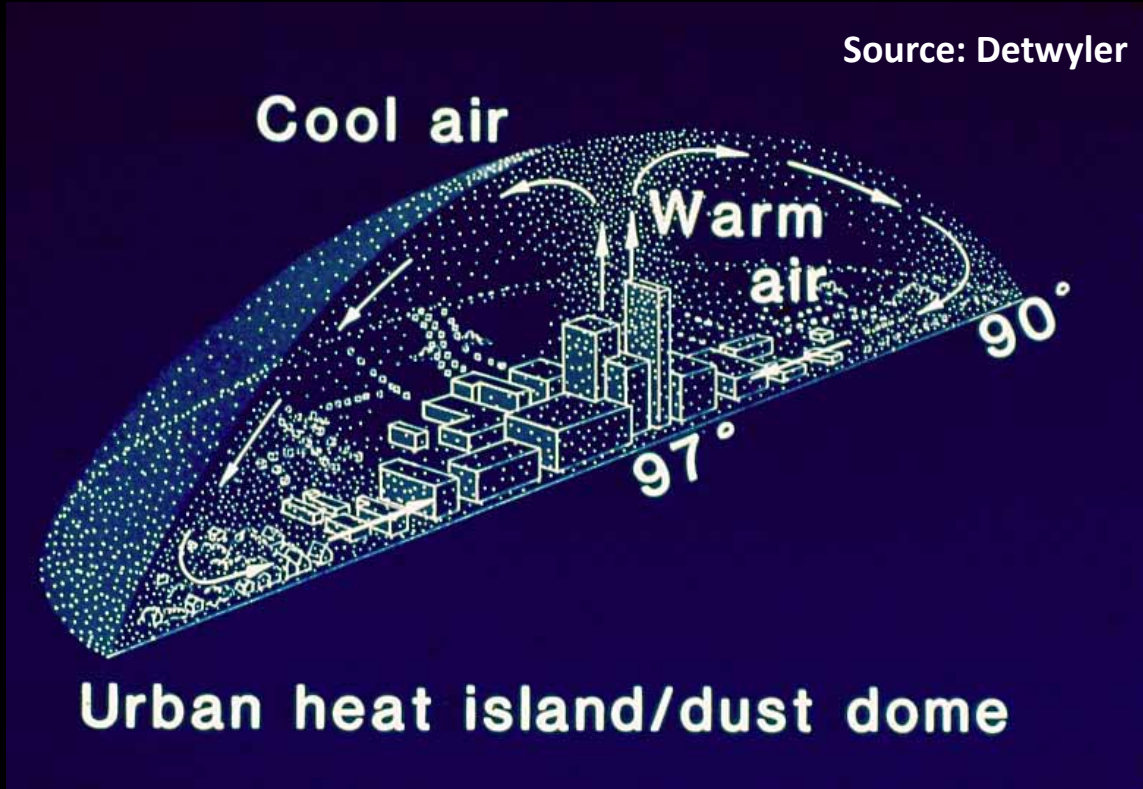
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4: Site Design – Soil + Vegetation

4.9: Reduce Urban Heat Island Effects



Higher air pollution & summer electricity use

Biggest reductions from increasing...

- The urban forest
- Street trees
- Trees shading buildings

More reductions from increasing...

- Reflectivity (albedo) from light colored paving & roof surfaces



4.9: Non-Roof Applications



Olympic Village Vancouver, BC

Source: Abbotsford Concrete

Measurement Method	Initial	3-yr aged
Solar Reflectance (Per ASTM C1549)	0.33	0.28

Concrete grids: min. 50% unbound materials – reduce microclimate temps by 3° F



Source: EP Henry

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Concrete Grid Pavements

Background

As cities grow, man-made surfaces contribute to urban heat and stormwater runoff. Heat is generated by the high concentration of pavements and buildings. It forms a dome of warm air, or an urban heat island, over cities that can be as much as 12° F (7°C) higher than outlying areas. The urban heat island also increases electricity consumption for air conditioning. This dome of heat traps dust and gases, increasing the concentrations of air pollution from automobile exhaust and industrial sources (1).

A high concentration of pavements and buildings, as previously mentioned, is also a source of stormwater runoff. Washed off the air and pavements, excess runoff carries pollutants that enter water courses. The runoff generated by impervious surfaces makes streams, rivers and lakes dirty and unusable, and

Globes. For more information on how grids can earn credits see ICPI Tech Spec 16—Achieving LEED® Credits with Segmental Concrete Pavement.

Properties of Concrete Grid Paving Units

The properties of concrete grid units are defined in ASTM C 1319, Standard Test Method for Concrete Grid Paving Units (3). This specification defines concrete grids as having maximum



4.9: High Reflectance Roofs



Roof type	Slope	Initial SRI per ASTM E1980	3-yr aged SRI
Low-slope	$\leq 2:12$	82	64
Steep-slope	$> 2:12$	39	32




5: Materials Selection

5.3: Design for adaptability & disassembly



ICPI Resources on disassembly & adaptability

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Reinstatement of Interlocking Concrete Pavements

Introduction

Concrete pavers can act as a zipper in the pavement. When the need arises to make underground repairs, interlocking concrete pavements can be removed and replaced using the same material. Unlike asphalt or poured-in-place concrete, segmental pavement can be opened and closed without using jack hammers on the surface and with less construction equipment. This results in no ugly patches and no reduction in pavement service life. In addition, no curing means fast repairs with reduced user delays and related costs.

The process of reusing the same paving units is called reinstatement. This Tech Spec covers how to reinstate or "unzip and zip" interlocking concrete pavement. The following step-by-step procedure applies to any interlocking concrete pavement, including pedestrian areas, parking lots, driveways, streets, industrial, port and airport pavements.

Step 1—Locate Underground Utilities in the Area to be Excavated

The location and depth of existing utilities should be established prior to excavating. Many localities have one telephone number to call for obtaining marked utility locations. Set cones, traffic signs, or barricades around the area to be excavated according to local and state or provincial standards.

Determine and mark the area of pavers to be removed. Remove pavers a few feet (~0.8 m) wider on each side of the trench opening equipment. This results in no ugly patches and no reduction in pavement service life. In addition, no curing means fast repairs with reduced user delays and related costs.

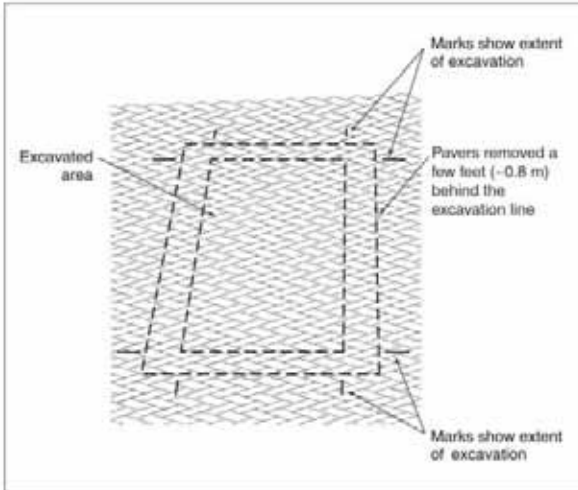



Figure 1. Pavement markings show the extent of paver removal and trench area.

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Repair of Utility Cuts Using Interlocking Concrete Pavers

North American cities have thousands of utility cuts made in their streets each year. Figure 1 shows a daily occurrence in most cities: repairs to underground utility lines for water, sewer, gas, electric, steam, phone, fiber-optic, or cable services. A sample is given below of the number of annual utility cuts in a few cities.

Billings, Montana	650-730
Boston, Massachusetts	25-30,000
Chicago, Illinois	120,000
Cincinnati, Ohio	6,000
Oakland, California	5,000
San Francisco, California	10,000
Seattle, Washington	10-20,000
Toronto, Ontario	4,000

The Costs of Utility Cuts

The annual cost of utility cuts to cities is in the millions of dollars. These costs can be placed into three categories. First, there are the initial pavement cut and repair costs. These include labor, materials, equipment, and overhead for cutting, removing, replacing, and inspecting the pavement, plus repairs to the utility itself. Costs vary depending on the size and location of the cut, the materials used, waste disposal, hauling distances, and local labor rates.

Second, there are user costs incurred as a result of the repair. They include traffic delays, detours and denied access to streets by users, city service and emergency vehicles.

User costs depend on the location of the cut. A repair blocking traffic in a busy center city will impose higher costs and inconvenience from delays than a cut made in a suburban residential street. There are downstream costs to users from utility repairs such as lost productivity due to delays, and damage to vehicles from poor pavement riding quality. While these losses are difficult to quantify, they are very present.

The third cost is subtle and long term. It is the cost of pavement damage after the repair is made. Cuts damage the pavement. Damage can range from negligible to substantial, depending on the quality of the reinstated area and the condition of the surrounding pavement. The damage reduces pavement life and shortens the time to the next rehabilitation. The need to rehabilitate damaged pavements earlier rather than when normally required has costs associated with it.

Several studies have demonstrated a relationship between utility cuts and pavement damage. For example, streets in San Francisco, California, typically last 26 years prior to resurfacing. A study by the City of San Francisco Department of Public Works demonstrated that asphalt streets with three to nine utility cuts were expected to require resurfacing every 18 years (1). This represented a 30% reduction in service life




Figure 1. Repairs to utilities are a common sight in cities, incurring costs to cities and taxpayers.

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5.4: Reuse salvaged materials 10% to 20% of total project materials cost



5.5: Use recycled content materials

50% pre-consumer + post-consumer waste that constitutes
20% to 40% of all material costs

Pre-consumer content in concrete paving units:

Slag – Flyash – Silica Fume



Post consumer: recycled glass

5.6: Use regional materials from 30% to 90% of the total materials cost

Aggregates: within 50 miles of the job site

Paving units: within 500 miles



5.9: Support sustainability in materials manufacturing

Cradle-to-gate environmental impacts

A performance indicator:

Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs)

Global warming potential

Acidification

Eutrophication

Smog

Ozone

Energy use

Non-renewable material use

Renewable material use

Fresh water inputs

Non-hazardous waste

Hazardous waste

EPD "Nutrition" Label

Your Building Product

Amount per Unit

LCA IMACT MEASURES	TOTAL
Primary Energy (MJ)	12.4
Global Warming Potential (kg CO ² eq)	0.96
Ozone Depletion (kg CFC-11 eq)	1.80E-08
Acidification Potential (mol H ⁺ eq)	0.93
Eutrophication Potential (kg N ⁻ eq)	6.43E-04
Photo-Oxidant Creation Potential (kg O ₃ eq)	0.121

Your Product's Ingredients: Listed Here

Example: Allston Way, Berkeley, CA

60 Year Pavement Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions

Asphalt vs Concrete Pavers Source: 2012 UC Pavement Research Center Study

Asphalt Construction: 500k CO₂-e kg

Materials + Construction = 500k + 1,700k = 2,200k CO₂-e kg

Total installation = 3,672 metric tons CO₂

60-Year O & M = 1,836 metric tons CO₂ (mill at 10 yrs, repave at 30 yrs)

Life cycle total GHG emissions = **5,508 metric tons CO₂**

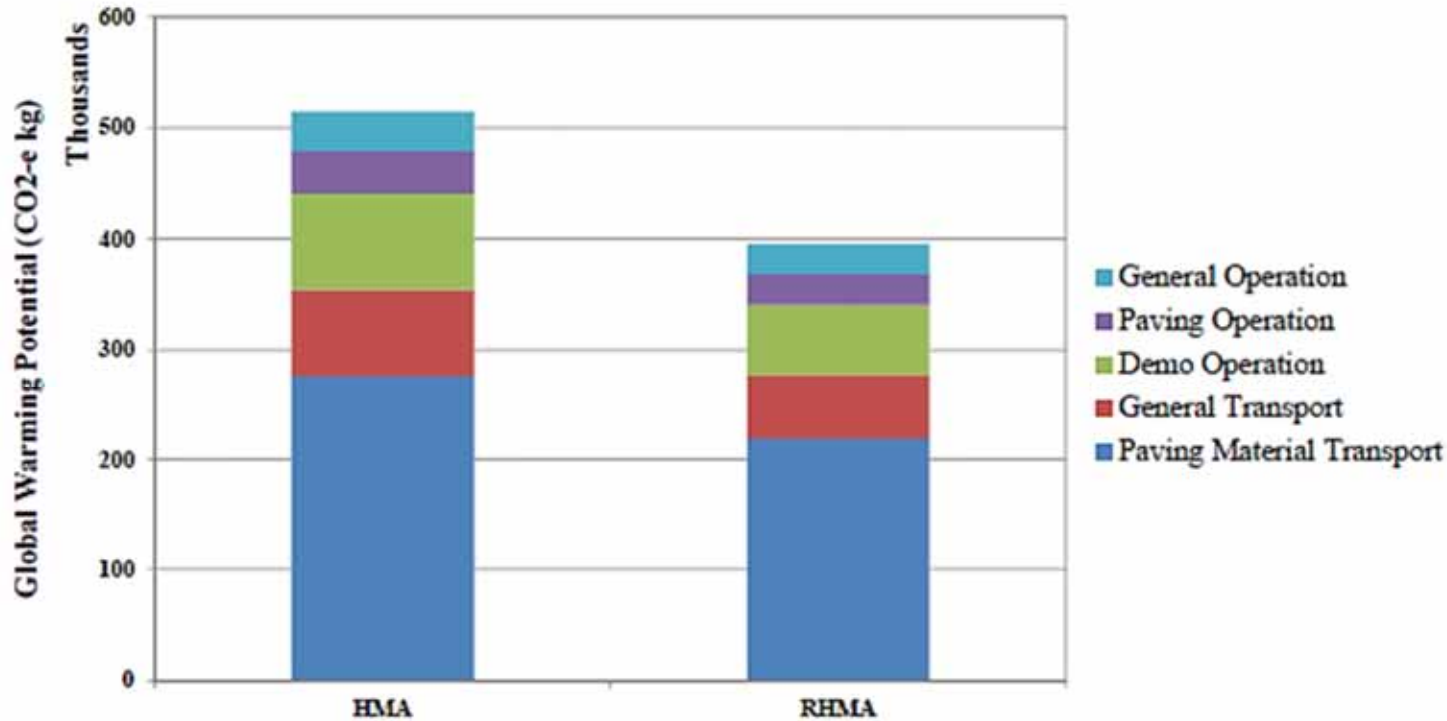


Figure 7.10: KER-5 Construction Phase: GHG emissions (metric tons).



Source: AECOM

Example: Allston Way, Berkeley, CA

60 Year Pavement Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions

Concrete pavers: 350k CO₂-e kg

Materials + Construction 350k + 700k = 1,050k CO₂-e kg

Total installation = 447 metric tons CO₂

60-Year O&M = 63 metric tons CO₂ (2% pavers replaced every 8 yrs)

Life-Cycle total GHG emissions = **510 metric tons CO₂**

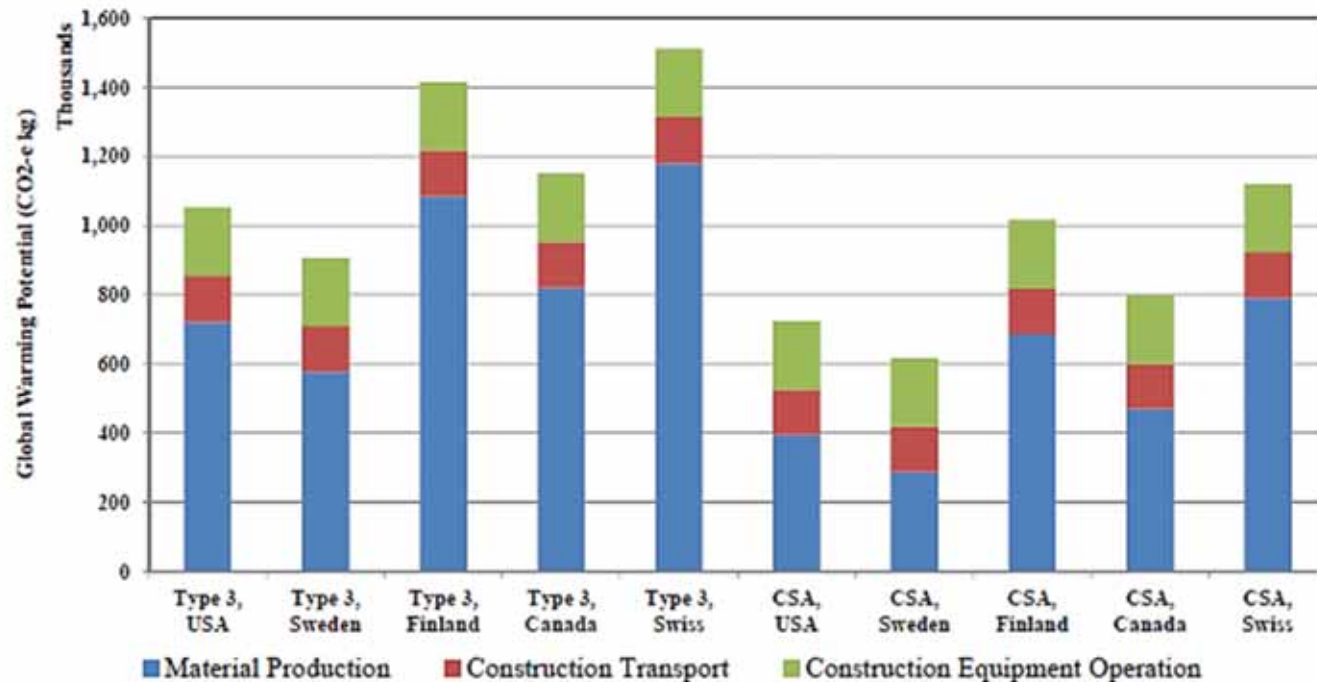


Figure 7.12: LA-5 Material Production Phase and Construction Phase: GHG emissions (metric tons) for the functional unit.

Note: These are based on LCIs from five different regions. However, each LCI was updated and recalculated to reflect California conditions (i.e., the California-specific electricity mix).

**PICP
produces
90% less
GHG**

Source: AECOM

Construction Environmental Performance

7.7 Protect air quality during construction

Limit unnecessary idling to no more than five minutes in any 60-minute period

Preventive maintenance plan for equipment

Use ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel 15 ppm for all non-road diesel equipment

50 percent of total run-time equipment hours has Tier 1 engines

Emerging: Bid tons of CO₂ emissions per pay item



Construction Environmental Performance

7.7 Protect air quality during construction

Mechanical Installation

Reduced emissions, tier 1 engines

5-8,000 sf/day per machine crew

PICP installed in rain



ICPI Resources on Mechanical Installation

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Mechanical Installation of Interlocking Concrete Pavements

Mechanical installation originated in Germany and the Netherlands in the late 1970s. The growth of street, port, and airport projects required timely installation with fewer workers. Machines were developed to increase productivity while reducing fatigue and injury (1-4). Today, over 5,000 mechanical installation machines operate in Germany alone with thousands more in use throughout Europe. They are used for projects as small as 10,000 sf (1,000 m²) (5).

Mechanical equipment was first introduced in North America in the early 1980s. The first mechanically installed project was placed in 1981, a 1,000,000 sf (93,000 m²) container terminal in Calgary, Alberta. Since then, hundreds of commercial, municipal, port, and airport jobs have been installed mechanically in most states and provinces across North America. Some examples include city streets in Dayton, Ohio (the first mechanically installed street in the U.S.) (6); Cincinnati, Ohio; Toronto, Ontario; Northbrook, Illinois;

Naples, Florida; and Palm Desert, California; container yards in Tampa, New Orleans, Baltimore, and Oakland; and an airfield at St. Augustine, Florida.

Mechanical installation must be viewed as a system of material handling from manufacture to on-site placement of the concrete pavers. This technical bulletin provides guidelines for the manufacturer, designer, and contractor of mechanically installed pavements in order to realize high efficiencies from this system of material handling. Successful mechanical installation relies on four factors that affect efficiency and costs. These include:

1. Equipment specifically designed to efficiently handle
 - (a) transport of packaged concrete pavers onto/around the site,
 - (b) screeding of bedding sand,
 - (c) installation of the concrete pavers.



Figure 1. Mechanical installation equipment at Port of Tampa, Florida.



Figure 2. A cube of 90° herringbone pattern rectangular pavers ready for installation.

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A Guide for the Specification of Mechanically Installed Interlocking Concrete Pavements

Introduction

This guide assists design professionals in developing a construction specification for the mechanical installation of interlocking concrete pavement. The core is the Quality Control Plan that requires a high level of planning and detail for executing large-scale projects. When refined into a project specification, it should be a tool to obtain a commitment to its requirements by the General Contractor (GC), paver installation subcontractor, manufacturer, and facilitate coordination among them. The ultimate outcome is increased assurance for owners of large paved facilities.

The contractual relationships among the owner, engineer, GC, subcontractors, and manufacturers (suppliers) will vary with each project. This guide assumes that an engineer works for the owner who hires a GC to build the project. The GC subcontracts to a company specializing in interlocking concrete

This Tech Spec does not include material or installation guidelines for permeable interlocking concrete pavement (PICP) installations. See the ICPI manual *Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavements*, available at ICPI.org.

paving. The GC or subcontractor purchases pavers from a paver manufacturer. The engineer or other employees working for the owner inspect and accept the paving.

Construction specifications in North America follow various formats. A common one is by the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) called MasterFormat (2004) and this guide is written to fit this format. Specifications using the CSI format sections have three parts: General, Products, and Execution. This guide is divided into these three parts to assist in writing each.

1.0 PART 1—GENERAL

This specification guide includes the installation of interlocking concrete pavers with mechanical equipment, bedding and joint sand and optional joint sand stabilization materials. ICPI Tech Spec 11—*Mechanical Installation of Interlocking Concrete Pavements* (ICPI 2004) should be consulted for additional



Figure 1. Mechanical installation of interlocking concrete pavements (left) and permeable units (right) is seeing increased use in industrial, port, and commercial paving projects to increase efficiency and safety.



Designer decisions:
Paver pattern
Layout to reduce cutting

Social Performance

Pattern Language

Suggest direction & pace

Random



45° Herringbone



90° Herringbone



Running bond

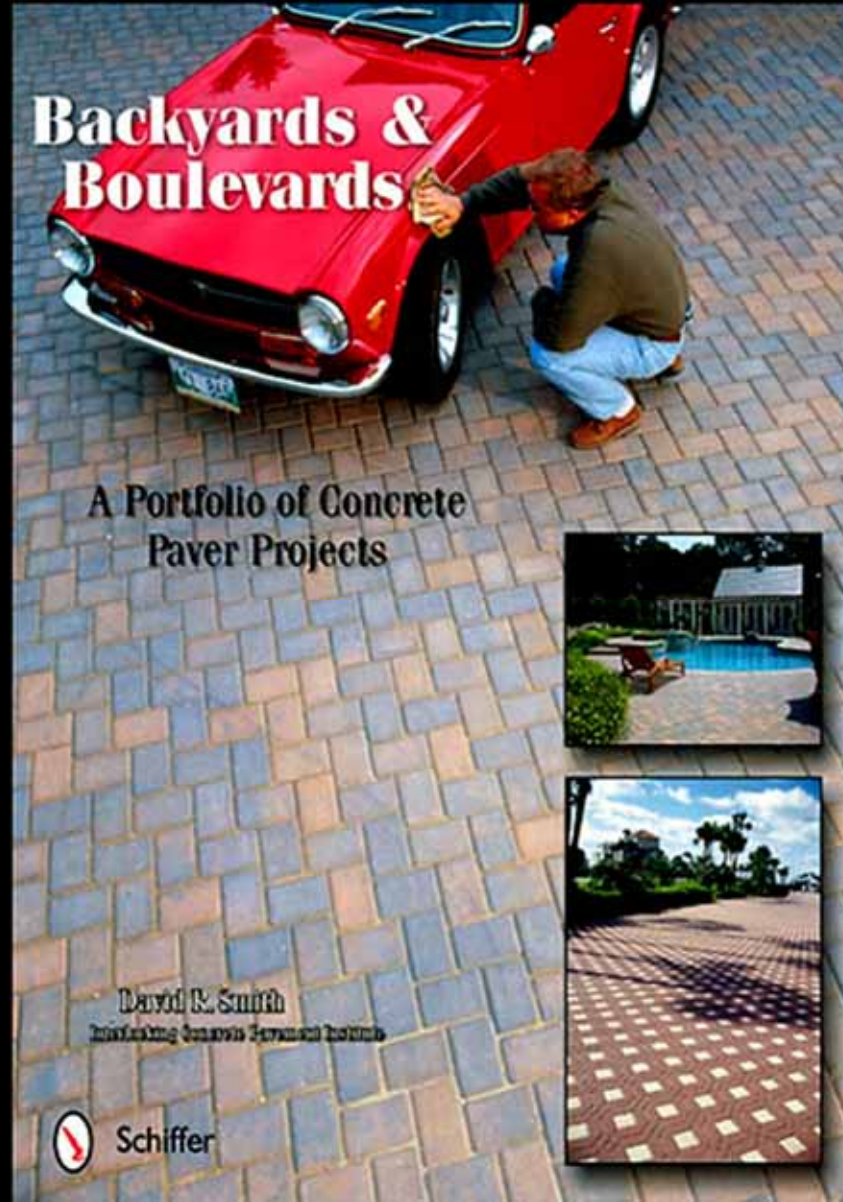
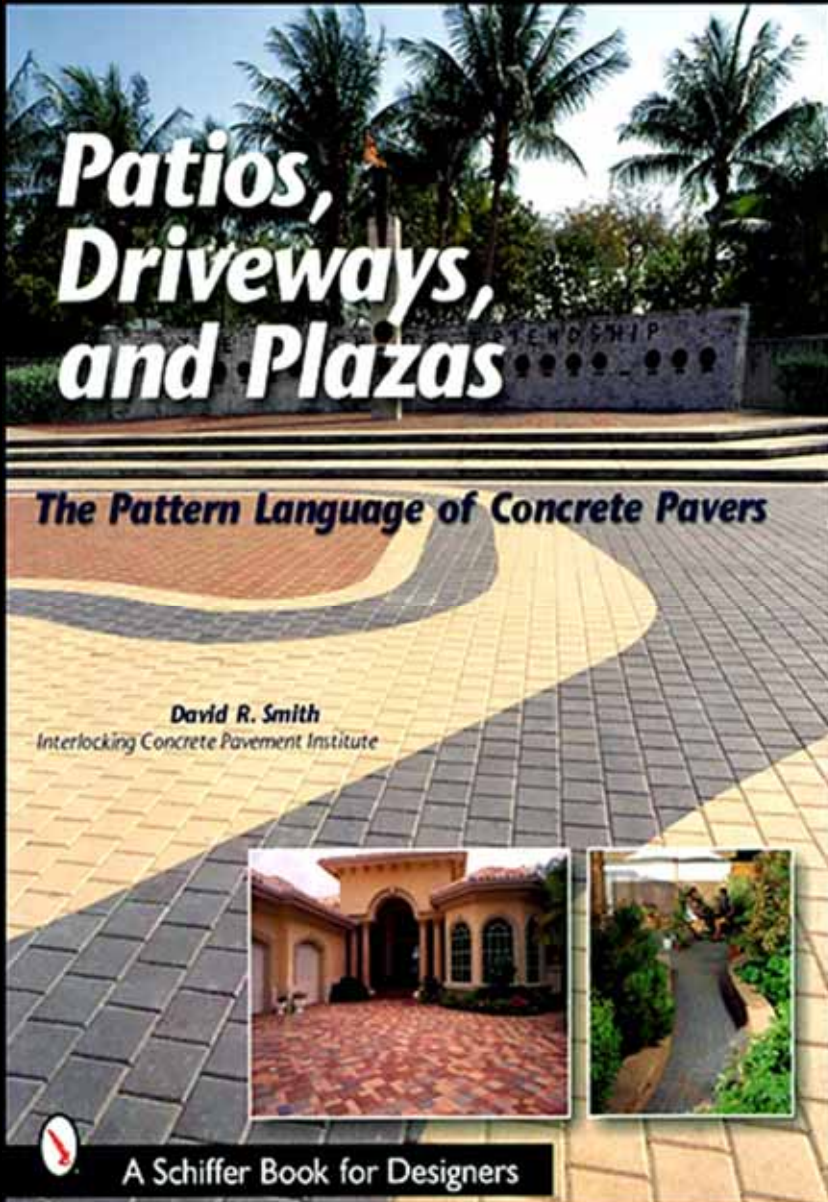


Stack bond



ICPI Resources

Explores social language of segmental concrete paving



6.2: Provide optimum site accessibility, safety, & wayfinding

Wayfinding:

- Clear entrances & gateways
- Viewpoints & sight lines
- Landmarks
- Decision points or nodes
- Hierarchy of ped & vehicular circulation
- Distinct areas & regions
- Orientation devices & systems
- Maps & brochures





6.2: Provide optimum site accessibility, safety, & wayfinding

Safety via traffic calming

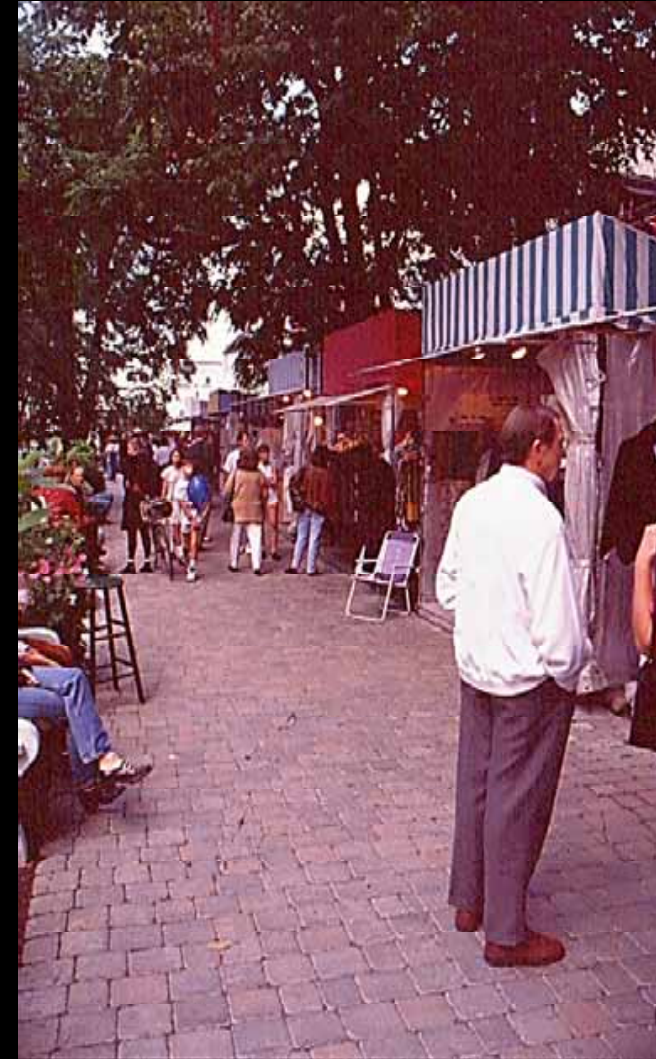


6.6: Support social connection

- Seating for min. 10% site users accommodating a variety of group sizes appropriate to the site
- Elements addressing microclimate and other site-specific conditions (e.g., sun, shade, wind)
- Amenities, services, or activity spaces (e.g., games, wireless access, food concessions, picnic or dining areas, outdoor auditoriums, playgrounds, farmers' markets)



6.6: Support social connection



Measuring Social Performance

User surveys - Pedestrian environmental quality index (PEQI)

Reduced / eliminated crime

Viewshed analysis / improvement

Increased amenities supporting site history

Increased recreation activities / participation

Self-guided educational activities

Case Study Example: Advocate Lutheran General

Hospital Patient Tower

Reduced stress in 50% of patients



Assembly Selection Guide

Surface Bedding Options	Min. Unit Thickness Pedestrian, In. (mm)	Pedestrian Base Options	Min. Unit Thickness Vehicular, in. (mm)	Vehicular Base Options
Interlocking	2 3/8 (60)		3 1/8 (80)	
Sand 1 in. (25 mm)		DGA		DGA, cement or asphalt stabilized, asphalt or concrete
Sand-bitumen 3/4 in. (15 mm)		Asphalt or concrete		Asphalt or concrete
Mortar		Concrete		N/A
Permeable Interlocking	2 3/8 (60)		3 1/8 (80)	
ASTM No. 8 stone 2 in. (50 mm) No. 8, 89 or 9 in joints		Open-graded aggregate		Open-graded aggregate, asphalt or cement treated permeable bases

DGA = Dense-graded aggregate

Assembly Selection Guide

Surface Bedding Options	Min. Unit Thickness Pedestrian, in. (mm)	Pedestrian Base Options	Min. Unit Thickness Vehicular, in. (mm)	Vehicular Base Options
Slabs	2 (50)		3 1/8 (80)	
Sand 1 in. (25 mm)		DGA or concrete		Concrete or asphalt
Sand-bitumen ¾ in. (15 mm)		Concrete or asphalt		Concrete or asphalt
Mortar		Concrete		N/A
Planks	3 1/8 (80)		4 (100)	
Sand 1 in. (25 mm)		DGA or concrete		Concrete or asphalt
Sand-bitumen ¾ in. (15 mm)		Concrete or asphalt		Concrete or asphalt
Mortar		Concrete		N/A
Grids	3 1/8 (80)		3 1/8 (80)	
Sand ½ - 1 in. (13-15 mm)		DGA		DGA

Structural Performance Limits

	Pedestrian	Automobiles	Lifetime ESALs*	Typical Vehicular Applications
Interlocking	Yes	Yes	< 10 million	Streets, parking lots, entries, crosswalks
Permeable Interlocking	Yes	Yes	< 1 million	Residential streets, on-street parking, alleys, parking lots
Slabs	Yes	Limited	< 75,000	Plazas
Planks	Yes	Limited	< 30,000	Plazas
Grids	Yes	Limited	< 7,500	Intermittent parking

*ESALs = 18,000 lb equivalent single axle loads



Structural Design of Interlocking Concrete Pavement for Roads and Parking Lots

History

The concept of interlocking concrete pavement dates back to the roads of the Roman Empire. See Figure 1. They were



from petroleum products or indentations from high temperatures. Once installed, there is no waiting time for curing. The pavement is immediately ready for traffic. Cracking and degradation of the surface is minimized because of the numerous joints (and sand in them) which act as a means for load transfer without damaging the pavement surface. Like



Design, Construction and Maintenance of Interlocking Concrete Pavement Crosswalks

Introduction

Crosswalks play an important role in streets by marking pedestrian crossings. With colors, patterns and textures, interlocking concrete pavements (ICP) visually differentiate pedestrian use from vehicular only areas. This difference in

funded research project by the University of Waterloo's Centre for Pavement and Transportation Technology (CPATT). The study investigated ICP in crosswalk applications and the 2010 report summarizes their performance

Slab, Plank & Grid Structural Performance in Vehicular Traffic

Best Practice

Aspect ratio =

length ÷ thickness

Vehicular: 3 max

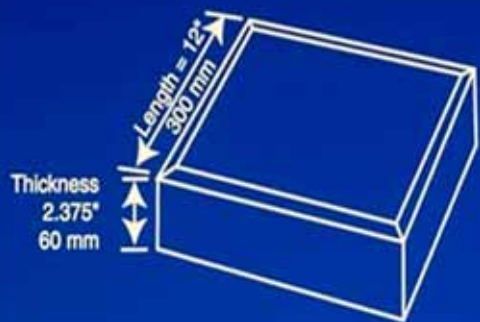
Residential drives: 3 to 4

Pedestrian: > 4

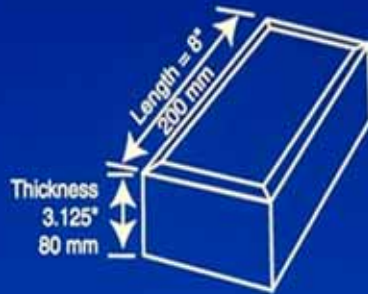
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Hotel entrance: 4 x 18 x 3 1/8 in. thick planks, base unknown, 7 months old

Aspect Ratio = Length ÷ Thickness



Paving Slab
Aspect Ratio = 12" ÷ 2.375"
= 5:1



Concrete Paver
Aspect Ratio = 8" ÷ 3.125"
= 2.5:1



Some Wisdom on Measuring Performance

“Every tool carries with it the spirit by which it has been created.”

“Since the measuring device has been constructed by the observer... we have to remember that what we observe is not nature in itself but nature exposed to our method of questioning.”

- Werner Karl Heisenberg
Physics and Philosophy 1958





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