COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

SHRP2 Support
Study No: 3.20

Background

Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP)/Long-Term Pavement Performance (LTPP) program entered into its second decade beginning in 1998. A portion of the discussions at the national level is now centered on SHRP product implementations. CDOT has also shifted gear and is focusing on product implementation, especially those products that are applicable to CDOT. Over the last few years we have moved some of the LTPP products from concept to full implementation. Among them are the narrower concrete joint design (1/8" wide), the Wider slabs (14-ft. wide) and other innovative technologies such as spray injection patcher for potholes, Georgia-fault-meter for measuring faults at concrete joints, Iowa-vacuum tester to identify leaks and a new distress identification manual (DIM).

As part of the SHRP product implementation, AASHTO enacted the Lead States Program in 1996. The centerpiece of the program is seven Lead State teams responsible for the implementation of a specific SHRP technology at the national level. The teams include states, FHWA, academia, industry representatives, as well as one AASHTO member. The primary objective of the AASHTO lead state program is to provide an avenue for timely implementation of proven SHRP technologies by those states that are in the forefront of a specific technology. CDOT has selected two lead-state teams: Innovative Pavement Maintenance Technologies and Anti-Icing, and Road Weather Information System (RWIS).

Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Type: SP&R Start: 1/1/89

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MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
02/28/01	100	02/28/01	Coordinate the acquisition of weather data from the SPS-2 and SPS-8 sites near Barr Lake with the SHRP Western Region. SPS-2 and SPS-8 experiments were designed to investigate the effects of various structural and environmental factors on the long-term performance of rigid pavements.
09/30/01	100	09/31/01	Secure funding for participating in a FHWA pooled fund study to examine the practicability of using new equipment for acquiring WIM data at the SPS sites including the SPS-2 site in Colorado.
04//03/03	100	04/04/03	Attend the SHRP/LTPP regional meeting in Reno. Present the status of the LTPP sites and give a presentation on LTPP Product Implementation Activities
07/30/03	100	09/30/03	Investigation of the permeability/drainability of the permeable asphalt treated base (PATB) test sections at the SPS-2 sites at Barr Lake. The investigation will be a coordinated effort between FHWA and CDOT Research.
03//25/03	100	03/25/03	Establish an FWD Calibration Center in Region 6
08/30/03	100	08/30/03	Meet with the representatives of FHWA, CDOT's Chief Engineer, to discuss the status of the LTPP Studies in Colorado
09/15/03	100	10/23/03	Investigation of the LTPP sites on US 40 West of Lay, I70 at Rifle, SH 24 at Manitou Spring, and SH 50 at Delta acquiring 4 and 6 inch cores
09/28/04	100	02/15/05	Conduct lab testing on the acquired 6-inch cores for the sites at Lay, Rifle, Manitou Spring,

			and Delta.
01/31/04	100	04/15/04	Submit Rehabilitation data sheet for the LTPP sites at Rifle and Lay.
06/30/05			Annual field review of all the SHRP sites in Colorado. Marking and replacing missing signs.
04/30/04	100	03/25/04	Provide estimated traffic (sheet 10) and if available monitored traffic data for all the in-service sites to the SHRP/LTTP Western contractor.
12/30/04	100	06/30/05	Coordinate with FHWA to evaluate the condition of the WIM equipment for the SPS-2 site at Barr Lake and decide on a course of action to install a bending plate or just use the existing WIM (piezo- electric cables).
5/15/06		5/15/06	Bending plate WIM equipment was installed by IRD on I-76 at MP 39.7 near Keensburg for monitoring the traffic and truck weights for the SPS-2 site.
3/15/07	100		Coordinate with SHRP Western Region in acquiring core samples and bulk sample of subgrade, and base for some of the SPS-2 test sections on I-76 near Barr Lake. Decisions need to be made as who pays for this field investigation.
3/31/07	100	3/12/07	PI to submit sampling of materials at SPS-2 Site (I76 and Barr Lake). Nichols Consulting has been chosen by FHWA to conduct the sampling. Roberto de Dios is working with Nichols Consulting regarding traffic control for the coring and sampling activity. The revised Material Sampling and Testing Plans for LTPP SPS-2 and LTPP SPS-8 Projects were e-mailed to Skip and Roberto on 03/12/07.
7/25/07	100	N/A	Participate in the TRB Expert Task Group (ETG) committee for the LTPP Materials data collection and analysis in October 2005. The ETG is charged with setting priorities and work plan for data collection and analysis, technical assessment of ongoing work and recommendation to enhance the success of the LTPP products. With the retirement of Ahmad Ardani, CDOT will no longer have a representative on this ETG.
8/31/07	100	9/21/07	Perform another round of LTPP data collection. Nichols Consulting was hired by FHWA for this job.
01/13/08	100	01/13/08	Roberto de Dios attended the LTPP Coordinators sessions at the TRB annual meeting.
12/31/10	100	12/01/10	Conducted FHWA LTPP Visit

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

01/22-26/12 The LTPP State Coordinators' meeting and the LTPP Technical Session were held as part of the annual TRB meeting. Several presentations were made pertaining to LTPP program.

12/31/11 No reported activity during this quarter.

09/19-30/11 LTPP data collection activities for Specific Pavement Studies (SPS) sites were performed by the consultant personnel (Nichols Consulting Engineers, Inc.) during this quarter.

05/24/11 CDOT Field Test Engineer Skip Outcalt provided the requested information that was available at that time.

04/17/11 The Principal Investigator Kevin Senn of Nichols Consulting Engineers, Inc. solicited input on rehabilitation and maintenance activities on active LTPP test sections for the next two years.

01/11 FHWA held LTPP Coordinators' meeting and had LTPP sessions on leveraging the LTPP experience to collect quality weigh-in-motion (WIM) data.

12/01/10 FHWA and Nichols Consulting Engineers (NCE) conducted the Long-Term Pavement Performance (LTPP) seminar at the Turnpike Conference Room in Materials Lab building.

09/30/10 Nichols Consulting Engineers (NCE) in coordination with FHWA and CDOT sent a draft of the agenda for the FHWA LTPP seminar/meeting between CDOT and FHWA/Consultant scheduled on December 1, 2010.

06/30/10 Nichols Consulting Engineers initiated coordination of FHWA visit to promote LTPP program

03/31/10 No activity this quarter.

12/31/09 No activity this quarter.

9/30/09 The budgeted amount for this project under the WBS 90050 needs to be rolled forward to a new WBS number. The 90050 account needs to be closed. The new WBS account will be used for SHRP2 project activities. No significant activity was reported by the consultant for this quarter.

6/30/09 No activity by the consultant was reported for this year.

03/31/08 The assessment, calibration and performance evaluation of LTPP SPS Weigh-In-Motion (WIM) Site ID 080200 is scheduled on April 29, 2008. Barbara K. Ostrom, Principal Investigator of MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc., 12104 Indian Creek Court, Suite A, Beltsville, Maryland 20705, Phone:301-210-5105 scheduled the site visit and evaluation meeting.

12/31/07 Samples cored from the SHRP test location (SH 40) were brought to the Staff Materials and Geotechnical Branch Lab for testing and analysis. CDOT Lab personnel are testing these samples.

9/21/07 Nichols Consulting Engineers performed the required coring and data collection for the Long-Term Pavement Performance (LTPP program). CDOT sent check to FHWA in the approximate amount of $32k to cover the cost of coring job.

6/30/07 It was confirmed that approximately $75k is left unspent in FY07. This money has to be rolled forward and must be approved by the Transportation Commission before it becomes available again to be spent. Kevin Senn of Nichols Consulting Engineers indicated that his company cannot do the coring as this is not part of the scope of work that is stipulated in their contract with FHWA. CDOT has no manpower/equipment to do the coring in-house specially the 12-inch cores. CDOT needs to contract out this work using the unspent SHRP program money. CDOT requested Nichols Consulting Engineers to submit an estimate of the coring work. The estimated cost of coring is $34k.

3/12/07 Kevin Senn of Nichols Consulting Engineers estimated that 16 days of traffic control will be required for 11 locations in 2007 and 7 days of traffic control will be needed in 2008. Latest information from the Division of Transportation Development (DTD) indicates that approximately $75k appears to be remaining in the budget. Roberto de Dios has to double check the actual amount left. In the revised Materials Action Plans for both SPS-2 and SPS-8 projects, a total of sixty one (61) 4-inch cores and eighteen (18) 12-inch cores will be required to complete this round of testing.

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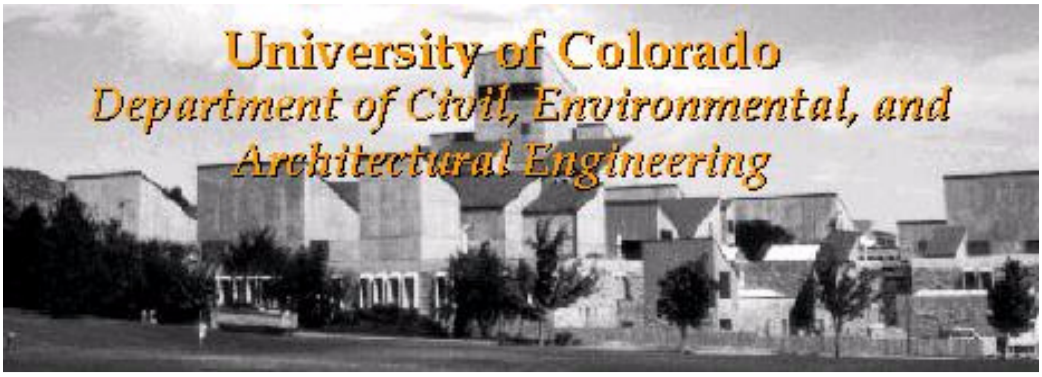
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Colorado Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)
Study No: 4.50

Background	Reporting Period 1/1/12 through 3/31/12 Type: SP&R Start: Ver:
The Colorado LTAP Center is part of the nationwide FHWA LTAP program aimed at providing technology transfer and exchange of transportation information to local communities. In all, there are over 57 LTAP programs in the United States, with at least one LTAP Center in each state. Providing training for rural and urban transportation communities is the number one priority of Colorado LTAP. Colorado LTAP is administrated in partnership with the FHWA by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). Funding for the program is as follows: FHWA (50%), CDOT (25%), and the University of Colorado at Boulder (25%).	Principal Investigator(s): Yunping Xi, University of Colorado/Boulder (303)-492-8991 Study Manager: Joan Pinamont (303) 757-9972 Study Panel Members: Joan Pinamont, CDOT Rick Santos, FHWA



COLORADO LTAP

3rd Quarter Report

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Colorado LTAP

Four Strategic Focus Areas

In 2008, FHWA issued guidance indicating that LTAP Centers transition from the traditional six tasks to a work plan that addresses the LTAP focus areas outlined in the national plan. The four focus areas are further divided into two general groups - the first three designed around external outcomes and processes, and the last a function of both internal and external LTAP center organization.

1. Safety – worker and roadway safety;
2. Infrastructure Management;
3. Workforce Development; and
4. Organizational Excellence

Colorado LTAP's FY2011-2012 work plan reflects this outline and completed activities emphasize these four focus areas.

A. Program Administration

- From January 1 to March 31, 2012, core staff for Colorado LTAP consisted of a University Administrator (part time), a Program Director (full time), a Training Coordinator (full time), and 2 program assistants (1 full-time graduate student and 1 hourly retiree). Other persons such as instructors for training classes were contracted when needed. The temporary aid, Marty Butcher, returned to work for LTAP this quarter. Yu-Chang Liang (Lawrence) stopped working in February, and another graduate student, Xingang Wang, took over.

- After 15 months, Colorado LTAP was able to hire a new web designer. Major updates to our site began in March and will be completed in April.

- John Cater, FHWA Division Administrator, attended LTAP's March monthly meeting with program sponsors at the LTAP Offices in Boulder. This was the administrator's first visit to our offices, and most of the meeting was spent discussing current projects, resources, needs, and vision for a better program.

B. Training

- Colorado LTAP continued to manage the *Roads Scholar I* and *Supervisory Skills & Development* training programs this quarter. In January 2012, Colorado LTAP began its new training program of advanced level courses called the *Roads Scholar II*: *Road Master* program. January also marked an increase in all *Roads Scholar* full-day class registration fees from $45 to $50 for government employees and $75 for non-government employees.

- In all three training programs, there were a total of 31 classes offered between January 1 and March 31, 2012. There were 6 courses offered in Highway Safety, 10 in Infrastructure Management, 4 in Workforce Development, and 0 in Worker Safety. This quarter, 9 of the classes

qualified for *Roads Scholar I* credit, and averaged 22 attendees per class; and 6 classes qualified for the *Supervisory Skills and Development* program, averaging 24 attendees per class.

- The Road Master is the second and highest achievement level in Colorado LTAP's Roads Scholar Training Program. The Roads Scholar II Road Master program is an advanced training program geared towards the experienced maintenance worker, equipment operator, and manager. It is an opportunity for training at a more complex level than Roads Scholar I provides. The program includes a series of courses designed to provide Colorado's municipal highway personnel in all departments with knowledge of road maintenance management procedures and techniques.

  In the first quarter, there were 6 *Roads Scholar II* courses offered on three topics – Bridge Inspection NDE, Noxious Weed Management, and Project Inspection for Local Agencies. These classes averaged 13 attendees per class. The lower average participation in these courses is due to the fact that participants in the RS II program are first required to first complete the 4 Core classes in the Roads Scholar I program. However, because there was so much interest in the RS II classes by those that *didn't* meet this requirement and therefore ineligible to take the courses, it was decided that for the *first year only* people that don't meet the pre-requisite would be allowed to sign up on the wait-list initially. If at one week before the training there is still space available, they would be allowed to attend. This will allow those participants one year to complete the required four Core classes in the meantime. Before this new criteria was set, the Bridge NDE class had a long wait list of interested participants that were unable to take the class because of the pre-requisite. The LTAP Advisory Board still feels the 4 Core pre-requisites are still necessary as the RS II program is designed to offer course material at a higher level of education, and the RS I Core classes will provide attendees with the needed background information. The RS II courses offered this quarter are detailed in the *Infrastructure Management* section.

- A list of January – March completed training courses is provided in Appendix A. The list of classes also shows the distribution of attendance between local (City/County), Tribal, State, Federal, and Other (Contractors, etc.).

C. Program Support

Some tasks serve to advance all four focus areas. These are addressed in the *General Program Support* section of the report.

C0.1 Newsletter and Information Exchange

Two tools utilized for technology transfer and information exchange include our quarterly newsletter publication and free lending library.

- One of the main tools Colorado LTAP used for technology transfer and information exchange was a newly redesigned quarterly Newsletter publication. Newsletter articles were designed to educate transportation personnel to produce enhanced maintenance, workforce and safety outcomes. The Spring issue was distributed this quarter. There were 1624 recipients that received a hard copy of the Newsletter, and 143 people on the *electronic* mail list. The new *CDL Regulations Regarding Medical Card Requirements* was highlighted in this issue. Other topics covered the 25th Anniversary Street

Conference, Aggregate Sampling Training, Litigation and Work Zone Safety, Free Stormwater and Watershed Resources, Hours-Of-Service Regulations now in effect, Upcoming LTAP Training Spring 2012. A Drainage Knowledge crossword puzzle was also designed and included. The answers were posted on our website – encouraging readers to go check out all our latest updates to the website.

Newsletter Name	Circulation Distribution				
	Local	Tribal	State	Federal	Other
Local Technical Assistance Program	1,110	10	147	63	422

Newsletter Articles	Roadway Safety	Worker Safety	Work Zone Safety	Workforce Development	Infrastructure Management
Spring 2012	1	2	1	1	3

C0.2 Library Services

- Colorado LTAP provided technology transfer materials through a comprehensive, in-house lending library of instructional videos, publications, and resources focusing on transportation design, maintenance, safety, and workforce related topics. Maintaining the library is a continuous process in order to uphold quality, state-of-the-art resources. There are over 2500 media and publications available to local agencies free-of-charge for at least a two-week period, that can be ordered online through the Colorado LTAP website or by calling the office. LTAP staff provided technical assistance and research in obtaining requested publications, research, and transportation-related materials from other libraries and databases nationally. We have been keeping abreast of new, free publications and manuals that are available online for download. We have listed these in our library and have been printing & binding them for customers upon request.

  A majority of the budget in this area is spent on mailing costs to send the requested materials, and ordering new materials. This quarter, $1,268.68 was spent on purchasing new materials, and $289.27 was spent on postage for mailing materials. 38 new titles were added to the library, some with multiple copies for free distribution. Some of the recently added materials include: *Best Practices in Project Delivery Management, Bridge Preservation Guide, Center Line Rumble Strips: Technical Advisory, Field Guide to Testing Deicing Chemicals, Guidelines for Vegetation Management, Intersection Safety: A Manual for Local Rural Road Owners, Roadside Design Guide 2011, Urban Storm Drainage Criteria Manual, Vol 3 - Best Management Practices,* and a series of NCHRP reports.

  Sixty-six materials were loaned from the library this quarter, and 504 free materials were distributed. The table below illustrates the number of materials *loaned or distributed* this quarter and in which focus areas.

Publication Type	Highway Safety	Infrastructure Management	Worker/Workplace Safety	Workforce Development
Book	0	0	0	0

CD	1	1	1	0
DVD	8	6	14	10
Video	9	2	14	0
Free Publications	179	217	100	8

C0.3 Program Marketing, Outreach and Research

This area covers a spectrum of daily tasks related to technical assistance, local agency outreach, program marketing and promotion, and field research. We have found that making personal contact is an invaluable opportunity to assess local agency needs and challenges, and receive feedback. Budgetary items completed in this category this quarter are included below.

- 1150 LTAP Logo Pens were designed and purchased for distribution at classes and conferences.

- The LTAP Director attended the FHWA/CDOT State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) meeting in January. LTAP designed, printed and mailed registration brochures for the FHWA Every Day Counts (EDC) Exchanges. Copies were forwarded to STIC members, CDOT and FHWA for promotion to local agencies.

- Colorado LTAP was provided a free vendor booth space at 3 conferences this quarter – APWA Construction Inspection Conference, Rocky Mountain Asphalt Conference, and ACPA Concrete Conference. Colorado LTAP staff attended and distributed many new publications, training resources, and promoted the new roads Scholar II program.

- Colorado LTAP handles program coordination and pre-registration services for APWA's annual Spring Street Conference. The majority of work for this conference is done between January and March, and staff participated in several planning committee meetings this quarter. Colorado LTAP is reimbursed for all direct costs related to conference expenses as well as an administration fee.

- The Street Conference occurs during Work Zone Safety Awareness Week this year, and Colorado LTAP has been developing a series of work zone awareness resources to distribute at the conference. Refer to the *Roadway Safety Programs* section of this report for more details.

C0.4 Out-of-State Travel

LTAP centers are encouraged to participate in the activities of regional and national organizations such as the National LTAP Association (NLTAPA), and to participate on NLTAPA work groups and committees when appropriate. NLTAPA helps expand the capacity of each Center to best meet customer needs by developing local agency resources for Center use, building awareness about LTAP resources amongst the transportation community, providing Centers a voice in Washington, and assisting FHWA in developing future strategies for the Program.

- The Colorado LTAP director, Renée, currently serves on the NLTAPA Executive Committee as the *Vice-President*, and *National Partnerships* Work Group Chairperson; and participated in monthly conference calls related to Association business.

- ❖ Renée attended the NLTAPA Executive Board and General Business Meetings in Washington D.C. in January; and gave two presentations on 1) proposed 2012 NLTAPA Budget and 2) an update on the APWA, NACE and AASHTO national partnerships.

- ❖ Although not registered for the conference, while in D.C., Renée attended several TRB committee meetings including the National Assessment of Data Collection; TRB Safety Workforce Development Committee Meeting; and TRB Rural Road Safety Subcommittee Meeting. Renée also spoke with members of FHWA Office of Safety about holding a Regional Local Road Safety Peer Exchange in Denver. More details available in the *Safety Programs* section below.

- ❖ The Region 7 LTAP meeting is normally an out-of-state travel event occurring in May/June. However, this year, Colorado LTAP will host the Region 7 meeting in Denver. Although the meeting is not scheduled until May 30th, Colorado LTAP staff spent this quarter researching and selecting a meeting location, negotiating the hotel contract, designing/preparing the meeting registration form, and handling pre-registration processes and invoicing Centers. A significant amount of time was also spent coordinating the Region 7 meeting schedule with FHWA's Safety Peer Exchange which will occur at the same location the following two days.

C.1 Safety Programs

Roadway Safety and *Worker Safety* are the core of Colorado LTAP's program and are included in most of our efforts. A significant portion of Colorado LTAP's resources are often devoted to implementing Roadway and Worker Safety programs and in providing support to statewide road safety initiatives at both the state and local levels. Specific roadway safety activities proposed for FY2011-2012 include full-day training classes, workshops, presentations at conferences and meetings, attendance at county and municipal conferences, and outreach among other State and Federal safety programs emphasizing local road issues. Six training classes were offered on Roadway/Work Zone and Worker safety topics this quarter.

Work done in *Safety Programs* usually falls under one of three major budget categories – *Public Safety Awareness, Retroreflectometer Loan Program,* and *Safety Training Support*.

C1.1 Public Safety Awareness Programs

Safety Awareness Programs are used to promote worker safety focused on increasing the awareness of the travelling public as well as transportation workers.

- ❖ LTAP serves as a safety advocate to further other FHWA and CDOT safety efforts such as support and implementation of Every Day Counts (EDC) initiatives and participated in Colorado's initial STIC meeting. Colorado LTAP designed, printed and mailed promotional brochures for the FHWA Every Day Counts (EDC) Exchanges for local agencies. Copies were forwarded to Colorado STIC members, CDOT, and FHWA for promotion to local agencies. Colorado LTAP scheduled, coordinated and handled registration for 5 locations of the EDC Exchanges in February and April.

- ❖ A significant portion of the LTAP Director's time is devoted to accomplishing initiatives to support Roadway Safety and implement Colorado's Strategic Highway Safety Plan - the Colorado Strategic Plan for Improving Roadway Safety (SPIRS).

- In 2011, Louisiana LTAP held a successful Safety Peer Exchange using FHWA ASAP funds. National FHWA Office of Safety decided to host a similar event in Colorado for Region 7/8 states. Colorado LTAP staff have been working with the Office of Safety to organize meeting location logistics, agenda topics, and LTAP regional participation. Surrounding state DOT Safety and FHWA reps are also being invited to attend. The Local Road Safety Peer Exchange will be held May 31 and June 1, following the May 30th LTAP Region 7/8 meeting in Denver.

- *National Work Zone Awareness Week* (NWZAW) is April 23-27, 2012. To promote this event and work zone safety best practices, Colorado LTAP designed and printed 250 "Work Zone Safety Resources" folders. In addition, a 20-page "Resources" booklet was designed and printed. Topics covered in the booklet include: Background on National Work Zone Awareness Week, National Work Zone Statistics, Top 10 *Worker* Safety Tips, Top 10 *Driver* Safety Tips, CDOT's Slow for the Cone Zone Program, National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse, Work Zone Safety Websites, Online Flagger Training, Work Zone Safety Online Publications, Work Zone Safety Recent Reports, High Visibility Safety Apparel, Nighttime Work Zone Operations, Work Zone Safety in the LTAP Lending Library, Spanish Work Zone Materials in the LTAP Library, and Spanish Work Zone Materials Online. A "Work Zone Quiz" and "Know Your Flagging" handouts were printed. Several other work zone safety brochures, posters, guidebooks, etc were ordered free from the Work Zone Safety Clearinghouse. Fifty of the folders will be assembled and distributed during Work Zone Awareness Week at the Spring Street Conference in Grand Junction. Colorado LTAP staff also purchase 2 of the official work zone awareness t-shirts to wear while promoting the materials and event at our conference booth.

C1.2 Retroreflectivity Loan Program

- Retroreflectivity has become an important aspect of the Colorado LTAP program through technical assistance and an on-staff trainer. "Retroreflectivity" refers to the property of a material to reflect light directly back to the driver. Retroreflective traffic signs and pavement markings are used to increase nighttime visibility. Federal regulations now require all agencies to maintain their signs to a minimum level of retroreflectivity.

  The Colorado LTAP director, Renée, is one of the nation's leading instructors on Sign Retroreflectivity. Renée continually works with FHWA to keep abreast of the latest updates, training, and MUTCD changes in this regard. The center frequently receives requests from other States, contractors, and local agencies in regard to the regulations, and sign management options to meet the requirements.

  A retroreflectometer plays a key role to ensure quality and accuracy when implementing an effective sign management program. To help local agencies who are unable to afford or don't warrant enough need to purchase their own meter, Colorado LTAP owns 2 sign sheeting DELTA RetroSign® GR3 Retroreflectometers with global positioning system (GPS) capability and extension pole kits. After a winter hiatus, we continued to manage our successful local agency

retroreflectometer loan program throughout the spring. Due to the sensitivity of the optical equipment, we do not loan the meter through the winter months.

Additional training equipment such as microscopes, flashlights, batteries and sheeting materials are maintained for the retroreflectivity training courses with funding from this category.

C1.3 Safety Training Support

- January 1 – March 31, the training program completed 6 classes directly related to safety topics – 6 in Roadway/Work Zone Safety and 0 in Worker/Workplace Safety. Colorado LTAP developed a program of advanced level courses on safety topics for the Roads Scholar II program. The first safety courses scheduled in this new training program will be Road Safety 365 and Designing Pedestrian Facilities for Accessibility, but are not scheduled until April 2012.

  - *Signing, Pavement Markings, and MUTCD* – This was the first Roads Scholar I *Core* course offered this quarter. Two of three scheduled classes occurred this quarter. The class addressed the following topics: Roadway Signing - sign standardization, sign types, sign location and placement, retroreflectivity standards; and Pavement Markings - markings & delineators, retroreflectivity, object markers, pavement markings. An overview of the MUTCD with detailed discussion of chapters: 1. General Information, 2. Signing, and 3. Pavement Markings was covered. The class stressed understanding of the MUTCD its language and principles. There was discussion of specific work experiences regarding signing and the MUTCD. Our previous instructor, John Bemelen, retired and Eric Ferron with FHWA took over teaching this class. Unfortunately, due to Eric's busy scheduled LTAP was only able to schedule 3 dates with him for this class. There were several interested parties on the wait list for the Denver location.

  - *Work Zone Development: Safety, Set-up and Inspection* – This was a new class offered in the Roads Scholar I program. This one-day class provided the tools necessary for street and road department employees to develop safe and effective work zones and to navigate the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, focusing on the use of temporary traffic control devices. The class specifically covered the types of work zones, components, devices, applications, and inspections. Practical, hands-on exercises were done with LTAP's Traffic Control Layout Kits in order to develop the attendees' ability to establish appropriate work zones based on different proposed scenarios. Eric Ferron with FHWA is also teaching this class. It was offered in 3 locations last quarter, one location this quarter, and one final location next quarter.

  - *Roadway Work Zone Construction Safety* - Colorado LTAP was able to once again work with the American Road Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) to offer this popular OSHA 10-hr Work Zone Construction Safety Certification course. This day-and-half course was offered in 3 locations this spring. This certification program focuses directly on the hazards faced by roadway construction workers, and a practical approach to recognizing & controlling roadway hazards. The course covered: Confined Spaces, Excavations, and Trenching; Roadway Work Zones and Night Work; Mechanical Equipment; Fall Prevention and Protection; Collisions; and Electrical Safety. The end of the course included a segment on *Road Safety for Maintenance Operations*. This training module was developed by the ND LTAP center and is a collection of best practices for workers on how to recognize and address roadway problems and improve safety of the traveling public. It covered issues such as

shoulder drop-off, obstructions in the roadway vegetation control, and winter maintenance. Attendees received an OSHA 10-Hour *Construction Safety & Health Course* completion card.

- Colorado LTAP regularly consulted with its Advisory Board and local customers to develop appropriate Safety training programs and also responded to requests for safety questions and technical assistance.

- The electronic mail list was used to promote available safety webinars and other distance learning opportunities offered through organizations such as CDOT, National LTAP Clearinghouse, FHWA Office of Safety; American Public Works Association (APWA), American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) and other roadway safety organizations. Online Safety training in which LTAP *participated* and *promoted* to locals this quarter included *USDOT OIG/FHWA Fraud Prevention & Awareness Training* and FWHA's *Systemic Approaches to Roadway Safety* web conference.

- The quarterly newsletter included 4 articles highlighting important information regarding safety topics – 1 on roadway safety, 2 on worker safety, and 1 on work zone safety. The library lending program loaned 19 items related to worker & workplace safety, and 100 free materials were distributed directly related to this topic.

- In addition to operational aspects, LTAP continued to serve as a leading agency in implementation of local road safety initiatives in Colorado, with focus on improving coordination between local and State safety partners and stakeholders; developing better collaboration to leverage resources and ideas; and improved communication to ensure that customers and local communities have access to the information and resources they need to participate in Colorado's safety improvement efforts.

C.2 Infrastructure Management

Colorado LTAP has a long history of providing infrastructure related training, technology transfer and technical assistance through its traditional services.

- The basis of the two Roads Scholar training programs focuses on road maintenance, management and construction. There were 10 total training classes offered on Infrastructure Management topics this quarter.

  - *Equipment Maintenance and Inspection Training* - Accidents caused by malfunctioning equipment can cause hazardous situations for operators as well as the travelling public. This course emphasized good preventive maintenance practices that will insure agency vehicles will operate with optimum performance and less breakdowns resulting in safer operation. This course focused less on fleet management and more on walk-around inspections and maintenance of the heavy equipment. Participants learned how to identify problems with fuel systems and hydraulic systems, how to identify problems with air intake systems and learned how to perform a proper daily walk around inspection. A hands-on portion with local agency equipment was included. This 1-day class was offered in 4 locations.

- In January, Colorado LTAP implemented its new *Roads Scholar II*: *Road Master* program. The Roads scholar II does not have Core and Elective classes, but rather courses fall under four main focus areas: *Safety*, *Environment*, *Transportation Management*, and *Technical Skills*. The focus

area of each training is noted before the title below. In addition, the program completion requirements in this program are based on completed *credit hours* or total hours of training. This would allow participants to receive credit for webinars or 2-4 hour courses if offered in the program. The credit hours received for each course is also noted below. The first three courses offered in the RS II program addressed infrastructure management topics and therefore are included in this section. Two "Safety" focus RS II courses will be offered next quarter.

- TECHNICAL SKILLS: *Bridge Inspection Non-Destructive Evaluation (NDE) Techniques* – [*7 credit hours*] This technical course was presented by FHWA staff and covered selected non-destructive evaluation methods that can be used to assess existing conditions in bridge structures during routine inspections, supplementing visual inspections. It provided bridge inspectors and road and bridge staff the opportunity to see the latest in commercially available nondestructive tools and systems for use on bridges. A series of presentations, instructional videos, and live demonstrations showing basic operation of NDE equipment were included. The following technical inspection tools were featured: Eddy Current, Ultrasonic, Infrared Thermography, Impact Echo, and Ground Penetrating Radar. The class was offered once at the Lakewood Division office.

- TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT: *Project Inspection for Local Agency Employees* – [*7 credit hours*] This class covered major duties and responsibilities of individuals responsible for the quality of roadway projects. It addressd the importance of understanding plans, the contract, materials to be used and various quality control tests used in project inspection. A short session on calculating rates of applications, areas, and volumes was also presented. Emphasis was placed on materials and operations and important aspects of what to look for that can result in problems after the job is completed. This course dealt with the reality of everyday factors between contractors and agencies. John Hopkins was brought in from the East Coast to teach this popular course. He is one of the 10 original directors of LTAP, and has been the LTAP Director in OK, MT, AZ, and ID.

- ENVIRONMENT: *Invasive Weed Management* - [*7 credit hours*] This one-day course covered Managing roadside invasive weeds and latest updates; Ground clearing versus targeting species; Chemical issues, R-O-W spraying, Environmental issues and responsibilities; Most effective time to spray; Cost effectiveness of mowing, blading, and spraying; Alternative options to spraying; Public awareness and notification; Private owner responsibility; Controlling A/B list weeds; Options for re-vegetation after rip-up; and Being proactive vs. reactive. The instructor for this course was Dr. George Beck, professor of weed science in the Dept. of Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management at Colorado State University.

- The electronic mail list was used to promote available infrastructure management related webinars and other distance learning opportunities offered through organizations such as the national LTAP Clearinghouse; FHWA; APWA; and frequently CAPA or ACPA on infrastructure management topics such as asphalt and concrete pavement maintenance. Webinars and online training opportunities in infrastructure management that were promoted this quarter included: FHWA's EDC Exchange on *Accelerated Bridge Construction: Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil Integrated Bridge System*; NHI's web conference on *Bridge Preservation*; and TRB Webinar on *Erosion and Sediment Control for Native and Aggregate Surfaced Roads.*

- Colorado LTAP staff provided technical assistance, research and responses to infrastructure questions and resources through emails, telephone, and in-person requests. Some of the technical

assistance requests address questions on concrete paving and sign management software.

- The LTAP program director serves as the secretary and newsletter editor on the Colorado Association for Roadway Maintenance (CARMA) Board of Directors. The board met once between January and March to develop agendas and speakers for the Spring Street Conference. LTAP helps coordinate needed infrastructure related presentations included on these agendas.

- The quarterly newsletter included 3 articles highlighting important information regarding infrastructure management topics. The library lending program loaned 9 items and 217 free materials were distributed directly related to infrastructure management.

C.3 Workforce Development

The training classes, workshops and other educational offerings described above can all be considered part of LTAP's workforce development program. Four courses were completed on Workforce Development topics this quarter. TThe following specific work force development initiatives were offered between January and March.

- *Supervisory Skills & Development* (SSDP) *Training* – This program is specifically designed to address workforce development and soft skills issues. The courses offered in this program each year are intended to provide a fundamental understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a new supervisor and to develop tools for succeeding in management. Four courses were provided in this program this quarter.
  - *Who's Coming Through the Door Today: Dealing with People* – In this class attendees learned about the ever-changing workplace and how this diversity affects the working relationships and communication styles. The class addressed the significance of different generations, work styles, personalities, cultures, and gender that make up the unique workplace of today. Cathy Poe with Lundy Professional Development Resources was the returning instructor for this course. This class was offered in one front-range location, back-to-back with *Effective Verbal Communications*.

  - *Effective Verbal Communication: Are You Understood?* – This class, also taught by Cathy Poe, focused on strategies to improve interpersonal relationships at work by understanding the two way communication cycle, how to overcome communication barriers, and the responsibilities of both the speaker and listener. The class helps attendees learn to organize thoughts, to speak clearly and concisely, and ensure understanding. It was offered the following day after *Dealing with People.* Attendees are not required to attend both classes.

  - *Developing the Leader Within* – As a supervisor or team leader you are always leading others, whether you are aware of it or not. This class emphasizes what it means to be a leader in today's organizations; how to build relationships; and how to create a positive culture and model core concepts in today's fast-paced diverse work environment. This highly interactive workshop covered how to: assess and develop your leadership strengths; develop your ability to lead by influence rather than authority; create your own personal board of directors; lead to leave a legacy; design your own leadership logo; and create an individual development plan. It was taught by Phyllis Lundy, president of Lundy Professional Development Resources, in one west slope location.

- *Whole New World: Nuts and Bolts of Local Government* - This course is designed to help new supervisors become familiar with local government jurisdictions, the structure of local government entities (State, County, City, etc.), the major roles and functions of officials, revenue sources, and budgeting, and provides insight and tools to help navigate the political system. The class was originally offered last fall on the west slope but was cancelled due to lack of registrants. It was rescheduled in Colorado Springs, farther south than we usually offer the SSDP classes, in order to generate more interest down there. The February date for this class had to be cancelled due to a snow event. It was rescheduled in March, however, we were not able to get as many people registered the second time. Stefani Conley, with Lundy Professional Development Resources, was a new instructor for the class this year; and did great. Dale Hancock has taught this course in the past several years. He recently retired from the County agency he worked, and we are not sure if he will be able to teach for us in the future.

❖ The electronic mail list was used to promote available workforce development related webinars and other distance learning opportunities offered through organizations such as the national LTAP Clearinghouse; FHWA; APWA; TRB, or NHI. Webinars and online training opportunities in infrastructure management that were promoted this quarter included the National Highway Institute's New Web-based training series on *FHWA Planning and Research Grant Administration*, and CDOT's *Consultant Services Requirements*.

❖ Coordinated and distributed best practices from local agencies that have demonstrated particular success in managing their road and street systems.

❖ The quarterly newsletter included 1 article highlighting important information regarding workforce development topics. The library lending program loaned 10 items and 8 free materials were distributed directly related to workforce development.

C3.3 APWA Street Conference Administration & Library Materials

❖ Colorado LTAP helps the Colorado CARMA & APWA administer pre-conference planning, brochure design and distribution, registration, and agenda development for the Spring Street Conference held in Grand Junction each year. Colorado LTAP is reimbursed for all direct costs and an additional $2000; $1500 administration and $500 for library training materials to benefit local agencies. Although the conference is not till April, the majority of work is completed between January - March. As a conference planning board member, Colorado LTAP staff have a significant influence on session topics presented at this conference; and will be presenting a session as well this year. 2012 is the 25th Anniversary of this Street Conference, there is a special Banquet Recognition Dinner planned, and Tim Harris, CDOT Chief Engineer, is the keynote speaker.

C.4 Operational Excellence

Colorado LTAP seeks to provide high quality services to meet the needs of its customers. Several activities were conducted to help ensure that LTAP is meeting this goal - including obtaining more feedback on emerging needs of Colorado's customers as well as their perception of the program. Operational Excellence is a continuous service management improvement program, and efforts to

improve our operational efficiency are continually implemented. Specific internal and external initiatives this fall included below.

- As a National Program requirement, Colorado LTAP submitted their annual Program Assessment Report (PAR) and Center Assessment Report (CAR) to FHWA in January.

- Colorado LTAP provided CDOT and FHWA quarterly and mid-year reports highlighting progress of Center operations including a budget/expense report.

- Complete program expenses for July 1 – March 31, 2012 is included in Appendix B.

C4.1 Information Technology Services

- Colorado LTAP managed their Information Technology Services (ITS) to provide communication services to state agencies, local governments, and partners across Colorado and the United States. ITS incorporated the study, design, development, implementation, support and management of Colorado LTAP's telecommunication and computer-based information systems this quarter. It included maintaining network and video services, telephone, emailing, program websites and operational databases.
  - The website is a useful tool to communicate upcoming training courses and online registration, conferences, online training & webinars, needs survey, and to highlight resources specific to local agency needs, and is updated regularly. Technical support for our website has limited our efforts.

    After 15 months of being without a website designer, Colorado LTAP FINALLY hired a new web master. Significant updates were begun in March and will be completed in April. Getting the online class registration up and running was the first priority, along with posting the latest Newsletter issues since Winter 2010.

  - Phone service, toll-free 1-800 number, and email continue to be available for LTAP customers to reach us for direct technical assistance. Excluding website maintenance, additional expenses for ITS including phone service, toll-free number, and network connection services average about $99/month.

- Colorado LTAP regularly updates the contact information of local transportation agency contacts for the efficient dissemination of training announcements, newsletter publications, library resources, outreach efforts, and technology transfer. LTAP staff work with transportation industry associations to identify potential customers, meet needs, and disseminate technology.

  The electronic mail lists for course brochures and quarterly newsletter have increased to 134 and 152 recipients respectively. This service expedites facilitates communication, and provides more efficient service and improved coordination and delivery of technical assistance and technology services. It is extremely helpful to regularly up date locals on upcoming free online or webinar based training opportunities. The mailed brochure and newsletter lists are still maintained until the recipient chooses to switch to electronic mailings. These lists currently have 1090 and 1603 recipients respectively.

C4.2 Equipment

- This budget category covers purchasing office equipment and supplies necessary for production of training materials, office tasks, and to keep up with technology that will help the program efficiently deliver technology deployment.

  The majority of the expense in the Equipment category is related to the monthly lease and meter readings of the office Konica Minolta copy machine, which averaged $211/month in this quarter. The beginning of the year is a busy print time for course registration brochures and class handout materials.

  Other expenses in this category this quarter included an office bookshelf and new fax machine. Although both our Konica Minolta and HP monster printers also have fax capability, due to credit card information security, LTAP had to revert back to a basic standalone fax machine that was not connected to the network or internet– as the other two machines are.

C4.3 Office Supplies

- A majority of office supply costs are now included in the copier lease program. However, additional expenses in this category include paper for any printed products – brochures, certificates, name badges, flyers, etc – large envelopes, batteries, and CDs/DVDs for data storage or replication, etc. There was $472 spent on additional office supplies this quarter.

C4.5 Monthly & Quarterly Advisory Meetings

- In January and March, Colorado LTAP staff and FHWA/CDOT/CU project sponsors held two monthly meeting/conference calls to review project status and other program initiatives. Coordination of the EDC Exchanges was a big part of the meeting discussions. John Cater, FHWA Division Administrator, attended the March meeting at the LTAP Offices in Boulder. This was the administrator's first visit to our offices, and most of the meeting was spent discussing current projects, resources, needs, and vision for a better program.

- *LTAP Advisory Board* - Quarterly Advisory Board meetings are organized to solicit input for program content, provide feedback on needed services, and evaluate the effectiveness of the program. There are currently 9 *voting* members on the advisory board representing cities and counties across the state (2 City/Town and 7 County representatives). There are also four non-voting members representing the program and sponsoring agencies. Board members are not paid for their participation, but are reimbursed for direct expenses incurred due to attending LTAP meetings.

  The LTAP advisory board met on February 24th at the FHWA offices in Lakewood. In addition to state and local attendees, several members of the Division office attended the meeting. Topics covered included: Reauthorization and National hot topics; Regional Local Road Safety Peer Exchange; LTAP Training Programs; Gravel Roads Academy; Street Conference; Work Zone Awareness; Newsletter Hot Topics; and upcoming EDC Exchanges.

Appendix A: Completed Training Courses, January 1 – March 31, 2012

Class Name	Hrs. per Class	# Sessions	# Contact Hours						# Paritipants	Total Participant Hours
				Local	State	Federal	Tribal	Other		Hrs/class x#Part.
ROAD SCHOLAR PROGRAM										
RS CORE: Signing, Pavement Markings, & MUTCD	7	2	14	13	0	0	0	0	13	91
RS ELECTIVE: Roadway Work Zone Construction Safety	12	3	36	72	0	0	0	5	77	924
RS ELECTIVE: Equipment Maintenance & Inspection	7	4	28	101	0	0	0	9	110	770
RS ELECTIVE: Work Zone Development	7	1	34	34	0	0	0	0	34	238
TOTAL Road Scholar I:	**33**	**10**	**78**	**186**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**14**	**234**	**2023**
ROAD SCHOLAR II PROGRAM										
TECHNICAL: Bridge Inspection NDE Showcase	7	1	7	14	0	0	0	1	15	105
TRANSP MGMT: Project Inspection for Local Agencies	7	3	21	40	0	0	0	1	41	287
ENVIRONMENT: Invasive Weeds Management	7	2	14	24	0	0	0	0	24	168
TOTAL Road Scholar II:	**21**	**6**	**42**	**78**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**80**	**560**
Workshops										
Flagger Certification (April)										
SUPERVISORY SKILLS & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM										
SSDP: Whole New World	7	1	7	10	0	0	0	1	11	77
SSDP: Who's Coming Through the Door Today	7	1	7	27	0	0	0	1	28	196
SSDP: Effective Verbal Communications	7	1	7	33	0	0	0	1	34	238
SSDP: Developing the Leader Withing	7	1	7	21	0	0	0	0	21	147
TOTAL Supervisory Skills:	**28**	**4**	**28**	**91**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**94**	**658**
TOTALS:	**82**	**20**	**148**	**355**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**19**	**408**	**3241**

Appendix B: Program Expenses, July 1 – March 31, 2012

Itemized Categories:3
7/1/2011 through 3/31/2012

	Amount
INCOME	**222,827.84**
1. SPONSOR REIMBURSEMENTS	**222,827.84**
a. CDOT Reimbursement	178,875.00
b. CU Matching	9,166.50
c. Class Registration Fees	33,786.34
d. Partner Reimbursement	1,000.00
EXPENSES	**-227,386.93**
A. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	**-145,493.06**
A1. Administration Costs	-115,952.06
A2. Program Administration Fee	-29,541.00
B. TRAINING PROGRAM	**-52,851.61**
B1.1 Training	-52,851.61
a. Roads Scholar	-42,688.14
b. Supervisory Skills	-8,430.86
d. Special Training Programs	-201.12
d2. Heavy Equipment Training, Spring	-201.12
Other B. TRAINING PROGRAM:B1.1 Training	-1,531.49
C.0 GENERAL	**-18,027.27**
C0.1 Newsletter & Information Exchange	-6,591.46
C0.2 Library Services	-3,119.47
C0.3 Prog Marketing Outreach Research	-3,041.96
C0.4 Out-of-State Travel	-5,274.38
1.TRB	-1,238.36
3.National LTAP Meeting	-3,154.62
4.Local Roads Conference	-881.40
C.1 SAFETY PROGRAMS	**-1,160.32**
C1.1 Public Safety Awareness	-761.76
C1.2 Retroreflectivity Prog	-9.99
C1.3 Safety Training Support	-308.57
C1.4 Miscelaneous	-80.00
C.3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	**-4,341.35**
C3.1 You Show Us Contest	-1,242.90
C3.2 Local Roads Conference	-1,884.61
C3.3 APWA Conf Admin & Library Matls	-1,213.84
C.4 OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE	**-5,513.32**
C4.1 Information Technology Services	-607.86
C4.2 Equipment	-1,712.93
C4.3 Office Supplies	-1,054.18
C4.5 Advisory Meetings	-1,538.35
C4.7 NLTAPA Dues	-500.00
C4.8 Program Parking	-100.00
Balance Forward	**0.00**
OVERALL TOTAL	**-4,559.09**

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Development of Estimation Methodology for Bicycle and Pedestrian Volumes Based on Existing Counts
Study No: 8.41

Background

In 2009, the Colorado Department of Transportation adopted the Bicycle and Pedestrian Policy directive stating that "...the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians shall be included in the planning, design, and operation of transportation facilities, as a matter of routine..." (CDOT 2009). However, without sufficiently accurate estimates of bicycle and pedestrian volume on CDOT facilities, whether or not these road users are being adequately accommodated remains unknown. Consequently, this research project will help establish methods that will facilitate improved use of existing bicycle and pedestrian data through the development of Colorado-specific methodologies for estimating bicycle and pedestrian volumes using a limited sample of existing counts. More specifically, the research proposed herein will:

- Survey the state-of-the-practice literature for bicycle and pedestrian volume estimation;
- Contact local, state, and national agencies working with bicycle and pedestrian count data;
- Collect and evaluate existing bicycle and pedestrian count data from around the state of Colorado;
- Overlay and compare variations in bicycle and pedestrian volumes to variations for motorized traffic volumes;
- Develop and validate bicycle and pedestrian volume models based upon direction of travel, hourly peaking, seasonality, weather, and special events;
- Document standard bicycle and pedestrian statistical estimation methods in a procedures report for CDOT facilities; and
- Nationally disseminate findings in peer-reviewed journal papers and presentations at key conferences.

This work will enable CDOT to better understand the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians and best allocate limited resources in order to properly meet those needs. Local and regional agencies will also benefit from this research via data usage as well as access to the procedures and methodologies. An ancillary benefit from the dissemination of this research is national recognition and highlighting CDOT as a leader in managing and estimating annual bicycle and pedestrian work using statistically-based methods. The primary deliverables from this research to CDOT will be a final report and presentations that cover all study findings and recommendations.

Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Type: SP&R Start: 11/16/11

Principal Investigator(s):
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Study Manager:
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Study Panel Members:
Jake Kononov, CDOT DTD Research
Betsy Jacobsen, Bicycle Pedestrian Unit
Mehdi Baziar, Mobility Analysis Manager
Steven Abeyta, Traffic Analysis Unit
Leo Livecchi, Traffic Analysis Unit

MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
10/19/10	100	10/19/10	Advertise RFP
9/9/11	100	9/9/11	Receive Proposals

9/20/11	100	9/20/11	Selection
11/16/11	100	11/16/11	Notice to Proceed
1/17/12	100	1/17/12	Kick-Off Meeting
2/1/12	100	2/1/12	Literature Review
3/1/12	100	3/1/12	State of the Practice
3/1/12	100	3/1/12	Data Collection and Evaluation
6/1/12	50		Data Analysis
9/1/12	20		Bike/Pedestrian Models and Estimation Factors
11/15/12	0		Final Report

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- Completed kick-off meeting
- Completed literature review
- Contacted local, state, and national agencies working with bicycle and pedestrian count data and summarized as a state-of-the-practice
- Collected and evaluated existing bicycle and pedestrian count data from around the state of Colorado

ANTICIPATED EVENTS FOR Q2 2012

- Continue to analyze data
- Test various methods for developing the bike/pedestrian models and estimating factors in order to determine what method will be used for the subsequent work

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Durable Wearing Surfaces for HMA
Study No: 10.37

Background	Reporting Period:1/1/12 through 3/31/12 Type: SP&R Start: 09/01/02 Ver: 12/31/02 Principal Investigator(s): Skip Outcalt, Research 303-757-9984 Dave Weld, Research 303.512.4052 Study Manager: Skip Outcalt (303)-757-9984 Study Panel Members: Bill Schiebel, Region 1 Materials Dave Eller, Region 3 Eng Jay Goldbaum, Materials and Geotechnical
The Colorado Department of Transportation spends a large sum of money each year on the design and placement of new asphalt pavements. Inevitably, these pavements will need rehabilitation. Wearing surfaces provide an alternative to CDOT's current rehabilitation strategies. A pavement design system incorporating wearing surfaces will both protect the existing pavement structure and provide a quality overlay system for all pavements. A durable wearing surface is essential for preserving CDOT's investment in its paving program. The wearing surfaces will be evaluated on an annual basis at eleven sites: Five SMA sites, three Nova chip sites and three SHRP SuperPave SX sites. The test sites will have their ruts measured, cracks mapped, general condition visually evaluated and the skid number and texture depth measured using the CDOT Pavement Friction Test System (skid truck and trailer).	

MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
		7/02	Request projects from regions to include in research study.
9/02		9/17/03	Monitoring of OGFC and SMA construction on I-70 near Genesee.
9/02		9/02	Monitoring of Nova Chip Construction in Region 3.
10/03		9/24/03	Construction field notes for OGFC placement on I70 near Genesee.
10/03		9/17/03	Annual evaluation of test sections
3/03		12/1/03	Notes documenting the construction and first year evaluation of the Region 3 NOVA chip project.
11/05		11/05	Annual evaluation of test sections.
11/08		11/08	Annual evaluation of test sections. This was delayed due to malfunction of the skid tester.
12/11			Draft Final Report. (May be adjusted pending decision of panel)
06/12			Publish final report.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

3/12: Data collection and analysis in progress

1/12: Data collection and analysis in progress

06/11: Site evaluations for 2011 in progress

09/10: Site evaluations for 2010 continue

06/10: Site evaluations for 2010 in progress

12/09: Site evaluations completed for 2009

10/09: Site evaluations are in progress.

12/08: Site evaluations have been completed.

08/07: Skid equipment is functional and site evaluations have begun.

11/06: Problems with the Skid testing equipment and weather made it impossible to evaluate the test sections during the fall of 2006. The testing will be done in July and August of 2007.

11/05: This study is now being handled by Skip and Dave. Eleven test sites were established and evaluated. The evaluations found no significant developments at any of the sites.

03/05: The study panel members for this study met and as a result expanded the scope of the study to cover more sites. There are now 10 sites for this study which covers: SMAs, Nova chips, SHRP SuperPave SX mixes.

12/1/04: Region 1 decided to cover up the OGFC test section due to problems with icing.

7/31/04: The principal investigator, Donna Harmelink, has retired.

9/17/2003: An open graded friction course (OGFC) section and a stone matrix asphalt (SMA) section were constructed in Region 1 on I-70 near Genesee and are being evaluated under this project.

10/2002: A Nova Chip project was constructed in Region 3 on SH82 north of Aspen and is being evaluated under this project.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Participation in Southeastern Superpave Center
Study No. 10.40

Background

In 1992, following 5 years of research and testing, the Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP) introduced the Superpave system. The Superpave system included new specifications, test procedures and testing equipment for building more durable asphalt pavements. Five Superpave Regional Centers were established to provide technical leadership, assistance and training to highway agencies during the implementation of the Superpave system.

One of the Superpave centers established is the Southeast Superpave Center. This center is located at National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT), Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. This Center has a well-qualified and educated staff. The Center has been responsible for a number of research studies. Some of the studies include: permeability characteristics of coarse-graded Superpave mixes, development of mix design criteria for 4.75 mm mixes, case studies of the tender zone in coarse-graded Superpave mixes, development of critical field permeability and pavement density values for coarse-graded Superpave pavements, evaluation of OGFC mixtures containing cellulose fibers, evaluation of the effect of flat and elongated particles on the performance of HMA mixtures and permeability of Superpave mixtures; evaluation of field permeameters. Currently, NCAT is performing the monitoring for the warm mix asphalt (WMA) experimental feature on I-70, west of Eisenhower Tunnel in Region 1. Three WMA additives are being evaluated in this research project.

The products of this research may include the development of specifications, practices, and equipment to help build and extend the service life of a hot mix asphalt pavement.

Reporting Period 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Type: SP&R Start:7/03 Ver:

Principal Investigator(s):
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Technical Panel Leader:
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Research Study Manager:
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MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
06/12/04	100	07/30/04	Tim Aschenbrener, Jay Goldbaum, Bob Laforce, Bob Mero and Donna Harmelink met to discuss the possibility of developing a study to conduct noise evaluation on pavements in Colorado. It was decided that the evaluation this fall would be conducted by NCAT with their Close-Proximity Noise Trailer. Each year a summary of the data would be provided to CDOT. After the final evaluation a final report will be written that documents the performance of each of the evaluation sections.
10/18/04	100	10/18/04	NCAT will measure noise levels using the close proximity method on 21 sites.
12/31/04	100	4/08/05	NCAT will provide a report regarding noise levels measured and compare measurement from the 17 sites the previous year.
06/30/05	100	07/05	Draft final report was accepted and loaded into CDOT Research Branch website.

10/12/05	100	10/18/05	NCAT performed (Close Proximity Testing) CPX noise measurements in same locations as last year.
06/30/06	100	11/06	NCAT completed the final report for 2005 noise measurements. The report was accepted and loaded into Research Branch website.
10/31/07	100	9/30/07	NCAT plans to complete another round of noise measurements and may perform other types of research services or projects for CDOT.
9/30/08	100	9/30/08	Perform warm mix asphalt pavement distress survey.
11/17/09	100	11/17/09	Perform warm mix asphalt pavement distress survey.
9/30/10	100	10/15/10	Perform warm mix asphalt pavement distress survey.
12/31/11	100	11/01/11	Submit final report for the assigned research project (WMA report) completed.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

03/31/12 No activity was reported during this quarter.
12/31/11The final report is kept in our experimental features published materials.
09/30/11 Comments to the draft report were provided by Region 1 Materials Engineer, Bill Schiebel.
06/30/11 No activity was reported during this quarter.
03/02/11 Dr. Randy West of NCAT gave an electronic copy of the draft report on WMA research to Roberto DeDios. Region 1 Materials Engineer, Bill Schiebel will review and provide comments.

10/15/10 The National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) and CDOT performed the final distress survey of the warm mix asphalt (WMA) test sections in I-70 from Mileposts 208 to 211.

09/30/10 Region 1 Materials Engineer Bill Schiebel scheduled a pavement distress survey of WMA test sections on I-70, west of Eisenhower Tunnel on October 15, 2010.

06/30/10 No work was reported for this quarter.

03/31/10 No work was reported for this quarter.

11/17/09 Performed pavement distress survey on WMA test sites on I-70.

09/30/09 No work was performed for this quarter. A new pooled-fund study for this effort is being set up for the next three years with the Alabama DOT as the lead agency. The pooled-fund transfer process is currently being done by the Office of Financial Management and Budget (OFMB). NCAT is currently involved in evaluating Region 1 warm mix asphalt (WMA) experimental project built on I-70 west of Eisenhower Tunnel.

06/30/09 No work was performed this quarter.

12/31/08 No work was performed this quarter.

09/30/08 The draft report is still being reviewed by the Study Manager for final editing by the CDOT Librarian before uploading into the branch web site.

06/30/08 The draft report is still being reviewed by the appropriate Research Branch staff before uploading into the branch website.

02/11/08 The Research Implementation Council (RIC) approved the continued annual funding in the amount of $20k for Southeast Superpave Center/NCAT research activities.

10/02/07 NCAT submitted the draft final report for the CPX noise measurements project involving 30 test sites. The review of the draft report by the technical panel is still under process.

9/30/07 NCAT completed the CPX noise measurements for 30 sites that Transtec Group is also doing.

7/07 to 8/07 NCAT personnel participated in monitoring the Warm Mix Asphalt (WMAs) installations carried out by Region 1 on I-70 west of the Eisenhower Tunnel.

6/30/07 NCAT is in the process of conducting the noise study using the close-proximity trailer test that was planned for calendar year 2006. Also, NCAT is currently doing the Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA) experimental research project on I-70 in Region 1. NCAT will have the responsibility of monitoring, collecting data, documenting the placement of WMA additives consisting of Aspha-min, Sasobit, and Evotherm.

3/20/07 Communication with Don Watson of Auburn University indicated that the $20k approved by the RIC for participation in Southeastern Superpave Center should be contributed to the pooled-fund no. TPF 5-037. As soon as the contribution is made to this fund, NCAT should be able to proceed with the noise testing as well as other asphalt/pavement-related research needed by CDOT.

3/02/07 The DTD Director and Chief Engineer approved the entire Research Branch Program which included the $20k pooled-fund money for participation in Southeastern Superpave Center.

1/29/07 The Research Implementation Council (RIC) approved $20k funding for participation of CDOT in the pooled-fund research effort of the Southeastern Superpave Center/National Center for Asphalt Technology.

11/06 The final report for the tire-pavement noise data collected by NCAT for the year 2005 was completed and loaded into CDOT Research Branch website.

6/06 NCAT was reminded to submit the final report that incorporates the recommended changes from the research study panel but NCAT never responded.

5/06 NCAT submitted the draft final report for review and comment. The draft report was reviewed by the research panel members and comments were transmitted back to NCAT for incorporation into the final report. The revised final report has not been received until the end of this quarter's reporting period.

2/06 NCAT promised to deliver the draft final report. The draft final report has not been received by the end of the first quarter of 2006.

12/15/05 NCAT indicated that it will send the preliminary noise data in 01/06. The analysis is almost complete. CDOT requested NCAT to deliver one updated report that included all the data collected in the past and the year 2005.

10/03/05 Research Coordination Engineer Rich Griffin notified NCAT to go ahead with another round of noise measurements for Colorado Noise Study this year.

6/16/05 The revised draft final report was submitted by NCAT. The draft final report is being reviewed and processed for final publication, distribution, and uploading into the CDOT Research Branch website.

3/22/05 The draft final report was submitted by NCAT for review and comment.

10/22/04 A meeting was held with both members of the Pavement and Environmental Oversight Teams to hear presentations from Doug Hanson of NCAT and Mike Hankard of Hankard Environmental, Inc. on the status of pavement and environmental noise studies in Colorado. Also, the meeting was held to evaluate the needs for future noise research studies.

7/31/04 The study manager, Donna Harmelink, has retired. Robert DeDios is serving as manager for now.

7/30/04 Based on two meetings in July, the study panel decided to request NCAT to conduct CPX noise testing on 21 sites in Colorado. Seventeen of these sites were tested in the fall of 2003, while four additional sites were added. This will help establish a trend in noise emissions as pavements age.

7/30/04 The panel also decided to submit a problem statement for the Research and Implementation Council to consider for funding July 1, 2005. The problem statement will outline a long-term study on pavement noise to determine how pavement/tire noise varies as the pavement ages. SBPI roadside noise testing will also be incorporated into this proposed study to determine how pavement/tire noise affect neighborhood noise levels.

3/31/04 With the FY 04 money from the Southeast Superpave Center, NCAT brought their specially developed noise trailer to Colorado to evaluate 17 projects with various surface treatments. The seventeen projects included different textured concrete, including the evaluation of the Minnesota drag, carpet drag, longitudinal tining, transverse tining, and ground surface. In addition several different asphalt mixtures were included. The asphalt surface treatments evaluated were SMA, OGFC, Nova Chip and Superpave S and SX. The data was collected in fall 2003 and NCAT analyzed the data and provided the department with a written report. The conclusion of their evaluation indicated that the OGFC surface was the quietest and that the age of an HMA pavement can have a major effect on the noise level of the pavement. This was a limited study and further research was recommended. The report no. is CDOT-DTD-R-2004-5.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Evaluation of Longitudinal Joint Density
Study No. 10.155

Background

The longitudinal joint between asphalt mats is a major area of pavement distress. During the placement of asphalt pavement it is difficult to compact the unconfined edge, which typically results in lower densities than in the remainder of the asphalt mat.

The inconsistent quality of the longitudinal joints in hot mix asphalt pavements was a concern with both the asphalt industry and CDOT and eventually was identified by the Chief Engineer to be addressed. A task force effort was identified and the direction of the task force was to develop an end result specification based on density at the longitudinal joint.

In 2000, the longitudinal joint construction on 7 projects was monitored to determine the state of the practice for the construction of the longitudinal joints. The construction method and density at the joint and adjacent mat was documented. A minimum of seven projects constructed under the new longitudinal joint density specification will also be monitored for comparison to the joints in the projects from 2000. In 2005 7-12 new sites will be recruited, at least one for each regions. SMAs are also included in the study.

Reporting Period 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Type: SP&R Start:7/03 Ver:

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MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
6/05		9/15/05	Approximately two sites from each region will be identified for incorporation into this study, one of which may be an SMA.
9/05		10/15/05	Establish 10 test sections. Acquire 10 cores at 5 locations in a 1000 foot test section, one on the center of the joint and one on the hot side. Deliver the cores to staff materials for density. Review and document any distresses at the site. Only 8 test sections established.
06/06	100	12/31/06	Materials Lab testing of cores
9/06	100	6/30/07	Review and document any distresses at the site.
9/11			Review and document any distresses at the site.
12/12			Final report will be written documenting final performance and the impact the new specification on the quality of longitudinal joints.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

03/31/12 Dave Weld scheduled to conduct field inspections next quarter during the week of 5/7/12.
09/30/10 Dave Weld conducted a field inspection and took photos of the various test sites during this quarter to document any observed distresses in the pavements.
09/30/08 The monitoring and documentation of the test sections are in process.

06/30/08 The monitoring and documentation of the test sections are in process.

03/31/08 The monitoring and documentation of the test sections are in process.

12/31/07 The documentation of the test sections is ongoing.

9/30/07 The documentation of the test sections is still in progress.

6/30/07 The visual survey of the remaining sites to be evaluated is underway.

3/31/07 Powers Blvd. was dropped from the 8 test sections being monitored because it was milled. Four sites had been visually inspected and no distresses related to longitudinal joint failure were observed. No cracking and rutting were noted. Photos for these four sites are shared in Dave Weld's PC. The visual survey or evaluation of the other three sites is planned to be completed sometime in June of this year.

1/01/07: Roberto de Dios took over as Study Manager for this project.

06/30/06: The principal investigator, Ahmad Ardani, retired June 1, 2006.

03/31/05: The scope of work was revised and Research is now soliciting two sites from each region to incorporate into this study. These sites may include SMAs.

7/31/04: The principal investigator, Donna Harmelink, has retired.

12/31/04: The Materials Engineer and the Materials Advisory Committee discussed the lack of projects available for evaluation in 2004 and set a target of seven projects in 2005.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Investigation of the Benefits from Utilizing Small Aggregates for Seals on Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Roadways
Study No: 12.72

Background

Many existing highways in Colorado are far from ideal HMA aggregate sources. Often due to the high cost of aggregate transportation to these areas, highway pavements are not timely preserved. An additional maintenance or rehabilitation treatment for HMA pavements is needed to help preserve deteriorating roadway structures until funding is secured for traditional resurfacing projects. Several river basins in Colorado exist that may provide aggregates that with minimal processing may extend the serviceable roadway life in a value-added analysis.

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) has developed specifications for an aggregate application referred to in NDOR context as "**Armor Coat**." The application is a generic term which generally refers to an emulsion-aggregate combination with aggregate derived from river sources such as the North or South Platte River. It is commonly applied by NDOR maintenance personnel utilizing standard "chip seal" equipment. The aggregate size is generally 3/8 inch.

Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Type: SP&R Start: 03/30/09

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MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
3/31/09	100	3/31/09	Notice to proceed
7/31/09	100	3/31/10	Task 1 – Literature Review
8/31/09	100	6/30/09	Task 2 – Activity Plan and Schedule
3/31/13	100	6/30/10	Task 3 - Execute Activity Plan
3/31/13	0		Task 4 – Final Presentation
3/31/13	85	3/31/12	Task 5 – Quarterly Progress Reports
3/31/13	0		Task 8 – Final Report

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

3/31/12 No activity this quarter. The next condition surveys are planned before the end of the next quarter.

12/22/11 Condition surveys were conducted for the evaluation sections on December 22, 2011. All evaluation sections are performing well with relatively minor distress. Chip embedment remains at approximately 75 percent and retention is better than 90 percent after two and half years of service.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Assessment of Alternate PCCP Texturing Methodologies in Colorado
Study No: 21.80

Background

CDOT, as part of a multi-state, FHWA-sponsored study conducted in 1995, adopted a new texturing specification for its concrete pavements. The new specification, which was adopted in 1977 called for uniformly spaced longitudinal tining at 3/4 of an inch intervals with the depth and width of 1/8 of an inch. The results of this study indicated that longitudinal tining in addition to possessing adequate frictional properties, were easier to install and produced a lower noise level than CDOT's traditional transverse tining (1"uniformly spaced). However, CDOT has been receiving numerous complaints concerning the handling of vehicles on newly constructed Portland cement concrete pavements textured with longitudinal tining. An effort is under way to address the handling problems associated with longitudinal tining through an experimental study (Study 21.81) in region IV of CDOT. Meanwhile, CDOT in an attempt to identify an ideal texturing method is planning on evaluating several surface texturing. The ultimate goal of this new study is to identify a texturing method that is safe and durable, provides adequate surface friction and lowers the noise levels.

Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Type: SP&R Start: 06/30/01

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MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
07/30/01	100	07/30/01	Meet with the ACPA/CDOT task force members to discuss the issues related to longitudinal tining and to develop strategies for conducting a study.
09/31/01	100	03/30/01	Assemble a study panel and identify locations with vehicle handling problems. Conduct preliminary investigations and report the results
09/31/01	100	10/30/01	Identify test sections on upcoming new concrete paving projects and examine the use of astro-turf as a method to texture concrete.
07/30/02	100	08/30/02	Conduct noise and skid tests on the existing nine experimental test sections on I-70 near Deer Trail and SH 40 near Wild horse.
11/30/02	100	0915/02	Analyze all the acquired data from the Deer Trail test sections, new astro-turf test sections, and document the results. Work with region IV, Gary DeWitt in establishing the second site for this study.
9/30/04	100	9/30/04	Establish new sites: 1- Proposed PCCP on US 287 at Berthoud Bypass in Region IV scheduled for construction in 2003. 2- Proposed PCCP on Powers Blvd in Colorado Springs in Region II in 2004. 3-Recently built PCCP on SH 83 near the Town of Parker and the control sections near Arapahoe Rd. 4-PCC Pavement on SH 85 south of c-470. Acquire skid, sand patch test, on all the new test sections on a yearly basis. Conduct other methods of texture measurement using FHWA's ROSAN van (if available).

06/30/08			Acquire skid and texture depth on several older sites including: US 160 at South Fork, I-76 at Nebraska state-line, I-70 at Rifle, I-76 at Brush-Atwood, I-225 at Iliff, SH 287 at Campo, and SH 270 at Vasquez Blvd to I-70. Acquire skid texture depth on the new sites. The Skid trailer is up and running and Skip Outcalt will complete the first round of data by the end of June, 2008. Problem with delivery of new skid truck and licensing of the trailer has delayed data collection till Spring of 06. Breakdown of new Skid truck further delayed data collection.
04/30/12			Perform sand patch testing.
6/30/12			Publish and distribute the final report. Hold a slide presentation to show results to the Materials Engineers.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

03/31/12 Skip and Dave performed more sand patch testing this quarter. They planned to complete the testing by the end of 4/12.

12/31/11 Sand patch testing was carried out by Skip Outcalt and Dave Weld of Research Branch to gather surface texture data for selected state highway Portland cement concrete pavements.

11/02/11 A purchase order to procure professional service to complete the research was issued by the CDOT Purchasing Agent to Transtec Group Inc.

09/30/11 Planned to hire a private consultant to complete this project.

06/30/11 No activity during this quarter. The skid truck broke down and was under repair.

09/30/10 Skid data collected are being compiled.

06/30/10 Skip Outcalt collected skid data during this quarter for some of the test sites.

09/30/08 Field data collection is ongoing.

06/30/08 Data collection was resumed and gathered information is being analyzed for inclusion into the final report in the future.

12/31/07 The projected data collection to be performed was not successfully achieved during this reporting period because of weather-related conditions and malfunctioning of skid truck. This task is re-scheduled to be completed by June 2008.

9/30/07 The data collection is under way.

6/30/07 The data collection is still in progress. The malfunctioning of the skid truck hampered the data collection process.

3/20/07: Skip Outcalt planned to complete the data collection within the next four (months).

11/06: Ahmad Ardani, the original PI has retired. Roberto DeDios will take over. Breakdown of new skid truck delayed skid testing.

09/04: Acquisition of skid numbers and texture measurement has been delayed until early 05. The Research Branch will be acquiring a brand new skid testing machine equipped with a texture measuring device toward the end of 04.

12/03: Due to problems associated with the Research Branch skid testing machine, this project is now on hold until a new skid testing machine is purchased.

09/03: Skid testing machine was calibrated during this quarter. The study was delayed somewhat due to unavailability of ROSAN equipment. Nevertheless, field work will commence on this study in the first week of October 03.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Developing Criteria for Performance-Based Concrete Specifications
Study No: 22.50

Background

Many of CDOT's mix design requirements are based on results of studies in the 1940's and 1950's on durability. For more than 50 years now, concrete technology has advanced, but CDOT specifications for durability have remained mostly unchanged. The minimum cement content for a given strength is derived from mix design guidelines that were developed before water reducing admixtures were widely used and accepted. These minimum cement contents generally control the mix design process with many mix designs exceeding the minimum strength requirements by 500 to 1,000 psi. Ready-mix suppliers that supply to non-CDOT projects have developed mix designs that use less cement and more fly-ash than CDOT mix designs and exceeded their strengths. They are able to accomplish this improvement through gradation optimization and admixture combinations.

The proposed study will test current CDOT standard mix designs to determine minimum required performance criteria that will be used to develop performance-based concrete mix design criteria.

After performance criteria are defined, the ready mixed concrete producers will be asked to submit mix designs they would like to use on CDOT projects. These mix designs will be tested and evaluated based on the performance criteria established. CDOT will use the developed performance criteria to prepare a project special provision to allow the use of performance-based criteria for mix design approval on pilot projects. The ultimate goal is to develop and adopt a performance-based concrete standard special provision for use in applicable projects.

The product of this research will provide CDOT Materials and Geotechnical Branch with criteria that can be used in the development of a performance-based concrete mix design specification. The use of performance-based specifications would allow ready mixed concrete suppliers to optimize the materials used in creating mix designs. This materials optimization can lower cement contents and increase fly-ash content that would lead to reduction of costs and concrete carbon footprint in CDOT construction projects.

Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Type: SP&R Start: 09/23/10

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MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
9/23/10	100	9/23/10	Issue Notice-to-Proceed letter
10/13/10	100	10/13/10	CDOT Panel/Principal Investigator (PI) kick-off meeting
12/31/10	100	7/14/11	Comprehensive literature review
12/31/10	100	9/01/11	Obtain needed materials for testing
12/31/10	100	12/31/10	First progress report
1/31/11	100	5/10/11	Complete selection of concrete mixture designs
3/31/11	100	4/31/11	Second progress report
6/30/11	100	7/14/11	Summarize past research activities/Third progress report
8/31/11	100	2/15/12	Create concrete mix in lab, test, and develop performance criteria
9/30/11	100	1/16/12	Summarize past research activities/Fifth progress report

9/30/11	100	2/15/12	Solicit and batch non-standard mixture designs
12/31/11	50		Test supplier-provided concrete
12/31/11	100	4/16/12	Summarize past research activities/Sixth progress report
12/31/11	90		Analyze and summarize test results
1/31/12	40		Draft project report
1/31/12			Conduct PowerPoint presentation to CDOT Panel
2/28/12			CDOT Panel review of draft report/Return report with comments to PI
3/30/12			Submit final project report to CDOT
TBD			Conduct PowerPoint presentation for the Materials Advisory Committee (MAC)

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

2/15/12	Completed laboratory batching of non-standard concrete mixtures.
1/16/12	Fifth progress report
12/31/11	Principal Investigator Stephen Durham left the University of Colorado-Denver for another university. Completed laboratory batching of concrete mixtures.
10/10/11	Fourth progress report
9/01/11	Obtained all of needed materials from around the state for batching mixtures
7/14/11	Complete literature review/third progress report
4/31/11	Second progress report
12/31/10	Literature review progress report
12/20/10	UCD Laboratory Inspection
10/13/10	Project “Kick-off” meeting
9/23/10	Project officially begins

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Application of Roller Compacted Concrete in Colorado's Roadways
Study No: 25.00

Background

Roller compacted concrete (RCC) is relatively less expensive than the traditional Portland cement concrete that is used in high volume roads. Currently, RCC is used in a few industrial lots and roads in Colorado and has been found to be performing successfully for these low volume road applications. RCC can be placed and used as a wearing surface, although its pavement smoothness is not as good as conventional concrete. To harness the potential of RCC and identify its appropriate applications in Colorado's roadways, the following issues and information must be researched using highway pavement pilot test sections:

Minimum strength needed for durability;
Minimum thickness needed to hold different volumes of traffic;
Minimum cement contents needed;
New design procedure for designers to use;
Minimum equipment requirements for placing RCC; and
Other factors that may impact its performance.

Roller-compacted concrete (RCC) takes its name from the construction method used to build it. It is placed with conventional or high-density asphalt paving equipment and then is compacted with rollers. RCC has the same basic ingredients as conventional concrete which include cement, water, and aggregates. However, unlike conventional concrete, RCC is a drier mix, meaning it is stiff enough to be compacted by vibratory rollers. Typically, RCC is constructed without joints. It needs neither forms nor finishing, nor does it contain dowels or reinforcing steel.

RCC has been historically used for dam construction and heavy duty industrial pavements such as rail yards (Denver Burlington Northern Yard, 22 years old), paper mills, and port facilities. State highway agencies (SHAs) like Georgia have also used RCC for shoulders along interstate highways. RCC as claimed by the cement industry has the strength and performance of conventional concrete with the economy and simplicity of asphalt. Because of these qualities and low initial cost, it would be beneficial for CDOT to investigate and determine its various applications to highway construction projects. The goal of the research work is to develop guidelines, procedure, and specifications for the design, placement and maintenance of RCC in Colorado's roadways.

Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Type: SP&R Start: 06/2009

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MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
4/21/09	100	2/21/2009	Issue Notice-to-Proceed Letter
6/09/09	100	6/09/09	Conduct kick-off meeting
9/30/09	100	9/30/09	Perform literature review
9/30/09	100	9/30/09	Develop research plan
9/30/09	100	9/30/09	Collect and analyze data for first year
2/23/10	100	3/31/10	Prepare first year progress report and perform PowerPoint presentation
12/31/10	100	12/31/10	Collect and analyze data for final work completion

10/31/11	100	11/09/11	Submit draft final report and conduct PowerPoint presentation
12/31/11			Submit final version of final report

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

03/31/12 The Principal Investigator is still in the process of revising the final report. RCC mix designs needed to be incorporated into the final report.

12/31/11 The Principal Investigator has submitted the draft final report and in the process of revising the final report to incorporate comments made by the study panel.

6/30/11 The Principal Investigator stated that he was in the process of completing the draft final report.

10/29/10 The research team of CU and the study panel of CDOT conducted the second field trip to the two construction sites (SH 66 and Weld County Road 28). Concrete cores were taken for testing.

7/16/10 The no-cost extension of the project was approved. The ending date will be 6/30/2011.

3/31/10 All durability tests for the first year were completed. A project meeting was held on 03/18/2010. A PowerPoint presentation was made at the meeting and the work plan for the second year was discussed with the study panel.

2/02/10 All durability tests were completed, except the freeze-thaw test which will be completed by the end of Feb., 2010. A project meeting was scheduled in March for progress report of the durability tests.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Evaluation of Soil Resources for Sustained Vegetative Cover of Cut and Fill Slopes along I-70 near Straight Creek
Study No: 30.02

Background

Severe weather and erosion on steep slopes can destroy revegetation plots testing tackifiers, fertilizers and mulches along any highways. Several reapplications of seed and fertilizer may be needed before vegetation is reestablished using standard CDOT methods and materials. The longevity of these amendments and the sustainability of the vegetative cover are not known. Adequate plant cover is critical for erosion control on these steep and sandy sites.

The objectives of this research initiative are: to evaluate the moisture and nutrient characteristics of revegetated soils along wall embankments, fill slopes and cut slopes along I-70 near Straight Creek; and to compare these values with those of native, undisturbed sites (topsoil retained) and barren slopes with inadequate plant growth. This data will verify the current ability of the sites to support vegetation and it will help evaluate the ability of the soils to continue to support adequate vegetative cover in the long term.

The anticipated product will include construction and maintenance specifications that promote long-term sustainability of the vegetative cover and provide guidelines to modify specifications as needed to encourage growth of sustainable vegetative cover for steep and sandy sites. The developed specifications should be applicable to control erosion on steep and sandy sites anywhere in the nation.

Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Start: 9/13/07 Complete: 6/30/12

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MILESTONES

Planned	% Done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
			2007
3/31/06	100	4/07	Assemble the CDOT Study Panel. Develop the scope of work (SOW).
4/30/07	100	6/07	Complete the SOW and request for proposal (RFP) process (if applicable).
6/30/07	100	9/07	Select the Principal Investigator (PI). Initiate task order/purchase order/agreement/contract.
9/13/07	100	9/07	Award the contract. (Purchase Order signed)
11/15/07	100	09/07	Conduct the CDOT Study Panel/PI kick-off meeting. (field meeting with CDOT group, now need to present preliminary work to committee)
12/31/07	100	09/07	Establish control and experimental sites.
9/15/07	100	09/07	Prepare experimental set-up.
10/15/07	100	09/07	Monitor, gather and analyze plant cover data.
			2008
	100	due 05/08	Gather, prepare and analyze soil data
11/30/07	100	July 20 08	Prepare and submit interim report to CDOT study panel for review.
08/20/08	100		Research oversight committee Aug 26, 2008
09/30/08	100	10/02/08	Design and install nutrient release experiment using common soil amendment materials

10/01/08	100	spring 09	Analyze Time 0 samples (fresh amendment mixed with Straight Creek substrate) to determine initial nutrient content
			2009
winter 09	75	spring 09	Analyze nutrient release from T0, develop fractionation scheme for organics and nutrients
meltoff 09	100	spring 09	First field sampling of nutrient release experiment (Time 1 treatment).
summer 09	100	fall 09	Soil and vegetation sampling on existing plots (Insert additional nutrient sampling time??)
fall 09	100	spring 09	Second field sampling of nutrient release experiment (Time 2 treatment).
11/30/09	100	fall 09	Submit draft interim report for review by CDOT study panel.
12/31/09	100	fall 09	Respond to study committee review on the timing of nutrient release and field sampling.
			2010
meltoff 10	100	June 2010	Nutrient release experiment sampling
sum/fall 10	100	September 2010	Nutrient release experiment sampling
winter 2011	85	Dec 2010	Sample prep, N extraction
spring 2011	30		N release report
melt 2011	100		Field sampling
Fall 2011	100	Feb 2012	Final field sampling
spr 2012			Prepare and submit draft final report to CDOT study panel for review.
June15 '12			Complete review of draft final report by CDOT study panel with comments to be addressed.
June 30 '12			Prepare and submit final project report.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

March 2012: Final field sampling was made, soils were dried and nitrogen loading and nitrogen leaching horizons were separated. Final data analysis was started and materials gathered for final report.

December 2011: A request for extension was submitted and received , setting the current end-of-project deadline to June 30, 2012. Since most of the nitrogen fertility being released from the soil amendments will be in the nitrate form, and since this is a very water soluble form, supplemental work was done to be able to estimate the flow of nitrate through the porous sand during snow melt and summer rains. This additional information will be integrated with the main purpose of the project, which was nutrient loading and release from soil amendments added to the cut slopes along Straight Creek section of I-70.

September 2011: No activity reported this quarter.

May, June 2011: Found problems with limits of detection on N analysis, start re-work on sensitivity and look for alternate forms of N in remaining samples. Completed improved method to evaluate soil water retention in soils using tension infiltrometer for general evaluation of field growth conditions.

May 2011: Study Manager Vanessa Henderson was promoted to a position in the Division of Transportation Development Environmental and Planning Branch and was temporarily replaced by Roberto De Dios.

March 2011: Extractable nitrogen evaluation mostly completed, including ammonium and nitrate by amended horizon and leached horizon. Samples prepared to run total nitrogen and carbon. Preliminary data set up for modeling leaching losses from amendments in sandy granite substrates during snowmelt or summer rain events.

December 2010: Project extended to fourth and final year. Sample fractionation by horizons and nitrogen extraction starting.

July - Sept 2010: Sampled fall fertilizer release trial tubes September 30 (T4). Preparation in progress for bulk analysis of all samples. Three sample points remaining in the field tube sets, so the next sampling will be scheduled based on data results this winter.

Apr - Jun 2010: Worked up incubation equipment (no charge, but necessary for project) and sampled Spring 2010 samples from field sites. Start work with drying, fractionating samples. Nutrient analysis ongoing through summer.

Jan - Mar 2010: Soil sample analysis continued on the fertilizer incubation chambers collected from the I-70 Straight Creek field site. Several instruments were evaluated to determine if the fertilizer materials could be "read" instrumentally rather than relying on chemical extracts or lengthy incubations. Spring 2010 samples are to be taken when the snow pack comes off and precipitation predominantly switches to rainfall. Data are to be compiled for a research committee interim report.

Oct - Dec 2009: The samples were collected before snow cover in Fall 2009. No other activity occurred on this project, but analysis is starting Jan 1, 2010.

July - Sept 2009: The field incubation chambers survived the first winter, so now are experiencing the first summer growing season. The next time point will be collected in Fall 2009. The lab work involves learning the hydrological modeling software and preparing instruments for analysis of the Time 0, 1 and 2 samples in late Fall 2009 and Winter 2010.

March - June 2009: First winter nutrient release soil columns were collected right at snow melt and prepared for analysis. Lab methods were prepared (non-dispersed particle size analysis, water release curves from organics and substrates, respiration curves) and will be run uniformly on a set of the first year's samples (T0, T1, T2) in Fall of 2009.

January - March, 2009: Field work for the project was inactive during this winter period due to snow cover at the I-70 Straight Creek site. Weather is being monitored (MM209 I-70 truck ramp; I-70 Eisenhower web cams) and the winter 2009 soil amendment leaching columns will be harvested and monitored at final snow melt. Meanwhile, in the lab, work is being done to more effectively evaluate field soils for soluble nitrogen release, either from soil organic matter or soil amendments. This involves fractionation of soil N-containing compounds for N analysis and interpretation of soil respiration.

September 27 - Oct 2, 2008: Return to site and install groups of leaching tubes in time for measuring first season nutrient release. Time 0 samples were returned to the lab Fall 2008. Time 1 samples will be collected at melt off in Spring 2009 before growth begins. Time 2 samples will be collected just before snow fall in Fall 2009. This spring and fall sampling (twice per season) is incorporated into the experimental construction for three additional sampling times, but can be accelerated if initial nutrient release rates turn out to occur quickly, or the sampling times can be delayed if release appears to be slow.

September, 2008: Plan and design and construct nutrient release experiment to test release from soil amendments. The rate and chemistry of the release will be measured from PVC leaching tubes installed at the Straight Creek site. Replicate tubes of fungal biomass amendment, humate, a blend of these two, and a nitrified organic amendment were loaded into experimental columns.

August 26, 2008: Field site meeting with CDOT study panel. Gather second year of field survey data. Study panel recommends modifying work plan to include nutrient release tests from common soil amendments used along the Straight Creek Corridor.

July 20, 2008: Provide initial project findings to CDOT study panel, arrange for review by meeting or conf call.

May, June 2008: Statistically analyze non-N nutrient content and vegetation cover for plot comparisons. A general tentative finding is that as slope conditions become more harsh, grasses tend to decline relative to forbs, which maintain their cover area. This suggests that grasses are more directly affected by declining soil conditions than forbs. This helps focus the search for growth limiting conditions to differences between these vegetation types. Alternatively, the change in forb species may indicate differences in survival ability as stress conditions increase. A field monitoring approach to surface horizon hydrology and availability of selected nutrients is being developed for presentation to the CDOT study panel.

April 2008: Finish soil testing and data summary

Jan - Mar 2008: Soil sample preparation.

12/20/07: Summarize initial plot locations, cover and soil information.

9/21/07: Meet with CDOT field crews, review site selection, select plot locations, collect soils and evaluate late season plant cover using point intercept transects.

9/15/07: PI met with CDOT staff at site to set up test plot locations and inventories

9/13/07: Purchase Order issued to PI.

6/30/07: Documented Quotes received and reviewed. PI selected.

3/31/07: Statement of Work completed. Contract process to begin this month.

2/26/07: Task panel met and revised Statement of Work. Comments due back March 16, then Pat will finalize and begin contracting process.

9/30/06: The SOW and RFP is still being finalized by Mike Banovich and Roberto de Dios. The RFP is anticipated to be completed sometime in November 2006.

8/15/06: A major change in the time of completion of the Scope of Work (SOW) was proposed by the champion of the research project. The two-year time for completion is being planned to be changed to four years to gather more information without increase in cost.

6/27/06: The study panel kick-off meeting was held to refine the problem statement and start developing the Scope of Work (SOW) and Request for Proposal (RFP) document.

6/5/06: The research study panel was assembled and established.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Mileage Based User Fee Study
Study No: 30.51

Background

The Colorado Transportation Finance and Infrastructure Panel (CTFIP) identified a gap between infrastructure investment and use of the system compounded by the funding gap between revenue and needs over the long term. In short, Colorado's current system and extent of transportation finance is insufficient to maintain the state's highway and transit network, let alone grow the system to adequately address anticipated population, employment, and visitor growth. There are many options available to the state for resolving this finance gap. One strategy proposed by the CTFIP, and the subject of this study, is Mileage Based User Fees (MBUF). MBUF involves the collection of a user fee that is directly scalar with the use of designated roadways. At its simplest, an MBUF implementation may involve simply a per-mile fee; however, the specific rate of pay may include various deviations from a flat fee, in order to provide for incentives and mitigation (be it traffic, environmental, or geographic equity purposes). In order to properly assess the efficacy of MBUF towards these objectives, this study has been designed to:

1. evaluate the policy parameters surrounding a potential pilot program,
2. create a preliminary concept of operations for the conduct of MBUF, and
3. develop a framework for testing this program in Colorado.

Project Goal

In 2008, the CTFIP recommended that the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) conduct a MBUF pilot project. Through the current effort, CDOT intends to develop a scope of work for the pilot program and produce a competitive proposal for Federal grant funding.

Project Scope

To achieve the objectives identified above, the study scope of work provides not only the technical parameters for the pilot program, but also sufficient research into the policy parameters that inform the technical procedures.
Whereas the objectives of the study are directly responsive to the goal of developing a successful proposed demonstration program of MBUF, these objectives are informed by the overall goals of a potential MBUF pilot program. The goals of the MBUF pilot program are to:

1. demonstrate the potential effectiveness of MBUF as a strategy for resolving the financial gap identified by the Panel, and
2. engage public, stakeholders, and institutions towards a potential full-scale MBUF implementation in Colorado.

Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Type: SP&R Start: 04/26/11

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MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
10/19/10	100	10/19/10	Advertise RFP
11/22/10	100	11/22/10	Receive Proposals

1/24/11	100	1/24/11	Selection
4/26/11	100	4/26/11	Notice to Proceed
8/15/11	90		State of the Practice Assessment
9/15/11	20		Policy Outreach
9/15/11	30		Performance Measures
10/21/11	10		Preliminary Concept of Operations
11/18/11	0		Pilot Scope of Work / Final Report

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 4/26/11 – Project commencement
- 6/24/11 – Meeting with CDOT policy guidance team
- 12/5/11 – Restart project
- 12/8/11 – Submission of MBUF Options Technical Memorandum (serves towards defining program goals and objectives)
- 12/8/11 – Submission of MBUF Focus Group protocol
- 12/8/11 – Submission of MBUF Stakeholder Interview protocol
- 1/10/12 – Submission of State of the Practice Technical Memorandum
- 4/23/12 – Submitted draft revised Scope to expand the Public and Stakeholder Outreach portion of project. No cost change required

ANTICIPATED EVENTS FOR Q1 2012

- Completion of Goals and Objectives
- Conduct of stakeholder interviews
- Conduct of traveler focus group
- Development and submission of draft performance measures spreadsheet
- Development towards draft preliminary concept of operations (Q2)

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Helicopter Avalanche Control
Study No: 30.70

Background

Avalanche danger presents many hazards to the transportation infrastructure in Colorado. In hazardous areas, near roads too arterial to close, these hazards must be mitigated by forcing slides during temporary road closures. Often the avalanches are triggered via high explosive charges dropped from helicopters. Many factors such as weather, explosive duds, or charges rolling away from trigger zones can prolong or even scrap a mission. When traffic is stopped, loaders are staged for snow removal, ground control is in operation, and the helicopter crew is working, costs drastically increase with mission time. Also, increasing the amount of time in flight increases the probability of an inflight accident.

This research project is designed in two phases. The first is focused on a global survey designed to identify current methods in avalanche control. The goal of phase one is to determine what differences, if any, exist in the methods of helicopter avalanche control performed by CDOT in comparison to other agencies.

The second phase is designed to field test any differences found in phase one, as well as test any promising technology not identified in phase one. One potential avenue of investigation in phase two is the DaisyBell system. The DaisyBell generates a compressed gas explosion, while tethered to a helicopter, and can therefore be fired many times. This increase in firings can potentially increase the number of avalanches triggered per flight. The DaisyBell apparatus itself, however, may cause more mission scraps due to wind and the increased aircraft cross-section. Phase two intends to field test such cost to benefit ratios with real world technologies.

Upon analyzing the results of phases one and two, suggestions can be made, and training implemented, to help reduce the cost and safety hazards associated with CDOT's helicopter avalanche operations.

Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Type: SP&R Start: 5/1/11

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MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
			Phase 1
5/11	50	5/11	Task 1.1: Review of current practices in helicopter avalanche control at CDOT and by other agencies performing the same kind of work.
5/11	100	5/11	Task 1.2.0 thru 1.2.2: Perform national and international survey of current helicopter safety and use in avalanche control. Survey will include types of explosives used, their delivery methods, and respective initiation systems. Special focus on delivery methods of "turkey bombs" will be reviewed.
5/11	100	5/11	Task 1.2.3: Industry survey of available initiation systems for explosives used in helicopter avalanche control.
5/11	100	5/11	Task 1.3: Perform national and international survey for alternative methods to explosives within avalanche control such as DaisyBell and Gas-Ex avalanche control systems.

5/11	25	6/11	Task 1.4: Contingent on availability of equipment and coordination with CDOT maintenance operation, the research team will conduct a preliminary field experiment to help guide phase 2. The experiment will collect data and compare effectiveness of two types of ANFO charges, emulsions/heavy ANFO and the DaisyBell. The field data would include, but not be limited to, measuring crater dimensions, atmospheric overpressure, high-speed images, and initial and final snow structure. The data would be used to evaluate the different explosive methods and help to validate and benchmark the new numerical simulation of other blasting scenarios.
9/11	100	1/12	Task 1.5: Submit written report summarizing findings from tasks 1 through 3 as per CDOT research report format within six months from start of project. This report will compare effectiveness of current CDOT helicopter avalanche control efforts to other agencies in terms of number of successful efforts per mission, how often the efforts fail, and by what mechanism (snow failed to slide despite apparently good charge placement and initiation, dud, charge rolled/bounced down slope, weather caused scrub after takeoff, etc.) failure occurred.
Phase 2			
12/11	0		Task 2.1: Dependent upon evaluation of data obtained in phase 1, the research team will propose improved strategies in terms of new explosive types, delivery methods, and/or initiation methods which are intended to improve crew safety, mission effectiveness and cost effectiveness. The strategy should consider not only explosive characteristics but also avalanche/snow mechanics and how the process could be optimized for different conditions.
4/12	0		Task 2.2: Design and build a test matrix for comparison of actual explosives, and their alternative systems, studied in phase 1. The research team will perform and analyze these comparisons with different initiation systems, delivery methods, and explosive types in relation to snow mechanics, environmental effects using high speed imaging and other technologies. Numerical modeling will also be performed using results from these comparison tests. Test locations will be pre-selected be CDOT personnel, such as Independence Pass in early spring, to afford realistic snow conditions.
4/12	0		Task 2.3: The research team will design and implement training courses and materials in the proposed strategy based on the test results of Task 2.2 in order to minimize cost and help improve the effectiveness of CDOT's helicopter avalanche control program.
4/12	0		Task 2.4: Continue annual CDOT training while documenting the effectiveness of the newly implemented strategies described in tasks 2.2 and 2.3.
5/12	0		Task 2.5: The research team will submit a final written report on the new helicopter avalanche control strategies, implemented training, and effectiveness of new strategies in the field. This report will also highlight the comparison between current explosive methods to alternative methods such as the Daisy Bell avalanche control systems and will comply with CDOT Research Branch requirements.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- **5/11** The project was funded and phase one began.
- **5/5/11** The survey was launched around the world to ski areas and transportation departments. As of this writing, 32 legitimate responders have been recorded. The analysis of this survey is to come in the next quarter but it has been noted that none of the survey participants thus far use the DaisyBell system.
- **7/20/11** The project kickoff meeting was held at the Colorado School of Mines. Overall project goals, as described in the project background, were discussed. It was determined that the primary goal of this study is to improve (and/or verify) CDOT efficiency in helicopter avalanche control. It was stressed that CDOT would like to see phase one completed as thoroughly as possible before moving on to phase two. Potential locations for phase two testing was also discussed, and determined to be Loveland ski area. Emphasis on the DaisyBell system was suggested. Also, interest in developing an easy means of ANFO quality control measurement was expressed.
- **7/20/11** The survey was launched again to all emails that have not yet responded. At the time of this writing ten more participants have been recorded due to this launch.

- **12/11** 32 responses to the survey have been received. Survey responses have been analyzed with the following results
- **1/5/12** Final survey report was sent to CDOT and other necessary personnel for revision.
- **2/12** Working on setting up testing with Loveland Ski area and finalizing test matrix with CDOT for 1 or 2 days of testing, according to availability of Loveland Ski Area, CDOT personnel, and CAIC personnel.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Innovative Methods to Reduce Animal-Vehicle Collisions (AVC Reduction)
Study No: 32.42

Background	Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12 Start: 11/25/08 Complete: TBD Principal Investigator(s): Dr. Marcel Huijser, Montana State University Study Manager: *Through 27 Feb 2009:* Patricia Martinek, CDOT Research 303-757-9787 *After 27 Feb 2009:* Roberto DeDios 303-757-9975 Roberto.DeDios@dot.state.co.us *After 31 August 2009:* Vanessa Henderson (303) 757-9794 Vanessa.Henderson@dot.state.co.us *After 12 May 2011:* Roberto DeDios 303-757-9975 Roberto.DeDios@dot.state.co.us *After 1 Nov 2011:* Bryan Roeder 303-512-4420 Bryan.Roeder@dot.state.co.us CDOT Study Panel Members: Jeff Peterson, EPB 303-512-4959 Bryan Roeder, EPB 303-512-4420 Alison Deans-Michael, USFWS 303-236-4758 Tony Cady, R5 Environmental 303-385-9371 Bryan Allery, HQ Safety/Traffic Engineering 303-757-9967 Mike McVaugh, R5 Traffic 970-385-1449
CDOT's Strategic Plan for Improving Roadway Safety states that motor vehicle crashes involving wildlife were ranked as the third leading cause for crashes in Colorado during the past 3 years. CDOT is motivated to improve the safety of the traveling public where Animal-Vehicle Collisions (AVCs) are frequent and increasing in frequency. CDOT has prioritized 11 countermeasures to test in reducing AVCs, and is testing several of these systems. For the AVC research project, CDOT installed an electromagnetic animal detection/driver warning system in LaPlata County on Highway 160 in a major wildlife migration location. Traffic speeds, animal crossings activities and rates, weather conditions, and AVCs will be monitored and analyzed to investigate system reliability and effectiveness. The researchers hired for this project will test whether the system is reliable in detecting ungulates at or about to cross the highway, and whether the driver warning signs result in lower vehicle speed and fewer collisions with large wild ungulates (i.e. deer, elk).	

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

03/22/12 Final report uploaded to CDOT Research webpage. This will be the last progress report for this study.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Recycled Materials Resource Center, TPF-5(199)
Study No: 33.20

Background

Over the past 10 years, State DOTs have made significant progress incorporating recycled materials and industrial byproducts in transportation applications. As a whole, recycled materials can add value to DOT projects, yet many of these materials still remain under-utilized due to technical and institutional barriers. The Recycled Materials Resource Center (RMRC) was created to assist State DOTs and FHWA in breaking down these barriers by providing the research and outreach activities needed to further the appropriate use of recycled materials.

The Center was started in 1998 at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) through an agreement with FHWA based on language in TEA-21. Under the original agreement, the RMRC sponsored 39 research projects in 14 states, resulting in seven regular or provisional AASHTO standards, with three additional draft standards submitted to the AASHTO Subcommittee on Materials. This research also produced new guidance documents for characterizing the environmental performance of recycled materials, and for conducting life-cycle cost analysis for transportation projects using recycled materials. In addition to the standards and other guidance documents, the RMRC organized and hosted four Regional Recycled Materials Workshops that covered the Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, and Western regions of the United States. The workshops brought together State DOT Materials Engineers, State DOT Environmental Specialists, State EPA Beneficial Use Specialists, FHWA Division Office personnel and U.S. EPA personnel to learn about appropriate recycled materials use for each region of the country. Each workshop was the same in that attendees were given a "tool box" of information to allow them to develop their own recycling expertise within their State. The RMRC also hosted an international conference on the use of recycled materials in transportation projects to learn about technology and practices be used in other countries.

The RMRC was renewed in 2007 by FHWA for an additional 4 years. The University of Wisconsin at Madison has joined the RMRC as a major partner to provide additional expertise as well as providing a more national perspective to the Center. As part of the new agreement, FHWA mandated that the RMRC seek funds through a pooled fund study to provide support for research and outreach activities.

Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Start: 8/15/09 Complete: 6/1/13

Principal Investigator:
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Study Panel Members:
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MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
7/30/10	100	7/30/10	Funding request to Business Office for transfer of $30,000 to Lead Agency
10/12/10	100	10/12/10	Business Office signs transfer request and sends to Lead Agency.
10/26/10	100	10/26/11	Lead Agency processes transfer.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

March 2012: No activity was reported this quarter. Pooled fund information is available here: http://www.pooledfund.org/Details/Study/425

Sept 2011: No activity was reported during this quarter.

May 2011: Study Manager Vanessa Henderson was promoted to a position in the Division of Transportation Development Environmental and Planning Branch and was temporarily replaced by Roberto DeDios.

April 2011: A pooled fund study member update meeting was held. The meeting update can be accessed at: http://www.pooledfund.org/documents/TPF-5_199/RMRC_Pooled_Fund_Update_April_2010.pdf

March 2011: No updates available. A pooled fund study member update meeting will be scheduled for April.

October 2010: CDOT officially part of RMRC Pooled Fund Study.

December 2011: No activity reported this quarter.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

FHWA Traffic Noise Model: Version 3.0 Software Development, TPF-5(158)
Study No: 34.22

Background The FHWA Traffic Noise Model (FHWA TNM) was originally released in 1998 and has undergone several upgrades. On May 2, 2005 the FHWA TNM, Version 2.5 became the required traffic noise prediction model to be used on Federal-aid highway projects. FHWA TNM Version 3.0 Software Development: FHWA is currently funding the development of the FHWA TNM Version 3.0. The main objective of Version 3.0 is to contemporize the software, making sure that the FHWA TNM does not become obsolete as computers/operating systems advance. Contemporizing FHWA TNM will allow for more efficient upgrades and future maintenance. The FHWA is also funding a limited number of enhancements which will be included in Version 3.0. Objectives for the FHWA TNM Version 3.0 Software Development include: 1) Enhance the graphical user interface (GUI). 2) Correct known software bugs. 3) Enhance functionality.	Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12 Start: 6/16/10 Complete: 12/26/12 Principal Investigator: Federal Highway Administration Mark Ferroni Study Manager: Bryan Roeder, CDOT Research Study Panel Members: Jill Schlaefer, CDOT Environmental Programs Branch Bob Mero, CDOT Region 6

MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
11/24/09	100	11/24/09	Funding request to Business Office for transfer of $30,000 to Lead Agency
1/4/10	100	6/8/10	Business Office signs transfer request and sends to Lead Agency.
2/1/10	100	6/16/10	Transfer completed to Lead Agency for first year of participation.
7/22/10	100	7/22/10	Annual TRB Transportation Related Noise committee meeting.
7/26/11	100	7/26/11	Annual TRB Transportation Related Noise committee meeting.
12/26/12			Project completion.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Through 03/31/12	Pooled fund study is in progress. See link below for the quarterly progress report. http://www.pooledfund.org/Details/Study/384
Through 12/31/11	Pooled fund study is in progress. See link below for the quarterly progress report. http://www.pooledfund.org/Document/Download/3176
Through 9/30/11	Pooled fund study is in progress. See link below for the quarterly progress report. http://www.pooledfund.org/documents/TPF-5_158/Quarterly_Report_20110630.pdf
Through 6/30/11	Pooled fund study is in progress. See link below for the quarterly progress report. http://www.pooledfund.org/documents/TPF-5_158/Quarterly_Report_20110630.pdf

	Study Manager Vanessa Henderson was promoted to a position in the Division of Transportation Development Environmental and Planning Branch and was temporarily replaced by Roberto DeDios.
Through 3/31/11	No significant information to report for this quarter. Pooled Fund Study is still progressing.
Through 12/31/10	No significant information to report for this quarter. Pooled Fund Study is still progressing.
	Transfer request for second year of participation sent to CDOT Business Office on 11/30/10.
Through 9/30/10	Coding and development in progress.
7/22/10	CDOT study panel members attended the TRB ADC40: Transportation Related Noise committee meeting in Denver. During this summer meeting the contractor presented and had demonstrations of the progress of TNM 3.0.
6/16/10	CDOT officially joined the Pooled Fund Study.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Use of Waste Tires (Crumb Rubber) on Colorado Highways
Study No: 34.24

Background

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has used rubber in hot mix asphalt (HMA) for over 25 years. Since the early 80's, CDOT used AC-20R which was an AC -20 base grade of asphalt cement with a styrene-butadiene-rubber polymer blended at a terminal plant and shipped to the various locations throughout Colorado. Since CDOT's AC-20R was performing well, CDOT retained the ductility value along with the toughness and tenacity requirements for the newly initiated PG 64-28 grade of binder when the Department switched to the SuperPave performance graded HMA specifications in 1995. In 1994, CDOT built three trial sections in Colorado where crumb rubber was blended into the dense graded HMA using the dry method (crumb rubber is added as a component of the aggregates). Based on the information from Research Report Number CDOT-DTD-R-99-9, these trial sections proved to be a feasible asphalt pavement alternative and were performing well. The research noted that this process increased the cost per ton by 21 percent when the crumb rubber was added at a rate of 20 pounds per ton. It was recommended that CDOT not pursue any use of crumb rubber until it became cost effective.

The use of crumb rubber in chip seal using the wet method was also investigated in the late 80's with the results and findings documented in the Research Report Number CDOH-DTP-R-86-3. The finished product performed comparably well with the conventional chipseal materials used for pavement rehabilitation but was found to be more expensive. With the influx of improved crumb rubber technologies, it is thought that the asphalt pavement life could be longer and the use of crumb rubber employing the wet and terminal blend method might prove cost-effective. For this reason, CDOT is revisiting the use of crumb rubber in HMA utilizing pilot test sections to gather the required information for developing specifications for wet and terminal blend method.

It is proposed to evaluate the feasibility of using waste tires (crumb rubber) in the construction of asphalt pavements. As part of the evaluation, two pilot test sections and one control section using the Superpave Performance Grade, PG 64-28 asphalt binder in dense graded HMA will be built. The two pilot test sections will be built with crumb rubber modified (CRM) asphalt mix using the wet method (crumb rubber is first reacted with asphalt binder in an open system plant before mixing with the aggregates) and the terminal blend method (a special form of the wet process in which reaction takes place in a closed system plant). Each test section will consist of approximately 1,000 tons of 2-inch asphalt overlay placed in the same single lane of the roadway. The control section will be constructed with the conventional polymer modified binder, PG 64-28 without the crumb rubber modifier.

The goal of this research project is to evaluate the performance of crumb rubber test sections and develop Colorado-specific materials, guidelines, construction specifications, and best management practices for rubberized asphalt pavement. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) provided the grant money to construct the two pilot test sections in this research project.

Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Type: SP&R Start: 12/1/09

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MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
12/1/09	100	12/1/09	Notice to proceed
3/31/10	100	3/31/10	Task 1 – Literature Review
3/31/10	100	3/31/10	Task 2 – Planning
6/30/14	60	3/31/12	Task 3 - Data Collection
12/31/14	65	3/31/12	Task 4 – Project Status Reporting
6/30/14	0		Task 5 – Draft and Final Report Presentation and Submittal

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

3/31/12 - There was no significant activity this quarter except that a presentation was made on the performance of the test sections at the annual Rocky Mountain Asphalt Pavement Conference and Equipment Show in February. Condition surveys are again planned before the end of the next quarter.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Evaluation of Tire/Pavement and Environmental Traffic Noise in Colorado
Study No: 35.00

Background

FHWA noise regulations are published in 23 CFR 772, and specify the rules and requirements for consideration of highway traffic noise in the development of highway projects that add capacity or substantially alter the existing highway. Noise mitigation must be considered in accordance with these regulations if it is determined that any noise-sensitive receptors (i.e. residences, businesses, etc.) are found to be impacted by noise, either by future noise levels approaching or exceeding the noise abatement criteria, or noise levels that are substantially greater than existing noise levels. The regulations further state that the highway plans and specifications will not be approved by FHWA unless feasible and reasonable noise abatement measures are incorporated into the plans to reduce or eliminate the noise impact.

It is very difficult to forecast pavement surface condition into the future. Unless definite knowledge is available on the pavement type and condition and its noise generating characteristics, no adjustments should be made for pavement type in the prediction of highway traffic noise levels. Studies have shown that open-graded asphalt pavement can initially produce a benefit of 2-4 dBA reduction in noise levels. However, within a short time period, any noise reduction benefit is lost when the voids fill up and the aggregate becomes polished.

In response to state transportation agencies' interest in traffic noise mitigation using quiet pavements, FHWA has provided guidance to State DOT(s) in developing a Quiet Pavement Pilot Program (QPPP) or in conducting tire/pavement noise research. The QPPP evaluates the highway traffic noise reduction benefits gained from the use of various pavement types and/or textures and defines the protocols for conducting proper analysis of highway traffic pavement noise. At this time, CDOT opted to postpone developing a QPPP and instead elected to conduct tire/pavement noise research. For this approach, a Data Acquisition Plan (DAP) will be developed to collect data not only related to highway traffic noise characteristics but also to the safety and durability aspects of the associated pavements..

The goal of this research project is to develop and execute a comprehensive, long-term study to determine if a particular pavement surface type and/or texture can be successfully used in Colorado to help satisfy FHWA noise mitigation requirements. The study is needed to:

- Determine the noise generation/reduction characteristics of pavements as functions of pavement type, pavement texture (where applicable), age, time, traffic loading, and distance away from the pavement;
- Determine a correlation between close-proximity (CPX) noise trailer testing, statistical pass-by index (SPBI) testing, and environmental noise measurements at various distances from the highway; and
- Accumulate information that can be used for validation and verification of the accuracy of TNM to use on future Colorado highway projects.

Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Start: 2/2006 Complete: 4/2012

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MILESTONES

Planned	% Done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
6/30/05	100	6/24/05	Develop scope of work, evaluation criteria, and request for proposal (RFP)
8/31/05	100	7/20/05	Complete the RFP process.
9/30/05	100	8/24/05	Select the Principal Investigator
10/31/05	100	10/04/05	Award the contract.
12/15/05	100	2/01/06	Send Notice to Proceed
2/09/06	100	2/09/06	Hold pre-kickoff meeting (#1)
4/03/06	100	4/04/06	Hold kickoff meeting (#2)
4/06/06	100	4/06/06	Visit testing sites
8/01/06	100	9/14/06	Prepare for and begin testing (Year 1)
10/31/06	100	11/10/06	End testing (Year 1)
1/31/07	100	1/31/07	Presentation at CDOT Environmental Winter Conference
1/31/07	100	1/31/07	Hold panel meeting #3
1/31/07	100	2/28/07	Analyze data (Year 1)
3/31/07	100	3/30/07	Submit draft Year 1 Report for CDOT panel review
6/22/07	100	6/22/07	Hold panel meeting #4
7/15/07	100	6/23/07	Prepare for and begin testing (Year 2)
9/30/07	100	9/01/07	End testing (Year 2)
2/04/08	100	2/04/08	Hold panel meeting #5
4/30/08	100	7/08/08	Submit final Year 1 Report
9/30/08	100	9/30/08	Analyze data (Year 2)
10/31/08	100	12/10/08	Submit draft Year 2 Report for CDOT panel review
2/28/09	100	1/29/09	Submit final Year 2 Report
3/02/09	100	3/02/09	Hold panel meeting #6
5/31/09	100	5/06/09	Prepare for and begin testing (Year 4)
10/31/09	100	10/31/09	End testing (Year 4)
7/16/10	100	7/09/10	Submit draft Year 4 Report for CDOT panel review
7/23/10	100	7/23/10	Hold panel meeting #7
9/30/10	100	11/4/10	Submit final Year 4 Report
3/16/11	100	3/16/11	Hold panel meeting #8
5/06/11	100	5/23/11	Prepare and begin testing (Year 5/last)
8/31/11	100	7/05/11	End Testing (Year 5/last)
9/30/11	100	10/15/11	Analyze data (Year 5/last and all years combined)
10/31/11	100	12/15/11	Submit draft (Year 5/last and all years combined) report for CDOT panel review
3/14/12	5		Final presentations to the study panel and MAC
6/30/12			Submit final (Year 5/last and all years combined) report

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

03/31/12 The Principal Investigator is in the process of revising the report to address all the comments from the panel members.

12/31/11 Solicited comments on draft final report.

7/05/11 Field testing for 2011 was completed.

3/16/11 A meeting was held between the project panel and the team to discuss the plan for 2011 testing and the final report.

11/4/10 Following confirmation that all comments have been received and addressed, the final report from Year 4 was submitted to CDOT for publication on their website.

7/23/10 Following submittal of the draft 2009 test report, a meeting was held between the project panel and the team to discuss the most relevant findings and recommendations for the final round of testing to be conducted in 2011.

10/31/09 Field-testing for 2009 was completed.

3/2/09 A meeting was held between the project panel and the team to discuss the most relevant findings from the testing to date. Details of the Year 4 testing were also discussed.

1/29/09 Following confirmation that all comments have been received and addressed, the final report from Year 2 was submitted to CDOT, and will be published on their website.

7/8/08 Following confirmation that all comments have been received and addressed, the final report from Year 1 was submitted to CDOT, and subsequently published on their website.

4/8/08 At the request of CDOT, a presentation on the progress of the CDOT QPR was made during the Tire-Pavement Noise pooled fund meeting.

2/4/08 A fifth panel meeting was held in concert with a presentation on the QPR made to the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter ACPA. During the meeting, the preliminary findings of the Year 2 testing was presented. There was further discussion of the final report from Year 1, and it was decided that an additional review cycle for CDOT would be initiated. Submission of the final report from Year 1 was therefore postponed until all comments are received and addressed. The Year 2 report will use the Year 1 report as a template.

9/1/07 Field-testing for 2007 was completed. Thirty of the 31 sites visited during the first year of testing have been revisited (one site was dropped due to active construction). SPBI+ testing was conducted on the US 287 project. Center-lane testing with OBSI was also conducted which will allow the project team to present the potential effects of wear in the wheelpaths.

6/22/07 A fourth panel meeting was conducted to discuss the key findings from Year 1 of testing. The final report was discussed, and a punch list of outstanding items noted. There was also discussion of the plan for upcoming testing.

1/31/07 The project team attended the CDOT Winter Environmental meeting in Denver. After the meeting, the team met with several members of the project panel to discuss the current status of the project including preliminary results of the 2006 testing. Based on the work conducted thus far, it is recommended that OBSI using the SRTT tire be used to characterize the tire-pavement source for future testing.

11/10/06 Field testing for 2006 was completed. A total of 31 sites were visited. This included 15 sites with both near field (OBSI/CPX) and SPB/Time Averaged measurements, and 16 sites with near field testing

only. Throughout the testing, preliminary analysis of the data were conducted as part of quality control. Subsequent data analysis will be conducted for validation and verification, and to prepare for the data presentation as part of the Year 1 report.

9/14/06 After a thorough evaluation of the equipment and procedures, testing of the sites kicked off with measurement of CPX and OBSI on two sites north of Colorado Springs. An evaluation of the data was immediately done in order to ensure reasonableness and repeatability. Having passed these checks, testing will continue through November 2006.

4/6/06 Immediately following the kickoff meeting on 4/4, CDOT and Transtec team members along with Dr. Judy Rochat of the Volpe Center traveled together to nearly all of the SPB and SPB+ sites identified in the original CDOT plan. As part of each site visit, the participants identified candidate locations for SPB microphone locations. The information gathered during these site visits serves as a key component of the site-specific testing plans.

4/4/06 A formal kickoff meeting was held at the CDOT Research offices in Denver. It was held in conjunction with a FHWA Tire-Pavement Noise 101 workshop conducted the day prior. The project team and other stakeholders met to discuss the refined plan for the project, including the identification of requisite data.

2/9/06 A pre-kickoff meeting was held in Greeley with several panel members. During this meeting, a presentation was made of the initial thoughts on the testing program that will be executed under this effort. Discussion followed. In addition, preparations were made for the official kickoff meeting to be conducted in April, which will coincide with a "van trip" of the state to visit most of the proposed "SPBI/SPBI+" sites.

2/1/06 The Transtec Group was provided with a Notice to Proceed.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Clear Roads Winter Highway Operations Pooled Fund, TPF-5(218)
Study No: 40.03

Background

The Clear Roads pooled fund project began in 2004 with four members and a focus on real world testing of winter maintenance materials, methods and equipment. During its five years of funding and overseeing research projects, the pooled fund grew to include fourteen member states funding two or three research projects annually. As the group grew, however, there was much interest in expanding the project scope to include more technology transfer and direct support for staff in the field. The group proposes to close the original pooled fund project---TPF-5(092) and request funding and support for a new Clear Roads project with this solicitation. See the Clear Roads Web site at www.clearroads.org for both the history and latest information on this project. It is now TPF-5(218).

This new Clear Roads pooled fund project will maintain its focus on advancing winter highway operations nationally but will include a more pronounced emphasis on state agency needs, technology transfer and implementation. State departments of transportation are aggressively pursuing new technologies, practices, tools and programs to improve winter highway operations and safety while maintaining fiscal responsibility. This pooled fund is needed to evaluate these new tools and practices in both lab and field settings, to develop industry standards and performance measures, to provide technology transfer and cost benefit analysis and to support winter highway safety. This project responds to research and technology transfer needs not currently met by other pooled fund projects. Existing partners make every effort to coordinate with other agencies to avoid duplication of efforts and to encourage implementation of results.

State and local winter maintenance organizations will be able to make informed operational and purchasing decisions based on objective evaluations of promising materials and equipment. By pooling resources, agencies will be able to conduct more extensive studies across a greater range of conditions than could be done by a single agency with only its own funds. By collaborating and sharing information, agencies will benefit from each other's experiences and avoid the duplication of research efforts. The outcomes of these projects will help agencies get the maximum financial benefit out of their investments in materials, equipment and technologies.

Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Start: 1/22/10 Complete: TBD

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MILESTONES

Planned	% Done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
12/31/09	100	1/22/10	Complete initial funds transfer to Pooled-Fund Study lead agency.
12/31/10	100	1/20/11	Complete second fiscal year funds transfer. *Initiated 11/30/10.
12/31/11			Complete third fiscal year funds transfer.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Apr 2012 The latest progress report is available here: http://www.clearroads.org/about.html

Nov 2011	Bryan Roeder hired as Environmental Research Manager and takes over as Study Manager for the Clear Roads pooled fund study.
May 2011:	Study Manager Vanessa Henderson was promoted to a position in the Division of Transportation Development Environmental and Planning Branch and was temporarily replaced by Roberto DeDios.
March 2011:	Website updates, contract extension, and scoping of projects for next year.
November 2010:	Funds transfer initiated. Paul DeJulio retired and Dave Wieder is now the maintenance contact (and main pooled fund study contact). Ongoing data and research available.
January 2010:	Funds transfer completed to Minnesota DOT.
December 2009:	Funds transfer initiated.
November 2009:	Vanessa Henderson spoke with Paul DeJulio in Region 5. The maintenance sections had been participating in the Clear Roads pooled fund study for a few years and the sections had started splitting the payment. It was agreed that the Research Branch would pay the dues for the next three years as long as funding is available.
February 2009:	Participation in pooled fund study approved by RIC.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Optimization of Stabilization of Highway Embankment Slopes Using Driven Piles (Phase II – Development and Verification)
Study No: 74.91

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Slope stability problems are of special importance to CDOT because of the number of mountain highway embankments which are vulnerable to progressive lateral slope failure, causing pavement distress and settlement which can be hazardous to highway users. This is often triggered by increased soil saturation during spring snow melt periods. While maintenance crews can often repave an affected area to mitigate the highway settlement, the original failure often creates a slip surface which sets up subsequent failure of the remolded soil in future years. Driven piles have been used with some success to solve the local slope stability problem, however, geotechnical research and input can improve these efforts both in regards to performance and economy.

This phase of the study follows a preliminary investigation in Phase I, where it was found that the stabilization of laterally failing slopes using driven piles could be effective and economical. To develop these findings, a literature review, surveys of state DOTs, cost comparisons analyses and targeted field inspections were performed.

Using extensions of traditional two-dimensional methods of analysis together with modern finite element computational techniques, this study aims to better understand the effectiveness of driven piles in reinforcing at-risk highway embankment slopes. Additionally, the research will lead to practical guidelines by which lateral piles can be prescribed and implemented at optimal locations. Specifically, the guidelines will address the most economical pile size, spacing and driven depth based on observed site characteristics and geotechnical investigation.</td>
<td>Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Type: SP&R Start: Ver:
Contract: (P.O. #)

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RESEARCH TASKS

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
7/1/11	100%	Y	Task 1: Analysis of test site
6/1/11	95%		Task 2a: Spreadsheet-based model
12/31/11	95%		Task 2b: Finite Elements-based model
2/1/12	20%		Task 2c: Develop test site mitigation plan from results of above models
2/15/12	0%		Task 3: Develop pile instrumentation plan for test site
7/1/12	0%		Task 4: Test site implementation with instruments
5/1/13	0%		Task 5: Analysis of test site performance over one snow-thaw period
8/1/13	0%		Task 6a: Compare and calibrate results to develop design methodology
12/31/13	0%		Task 6b: Draft and Final Report

MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
1/17/11	100%	Y	Unofficial project start
3/22/11	100%	Y	Kick-Off Meeting with CSM
5/1/11	100%	Y	Official project start
5/17/11	100%	Y	Update Meeting w/ Laudeman, Aziz, Kiousis, Ebersole
7/7/11	100%	Y	Site Visit
2/8/12	0%		Update Meeting w/ Laudeman, Aziz, Kiousis, Ebersole

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Note 1: The site visit has been completed (July 2011), where visual data was collected to improve modeling accuracy.

Note 2: The spreadsheet-based model uses an extension of Bishop's Method of Slices to account for three-dimensional slope failure with end effects. Some common assumptions are made in this model, including a spherical failure surface and assumptions regarding interslice forces – it will be seen how reasonable these assumptions are in light of the results garnered from the finite elements model and test site implementation. These assumptions aside, the flexibility and options of this model are fairly robust, and results have been verified against two-dimensional problems with satisfactory accuracy. This model is substantially complete, with a possible extension based on Lu & Likos' work to improve vadose zone modeling.

The finite-elements model is essentially complete, using the LS-Dyna software package. While it can be expected that small improvements will be made during the remainder of the project, we are currently able to model any number of slope reinforcement scenarios given enough computational time. Each model run currently approaches 24 hours of computational time.

Note 3: Pile implementation plans will be considered as a part of the update meeting scheduled for February 2012. At this point, it is believed that enough evidence is presented by which an optimized pile implementation plan can be reasonably developed. This comes from the realization that the best pile instrumentation data will come from a situation where the piles develop plastic hinges, but with small enough total deflection to still remain effectively in place (rather than being entirely swept away). This will reveal the precise point where the ability of the pile to contribute to slope stability is exceeded by the capacity of the soil to be supported by lateral piles. In this manner, both geotechnical modeling of the soil and structural modeling of pile fixation can be verified.

Note 4: Unfortunately, in light of the delay in model development, it was not possible to drive instrumented piles before weather made operations difficult for the winter. An instrumentation and pile location plan will be developed for implementation over the summer of 2012.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Assessment of MSE Wall Attachment Details Meeting New AASHTO Seismic Connection Requirement and Implementation of End-of-Wall (EOW) Treatment for Bridge Worksheet
Study No: 74.75

Background

This study aims to provide displacement-based seismic design recommendations for Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) walls for the state of Colorado. The AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, 2008 Interim, now mandate a more stringent 1000 year seismic return period as opposed to the previous 500 year return period. This change results in an increased in predicted maximum USGS peak ground acceleration (PGA) for Western Colorado from 0.025g to 0.14g. Given the importance of CDOT retaining walls on the operations of transportation corridors, the impact of the PGA contour upgrades on CDOT design practices should be examined.

The AASHTO LRFD Specifications provide guidelines for seismic design of MSE Walls in section 11.10.7. While the overall external stability requirements for MSE walls may be addressed through limit equilibrium analyses and their associated design methodologies, the behavior of the individual components of an MSE wall (e.g., the facing panels, modular blocks, coping, and the connections to the soil reinforcement) are not fully understood or codified. Such detailing issues cannot always be adequately addressed through typical limit equilibrium analyses of overall system behavior and may require a more explicit deformation-based approach.

This study therefore aims to provide displacement-based seismic design recommendations for MSE walls. Specifically, we will address the design of: (1) reinforcement of the cap element (coping), (2) the connection of the coping to the tops of MSE or soil nail facing, (3) the connections of the upper blocks in modular block MSE walls, (4) the design and detailing of the ends-of-the-walls, and (5) the connections between MSE facings and the soil reinforcement. This will be done a) by reviewing existing studies, b) by examining related practices of other state DOTs, and c) by performing a series of dynamic finite element analyses on typical MSE and soil nail walls, explicitly modeling all of the individual components and their interaction when subjected to a series of dynamic ground motions representing the extreme seismic events predicted by the Western Colorado PGA contours. General behavior tendencies will be determined from these analyses and will be used to inform the detail work for MSE walls.

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RESEARCH TASKS

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
3/03/10	100%		Task 1: Literature Review
3/03/10	100%		Task 2: National DOT Survey
6/03/10	90%		Task 3: Displacement-Based Analysis

12/03/10	100%		Task 4: Interim Report
7/03/11	80%		Task 5: Draft and Final Report

MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
11/15/09	100	Y	Study Advertised (Proposals Solicitation)
03/03/10	100	Y	Notice to Proceed (NTP) to CSM
03/31/10	100	Y	Kick-Off Meeting with CSM

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Note 1: We have completed a literature review of material in academic journals and texts, from state DOT websites, and national reports which was included in the interim report submitted to CDOT on February 22, 2011.

Note 2: We have sent out a national survey in which we have received 40/50 responses. Of the state DOTs that have responded, 39/40 maintain existing MSE walls, 29/40 use the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, 18/40 mention seismic design in their current state standards, and 2/40 are currently performing research on seismic loading on MSE walls. This report was submitted to CDOT on October 12, 2010.

Note 3: It has been determined that ground motions in the range of desired accelerations for a 1000 year return period earthquake have not been recorded in Colorado. We have performed a deaggregation analysis for a site class D soil. Using spectrum matching of existing records, a maximum design acceleration was determined in accordance with ASCE 07. In order to produce a time history of a likely Colorado ground motion, this acceleration will be used as the peak value in the combination of a parabolic and an oscillating function which use the natural frequency of the wall structures to obtain a worst case ground motion. A more in-depth knowledge of the program LS-Dyna has been obtained. A modal analysis has been performed on a 15 foot high panel wall, a 15 foot high modular block wall, and a 30 foot high modular block wall. We have applied the created ground motions to the 15 foot walls and are completing the process of applying them on the 30 foot walls. A final report is being prepared on our findings for the CDOT Study Panel.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Sustainable Stabilization of Sulfate-Bearing Soils with Expansive Soil-Rubber (ESR) Technology
Study No: 74.95

Background

Pavement construction and maintenance problems due to the presence of sulfates in lime-stabilized subgrades have been reported in many transportation projects. In Colorado, problems associated with sulfate-induced distresses have been observed at the Denver International Airport and, more recently, at the U. S. Highway 287 Berthoud By-pass project. Although problems caused by conventional calcium-based stabilization of sulfate-bearing subgrade soils may be mitigated by carrying out preliminary tests to determine sulfate concentrations, it would be desirable if CDOT engineers could count on alternative soil stabilization techniques that are not affected by the potential presence of sulfates. A sustainable stabilization technique has been developed at Colorado State University (CSU) to mitigate the swell potential of expansive soils with rubber from scrap tires. The main objectives of this new stabilization technique are two-fold: (1) reduce the swell potential of expansive soil (including soils containing sulfates), and (2) maximize recycling of scrap tires in the state (Colorado has one of the largest inventories of stockpiled scrap tires in the country and one of the lowest recycling rates in civil engineering applications (CDPHE 2007).

Previous ESR research carried out at CSU with soils collected from the U. S. Highway 287 Berthoud By-Pass project suggest that both the swell percent and the swell pressure of ESR mixtures prepared with this new technology are significantly lower than the swell percent and swell pressure of the untreated natural soil (Seda et al. 2007). Thus, the proposed ESR technology may be used to reduce the swell potential of expansive soil layers in a variety of geotechnical and highway projects including (but not limited to) stabilization of subgrade soils and bridge abutment embankments. Since ESR technology does not rely upon conventional calcium-based stabilization mechanisms, it may be particularly suitable for projects where local soil deposits are rich in sulfates and traditional chemical stabilization techniques are either unsuitable or require additional mitigation efforts for implementation.

This study's goal is to help develop a new stabilization protocol that will allow CDOT and other state and federal transportation agencies to rely upon an alternative stabilization method that is not subject to the typical problems associated with calcium-based stabilization of sulfate-rich soils (the proposed technology is also appropriate to stabilize sulfate-free subgrade soils).

Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Type: SP&R Start: 03/30/08

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MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
4/10/09	100	4/10/09	Notice to Proceed
05/18/09	100	5/18/09	Task 1 – Pre-Kickoff Meeting-1, a meeting planned for end of July
07/01/09	100		Task 2 – Literature Review
05/18/09	100	9/11/09	Task 3 – Material selection
08/01/09	-		Task 4 – Laboratory Experimental Program – Phase I

	100	5/25/11	Sub-Task 4.1 – Characterization
	100	2/15/11	Sub-Task 4.2 – Compaction
	100	9/30/11	Sub-Task 4.3 – Resilient Modulus Testing I
	100		Sub-Task 4.4 – Resilient Modulus Testing II
	100	9/30/11	Sub-Task 4.5 – Poisson's Ratio Evaluation
	100		Sub-Task 4.6 – Swell Consolidation
05/01/10	-		Task 5 – Laboratory Experimental Program – Phase II
	100	9/30/11	Sub-Task 5.1 – Triaxial Testing
	100	9/30/11	Sub-Task 5.2 – Bender Element Testing
07/01/10			Task 6 – Development of the MEPDG Database
09/1/10			Task 7 – Development of the ESR Stabilization Design Protocol
06/1/10			Task 8 – Construction of Small-Scale Test and Control Sections
05/1/10			Task 9 – Development of Construction, Monitoring and Documentation Procedures
06/1/10			Task 10 – Field Section Monitoring
Every 3 months		7/15/09(QR1) 10/7/09(QR2) 3/12/10(QR3) 2/15/11(QR4) 5/25/11(QR5) 7/14/11 (QR6) 10/5/11 (QR7)	Task 11 – Quarterly and Final Report Writing
06/2010 & 06/2011	100		Task 12 – Research Results Presentation
06/30/12			Submit final report.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1/27/2012 A PowerPoint presentation was given to the study panel on 1/27/12 as scheduled. The Principal Investigator moved to Australia but promised to complete the final report. He is still connected with CSU and has committed to provide the final report in due time.

12/31/2011 Principal Investigator indicated he was in the process of completing the remaining work. He planned to make a PowerPoint presentation to the study panel on 1/27/12.

9/30/2011 - Majority of the tests required for Tasks 4 and 5 (Laboratory Experimental Program – Phases I and II) have been completed. A couple tests for Sub-Tasks 4.5 and 4.6 are still ongoing but should be completed in the near future. Activities related to Tasks 6 and 7 have started.

7/12/2011 - Resilient modulus testing resumed.

7/11/2011 - Resilient modulus equipment repaired and re-calibrated (vertical steel shaft and bronze bushing were damaged and had to be completely rebuilt at the CSU machine shop).

5/25/2011 - Resilient modulus equipment undergoing repair and re-calibration.

2/15/2011 - Research update provided to Roberto DeDios.

9/23/2010 - New research assistant started working on the project.

9/23/2010 - A summary of preliminary results was submitted on September 23, 2010.

6/30/2010 - No activity was reported in this quarter.

3/12/2010 - Verbal offer made to new research assistant.

2/25/2010 - New research assistant candidates shortlisted.

12/11/2010 - Preliminary search for new research assistant started.

12/10/2009 - PI notified of research assistant's health issues.

10/01/2009 - Task 4 Update (% progress for all subtasks provided below):

4.1 Basic material characterization: 30%

4.2 Compaction and time domain reflectometry: 25%

4.3 Resilient modulus testing: 10%

4.4 Resilient modulus testing: 0%

4.5 Poisson's ratio evaluation: 0%

4.6 Swell consolidation testing: 10%

09/17/2009 - Copy of the CDOT Field Materials Manual provided by Mr. Gray Currier.

09/11/2009 - Mr. Gray Currier visited the CSU geotechnical research laboratory to inspect the samples from the Berthoud site delivered by CDOT personnel. After inspecting the samples, Mr. Gray Currier pronounced them to be the correct samples for testing.

09/07/2009 - Documentation on pavement cross section for the Berthoud By-Pass project provided by Mr. Gray Currier.

08/18/2009 - Copy of the sulfate content analysis procedure (followed at CDOT laboratories) provided by CDOT.

07/28/2009 - Sampling at the Lafayette site conducted by Mr. Robert Gonser and Mr. Louie Lopez. Both intact samples and bulk samples from this site were delivered by CDOT to the CSU's geotechnical research laboratory.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Development of CDOT Materials and Construction Specifications for Bridge Deck Sealers (Deck Sealer Products)
Study No: 80.11

Background	Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Chemical sealers, applied on the top concrete surface, are employed by CDOT for waterproofing bare new and existing bridge decks that do not have asphalt overlay. The type of sealers includes silane, siloxane, epoxy, and methacrylate. These and other commercially available sealers products have been developed to reduce the penetration of chloride ions from deicing salts and thereby preventing the corrosion of the reinforcing steel. Unfortunately CDOT material specifications allows for only limited types of sealers, silane for the "penetration sealers" and methacrylate for the "crack sealers." This research should develop generic type of performance-based material and construction specification for penetration and crack sealers that would allow for acceptance of other type of sealers materials based on the results of performance tests. The study should present all the details for the types of these tests (laboratory and field) and for interpretation of the test results. Some of the tests that should be considered for the penetration sealers include the chloride ponding test, elongation test, skid test, UV stability test, freeze-thaw tests, and tests for quality assurance of the placed sealers during construction. Some of the tests that should be considered for crack sealers include skid test, UV stability test, freeze-thaw tests, depth of penetration into the typical size of cracks developed in bridge decks, and tests for quality assurance of the placed sealers during construction. The crack sizes for application of the crack sealers should be established. The construction requirements should include information on the surface preparation before application of the sealers.	Type: SP&R (05/20/08-11/19/09) Principal Investigator(s): Yunping Xi, 303-492-8991 Study Manager: Aziz Khan, Research Branch 303-757-9522 Panel Leader: Ali Harajli, Bridge Design & Management, 303-512-4078 Study Panel Members: Gary DeWitt, Region 4 Materials 970-350-2379 Eric Prieve, Staff Materials 303-398-6542 Scott Roalofs, Staff Materials 303-398-6509 Mathew Greer, CO Div. of FHWA 720-963-3008

MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
10/1/06	100	10/26/06	Hold first panel meeting to discuss scope of work and domain of PI. This meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2006
11/1/06	100	12/29/06	Finalize scope of work (SOW) and RFP
3/5/07	100	3/5/07	SOW sent to purchase office for finalizing RFP
7/30/07	100	10/15/07	Finalize the selection of the Principal Investigator (PI)
2/15/08	100	5/20/08	Notice to Proceed

RESEARCH TASKS

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
7/31/08	100%	09/30/08	Task 1 Literature review on sealers and sensors Literature review completed.
	100%	07//09/09	Task 2: Field evaluation of monitoring system
	100%	04/01/10	Task 3: Interim report and testing plan
	100%	06/02/10	Task 4: Field evaluation of sealers

	85%	06/31/11	Task 5: Analysis of field evaluation results
	75%	09/31/11	Task 6: Draft report and final report

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1/07: RIC Approved additional funding

12/06: It was determined that additional funds were needed to for traffic control. The study has been put on hold until the additional funds could be secured through the Research and Implementation Council (RIC).

11/06/08: The CU research team and CDOT program managers had a field trip to bridge structure F-17-KJ, which was selected as the bridge to install the sealers and sensors for performance monitoring. During the field trip, it was found that de-icing salts will not be applied on the bridge decks of F-17-KJ in the winter of 2008. As a result, another bridge will be selected by CDOT study panel.

04/03/2009: Four bridges were recommended by CDOT study panel for the application of selected sealers. They are E-17-NX, E-17-QM, E-16-PJ, and E-17-PD. One of the four bridges will be selected for actual application. Field trips will be arranged.

05/27/09: Two field trips for bridge selection on May 21 and May 27, 2009. Bridge structure E-17-QM is the final candidate bridge for the project. A meeting to coordinate the effort for setting up power supply on E-17-QM is scheduled on 07/13/09.

10/15/09: CU Boulder research team completed confined space training needed for the box girder instrumentation installation and data collection.

10/15/09: CU Boulder research team filed a no-cost extension for the project. The ending date will be Nov. 30, 2010.

05/26/10: 18 moisture/temperature sensors were installed and concrete cores from four testing sections were taken.

06/02/10: Four types of sealers were applied on the bridge.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Evaluation of Seismic Testing for Quality Assurance of Lime-Stabilized Soil
Study No: 80.30

Background

In AASHTO Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide (MEPDG) procedure, the critical design parameter required for subgrade, subbase, base and stabilized layers is modulus. In CDOT design practice, the resilient modulus (M_R) of the material is estimated via correlation to unconfined compressive strength (UCS). During quality assurance (QA) process, the M_R is also estimated from correlation to UCS. For stabilized soils, the correlation to M_R is based upon UCS of samples that have undergone accelerated curing (100 ^oF) for 5 to7 days. There are a number of limitations to this QA approach:

- This lab-based assessment is not a true evaluation of the field-constructed product. While the soil does come from the construction site, specimens are prepared in the lab using standard Proctor energy (and not actual field compaction energy). This creates a structure that is different from the field-compacted soil. It has been demonstrated that field compaction and lab compaction can be significantly different.

- The estimation of field-constructed M_R comes from a correlation to UCS that may not be representative for all soils. The test does not directly measure M_R.

- The M_R - UCS correlation equation is based on 28-day normally cured samples; however, the M_R is determined via correlation by using UCS results from accelerated cure (e.g., 5 days at 105 ^oF) samples to expedite construction. This introduces additional uncertainty because 5-day accelerated curing is only an approximation of 28-day normal temperature curing. As documented in the Department research study Report No. CDOT-2010-1, there is no unique 105 ^oF curing duration that mimics 28-day normal curing for all soils. Therefore, 5-day 105 ^oF curing will overestimate or underestimate strength and stiffness, depending on soil type.

Ideally, a QA approach should directly measure the design parameter (i.e., modulus) of the field-constructed material. The technique should allow for testing after 3, 4 or 5 days to expedite construction.

The seismic technique enables the direct measurement of modulus in the lab and in the field. Seismic waves propagate through the soil at a speed that is proportional to Young's modulus E and shear modulus G. The design modulus may be determined in the laboratory for the given stabilized soil using a free-free resonant (FFR) test, and can be verified directly in the field with a seismic method.

The main objective is to determine the technical and economic feasibility of using seismic techniques to measure the laboratory and field modulus of lime-stabilized soils (LSS) used in a CDOT construction project.

Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Type: SP&R Start: 06/29/10

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MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
9/17/10	100	9/17/10	Hold study panel kick-off meeting.
10/31/10	100	6/30/11	Perform comprehensive literature review
12/31/10	100	6/30/11	Develop a detailed plan and schedule of activities to complete the research project
12/31/10	100	6/30/11	Identify candidate projects
12/31/10	100	6/30/11	Select a project
4/30/12	60	4/30/12	Perform laboratory testing of lime-stabilized soil (LSS) design mix
7/31/12	30		Perform field testing of LSS
8/31/12	0		Perform additional laboratory testing of field LSS
8/31/12	10		Conduct cost-benefit/usability analysis
8/31/12	30		Perform data analysis
9/30/12			Develop Quality Assurance (QA) specification
9/30/12			Submit draft final report
11/30/12			Submit panel-approved final report
12/31/12			Present results of research work to the Materials and Advisory Committee (MAC)

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

2/02/12 Revised project task dates to accommodate additional field testing in 2012.

10/10/11 Testing at Truth Christian Academy project site was completed with success. We still plan to conduct further testing in Fall 2011 and Spring 2012.

7/15/11 The Truth Christian Academy project has been delayed until late July/early August. A second project – Candelas in Arvada, CO has been identified and is expected to be conducted in Fall 2011 and Spring 2012.

4/20/11 Through conversation with ARS, our first candidate project is at the Truth Christian Academy (Bellevue/Quincy streets). This project is scheduled to begin in May.

1/10/11 Through conversation with the major lime-stabilization contractor ARS, we learned that we must wait until end of February (or thereabouts) to have a good idea for candidate project sites and project site selection. This is why we have not selected a project.

6/29/10 CDOT Procurement Office issued Purchase Order No. 211010111 to have the Colorado School of Mines perform the research to evaluate the feasibility of using seismic testing for quality assurance of lime-stabilized soil.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Thin-Bonded Overlays on Asphalt and Concrete Surfaces
Study No: 84.14

Background

The CDOT and other state DOTs are faced with a continuous problem of maintaining and replacing the wearing surfaces on bridge decks. Wearing surfaces are utilized on many bridge decks in an effort to maximize the life of the bridge deck, prevent the infiltration of water and aggressive chemicals such as chlorides from deteriorating the concrete surface and corroding the steel reinforcement.

There is a number of wearing surface materials available; however, the service life of many of these materials is less than ten years and requires extensive time and equipment to remove and replace such surfaces. In addition, care is need when removing these types of surfaces as to no damage the impermeable membrane placed atop the concrete bridge deck surface.

Recently, advancements in thin-bonded overlays have produced materials that promote an improved wearing surface and anti-icing properties. These innovative materials can replace more traditional overlays such as asphalt, portland cement concrete, non-reinforced polymer cement concrete.

If the products examined in this study prove successful in providing a durable skid resistant wearing surface that prevents the formation of bonded snow or ice to the bridge surface, the CDOT will be able to recommend these products for future bridge construction and rehabilitation projects. Ultimately this could be a cost savings to the CDOT as it would potentially reduce maintenance costs on bridge structures. In addition, the anti-icing component of these materials may improve driver safety during winter conditions thereby reducing weather related accidents.

Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Type: SP&R Start: 05/09 Ver:
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MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
5/20/09	100	5/20/09	PI Selected
7/22/09	100	7/22/09	Notice to Proceed Issued
8/24/09	100	8/24/09	Project “Kick-Off” Meeting
10/05/09	100	5/01/10	Traffic Control, Instrumentation, Testing, and Const. Plans
10/15/09	100	6/09/10	Field Implementation of SafeLane Overlay
10/22/09	100	10/31/09	Literature Review Completed
10/22/09	100	10/31/09	DOT Survey Findings Report Completed

RESEARCH TASKS (Thin-Bonded Overlays on Asphalt Surfaces)
I-76/Weld County Road 53

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
10/22/09	100%	10/31/09	Task 1a: Literature review
10/22/09	100%	10/31/09	Task 1b: Conduct a national survey of state DOTs
10/05/09	100%	5/01/10	Task 2: Develop a traffic, instrumentation, and data collection plan
10/05/09	100%	6/09/10	Task 3: Install the approved products on I-76 and Weld County Road 53 east bound bridge at MP 36.54. Document installation process.
08/22/10	100%	6/24/11	Task 4: Collect and analyze data to determine the effectiveness of the anti-wearing/anti-icing products. The examination will included, but not limited to: anti-icing, skid resistance, chloride penetration, permeability and snow melting.
12/31/13	90%		Task 5: Prepare and submit a Draft and Final Report to the CDOT.

*UCD is still planning to continue gather overlay performance data on this bridge structure as the Phase II contract continues through 12/31/13.

RESEARCH TASKS (Thin-Bonded Overlays on Concrete Surfaces)
Parker Road/I-225, and I-25/I-225 Structures

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
6/14/11	100%	6/30/11	Task 1: Literature review
12/15/11	100%	12/31/11	Task 2: Conducted a detailed investigation of bridge deck overlay construction and performance
10/14/13	40%		Task 3: Data collection and analysis of thin-bonded overlays on structures F-17-KK and F-17-OD
10/14/13	40%		Task 4: Laboratory/field testing.
12/31/13	40%		Task 5: Prepare and submit a Draft and Final Report to the CDOT.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

07/09 Project officially begins
08/09 Project “Kick-off” meeting
08/09 Preliminary Literature Review Submitted
09/09 DOT Survey Findings Report Completed
09/09 Progress Report Submitted
09/09 DOT Survey Findings Report Submitted (to be submitted by 09/30/09)
10/09 Field Cores Taken from Bridge Deck (to be used for chloride and permeability testing.
12/09 Chloride Testing of Bridge Cores Performed
12/09 RCIP Permeability Testing Performed on Bridge Cores
01/10 Progress Report Submitted
04/10 Testing Plan Complete (meeting between CDOT and UCD on April 8, 2010)
04/10 Instrumentation Plan Complete (meeting between CDOT at UCD on April 8, 2010)
04/10 Traffic Control and Construction Plans Meeting Scheduled (April 21, 2010)
06/10 Construction of SafeLane Product on I-76 and WCR 53 by Region 4 Personnel
09/10 Meeting to Discuss Maintenance, Testing, and Data Collection for winter

01/11	Project Update at CDOT Materials Laboratory (Holly Branch)
03/11	Additional Physical Testing of Overlays on I-76/Parker Rd./I-25
06/11	Permeability and Chloride Results Complete
07/11	Progress Report Submitted
10/11	Progress Report Submitted
12/11	Project Update at UCD
01/12	PI Transition
02/12	Progress Report Submitted
03/12	Meeting held at CDOT to discuss next phase of testing and rad sensor installation on I-225/Parker Rd.
03/12	Matrix of 2012 tests for all sites were completed
04/12	Progress Report Submitted

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Innovative and Economical Steel Bridge Design Alternatives for Colorado: Hybrid Girders, Double-Composites, Epoxy FRP Cover Plates, and External Post Tensioning (Plate Girder Bridges)
Study No: 85.10

Background

Hybrid weld plate SMC girders are a valid competitor not only to continuous hybrid steel girders but also to the dominant precast post-tension prestressed spliced girders. However to move along from steel wide flange rolled beams to welded plate girders, more rigorous theory and validation regarding continuity, fatigue, buckling and plasticity at the negative moment region needs to be investigated. Specifically, during the Phase-I study, several key detail issues arose which have not been addressed adequately throughout the U.S. or in Colorado. These include:

(1) Concrete slab steel distribution that is required to ensure shear capacity near an interior support where two beams come together. It is anticipated that there is significant shear lag as the lateral distance between the steel and beam joint increases, as depicted in Figure 1;
(2) Rotation at the interior support that is not accounted for when the assumption of a continuous beam design is made has not been addressed. This is a critical issue when going from preliminary design, i.e. beam size selection, to design detailing; and
(3) Possibility of beam web crippling at the interior support due to the rotation described in 2. Figure 1 depicts this rotation which is currently not accounted for in SMC design.

This phase II study addresses these three issues above and then focuses on other potential approaches that include:

(1) External post tensioning using either steel or FRP rods;
(2) Use of hybrid steel girders to enable the use of high performance steel in key regions of the girders;
(3) Use of double composite steel-concrete bridges as depicted in Figure 2 (this can also be a beam with two webs angled to form a tub and a bottom concrete flange poured; and
(4) Application of an FRP cover plate to the bottom flange using epoxy to optimize the cross section.

Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Type: SP&R Start: 06/09 Ver:
Completion/End Date: 10/22/2012

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MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
2/09	100	2/09	Project approved
12/1/09	100	12/1/09	Project begins
3/30/10			Hold first panel meeting to discuss literature review and remaining scope of work
5/1/10	100	5/1/10	MPC proposal submitted to perform experimental portion of project
6/15/10	100	6/15/10	FEA modeling approach refined
6/15/10	100	6/15/10	MPC proposal funded

9/21/10	100	9/23/10	Survey sent out for first time
10/22/10	100	10/22/10	Follow up survey sent out
Jan 2011	100	2-1-11	Survey Finished
	100	Dec 2011	Spreadsheet program to investigate innovative approaches is completed.
Jun 2012			Completion of preliminary FE Analysis
Nov 2012			Physical Testing in the Lab

TASKS

Planned	**% done**	**Achieved**	**Description, Discussion, and Related Issues**
3/15/10	100		Task 1: Literature review
6/1/10	100		Task 2: National survey
6/30/12	40		Task 3: FEA Investigation
12/31/11	100		Task 4: Investigate innovative approaches
12/31/12	20		Task 5: Laboratory test program
3/1/13	20		Task 6: Quarterly reports & Final report

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

12/1/09	Project officially begins. Project completion/end date is 10/22/11. PI/CSU would request an extension beyond the completion date (if needed) with a brief justification at least six months ahead of the end date.
3/10	Kickoff Meeting
5/1/10	MPC proposal on experimental task submitted
6/1/10	New PI transition meeting in Denver
12/1/10	PhD student Nathan Miller identified to pick up the project in the spring.
3/17/11	Project Meeting with CDOT with new PIs and PhD student

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Long Term Monitoring of Mechanical Properties of FRP Repair Materials
Study No: 85.11

Background

Fiber reinforced polymer composites (FRPs) are currently being used by state departments of transportation to repair deteriorating concrete structures. FRPs are attractive as a repair option because they can be applied quickly, they can conform to a variety of existing geometries, they are lightweight, and they do not significantly alter the dimensions of a structure. They are also attractive because they do not corrode in the presence of chlorides as steel reinforcement does. However, other environmental exposures such as moisture, UV light and freeze-thaw cycles do have the potential to degrade the material. Although extensive research has demonstrated their effectiveness as a structural material, concerns remain about their long term performance. These concerns are primarily due to the fact that FRP is still a relatively new technology and as such there are few FRP projects with extended time in service. The vast majority of existing durability studies on FRP materials has occurred in laboratory settings using accelerated testing conditions and degradation models to predict FRP performance in the field. What is needed is degradation data on FRP
materials that have been in service environments. Furthermore, their relative novelty means that designers may not be familiar with the materials, and design guidance is needed.

Engineers at the Colorado Department of Transportation are interested in the material, but have questions about the long term performance and application techniques for FRP (particularly with respect to environmental conditions in Colorado), which currently prevent its frequent use. In this project we will work with CDOT to begin to address these concerns. The project will assess the condition of a structure that was repaired using FRP in the summer of 2003. Samples of the FRP material will be collected from the bridge to verify residual mechanical properties of the composite. The project will include a literature review to determine which of CDOT's concerns have been addressed by previous research, and which merit further experimental study. We will also initiate a laboratory testing program to begin to understand the effect of Magnesium Chloride deicing agent on the mechanical properties of the FRP and the bond between FRP and concrete.

Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Type: SP&R Start: 06/09 Ver:

Completion/End Date: 11/30/2012

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MILESTONES

Planned	**% done**	**Achieved**	**Description, Discussion, and Related Issues**
Jan 2011	100	2-17-11	Kick-off Meeting
April 2011	100	6-8-11	Start laboratory durability study Control specimens have been tested. All durability specimens are now in conditioning environments.
July 2011	100	7-14-11	On site bridge inspection
December 2011	100	12-15-12	6 month durability tests
June 2012			1 year durability tests

TASKS

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
2/1/2011	100	5/31/2011	Task 1: Testing and Data Collection Plans
5/1/2011	100	7/14/2011	Task 2: Site-Visit On-site Testing
8/1/2011	100	8/30/2011	Task 3: Laboratory Testing /Data Analysis
9/1/2011	75		Task 4: Literature Review
Ongoing	60		Task 5: Long Term Testing
4/1/2012	25		Task 6: Reporting

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

7/1/10	MPC project with matching funds is awarded
12/15/10	Project officially begins. Project completion/end date is 05/31/2012. CSU would request an extension beyond the completion date (if needed) with brief justification at least six months ahead of the end date.
2/17/11	Kickoff meeting at CDOT
5/31/11	Progress report Meeting at CDOT to discuss site visit
7/14/11	Finish Site Visit
10/26/11	Submit Interim Report with results from site visit
12/14/11	6 month durability tests

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Hybrid A-Frame Micro-pile/MSE Wall with Impact Barrier, Unique Design and Construction Approach
Study No: 80.25

Background

To protect the public travelling on Colorado mountain roadways from accidents, a well-designed and constructed impact road barrier and shoulder area is a critical component. Many roadways in the mountains were built on very steep terrain by cutting existing rock material and filling at very steep slopes to accommodate a two lane configuration with no or very limited shoulder room. While MSE walls have been commonly used in Colorado, their effectiveness is not clear if they are placed on a narrow steep cut due to the limited development length of reinforcements near the toe of the wall. Furthermore, roads across steep terrains require CDOT Type 7 or Type 10 steel bridge rails that can absorb significantly higher dynamic vehicle impact loads (e.g., 54 kips peak) to redirect a vehicle back onto the road without serious damage to any part of the reinforced soil region underneath. Under such stringent simultaneous design demands, the installation of micropiles in the form of an A-frame into a MSE walls to provide the lateral impact resistance of the barrier-wall system has the potential of being a capable and unique engineering solution for our state's transportation system. Using both vertical and inclined piles (in the same plane or staggered) that are connected to a continuous carrier/grade beam, such a system can provide the head stiffness necessary to support a strong impact barrier on a widened roadway or expanded shoulder in difficult terrains. This novel approach has however not been deployed previously due to a lack of research and development on the foundation engineering mechanics problem. This study aims to develop an improved knowledge base on the possibility of using a A-frame micropile-MSE wall system as an effective alternative for mountainous roadway constructions.

The objective of this study is (i) to assess the merit and limitations of the A-frame micropile-MSE wall-foundation design with a top barrier under design impact loads, (ii) to understand the basic load transfer mechanisms involved and their sensitivity to different site and structural conditions, (iii) to develop the design methodology and specification worksheets for approval and usage by CDOT's engineering division. The ultimate goal is to furnish CDOT sound technical information to use the design as a new option, with a sound engineering mechanics basis and confidence for difficult mountain locations.

Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Type: SP&R Start: 1/30/12

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MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
3/22/12	100%		Held first panel meeting to discuss, update and revise scope of work and research direction
4/24/12	100%		Field visit to Hwy 119 Blackhawk construction site of MSE with metal reinforcement, discuss issues of drilling through reinforcement
5/10/12			Progress report

UPDATED RESEARCH TASKS

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
1/31/12	80%		Task 1 Literature review and national survey of state DOTs
7/30/12	50%		Task 2: Review of CDOT methodologies and experience relevant to design of hybrid Micro-pile/MSE walls with impact barriers.
12/1/12	30%		Task 3: Construct computer models and perform parametric study using finite element code LS DYNA for a MSE wall subject to gravity load with a A-frame micropile system to resist lateral loads with corroboration with benchmark numerical and experimental results.
3/1/13			Task 4: Develop design methodology, and construction worksheets for hybrid micropile-MSE walls for CDOT consideration.
5/1/13			Task 5: Draft and submit final report

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

3/22/12 Kick off meeting at CDOT
4/5/12 Met with John and Mick of Yenter to discuss their view about drilling through geofabrics
4/24/12 Field visit to Hwy 119 Blackhawk construction site

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Investigation of Optimal Seismic Design of Typical Bridges in Colorado
Study No: 87.00

Background

Significant effort has been expended to develop comprehensive guidelines for the seismic design of bridges after the 1971 San Fernando earthquake near Los Angeles, CA, which led to the development and adoption of ATC-6 as the seismic provision of the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specification.

In the current LRFD design specification (called "Current Specification" hereafter), R-factor (also known as "ductility factor") is used to conduct seismic design of bridges, which is a force-based approach whereby elastic forces are reduced by a certain factor to allow for controlled large inelastic deformation and energy dissipation under seismic events. In 2009, the new "AASHTO Guide Specifications for LRFD Seismic Bridge Design" (called "Guide Specification" hereafter) was introduced by incorporating all the previous changes and guidelines for seismic design of bridges, which is based on displacement rather than force. In this approach, a target displacement is designed for to achieve certain performance level. The new "Guide Specification" was approved as an alternative to the seismic provisions in the "Current Specification". As a result, either the new "Guide Specification" or the "Current Specification" can be used in the seismic design of bridges in Colorado with a possible transition to the Guide Specification in the future.

In the state of Colorado, seismic swarms have been recorded in the west and southwest part of the state and therefore the study will investigate the performance of bridges of interest using properly identified hazard representing these areas. In addition, some metro areas may also deserve extensive study because of its high population, busy traffic and potential hazardous consequence to the whole transportation in the area if any bridge is damaged or collapsed. Therefore, all bridges are equally important in Colorado and the possible cost-effective design improvements in Colorado by considering the new return period as well as possible consequences for switching from designing with the "Current Specifications" to the "Guide Specifications" in the future is needed. Historically, Colorado has put little consideration on the seismic design of bridges due to seismicity being less of a concern in comparison to seismic-prone states. The goal of this study is to increase the awareness of seismic risk of bridges in Colorado and give CDOT a preview of the possible outcome to identify the best seismic design methodology to follow in future bridge designs.

Reporting Period**:** 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Type: SP&R Start: 02/12 Ver:1

Completion/End Date: 1/31/2014

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MILESTONES

Planned	**% Completed**	**Achieved**	**Description, Discussion, and Related Issues**
2/21/2012	100	2-21-12	Kick-off Meeting
7/01/2012	60		Finalized the survey questions and sent out the survey invitations on 3-20-12. Response close out date is 5-7-2012, analysis pending. Preparing literature review report.

7/01/2012	80		Two representative bridges selected. Bridges were modified to be skewed and curved. Still gathering feedback on the bridge modification, and final decision pending.

TASKS

Planned	% Completed	Achieved	Task Description
7/01/2012	60		Task 1: Literature review and survey
7/01/2012	80		Task 2: Identify representative bridges
2/01/2013	5		Task 3: Develop 3-D SAP analytical model
6/01/2013			Task 4: Calibration with nonlinear FEM software
10/01/2013			Task 5: Investigation of design detailing
1/01/2014			Task 6: Illustrative examples
1/31/2014			Task 7: Quarterly reports and final report

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1/24/12 Project officially begins. Project completion/end date is 01/31/2014. CSU would request an extension beyond the completion date (if needed) with brief justification at least six months ahead of the end date.

2/21/12 Kickoff meeting at CDOT.

3/20/12 National survey distributed to DOT's.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Tension Cable Guardrail
Study No: 91.06

Background

Tensioned cable guardrail (TCGR) systems have been used all over the world for several years. In windy areas, guardrails can act like a snow fence causing drifts across the highway. Cable guardrail systems could be very useful in Colorado in areas with snow-drifting problems. Cable guardrail is bi-directional making it a useful option in narrow medians in addition to shoulder applications. It provides a relatively "soft" barrier that, in most situations, is somewhat more gentle on vehicle occupants than steel rail or concrete barriers. In addition, after an accident, maintenance is simple, fast and inexpensive, and the system retains its functionality even before repairs are made. Cable guardrail is also visually less obtrusive than other designs.

This study will monitor the performance of tensioned cable guardrail systems installed in Colorado. Important factors include: Severity of injuries and damage to vehicles; cost for repairs including time and materials; availability of materials and product support; ease of repair and maintenance.

Accident, maintenance and repair data will be evaluated to establish criteria to help in selection of the best system and best configuration for a particular situation.

Implementation

Accident data together with maintenance and repair data will provide insight into the suitability of tensioned cable guardrail used under varying conditions. The data will also provide information regarding situations where cable guardrail is not the best alternative and the reasons why. Recommendations will be made for use of various criteria in selecting the appropriate system.

Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Type: Experimental Feature

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MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
06/02		09/02	Monitor and document the installation of Brifen guardrail on US 285 at MP 141 – Windy Point.
04/03		04/03	A study panel meeting will be held to discuss the work plan for the study, what information will be kept in the databases, and to establish the length of the study and the number of sites that will be accepted for evaluation under this study.
08/03		08/03	Monitor construction of the site on I-25 near MP 250
12/03	90		Evaluate the systems based on repair costs and time needed to repair hits and the effectiveness of the system in reducing the severity of accidents.
05/04		06/04	Write and distribute interim report with recommendations for suitable situations and specific items that should be addressed on each project
12/04		05/05	Construction of median WRSF systems has begun on I-25 mp 229 – 269. CASS is being installed along the frontage road at mp 252. Very little accident data has been received in Research for inclusion in the accident database.
04/05		04/05	Study panel meeting to evaluate the progress of the study and discuss accident reports.
10/05		12/05	Installation of Trinity CASS systems in the median on I-25 ≈mp 174 – 181 and SH-86 near Castle Rock.
07/07		07/07	Install approximately 1 mile of each of the 5 certified manufacturers' systems in the median

			of C-470 from mp 14 to 19
06/11	90		Evaluate accident and MMS system data. Write and distribute the final report.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

3/12: New TCB sites are being added to the database and will be monitored for performance.

1/12: Data collection and analysis in progress

6/1/11: Crash data through 12/31/2009 has been added to the Tensioned Cable Barriers (TCB) Crashes spreadsheet database. Crash data for 27 projects is in the database and is in the process of being verified. The database analyzes Traffic Accident Reports (TARs) of crashes that were or could have been affected by the presence of TCB. It includes all median and off-left types of crashes in locations where median TCB is installed. On roadway and off-right types of crashes are not included since the presence of median TCB would have no effect on the cost or the outcome of that type of crash. Crash data for sites with right shoulder TCB are also listed, but it is much more difficult to determine the effects of the barrier for these locations because of the way the data is listed in the TARs.

1/1/11: Crash data through 2008 is available for most TCB locations. Post-construction crashes can now be compared to pre-construction crashes so the TCB can be evaluated for cost and crash prevention effectiveness.

12/09: Crash Data and maintenance costs are being summarized and analyzed for the final report.

6/09: A spec has been drafted for TL-3 and TL-4 Tensioned Cable Barriers.

12/08: A database with site locations, construction specifications and costs, and traffic data is completed for projects completed through summer of 2008.

09/08: Data from the C-470 project which includes all five of the NCHRP 350 approved TCGR systems is being included in the study.

12/07: An Excel spreadsheet database with extensive information about each of the high tension cable barrier (HTCB) sites constructed through 12/07 is available. Also available is a "Things to Watch" list that explains many of the problems encountered by CDOT and their solutions.

A five-mile long site has been constructed using about one mile from each of the five manufacturers who currently have HTCB that has received NCHRP 350 certification – Trinity, IA Safence, GSI Nucor, Gibraltar and Brifen. The systems will be evaluated for performance and "maintainability".

08/07: The Research Branch (Skip Outcalt & Rich Sarchet) will set up and maintain a database with information concerning tensioned cable barrier systems installed by CDOT.

07/07: Rich Sarchet attended a seminar sponsored by TRB to discuss TCGR with manufacturers and representatives of several DOTs.

09/06: Several anchor blocks have been seen to be pulled out of the ground and the tension is low in some of the systems installed on I-25 north of Denver. Brifen has recommended a fix for the anchors and sent representatives to Colorado to conduct training system maintenance methods seminars for personnel who have cable guardrails.

06/06: Accident data for all sites before the TCGR installation is being reviewed and tabulated. Maintenance data for the sites built before mid-2005 is being reviewed and tabulated. The first draft of the report will be sent to the panel for review by the end of July 06.

01/06 No new sites will be added to this study. The accident and maintenance data will be evaluated and the final report written by the end of the fiscal year.

12/05: The FHWA will approve no more project specific FIPIs to justify the use of proprietary TCGRs As of December 2005 there are five TCGR systems that have FHWA approval at NCHRP TL-3. Of the five, CDOT has installed and is evaluating two for this study: Brifen's WRSF and Trinity's CASS. Because there are five systems with similar capabilities (according to the NCHRP 350 testing), and only two of them have been installed up to this time, this study will be concluded. The accumulated data will be evaluated and a report written based on the WRSF and CASS systems.
A five-mile project, STU 4701-107, will be constructed on C-470 in 2006 to include about one mile of each of the Trinity, Nucor, Blue Systems and Gibraltar systems. The new site is contiguous to an existing Brifen WRSF median site; however, a section of the newly approved three-cable Brifen system may be built as part of the new study.

7/05: New systems installed: Brifen – on I-70 and SH-9 near Frisco, US-287 near Ted's Place.
Proposed systems: Trinity on I-25 and SH-86 near Castle Rock, and the newly approved Brifen TL-4 system on I-70 east of the Eisenhower Tunnel.

8/05: End anchor blocks in Brifen systems on I-25 ≈mp 243 and on US-287 near Ted's Place, were pulled out of the ground by hits near the end of the guardrail systems. Initial evaluations indicate that the blocks may be tapered from top to bottom forming a cone shape rather than the designed 4' diameter cylinder.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Active Traffic Management for I-70
Study No: 92.11

Background Colorado DOT is in the process of developing an Active Traffic Management (ATM) system along several of their freeways. Region 1 is implementing ATM along the I-70 Mountain Corridor from Eisenhower Tunnel to Bakerville initially. The CDOT ATM system along this mountainous corridor is expected to incorporate Variable Speed Limits (VSL) based on advanced algorithms to improve traffic turbulence in real-time and therefore reduce crash risk and improve flow. Historically, crashes along this section of road are attributed to drivers driving too fast for the road condition and geometry as there is a potential for severe weather conditions. The approach of this project is to develop real-time crash risk assessment models by analyzing historical crashes to traffic surveillance data corresponding to these crashes in order to detect patterns that are observed before crash occurrence. If these patterns are then repeated in the future on a freeway section, then ATM can then appropriately adjust ramp-metering and speed limits in order to avoid a potential crash in real-time. The goal of the first phase of this project is to develop a database with crashes, ITS archived data, geometry, and archived weather data and then conduct a preliminary analytical safety study. Based on the outcome of the first phase of this project and available funding CDOT will then determine if they will pursue the other tasks as outlined in UCF's proposal.	Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12 Type: SP&R Start: 03/21/2011 Ver: **Principal Investigator:** Mohamed Abdel-Aty University of Central Florida (407) 823-5657 **Study Manager:** David Reeves, Traffic & Safety Research Engineer (303) 757-9518 **Study Panel Members:** Jake Kononov, Research Director Bryan Allery, Traffic Engineer (HQ) Ken DePinto, Traffic Engineer (ITS) Ali Imansepahi, Traffic Engineer (ITS) Bernardo Guevara, Traffic Engineer (Region 1) Clark Roberts, Traffic Engineer (Region 1) Saeed Sobhi, Traffic Engineer (Region 1)

MILESTONES

Planned	**% done**	**Achieved**	**Description, Discussion, and Related Issues**
10/01/10	100	3/24/11	Notice to Proceed
04/15/11	100	04/26/11	Get all appropriate VPN Access to CDOT network and ITS Databases
12/15/11	70	8/31/11	**Task 1** – Develop database with crashes, ITS-archived data, geometry, detailed weather archived data
	15	11/30/11	
	15	1/15/12	
12/15/11	40	6/20/11	**Task 2** – Conduct a preliminary analytical safety study
	30	8/1/11	
	20	12/7/11	
	10	2/29/12	
02/15/12	50		**Task 3** – Submit draft system design report
03/20/12	0		**Task 3** – Submit final system design document and final report
06/22/12	30		Phase 1 of project complete

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 03/27/11 – Notice-to-Proceed was issued. Project must be completed by 3/20/2012.

- 04/26/11 – PI has access to CDOT ITS databases and has begun extracting ITS data into their database
- 11/29/11 - CDOT provide crash data through October 2011
- 12/5/11 – Downloading significant amount of RTMS data
- 12/5/11 – Completion if good part of the preliminary analysis, and reaching important findings
- 1/15/12 – Completion on Analysis
- 2/29/12 – Completion of analysis

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Evaluation of Traffic Adaptive Signals
Study No: 92.12

Background

The Federal Highway Administration recently began a program called the Every Day Counts (EDC) Initiative. The goal of EDC is to identify and deploy innovation aimed at shortening project delivery, enhancing the safety of roadways, and protecting the environment. One part of the program focuses on accelerating the implementation of technology and innovation aimed at leveraging 21st Century technologies and solutions to improve safety, reduce congestion, and keep America moving. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) identified Adaptive Signal Control as one such technology that could be easily deployed along State Highways in an effort to maximize the existing capacity of the roadways and prolong the need to reconstruct or add additional capacity.

Poor traffic signal timing is a significant cause of delay, increased fuel consumption, higher levels of vehicle emissions, and an increase in congestion. The project goal is to evaluate different adaptive traffic signal control systems along two different State Highways to identify the benefits of the systems compared to traditional time based coordination plans currently installed along the corridors. The evaluation will also compare the different systems to each other in an effort to identify an overall cost benefit for the adaptive traffic signal control and assist CDOT in making decisions regarding the future implementation of additional systems on other State Highways.

The project will collect data and complete an evaluation of the adaptive traffic signal systems current being installed within Region 2 and Region 4. Region 2 is implementing the ACS Lite system along the stretch of US 24 that passes through Woodland Park, while Region 4 is installing the InSync system along a stretch of US 34 Business (10th Street) in Greeley.

To evaluate the systems, identical data will be collected before and after the adaptive traffic signal control systems are installed and made operational along the study corridors. Data to be collected includes pre-implementation travel times for six (6) different time periods on a typical weekday and a single (1) time period on a typical weekend. In addition, four (4) intersections on each corridor were identified by regional staff to have all approaches videotaped for a weekday and weekend day to collect pre-implementation data regarding the vehicle volumes, queue lengths, and delays during the same periods when the travel time data was collected. The videotaped data will allow for the analysis of average queue lengths, average vehicle delay, approach level-of-service, and intersection level-of-service.

After the systems are implemented and operating to the satisfaction of the regional staff, similar travel time and intersection approach data will be collected and used to complete a before and after implementation analysis. Performance of the systems will then be identified to determine overall benefits to the traveling public.

Results of the analysis will be used to assist Region 2 staff in making an immediate decision regarding the retention or removal of the ACS Lite system from the US 24 corridor. Region 2 staff has a limited time, as provided by the system vendor, to make a decision to retain the system and pay for it or have it removed at the vendor's expense.

Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Type: SP&R Start: 04/26/11

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A similar analysis will be completed for the InSync system being installed in Region 4. The InSync system is being installed by CDOT, but will be turned over to be maintained and operated by City of Greeley staff upon completion of construction and implementation of the system. Decision to maintain the operations of the system will then be a City responsibility. In addition, the Region 2 and Region 4 systems will be compared to each other, to the maximum extent possible, to develop a cost-benefit evaluation aimed at assisting CDOT in making future decisions regarding the implementation of additional adaptive traffic signal systems. Cost data to design, construct, and implement the systems will be gathered and future maintenance costs will be estimated. A user benefit value will be calculated based on travel time saving, reduced delay, lower fuel consumption, and lower vehicle emissions. Together the data will then be used to compute an overall cost-benefit for each system. CDOT Research staff will be involved in a long-term safety evaluation of the system(s) that remain in operation for more than three (3) years from final implementation. A minimum of three (3) years is required to adequately collect accident data and do a comparison to conditions before the adaptive traffic signal systems were put into operation.	

MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
12/30/11	50		Evaluate Region 2 System
3/30/12	50		Evaluate Region 4 System
5/30/12	15		Compare and Contrast Two Systems
6/30/12	33		Complete Evaluation of Two Systems

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 9/11 – Project kickoff
- 4/12 – Region 2 system turn on
- 4/12 – Region 4 system turn on and fine tuning

ANTICIPATED EVENTS FOR Q4 2011

- Complete data collection for evaluation of Region 2 and Region 4 systems
- Complete stand-alone evaluation of the Region 2 (ACS Lite) system performance
- Provide documentation to CDOT staff regarding the evaluation of Region 2 system
- Provide analysis data and guidance to Region 2 to support decision regarding retention or removal of system

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Phase II Study on Safety Performance at the Colorado DOT
Study No: 93.01

Background In numerous studies sponsored by contractor associations, the Construction Industry Institute (CII), and the Construction Users Roundtable, the consistent outcome has been the need to address safety at all levels of the organization. In the Phase I study of safety practices at the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the study identified the gap between expected safety practices and the actual implementation of safety policies in the field offices. This finding, along with the industry-wide documentation of the necessity for a strong and mature safety culture, provided the motivation for CDOT to undertake initial efforts toward enhancing organization safety perspectives. The purpose of the current research is to continue the CDOT effort to build upon recent safety successes and by investigating opportunities improve worker safety. The primary intervention strategy to be considered is the strengthening of CDOT's safety culture. The current research effort will examine how to put in place specific project, policy, and organization actions that will lead to the improvement of the CDOT safety record based on a combination of: 1) understanding existing CDOT safety elements and improvement efforts from an organization perspective, 2) understanding comparable organizations, 3) determining insertion points for safety improvement, and 4) providing specific recommendations for building on existing CDOT efforts to enhance the CDOT safety culture. The research effort encompasses the following phases: • Assess and articulate a comprehensive understanding of the existing safety culture within CDOT • Use case studies to: (1) identify shared characteristics of safety culture within high performing organizations in comparable, high risk industries; (2) document best practices for rapid advancement, measurement, and continuous improvement of safety culture; and (3) identify target areas for CDOT improvement. • Conduct a focus group session with a minimum of 10 members of leading firms in the construction, manufacturing, and industrial industries to review CDOT's safety program • Develop recommendations to build on current CDOT safety efforts	Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12 Type: SP&R Start: 03/06/12 Principal Investigator(s): Paul Chinowsky and Matthew Hallowelll; University of Colorado Denver, 303-735-1063 Study Manager: David Reeves, Applied Research Branch (HQ) 303-757-9518 Study Panel Members: Jake Kononov /Applied Research Branch (HQ) David Wieder / Maintenance and Operations Branch Manager Office (HQ) Tracie Smith / DoHRA CHRM RM Risk Mgmt (HQ)

MILESTONES

Planned	% done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
3/1/12	100	3/6/12	CU Contract Complete
5/18/12	0		Project kickoff meetings
4/30/12	90		Literature Review
5/31/12	80		Survey and Interview Development

6/30/12	0		Current CDOT Conditions
7/31/12	0		Comparable Organizations
10/31/12	0		Expert Panel Review
1/31/13	0		Recommendation Development
3/31/13	0		Final Report
3/31/13	0		Final Presentations

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 3/6/12 – Project commencement

ANTICIPATED EVENTS FOR Q2 2012

- Completion of kick-off meeting
- Completion of literature review
- Pilot surveys and interviews undertaken
- Collection of initial data on safety and personnel from CDOT

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Development of New Corrosion/Abrasion Guidelines for Selection of Culvert Pipe Materials
Study No: 106.00

Background

The existing CDOT corrosion guidelines for pipe material type selection do not specify the service life for any pipes used for drainage. A 50-year service life is assumed for any pipe that satisfies the corrosion level criteria in the existing guidelines. New design and retrofit procedures are needed to incorporate corrosion and abrasion factors to select the proper type of pipes for specific drainage applications with realistic estimates of the service life. Soil and water resistivity and/or abrasion factors will be investigated in addition to pH, chloride, and sulfate level concentrations in areas where drainage pipes failed due to corrosion and/or abrasion. Some of these locations where pipe failures occurred had been or are still being identified in a comprehensive culvert pipe inspection effort conducted by the Bridge Branch across the State of Colorado.

The current guidelines (Corrosion Resistance, CR Table) developed in 1983 use pH, chloride, and sulfate concentrations to determine the corrosion resistance levels that any pipe material should be capable of handling. Since the development of the CR table, various pipe sizes with different types of materials (CMP, RCP, HDPE, etc.) were installed under CDOT roadways using the CR table criteria. However, no concerted effort was made to evaluate these culvert pipes to assess their performance. It was assumed that any pipe material that satisfied the requirements of the CR table would have a service life of 50 years or more. This may be true for pipe materials that are inherently resistant to corrosion/abrasion by virtue of their physical, chemical and biochemical properties. However, this may not be true for other pipes that may fail due to corrosion/abrasion if not properly treated, protected, or coated. New guidelines with information on reliable estimate of service life for each type of pipe material should be developed.

Neighboring states have general guidelines incorporating pH, chloride, sulfate, total dissolved solids, resistivity, water velocity, and slope to assess the impact of corrosion and abrasion on various types of pipes. Some of these factors are associated with estimated service life of the pipe structures. However, this information is site specific and may not be totally applicable to Colorado's unique site conditions. This information from other states will help in the development of Colorado's procedure to determine reasonable service life using various parameters including resistivity and/or abrasion.

The new procedure for selecting pipe material depending on the results of the investigation may include resistivity level and/or abrasion factors in addition to pH, chloride and sulfate concentrations in soil and water. The flexible pipe industry is requesting CDOT to include resistivity and abrasion in developing new pipe materials selection guidelines.

The collected data including the findings and recommendations resulting from the inspection effort conducted by the Staff Bridge Branch across the State of Colorado will be used accordingly in the development of the new guidelines for culvert pipe materials selection procedure.

Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12
Start: 5/01/09 Complete: TBD

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MILESTONES

Planned	% Done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
	100		Develop scope of work and RFP
	100		Complete the RFP process. The RFP will be issued on 10/22/04.
	100		Select the Principal Investigator: Chris Thornton, CSU
	100		Award the contract.
2/27/09	100	2/27/09	Send Notice to Proceed
3/18/09	100	3/18/09	Attend CDOT's First Culvert Committee Meeting of 2009 to meet panel members
12/31/09	100	12/31/09	Task 1- Literature review
12/31/09	100	12/31/09	Task 2- Applicability of CDOT's CR table
12/31/09	97	12/31/09	Task 3 – Field Testing (97 sites out of 100 tested)
12/31/09	97	12/31/09	Task 4 – Data Analysis (97 sites out of 100 analyzed)
12/31/09	97	12/31/09	Task 5 – Develop service life procedure
04/01/10		04/01/10	Start Phase 2 B – Data collection from Western Colorado
12/31/10	50	06/19/10	Collected data along HW 160 and connecting highways at 34 sites. Data included approximately 10 sites from the critical culvert list.
12/31/10	70	07/16/10	Collected data along I-70 and connecting highways at 30 sites. Data included sites from the critical culvert list.
12/31/10	75	09/17/10	Collected data along HW 40 and 14 and connecting highways at 11 sites. Data included sites from the critical culvert list.
12/31/10	100	10/1/10	Collected data along HW 50 and connecting highways at 29 sites. Data included sites from the critical culvert list.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

3/18/09	PI attended CDOT's First Culvert Committee Meeting of 2009 to meet majority of panel members and outline preliminary project goals.
5/5/09	PI met with Research Panel Leader to select initial culvert test sites. The PI scheduled to do field testing starting 6/01/09.
6/03/09	Culvert testing along HW 34 between Loveland and Estes Park
6/05/09	PI met with Research Panel Leader to select additional culvert test sites.
6/09/09	Culvert Testing along I 70 between MP280 and MP370 with CDOT participation
6/15/09	Culvert testing along I-70 between MP370 and MP 425 and along HW40
6/19/09	Culvert testing along I-76 with CDOT participation
6/24/09	Meeting with CSU Soils Testing laboratory to analyze the water and soil samples from the first batch of 40 sites.
7/28/09	Met with Research Panel to update them on the status of the project and to get their approval on the sites that will be included in the study. Phase 2A will include the Eastern half of Colorado.
12/31/09	Completed Phase 2A
04/01/10	Started Phase 2B of the study to compile data from the Western Colorado
06/19/10	Conducted a 4-day trip along State Highway 160 covering the area between I-25 and Cortez, Colorado. Collected water and soils data and soil resistivity data from 34 sites along HW 160 and connecting highways.
07/16/10	Conducted a 3-day trip along Interstate State Highway 70 from Denver to Utah border. Included sites along HW 13, HW 131, and HW 139. Collected water and soils data and soil resistivity data from 30 sites along I-70 and connecting highways.
09/17/10	Conducted a 3-day trip along HW 40 from Walden to Craig. Included sites along HW 13, HW 14, and HW 131. Collected water and soils data and soil resistivity data from 15 sites along HW

40 and connecting highways.

10/1/10 Conducted a 3-day trip along I-70 and HW 50 and collected data from Grand Junction to Gunnison. Inspected culvert sites along HW 6, HW 340, and HW 141. Collected water and soils data and soil resistivity data from 29 sites along HW 50 and connecting highways.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Web-based Historic Flood Information Database for Colorado
Study No: 107.10

Background The accuracy of flood-frequency estimates can be greatly improved when historical flood information is used with systematic flood data. At the present, much of the historical flood information for Colorado is stored in numerous published and unpublished reports, files, and photographs in local, state, and federal agency offices as well as consulting engineering offices. Having an easy-to-use Web-based database of historical flood and paleoflood information with links to sources of systematic flood data will allow engineers and water-resource managers to fully use this data to provide accurate flood recurrence estimates of the largest floods in Colorado. Engineers and scientists then will be able to incorporate these estimates for proper floodplain regulation, dam-safety design, and other uses. The objective of this study is to develop a Web-based geodatabase accessible using an ARCGIS map or similar interface for historical flood information that will facilitate easier access to this information for the compilation of flood data and result in improved flood frequency estimates in Colorado. The data sources of historical flood information include: high outliers at gages used in the latest Colorado flood frequency report published by the USGS; unpublished USGS indirect and paleoflood measurements; and the peak flood of record at all USGS gages. A Web-based interface that contains links or data on systematic and historic flood information will be the ultimate product of this project. In addition, a short fact sheet will be published to describe the contents of the database and how to use it.	Reporting Period: 1/1/12 through 3/31/12 Start: 10/1/10 Complete: 9/30/12 Contract: Principal Investigator(s): Michael Kohn, USGS, 303-236-6924 Study Manager: Aziz Khan, Research Branch, 303-757-9255 Study Panel Leader: Amanullah Mommandi, Project Development Branch 303-757-9044 Study Panel Members: Alfred Gross, R-1 Hydraulics Jeffry Anderson, Bridge Design and Management Branch Mark S Mueller, Maintenance and Operation Carl Valdez, R-2 Maintenance Hani Lavassani, R-6 RE South Program Veronica Ghelardi, Hydraulics Engineer, FHWA - Resource Center

MILESTONES

Planned	% Done	Achieved	Description, Discussion, and Related Issues
10/1/10	100	January 2011	Agreement between CDOT and USGS finalized and signed.
4/1/11	100	April 1, 2011	Review sources of flood information
7/1/11	100	July 1, 2011	Compile USGS flood data
5/15/11	100	June 2011 and Dec. 7, 2011	Meeting with CDOT and other agencies
12/31/11	100	December 31, 2011	Develop database structure and select web interface
4/1/12	67	Expected: May 1, 2012	Build web interface, populate database, and test
5/1/12	25	Expected: June 1, 2012	Go LIVE to Web
8/30/12	10	Expected: September 30, 2012	Complete USGS publication

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

All USGS data that compose the database has been compiled and is located in a Microsoft Excel database. This includes USGS indirect discharge measurements and flood events chronicled in USGS publications and stored USGS offices, published paleoflood studies, and the peakflow record from all USGS gaging stations in Colorado.

The database structure is complete and the web-interface of database is currently being completed. The web database is live on the web and was displayed at a meeting on 12/7/2011. Work will proceed on the web design which will include finalizing new tools and features to access all of the previously mentioned data. Also, the Excel database is completely populated with all USGS data; it is ready to hand over to CDOT. The USGS will wait to see if CDOT would like to include any of their post-flood bridge analysis before sending the Excel database to CDOT.

Project completion

Project completion/end date is 09/30/2012. PI/USGS will request a no-cost extension beyond the completion date (if needed) at least six months prior to the end date.