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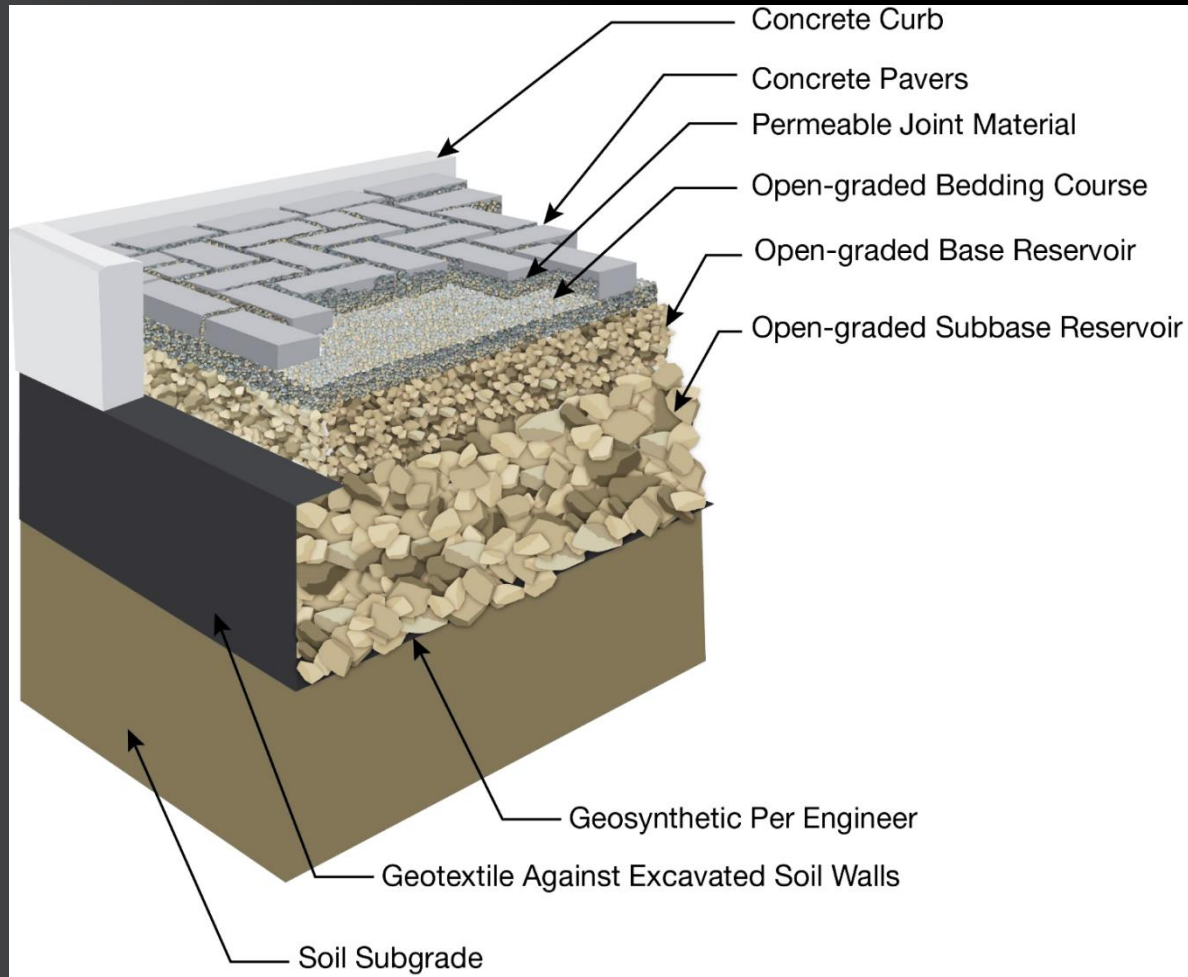
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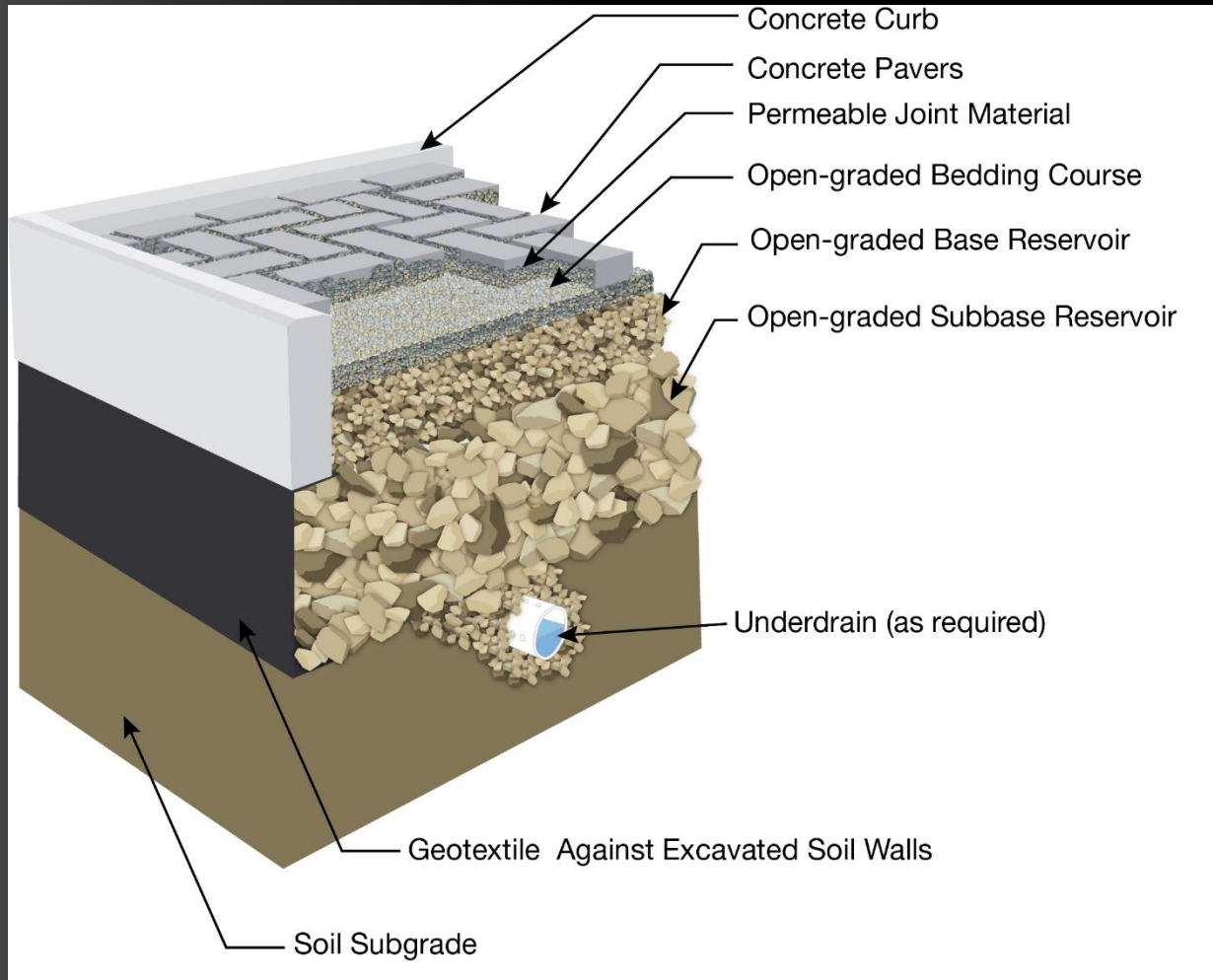
# Full-scale Structural Testing and Development of Design Guidelines for PICP

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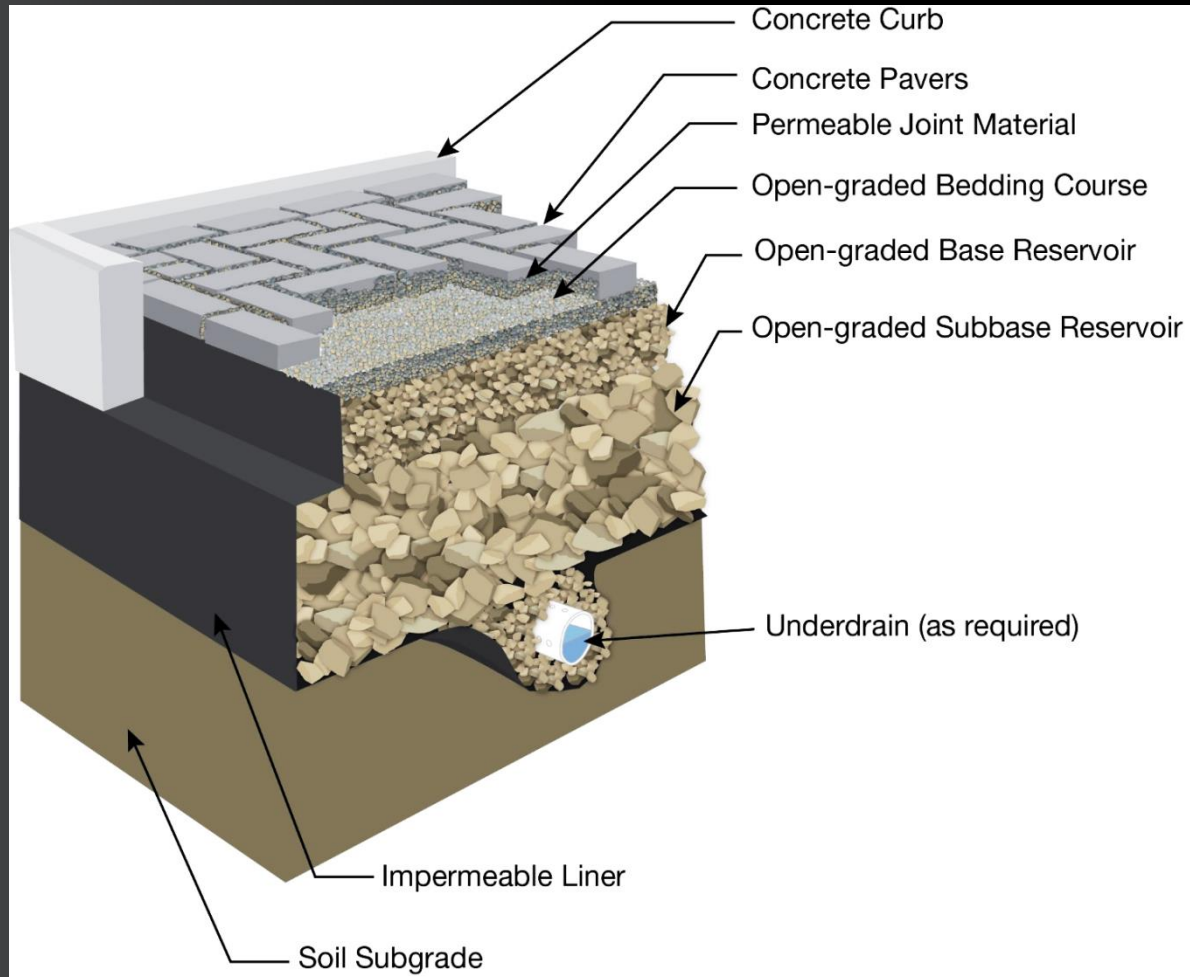
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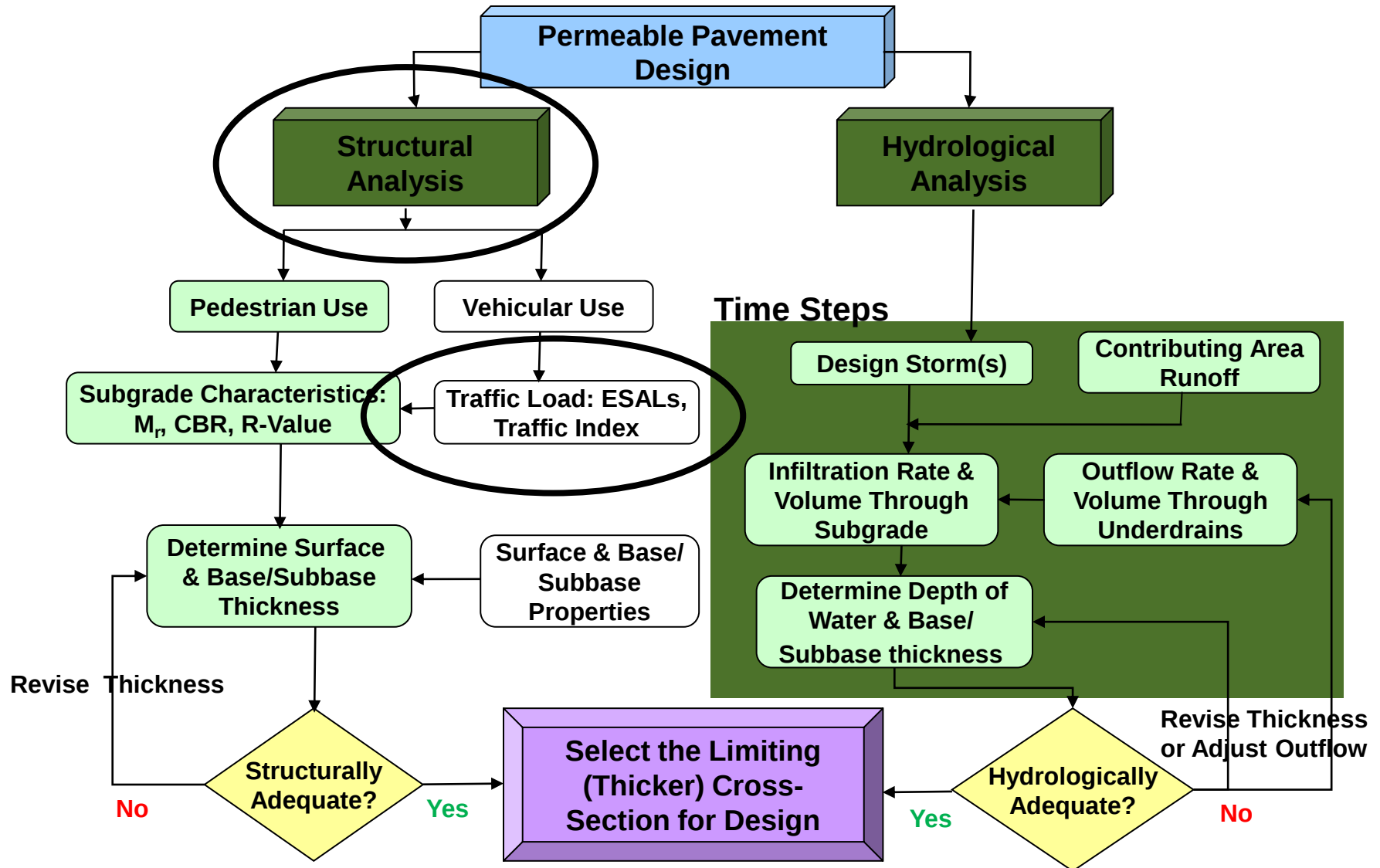
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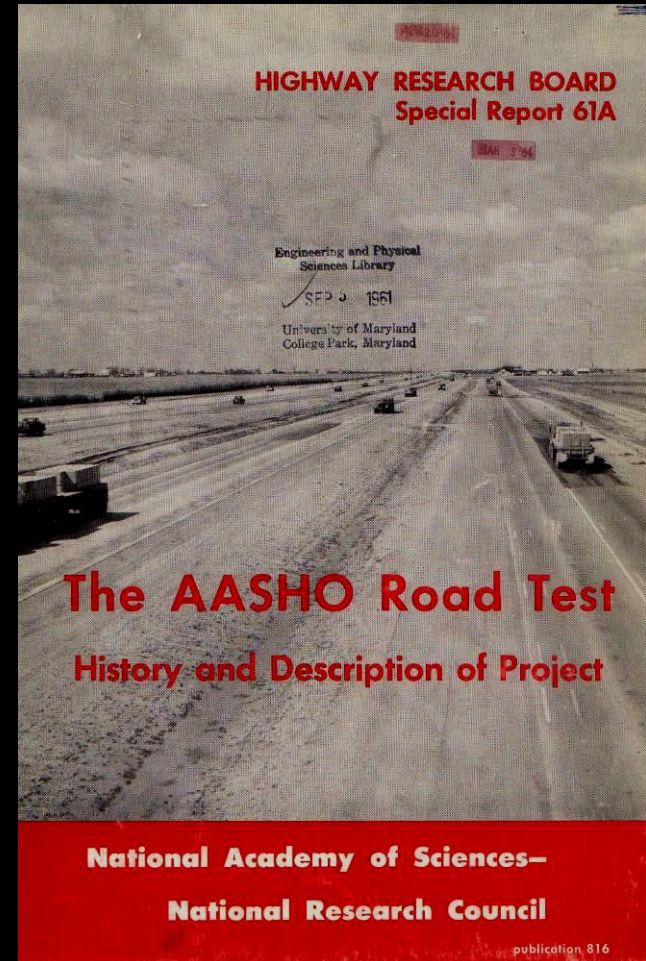
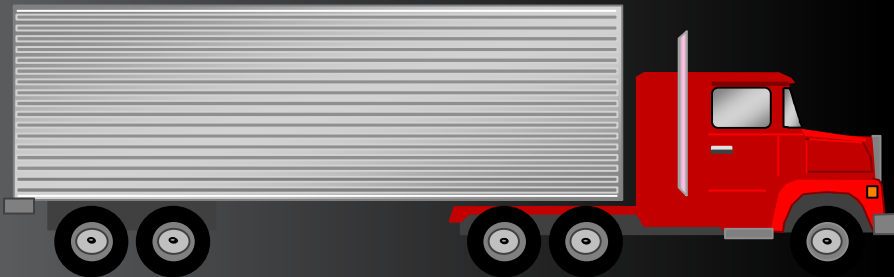


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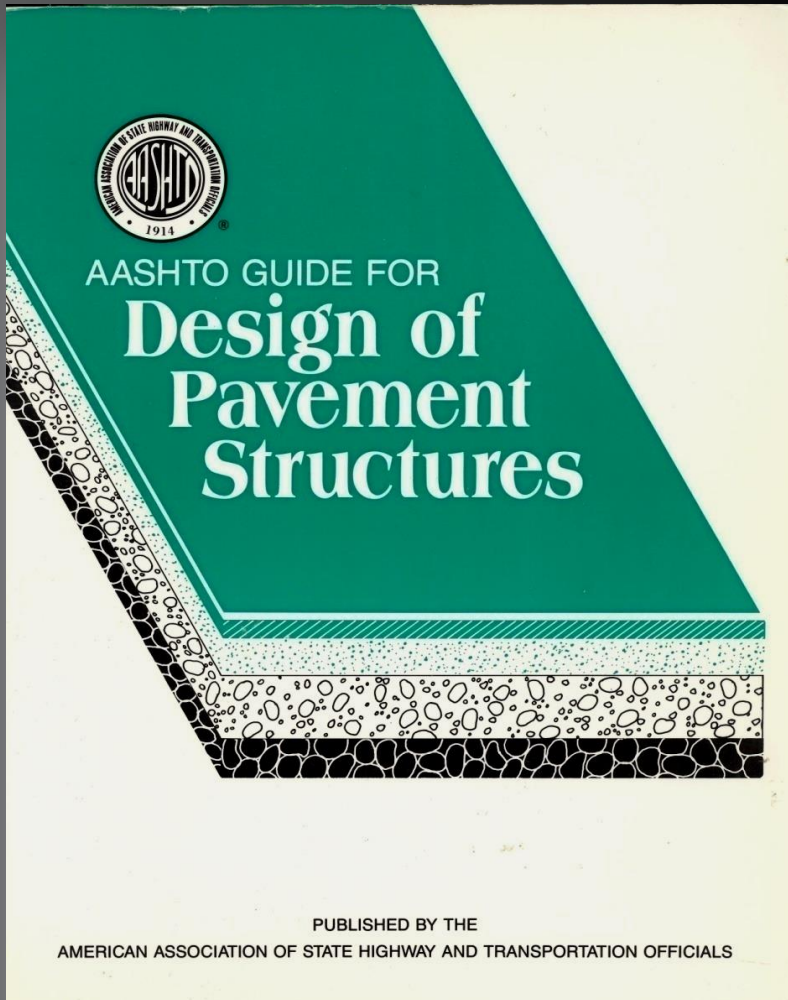


# What is an ESAL?

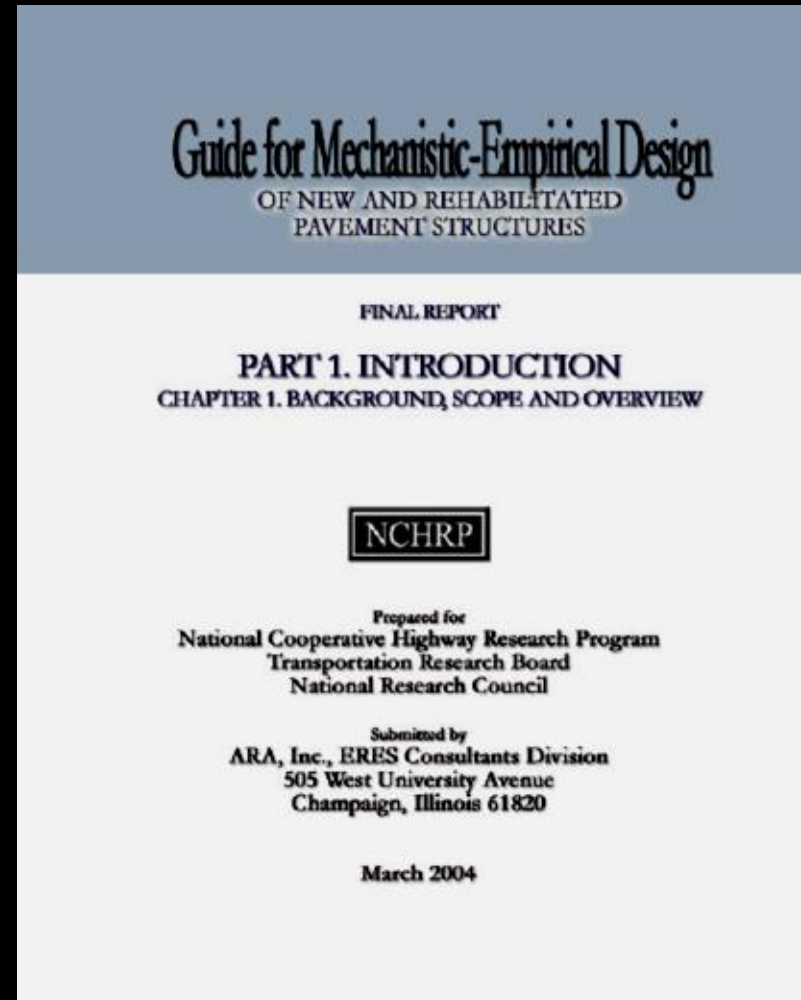
- Equivalent Single Axle Loads
- or 18,000 lb ESALs
- Characterizes performance (rutting)



# Structural Design - AASHTO



1993



ME PDG 2004

# Truck Factor = ESAL per Truck



Gross Weight  
= 350 kN

2 x 80kN

2 x 70 kN

50 kN

$$LEF = \left(\frac{80}{80}\right)^4$$

$$LEF = \left(\frac{70}{80}\right)^{4.6}$$

$$LEF = \left(\frac{50}{80}\right)^{4.15}$$

$$TF = 2 \times 1 + 2 \times 0.6 + 0.15 = 3.35 \text{ ESALs}$$

*How many ESAL does one pass of a car equal?*

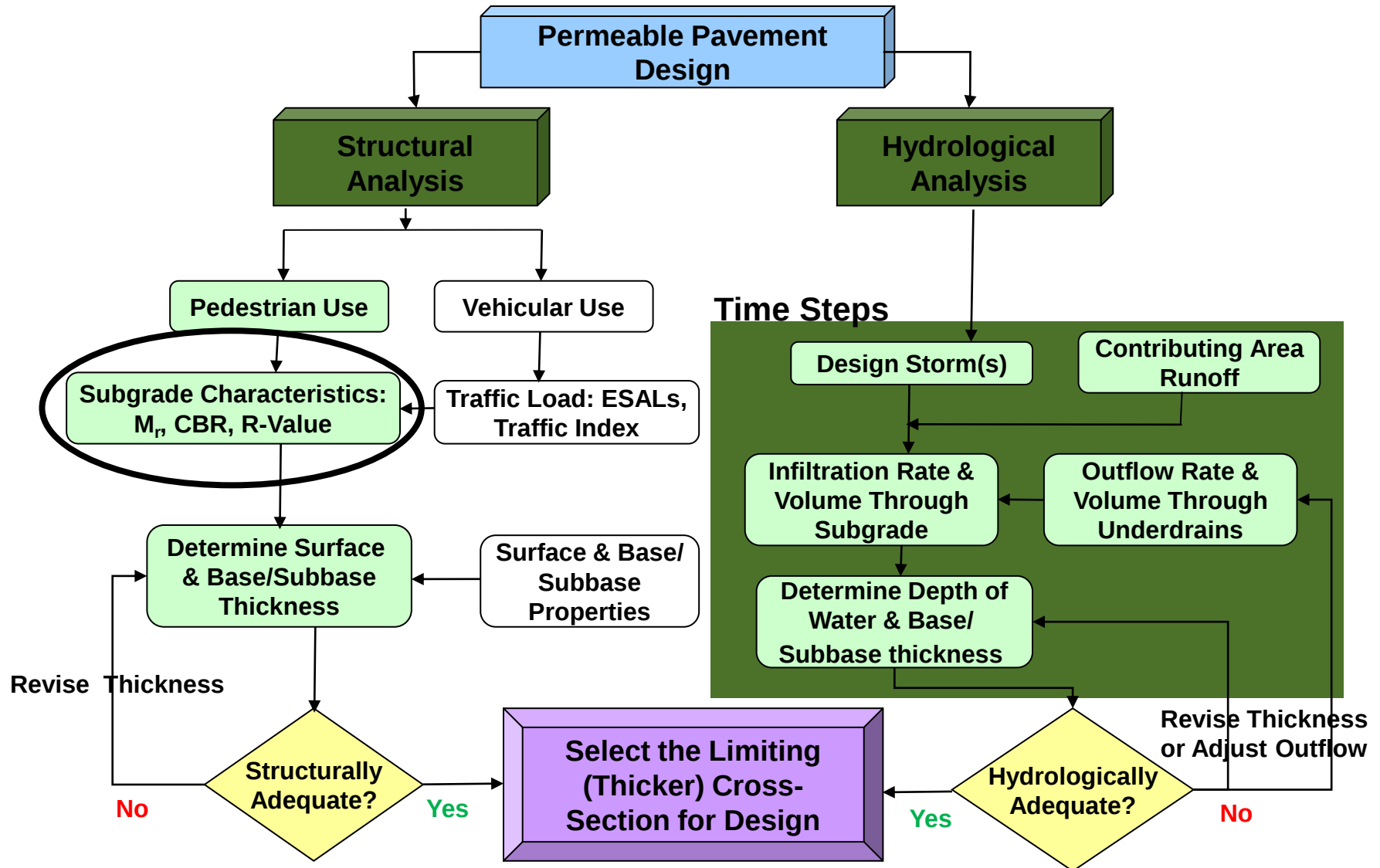
*Assuming 1 axle = 9 kN, a car is 0.0003 ESAL*

*or 1 truck equals more than 3,000 cars*

# AASHTO Typical ESALs by Road Class

| Road Class                      | Urban     | Rural     |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Arterial or Major Streets       | 7,500,000 | 3,600,000 |
| Major Collectors                | 2,800,000 | 1,450,000 |
| Minor Collectors                | 1,250,000 | 550,000   |
| Commercial/Multi-Family/ Locals | 425,000   | 275,000   |
| Parking Lots                    | < 275,000 |           |

# PICP Design



# Characterization of soil strength using AASHTO, ASTM, or State DOT lab tests

- Resilient Modulus or  $M_r$  (PSI or MPa)
- Measures stiffness (resistance to loads)
- Dynamic test (repeated loads) on a soil or base sample under simulated confining stresses (from field tests)
- California Bearing Ratio (CBR in percent)
  - Tests vertical bearing capacity compared to a high-quality compacted aggregate base
- Resistance or R-value (dimensionless number)
  - Tests vertical bearing and horizontal shear
  - Used in California & a few other states
- Strengths correlate to each other

# Soil Strength

**Resilient Modulus,  $M_r$**

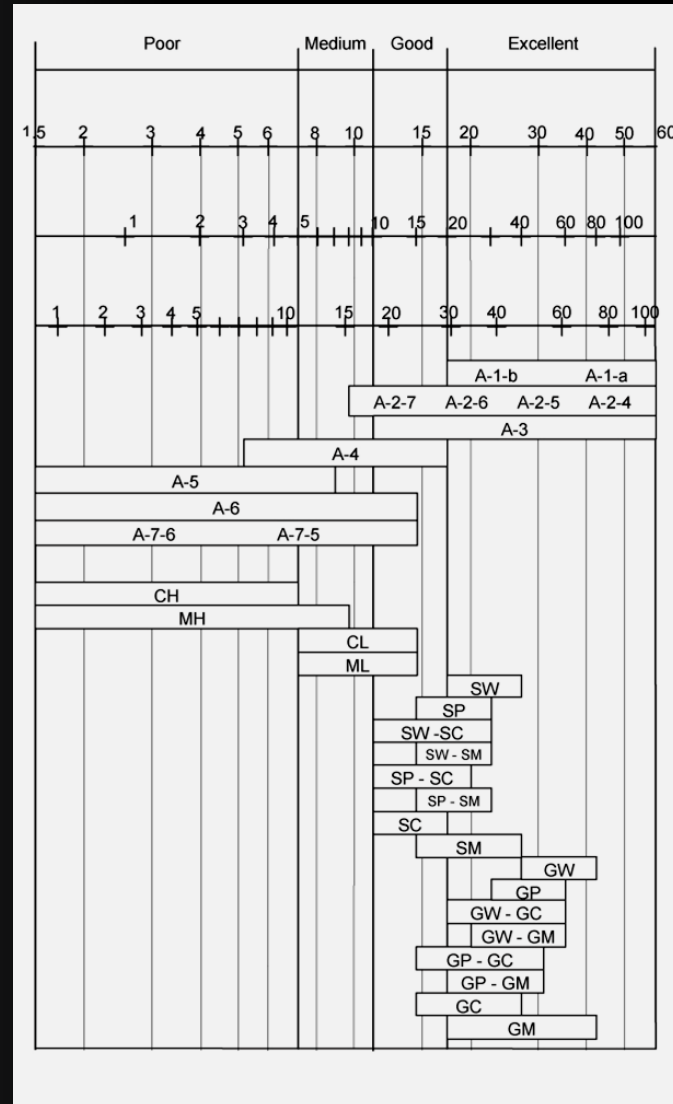
**AASHTO T-307**

**CBR ASTM D1883**

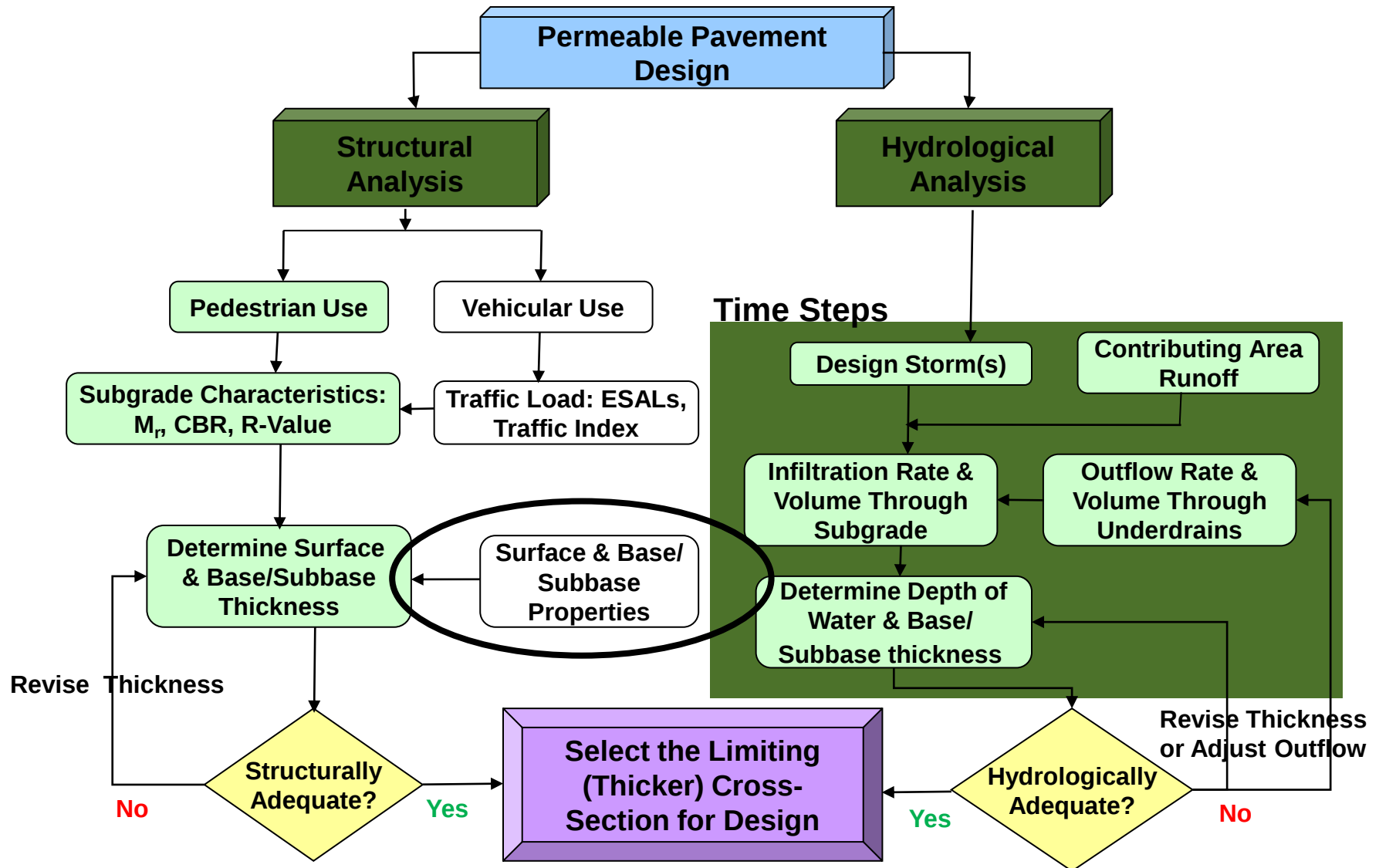
**R-value ASTM D2844**

**AASHTO Soil  
Classification  
AASHTO M-45**

**Unified Soil  
Classification  
ASTM D2487**



# PICP Design



# AASHTO 1993 Flexible Pavement Design

AASHTO Equation used to solve Structural Number (SN)

Equation Inputs:

- Estimated lifetime ESALs (20 years typical)
- Characterization of soil strength using lab tests
  - Resilient Modulus ( $M_r$ ) (or R-value or CBR converted to  $M_r$ ) then use AASHTO equation to calculate required SN based on serviceability (smoothness) & reliability
- Designer finds mix of base layer coefficients that satisfy the required SN
  - Layer coefficients: dimensionless numerical characterization of material stiffness per inch of thickness (higher means stiffer)
  - Each pavement layer assigned a layer coefficient
  - Sum of coefficients x layer thickness > required SN

# PICP Structural Design Assumptions

## Minimum soil strength

- 4% soaked CBR, R-value = 9 or min. resilient modulus = 6,200 psi (43 MPa)

## Layer coefficients

Typical dense-graded base 0.12 to 0.14 per inch thickness

- 3 1/8 in. thick pavers + 2 in. bedding = 0.3
- 4 in. thick ASTM No. 57 stone base = 0.09
- Variable ASTM No. 2, 3 or 4 stone subbase = 0.06
- Low coefficients used = conservative approach
- No frost protection layer required

# Structural Calculation Example

300,000 ESALs design life, soaked CBR = 6%

AASHTO Equation Yields Required SN = 2.5

| Layer         | Required Layer Thickness |   | Layer Coefficient |   | Structural Number |
|---------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Required SN   |                          |   |                   |   | 2.50              |
| Paving        | 5 1/8 in.                | x | 0.30              | = | 1.53              |
| No. 57 Base   | 4 in.                    | x | 0.09              | = | 0.36              |
| No. 2 Subbase | ?                        | x | 0.06              | = | 0.61              |

No. 2 Subbase must be more than 10 in.

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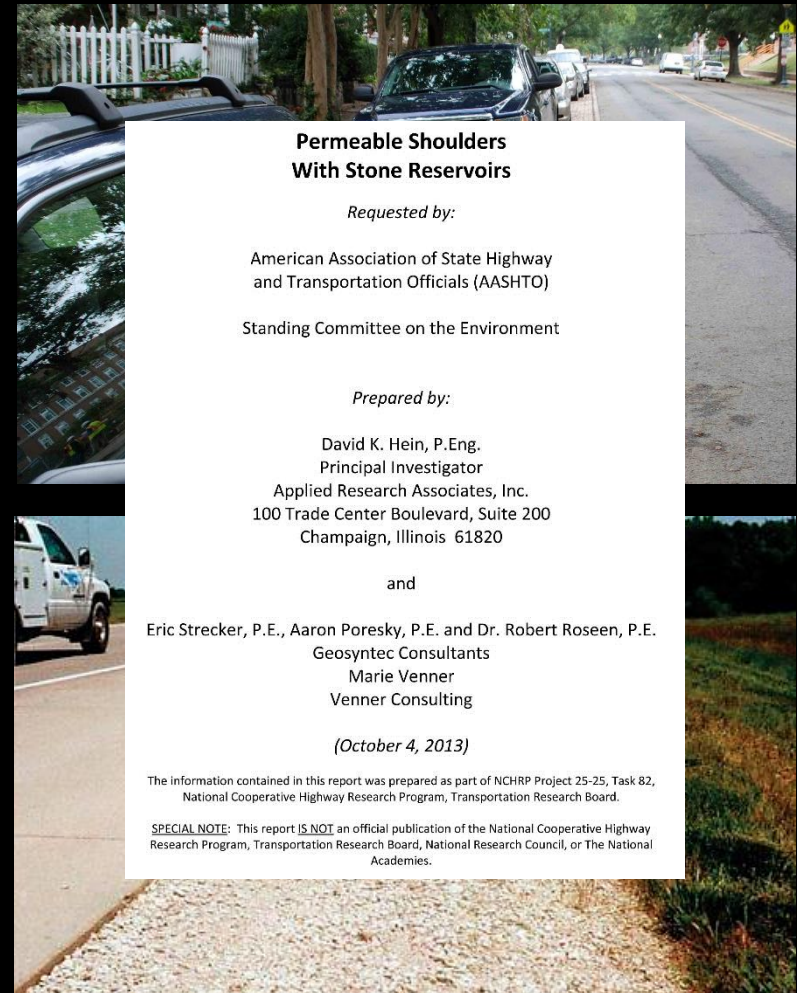
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# Why Do Structural Research?

- AASHTO flexible pavement equation developed for dense-graded bases
- What about open-graded bases ( $n > 0.3$ )
  - Highly stress-dependent
  - Extended subgrade saturation time for stormwater management
  - Almost no full-scale load testing data
- Validate/extend ICPI design charts
- Resolve “water-is-the-enemy-of-pavements”
- Raise designer confidence

# Research Need - Permeable Pavement Road Shoulders

- NCHRP 25-25 task 82 report:
- Permeable Shoulders with Stone Reservoirs
- Requested by AASHTO Standing Committee on the Environment
- Feasibility, Design, Construction, Maintenance
- Highest benefit in urban areas – better structural design needed



# UC Davis Pavement Research Center Tasks

- Literature review - identify critical responses, failure mechanisms, performance transfer functions, & modeling assumptions
  - Key resource: Univ. of Illinois – RR ballast modeling
- Measure pavement deflection in the field & characterize
  - effective stiffness of the different layers in PICP for modeling



Deflection  
Measurement  
Device

# UC Davis Pavement Research Center Tasks

- Perform mechanistic analyses of PICP to develop tentative design tables for validation via full-scale load testing
- Shear stress to shear strength ratios at the top of the subbase and top of the subgrade for modeling rut development

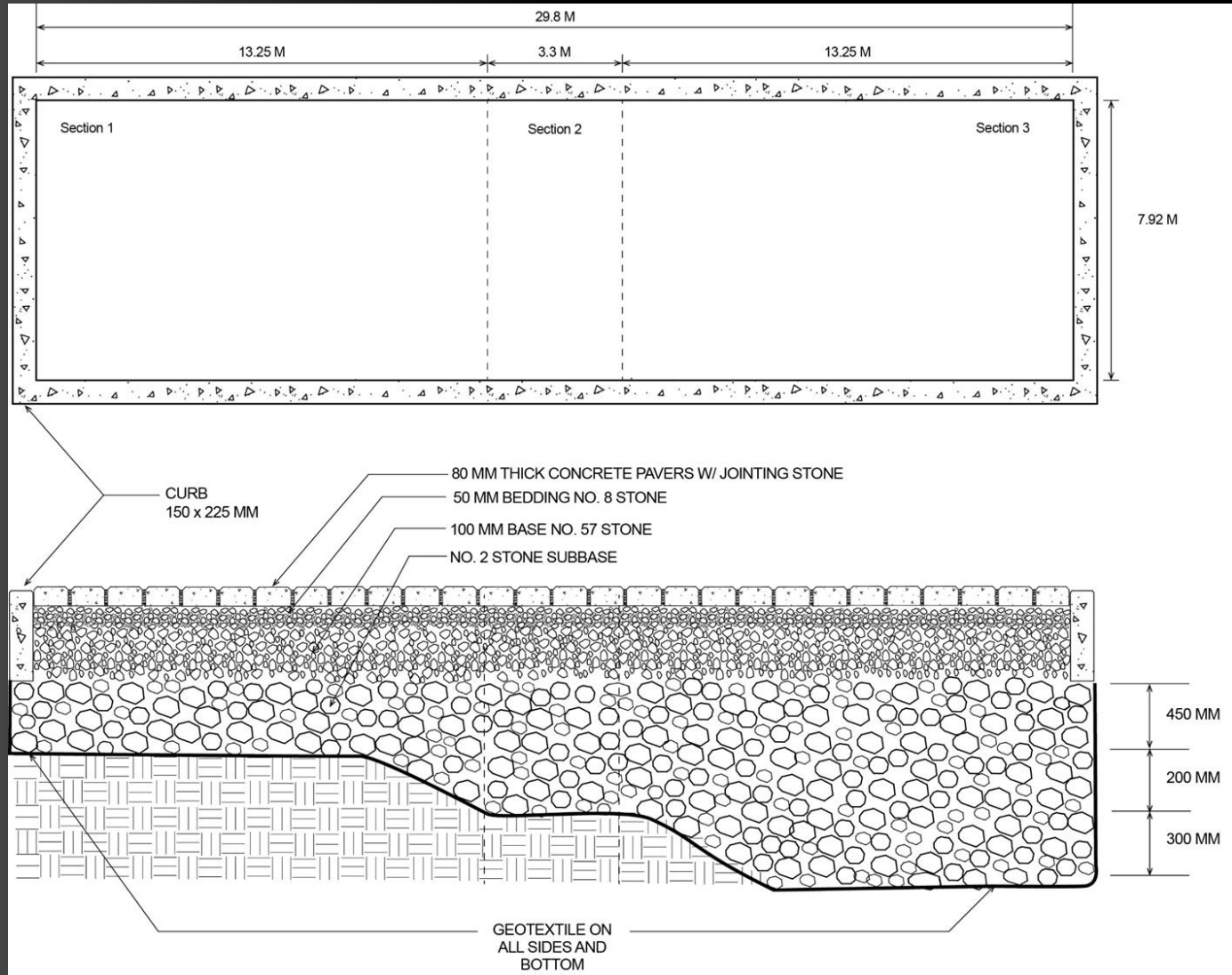


# UC Davis Pavement Research Center Tasks

- Prepare accelerated load testing plan based on the results of the mechanistic analysis
- Test responses/failure of three PICP structures in dry and wet condition with a Heavy Vehicle Simulator (HVS).
- Analyze the results revise/update ICPI structural design tables as needed



# PICP Test Profile



# PICP Test Track Construction



# UC Davis - Heavy Vehicle Simulator (HVS)



# Worst, Worst Case



## Native Soil Subgrade Moisture

| Wheel Load (kN) | Load Repetitions | ESALs          | Surface Rut Depths, mm |                |                |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                 |                  |                | 450 mm Subbase         | 650 mm Subbase | 950 mm Subbase |
| 25              | 100,000          | 13,890         | 8.6                    | 7.7            | 9.4            |
| 40              | 100,000          | 100,000        | 13.6                   | 12.9           | 13.7           |
| 60              | 140,000          | 768,619        | 23.7                   | 22.0           | 20.4           |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>340,000</b>   | <b>882,509</b> |                        |                |                |



## Saturated Subbase & Soil

| Wheel Load (kN) | Load Repetitions | ESALs            | Surface Rut Depths, mm |                |                |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                 |                  |                  | 450 mm Subbase         | 650 mm Subbase | 950 mm Subbase |
| 25              | 100,000          | 13,890           | 13.7                   | 11.8           | 11.2           |
| 40              | 100,000          | 100,000          | 25.2                   | 20.8           | 20.3           |
| 60              | 140,000          | 768,619          | 47.2                   | 37.9           | 34.8           |
| 80              | 40,000           | 735,167          | 58.0                   | 46.9           | 40.8           |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>380,000</b>   | <b>1,617,676</b> |                        |                |                |



## Drained Subbase & Soil

| Wheel Load (kN) | Load Repetitions | ESALs         | Surface Rut Depths, mm |                |                |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                 |                  |               | 450 mm Subbase         | 650 mm Subbase | 950 mm Subbase |
| 25              | 100,000          | 13,890        | 9.5                    | 9.1            | 9.1            |
| 40              | 25,000           | 25,000        | 11.0                   | 10.6           | 10.6           |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>140,000</b>   | <b>38,890</b> |                        |                |                |



| Number of Days in a Year When the Subbase has Standing Water (Wet Days) |     | 0     |       |       |       | 10    |       |       |       | 30    |       |       |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
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|                                                                         | Wet | 24    | 36    | 48    | 60    | 24    | 36    | 48    | 60    | 24    | 36    | 48    | 60    |
| Cohesion (kPa), Internal Friction Angle of Subgrade (°)                 | Dry | 10,20 | 15,25 | 20,30 | 25,35 | 10,20 | 15,25 | 20,30 | 25,35 | 10,20 | 15 25 | 20,30 | 25,35 |
|                                                                         | Wet | 6, 12 | 9,15  | 12,22 | 15,25 | 6,12  | 9,15  | 12,22 | 15,25 | 6,12  | 9,15  | 12,22 | 15,25 |
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| 50,000 (6.3)                                                            |     | 150   | 150   | 150   | 150   | 150   | 150   | 150   | 150   | 150   | 150   | 150   | 150   |
| 100,000 (6.8)                                                           |     | 150   | 150   | 150   | 150   | 210   | 150   | 150   | 150   | 260   | 150   | 150   | 150   |
| 200,000 (7.4)                                                           |     | 230   | 150   | 150   | 150   | 315   | 210   | 150   | 150   | 365   | 255   | 160   | 150   |
| 300,000 (7.8)                                                           |     | 290   | 180   | 150   | 150   | 375   | 265   | 170   | 150   | 425   | 315   | 215   | 150   |
| 400,000 (8.1)                                                           |     | 330   | 220   | 150   | 150   | 420   | 305   | 210   | 150   | 470   | 350   | 255   | 175   |
| 500,000 (8.3)                                                           |     | 360   | 250   | 160   | 150   | 450   | 335   | 240   | 160   | 500   | 380   | 280   | 205   |
| 600,000 (8.5)                                                           |     | 385   | 275   | 185   | 150   | 475   | 360   | 260   | 180   | 525   | 405   | 305   | 225   |
| 700,000 (8.6)                                                           |     | 410   | 295   | 205   | 150   | 495   | 380   | 280   | 200   | 550   | 425   | 325   | 245   |
| 800,000 (8.8)                                                           |     | 425   | 310   | 220   | 150   | 515   | 395   | 295   | 215   | 565   | 440   | 340   | 260   |
| 900,000 (8.9)                                                           |     | 440   | 325   | 235   | 155   | 530   | 410   | 310   | 230   | 585   | 455   | 355   | 270   |
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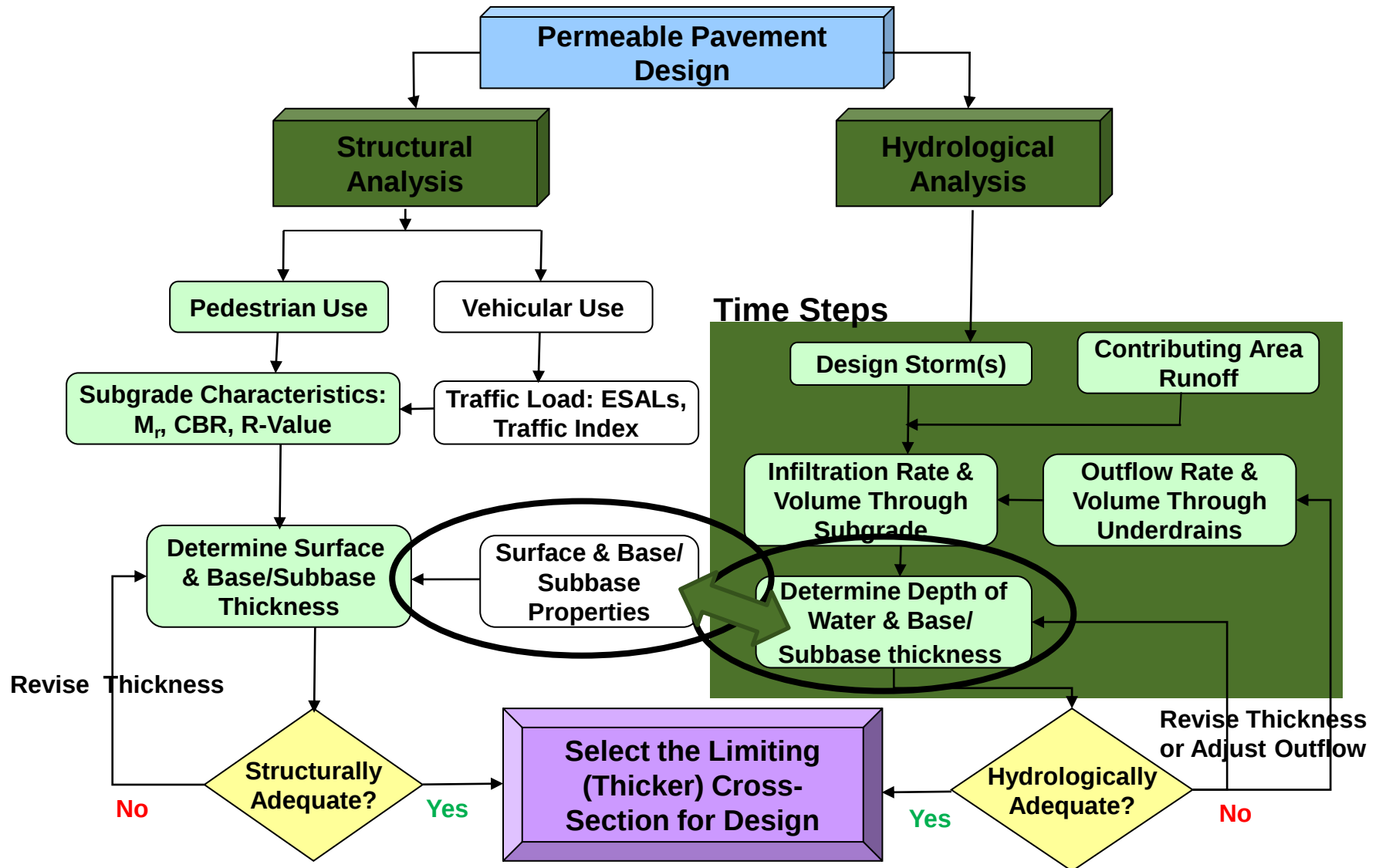
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|                                                                         | Wet | 6, 12 | 9,15  | 12,22 | 15,25 | 6,12  | 9,15  | 12,22 | 15,25 | 6,12  | 9,15  | 12,22 | 15,25 |
| Lifetime ESALs (Traffic Index)                                          |     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 50,000 (6.3)                                                            |     | 150   | 150   | 150   | 150   | 150   | 150   | 150   | 150   | 150   | 150   | 150   | 150   |
| 100,000 (6.8)                                                           |     | 150   | 150   | 150   | 150   | 210   | 150   | 150   | 150   | 260   | 150   | 150   | 150   |
| 200,000 (7.4)                                                           |     | 230   | 150   | 150   | 150   | 315   | 210   | 150   | 150   | 365   | 255   | 160   | 150   |
| 300,000 (7.8)                                                           |     | 290   | 180   | 150   | 150   | 375   | 265   | 170   | 150   | 425   | 315   | 215   | 150   |
| 400,000 (8.1)                                                           |     | 330   | 220   | 150   | 150   | 420   | 305   | 210   | 150   | 470   | 350   | 255   | 175   |
| 500,000 (8.3)                                                           |     | 360   | 250   | 160   | 150   | 450   | 335   | 240   | 160   | 500   | 380   | 280   | 205   |
| 600,000 (8.5)                                                           |     | 385   | 275   | 185   | 150   | 475   | 360   | 260   | 180   | 525   | 405   | 305   | 225   |
| 700,000 (8.6)                                                           |     | 410   | 295   | 205   | 150   | 495   | 380   | 280   | 200   | 550   | 425   | 325   | 245   |
| 800,000 (8.8)                                                           |     | 425   | 310   | 220   | 150   | 515   | 395   | 295   | 215   | 565   | 440   | 340   | 260   |
| 900,000 (8.9)                                                           |     | 440   | 325   | 235   | 155   | 530   | 410   | 310   | 230   | 585   | 455   | 355   | 270   |
| 1,000,000 (9.0)                                                         |     | 455   | 340   | 250   | 165   | 545   | 425   | 325   | 240   | 600   | 470   | 365   | 285   |

# PICP Design



# Deployment/Institutionalization

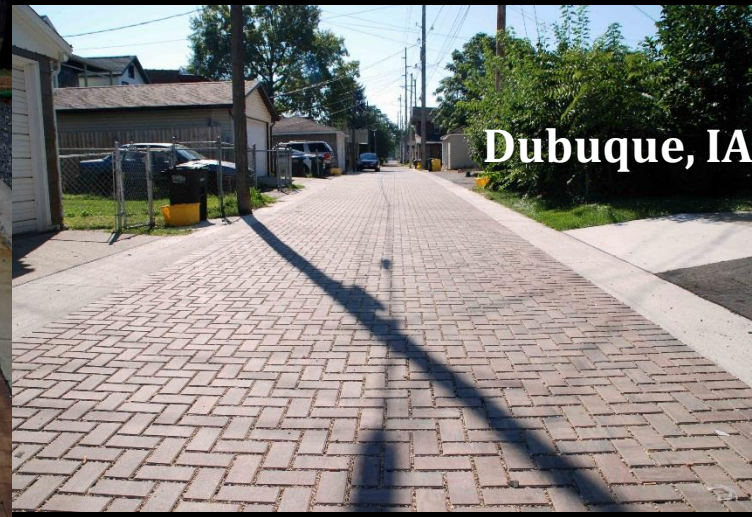
- TRB, ASCE & stormwater conference presentations
- Propose design guidelines & specs for PICP roads & shoulders to DOTs, LTAPs & municipal specs
- Include design charts in ASCE PICP design standard



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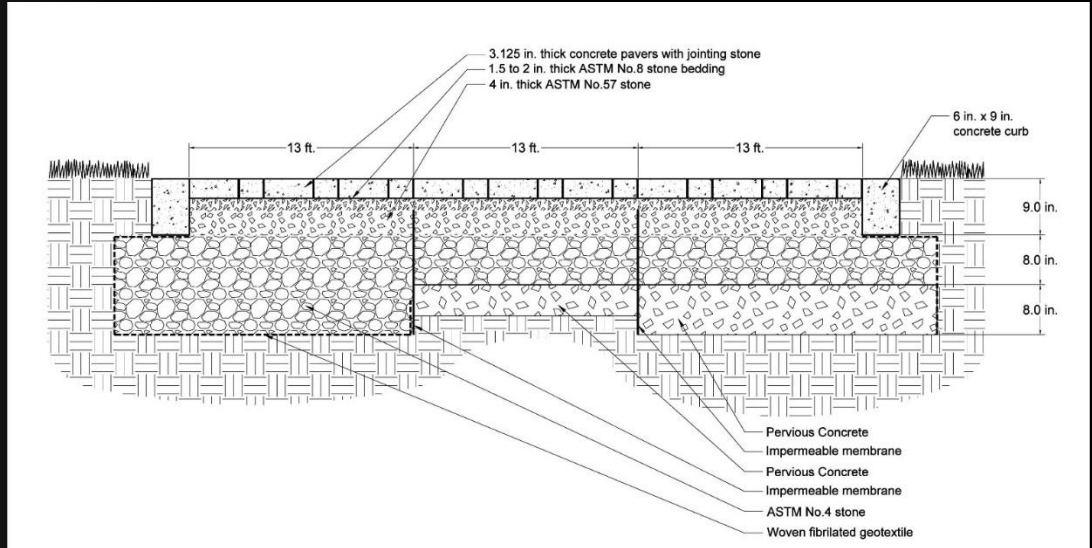
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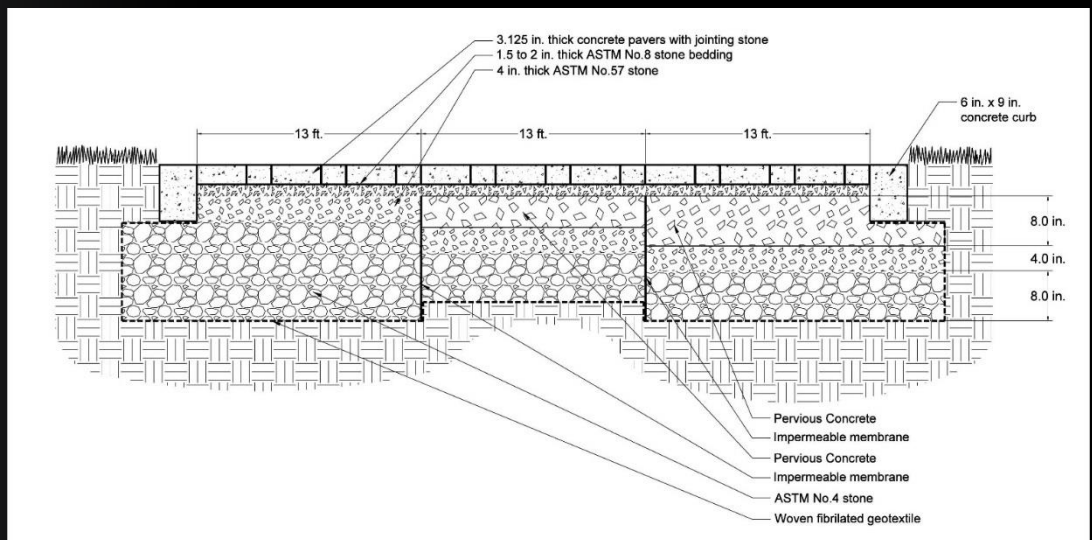
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# Next Test Tracks

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- Base
- Subbase
- Pervious concrete
- Geotextile
- Weak subgrade

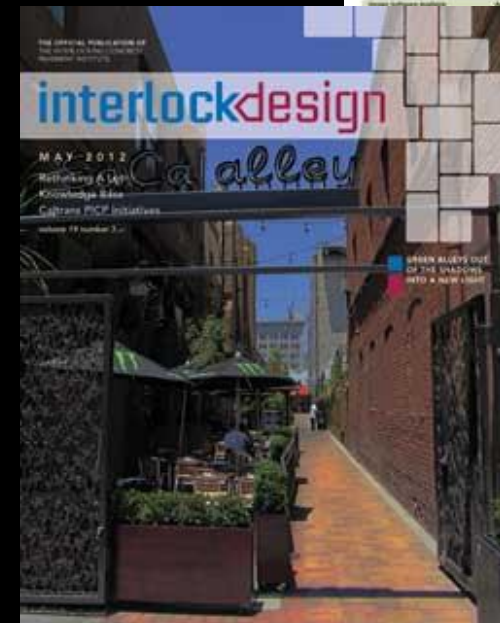
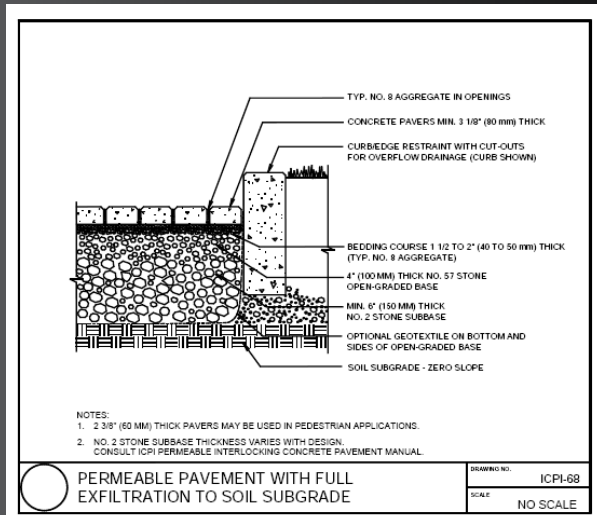


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# ICPI Resources

- Interlock Design Magazine
- Tech Specs
- Specs & Details
- [www.icpi.org](http://www.icpi.org)





The screenshot shows the ICPI (Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute) website. The header includes the ICPI logo and navigation links: PDP Home, Features, Purchase, Support, and Contact. A shopping cart icon is also present. Below the header is a banner image of a car on a permeable pavement system with the text "Construction of Permeable Pavement Systems" and a "Learn More" button. The main content area features the title "Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement (PICP) Design with ICPI's Permeable Design Pro Software" and a subheading "that integrates hydrologic and structural solutions." Below this is a brief description of the software's capabilities and a "Download Now! — FREE 30-day Trial" button. A list of features is provided on the left, and a detailed description of PICP is on the right.

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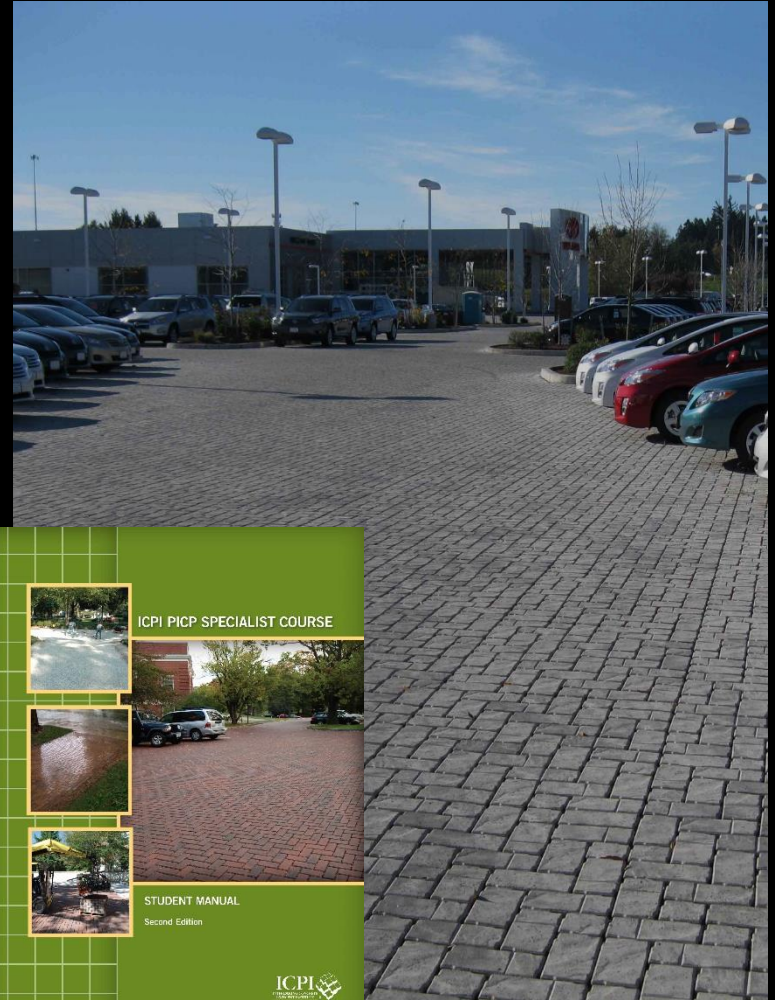
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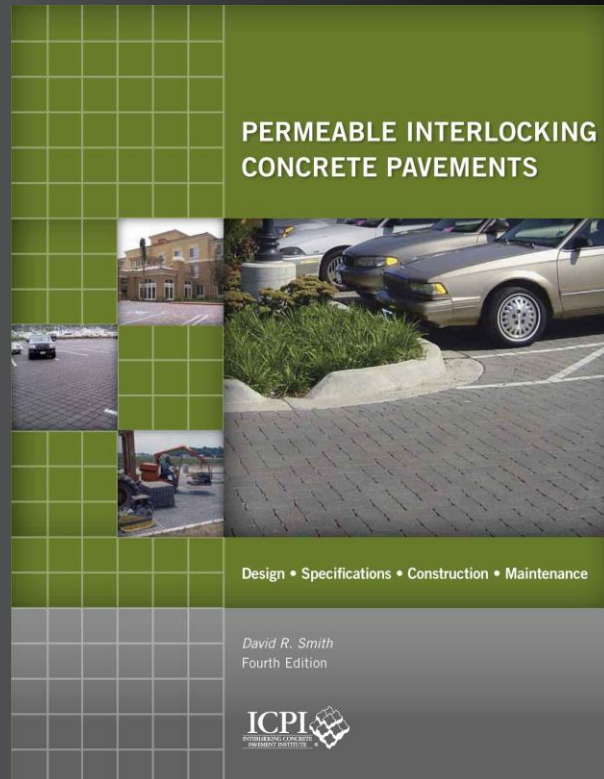
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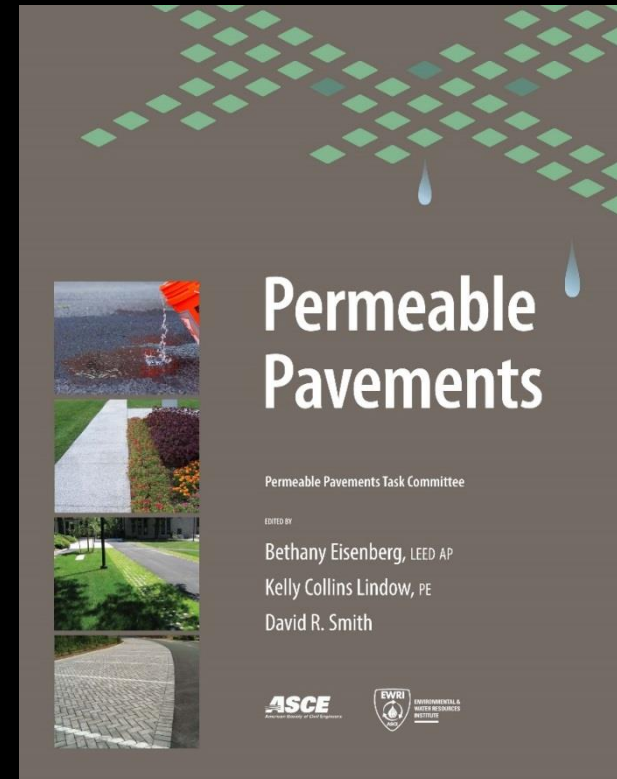
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