

Period Covered: April 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006

KSDOT Progress Report
for the

State Planning and Research Program

PROJECT TITLE: Implementation Of The 2002 AASHTO Design Guide For Pavement Structures

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Annual Budget (active projects)	Multi Year Project Budget \$271,963	

Progress: The objective of this research is to develop the calibration procedure for the AASHTO 2002 design guide models for both flexible and rigid pavement structures for this region and to assist the state highway agencies in region in the implementation of the new Guide for pavement design and surface selection practices.

The research efforts to date were concentrated on the development of the library of material characterization data for typical pavement materials and the identification of pavement test sections for which performance data may be available. The survey of literature has been conducted to identify existing material characterization data and pavement performance data collected already by the highway agencies and reported in internal documents. The testing program for measuring the dynamic resilient modulus of typical asphalt concrete mixes and the binder shear modulus and phase angle has commenced. Testing has been performed on more than 15 HMA mixes.

For all mixes tested, the measured dynamic moduli were compared with the moduli predicted by the Witzack equation and by the Hirsch model. The comparison revealed that, for all mixes, the measured moduli were 50 to 100 percents higher than the moduli predicted by the Witzack Equation. The Hirsch model severely under-predicted the dynamic modulus.

Two databases of needed input data for the 1-37A model were created in Access format for flexible and rigid pavement structures, to ease the assembly of pavement construction and performance data for both rigid and flexible pavements. The data collected will allow runs of the 1-37A software to calibrate the model to local conditions when sufficient performance data will be available.

The TrafLoad software has been used for axle load spectra extraction for weight and classification stations that continuously recorded data for at least twelve continuous months. More data is needed for some of the stations.

A new Pavement Performance Program was initiated. Five pavement sections, constructed in 2005, will be included initially in the program. More sections will be added in the years to come. The work conducted in the last quarter focused on the determination of the dynamic complex modulus of the HMA mixes used in the construction of the experimental test sections on I-495 in Long Island.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES EXPECTED TO BE PERFORMED NEXT QUARTER:

Resilient modulus tests will also be performed on the unbound subgrade materials. Dynamic modulus tests will also be performed on several HMA mixes that represent better the mixes currently produced in New York State.

The extraction of the axle load spectra using TrafLoad will continue using 2004 and 2005 traffic data.

STATUS AND COMPLETION DATE

Percentage of work completed to date for total project is: 70%

X on schedule ____ behind schedule, explain

Expected Completion Date: June 30, 2007