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16. Abstract
This study aims at developing a life cycle assessment (LCA) model to quantify the impact of pavement preservation on energy consumption and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The construction stage contains material, manufacture, transportation and placement phases. The Highway Development and Management (HDM-4) model and the Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator (MOVES) were used to analyze fuel consumption and emissions treated by different preservation treatments. Surface characteristics such as roughness, texture and deflection were taken into account in tire rolling resistance. The thin overlay was found to have the highest energy consumption and emissions among four preservation treatments during construction stage, but at the same time resulted in the greatest reduction of energy and emission at usage stage. If only construction stage is considered, energy and emissions are ruled by use of amount of material and manufacture process. The reductions of GHG emission at usage stage are much greater than the GHG emission produced at construction stage for all preservation treatments. Excluding the usage stage will omit the fact that construction stage has less impact on pavement LCA than usage stage. The study results provide valuable insights in selecting sustainable pavement maintenance strategies from an environmental view point.

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1.1 Background

The basic definition of sustainability includes three interrelated elements: economy, environment and society. As the importance of environmental sustainability becomes increasingly recognized, public agencies and private contractors are embracing the need to adopt sustainable products, processes, and technologies in all aspects of building and infrastructure. With regards to transportation infrastructure, this includes the consideration of sustainability in the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of highways, airports, and railroad, including pavements.

There are approximately 4.2 million kilometers (2.6 million miles) of paved public roads in the United States, including concrete and asphalt pavements. Pavements pose a particular challenge to achieving the goal of sustainable transportation infrastructure because the construction and maintenance of pavements requires the consumption of large quantities of non-renewable materials and creates significant energy and environmental impacts. For example, 320 million metric tons (350 million tons) of raw materials go into the construction, rehabilitation, and maintenance of pavements annually in the United States (Holtz and Eighmy 2000).

A sustainable pavement comes with the combination of durability, cost effectiveness, eco-efficiency and high performance. Many sustainable practices have been implemented in pavements through improved or innovative design and the utilization of recycled material and industry by-products. For example, long-lasting pavements are designed to increase sustainability through long service lives, minimum maintenance and repair, and reduced traffic disruptions. Porous pavements have been designed to reduce the need for storm-water retention basins and improve the quality of storm-water runoff. As another example, recycled asphalt pavement (RAP) and recycled asphalt shingles (RAS) are becoming commonly recycled materials in flexible pavements to reduce construction costs and the use of non-renewable resources. Similarly, the increasing use of high percentages of supplementary cementitious materials (SCMs) in rigid pavements cannot only recycle the waste material but also replace cement in the concrete mix that is very energy intensive and emits significant greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Recently, the use of warm mix asphalt (WMA) has been promoted because

of its energy and environmental benefits brought by the lowered production and placement temperatures.

Despite that a lot of sustainable practice has been implemented in the pavement system, an assessment tool to properly quantify environmental sustainability in the pavement system is still missing and required. There are currently a number of gaps in measurement and quantification of the on-going sustainable activities that make it difficult to include sustainability as an integrated part in the decision-making process for public agencies or private contractors. Furthermore, the pavement system contributes directly to vehicle operating costs and fuel economy due to the rolling resistance at tire-pavement interface, which also affects GHG emissions significantly. In 2008, the road transport produced 33 percent of the GHG emissions in the U.S. (1,946 million tons of carbon dioxide equivalent [CO2eq]), second only to that produced by the electrical power generation industry (EPA 2010). Therefore, a refined systematic approach for a pavement system is needed to quantify the environmental impacts of the pavement system during its whole life cycle including the usage stage.

In the building industry, the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED certification program provides building owners and operators with a framework for identifying and implementing practical and measurable green building design, construction, operations and maintenance solutions. Recently, rating systems have been developed to promote green highway construction, such as Greenroad (University of Washington), GreeLITES (New York DOT), GreenPave (Ontario Ministry of Transportation), and INVEST (FHWA). However, these rating systems mainly focus on design and construction elements of highways. Specific methods are still needed to quantify the impacts that the pavement system may have on urban or rural environments and on the energy sector.

Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) is an analytical technique for assessing potential environmental burdens and impacts throughout a product's life from raw material acquisition through production, use and disposal (ISO 2006). LCA is an appropriate tool for assessing the environmental impacts and helps to identify which impacts are the most significant across the life cycle. It provides metrics that can be used to measure progress toward environmental sustainability. Therefore, a systematic approach is needed to evaluate the environmental impacts of pavement system on its whole life cycle.

As such, the LCA should be based on an understanding of all the pavement-related processes, including material extraction and processing, construction, operation, preservation, rehabilitation, and disposal that go into all phases of the life cycle of pavement. The impact of in-

service use of the pavement on the environment and on society - including vehicle operations, surface run-off, urban heat island effect, noise, and emissions - is of critical importance and should be considered.

1.2 Problem Statement

Construction, rehabilitation, and maintenance of highway pavements require obtaining, processing, transporting, manufacturing, and placement of large amounts of construction materials. A better pavement comes with the combination of durability, cost effectiveness, eco-efficiency and high performance. Many practices have been implemented in pavement construction to increase the sustainability of pavement through reduced energy consumption and utilization of recycled material and industry by-products.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has started to increase the focus on preservation and to address the deterioration of the nation's highways. Compared to rehabilitation, preventive maintenance treatments mainly focus on surface refreshment to alleviate functional indicators of pavement deterioration such as friction, minor cracking or oxide of the asphalt pavement, rather than structural deterioration. Preventive maintenance can be used to prevent minor deterioration, retard pavement failures, and reduce the need for corrective maintenance or rehabilitation and thus prolong pavement service life.

The economic and environmental impacts of different pavement maintenance and preservation activities are important for the selection of pavement repair alternatives. A lot of studies have been conducted to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of pavement preservation using life cycle cost analysis (LCCA) (Chan 2007). However, little research has been conducted to evaluate and select appropriate pavement maintenance treatments considering its energy and environmental impacts. Pavement maintenance projects consume massive amounts of nonrenewable resources and energy and generate greenhouse gas (GHG) emission. The various maintenance techniques also provide different pavement surface conditions that affect the usage cost of vehicle operation. Therefore, a systematic approach is needed to evaluate the environmental impacts of pavement maintenance at its whole life cycle.

1.3 Objective

Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) is an analytical technique for assessing potential environmental burdens and impacts throughout a product's life from raw material acquisition through production, use and disposal. LCA is an appropriate tool for assessing the environmental impacts and helps to identify which impacts are the most significant across the life cycle. The main research objective is to develop a LCA methodology to consider the energy and

environmental impacts of pavement maintenance at its construction and usage stage, which can be used by state agencies for the appropriate selection of a maintenance strategy.

The general process, methodology, and state of practice of LCA and the application of LCA in pavement including both the construction and usage phases are reviewed. Different types of pavement maintenance and preservation treatments consume different amounts of energy and produce GHG emissions. Maintenance treatments considered in this study included thin hot-mix asphalt (HMA) overlay, chip seal, slurry seal and crack seal. The analysis of energy and GHG emissions considered the entire process for each treatment, including raw materials, construction, service life extension, and the usage stage as appropriate. Particularly, the effectiveness of pavement maintenance on pavement roughness is investigated using the data in the long-term pavement performance (LTPP) database for analyzing the effect of pavement maintenance on vehicle fuel consumption and pollutant emission.

1.4 Outline of Report

This report is divided into six chapters. The first chapter introduces the background, problem of statement, and objective. The second chapter summarizes the literature review of various LCA studies on pavement type selection, sustainable pavement materials, and pavement maintenance and preservations. The third chapter compares energy consumption and pollutant emission of four preservation treatments at the construction stage. The fourth chapter quantifies energy consumption and pollutant emission of four preservation treatments at the usage stage considering the effect of pavement preservation on tire-pavement rolling resistance. The combined life-cycle energy consumption and pollutant emission at construction and usage stages are calculated. The final chapter presents the analysis' findings, conclusions and future study recommendations.

Chapter 2   LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 LCA Overview

Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) is a technique to assess environmental effects associated with a product's life cycle. This technique starts with the start of a product/process and finishes with the end of the product/process. It includes raw material extraction, material production, processing, manufacturing, distribution, transportation, maintenance, and disposal/recycle (ISO 1997).

The formal structure of LCA was framed by International Standards Organization (ISO). It shows three basic stages: Goal and scope definition, inventory analysis, impact analysis as shown in Figure 2.1.
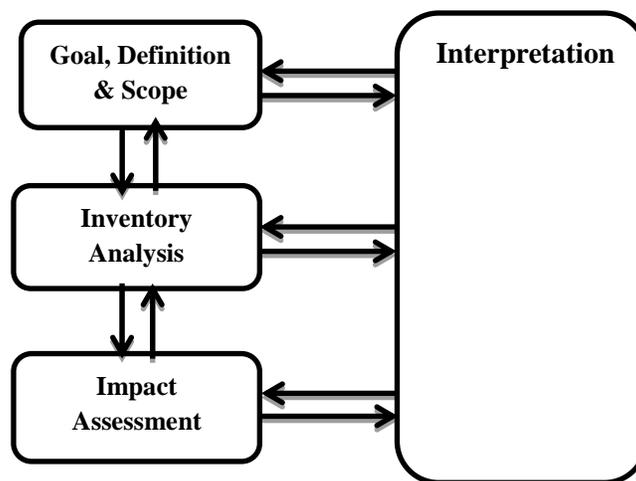
Figure 2.1 Life Cycle Assessment Framework

(Adapted from ISO 14040)

Goal Definition and Scope

The first and basic step in LCA is definition of goal and scope of the process. In any process for LCA consideration, the goal is to quantify and characterize the flow of all the materials involved in the process which helps in identifying the environmental impact of the material and find an alternative approach to reduce the impact. LCA has emerged as a widely practiced process to reduce the harmful environmental effects and it has given many beneficial results. Defining the goal of any process is considered to be the most critical step in beginning a LCA evaluation.

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Goal is to define the questions that are to be answered followed by choosing the evaluation's scope. Scope includes defining what and how the whole process will be portrayed, what alternatives need to be defined. The assessment of the resources should also be done which can also be applied to analysis. This step involves defining the system boundaries, assumptions and limitations of the system.

Inventory Analysis

The next stage following goal and scope definition is inventory analysis, sometimes also known as life cycle inventory (LCI). Inventory analysis is analyzing an inventory flow for a product or process from cradle stage to end stage. It includes inputs from water, energy and raw materials to air water and soil. Inventory model is constructed as a flow chart and it includes input and output data about the system being considered, a flow model is made using the data of the technical system. These data are collected according to the technical system boundaries. Data consists of products initial form as raw material to the end of life/recycle stage. Data is directly related to the goal defined for the LCA.

Impact Assessment

LCA's impact assessment constitutes of influences of the activities conducted by LCA inventory analysis on specific environmental properties and relative seriousness of the changes in the affected environmental properties. Assessing environmental impact of process is a complicated; but it can be performed by employing relationships between environment and elements affecting the environment, which are the items listed in the inventory analysis that have potential to produce harmful effects to the environment. The relationships between stressors (element producing stress to a system) and environment can be developed by combining LCA inventory results with its effects.

As the name 'impact' suggests, this step assesses impact of any product and process on environment and human health. The assessment categories include global warming potential, acidification, eutrophication, criteria air pollutants, photochemical smog and etc.

2.2 LCA Approaches

There are three major types of LCA models which depends on the source of information used in the LCA process. The first is Economic Input-Output model (EIO), known as EIO-LCA, which is developed by Carnegie Mellon University.

The Economic Input-Output Life Cycle Assessment (EIO-LCA) method is used to estimate the materials and energy resources required activities and the environmental emissions resulting from, activities in our economy. This method uses transactions done by industries, like one industry buying from other industries and information about each involved industry's environmental emissions to calculate the total emission throughout the supply chain. This method can be applied to any transactions between industries related to the economy of the sectors.

The second is process-based LCA which is based on the methodology set by International Standards Organization (ISO) 14040 and 14044 for LCA and known as ISO-LCA too. In process based LCA, specific process data and a computational tool or matrix analysis is used to form a model for the assessment of the process. The third method is called Hybrid LCA in which an EIO model is integrated with process based data to produce more comprehensive representations for environmental effects of the processes (Greenroads Manual v1.5).

2.3 LCA Studies on Pavement Type Selection

Pavements have been divided into two broad categories including rigid and flexible pavements. A flexible pavement consists of a wearing surface of asphalt concrete built over a base course and a sub-base course. Base and Sub-base courses are generally made up of granular material and rest on the compacted subgrade. A rigid pavement consists of concrete slabs placed on base course and subgrade. Flexible pavement has better ability to ride and lower noise, while rigid pavement has greater rigidity and stiffness. Concrete pavements usually comprise of less layers and total thickness than asphalt pavements.

Previous LCA studies on pavements focused on comparing the impacts of two or more alternative designs often asphalt versus concrete.

A study of LCA of asphalt and concrete pavements was performed by Athena Institute (2006). This study presented embodied primary energy and global warming potential (GWP) over an analysis period of 50 years for the construction and maintenance of asphalt and concrete alternatives. The design alternatives include pavement structures respectively using a 200-mm concrete slab and a 175-mm asphalt layer. All pavement designs were developed using the AASHTO 1993 design method and Cement Association of Canada design method. The study did not include traffic operational considerations. Feedstock energy was considered in the analysis for asphalt. Feedstock energy is the chemical energy stored in material when not in use, it is considered as a part of embodied energy (Santero et al., 2011). Results show that the asphalt pavement consumes greater energy than the concrete pavement. The feedstock

energy was found to have the highest contribution to the total energy for asphalt pavements. The GHG emissions are in higher values for concrete alternatives than asphalt alternatives.

Said et al. (2011) presented a tool developed by the Athena Sustainable Material Institute and Morrison Hershfield that is called the ATHENA Impact Estimator for Highways for LCA. It was found that asphalt pavement had approximately 83% more global-warming potential (GWP) effect during the rehabilitation stage as compared to the concrete pavement. Results suggest that the flexible pavement embodies approximately 2.9 times more primary energy than the rigid pavement.

Chan (2007) built a Life Cycle Inventory (LCI) to develop the environmental impacts of asphalt and concrete alternatives. Material production and waste treatment; material transportation to and from construction site; and construction and maintenance process are the activities for road construction/rehabilitation considered as system boundaries in this study. The environmental impacts of asphalt and concrete alternatives for 13 highway construction rehabilitation projects were computed in Michigan. The results included the impacts from construction, maintenance and equipment process and shows that concrete alternatives had higher GHG emissions than asphalt alternatives. The primary energy consumption of asphalt pavements is higher than concrete pavements and also the reconstruction process has yielded more GHG emissions than the rehabilitation process.

Hakkinen and Makela (1996) performed a similar study comparing stone-mastic asphalt (SMA) and jointed plain reinforced cement concrete (JPCP). They used a process-based LCA considering each phase of the life cycle of pavement excluding end of life module. Both types of pavements were evaluated using 18 different environmental criteria including CO_2 emissions, energy consumption, air pollutants. The construction phase includes fuel consumption and onsite paving equipment and does not consider traffic delays as it assumes completely new pavement construction. They concluded that the concrete pavement produced 40-60% more CO_2 emission as compared to the asphalt pavement.

Horvath and Hendrickson (1998) performed a study using EIO-LCA developed by Carnegie Melon University to compare the energy consumption of hot-mix asphalt (HMA) and continuously reinforced concrete pavement (CRCP). This study focused on extraction and production of different surface materials and qualitative analysis of construction phase and end of life. It did not consider feedstock energy of asphalt and concluded that the asphalt pavement consumes 40% more energy than the concrete pavement.

Roudebush (1999) compared concrete and asphalt pavements. They emphasized on emergy which is explained as a summation method for life cycle energy consumption to

accommodate the quality and source of energy. A 24-feet wide and 3281-feet long pavement section was analyzed for a period of 50 years. Roudebush examined materials, construction, maintenance and end-of-life phases in this study, ignoring the use phase completely. This report concluded that the asphalt pavement structure requires 90.8% more energy than the concrete pavement. This huge difference is because emergy transformity for asphalt is double that of concrete per mass of material. Transfromity is explained to convert different types of energy into their solar energy equivalents and named as solar emjoules. Transformity calculation is not included in the report.

Berthiaume and Bouchard (1999) compared asphalt and concrete pavements by using a criteria called exergy. Exergy is a form of energy which is available to be used and even after system and surroundings reach equilibrium. Exergy can also be explained as a measurement of the work and accounts for differences in energy quality. It was concluded that concrete has higher exergy consumption for the three traffic levels -residential, urban and highways when compared to asphalt. This study had a narrow approach as it neglects construction, use and end of life phases and only considers the material production phase.

Mroueh et al., (2000) examined seven structures that used coal ash, crushed concrete waste, and blast furnace slag as substitutes for virgin materials. This study considered material, construction and maintenance phases, excluding use and end of life phases. This allowed combining all environmental burdens together into a single score. This report concludes energy and air emissions, raw materials, leaching water use and noise effect.

Stripple (2001) performed a study on a jointed plain concrete pavement (JPCP) and asphalt pavements constructed using hot and cold production techniques respectively. The study considered several environmental metrics, including energy consumption, various water and air pollutants, waste generation, and resource consumption. This study concludes that without feedstock energy, JPCP consumes more energy than asphalt pavements. The CO_2 emission results are same between JPCP and asphalt pavements.

Nisbet et al., (2001) compared an asphalt pavement to a doweled JPCP pavement for urban collector and highway routes. They compared energy consumption, various air emissions like particulate matter, CO_2, SO_2, NO_x etc. This study included all the phases except the use phase. They concluded that for the urban collector and highway scenarios, concrete pavements require less overall material and have a lower embodied primary energy, and thus produce lower air emissions, it includes the feedstock energy in bitumen.

Park et al., (2003) used a hybrid LCA method to analyze asphalt concrete and ready mix concrete, because this study lacks data and documentation so it becomes difficult to interpret and firm result from the study. All the phases except use phase were included in the study.

Treloar et al. (2004) performed a hybrid LCA analysis on eight pavement types including a CRCP, an un-doweled JPCP, a composite pavement and various asphalt pavements. Study includes materials, construction, use and maintenance and rehabilitation phases and excludes end of life phase. They concluded that the un-doweled JPCP had the lowest energy input, while the full depth asphalt had the highest energy input.

Zapata and Gambatese (2005) analyzed the materials production and construction phases of the life cycle for energy consumption of a CRCP and an asphalt pavement. The study thoroughly analyzed each process associated with materials extraction, manufacturing, and construction by collecting energy data from various studies. This study concluded that the CRCP consumed the most energy over material extraction and construction phases, which supports the result drawn by Stripple (2001).

Various literatures suggest that rigid pavements provide better fuel efficiency than flexible pavements. A flexible pavement consists of various layers – the sub-base, base course intermediate course, surface course and sometimes a friction course. A rigid pavement is composed of Portland cement concrete placed on granular sub-base. As flexible pavements have less flexural strength compared to rigid pavements, they are deflected more as vehicle pass overhead, thus absorbing energy that would otherwise be used for accelerating the vehicle (Zaniewski, 1989).

Zainewski et al. (1982) evaluated various factors that influence vehicle fuel consumption such as speed, grade, curves, pavement condition, and pavement type. Fuel consumption reading were performed on eight vehicles, tests were done at 10 mph to 70 mph on 12 pavement sections. This study focused on the impact of pavement type (asphalt, Portland cement concrete, and gravel) on fuel consumption. Changes were found in fuel consumption between asphalt and concrete pavement up to 20%.

Ardekani and Sumitsawan (2009) used two pairs of asphalt and concrete pavements with identical gradient and roughness measurements to perform fuel consumption measurements for two driving conditions (constant speed of 48 km/h (30 mph) and acceleration from stand still). It was concluded that passenger vehicles used significantly less fuel on concrete pavements compared to asphalt pavements. Fuel consumption rates per unit distance were lower for Portland cement concrete (PCC) pavement at all times. A saving of 3% to 17% was recorded on the PCC pavement.

Zaabar and Chatti (2010) performed tests to determine the impact of pavement type on fuel consumption in U.S. conditions. The authors used five vehicles (passenger car, van, SUV, light truck, articulated truck) at speeds of 56 km/h (35 mph), 72 km/h (45 mph) and 88 km/h (55 mph). They determined that only a change in fuel consumption of light and articulated trucks in summer conditions and at low speed could be detected between pavement types. The change in fuel consumption between asphalt and concrete pavement was found around 5%. They concluded that although pavement structure appeared to play a role in fuel consumption differences were only measurable for heavy vehicles travelling at low speeds during summertime conditions.

Milachowski et al. (2012) studied the environmental impact of concrete and asphalt pavement for motorway construction and maintenance. A usage period of 30 years was considered for the pavements with normal traffic conditions. Two maintenance conditions were taken into account (minimum and maximum maintenance scenarios). By comparing all the impact categories it is deduced that that the maintenance measures applied on both pavements for rehabilitation show much less environmental impact for the concrete pavement than for the asphalt pavement. The largest potential impact reduction lies in lowering fuel consumption since the impact is mainly due to the combustion of fossil fuel. Both concrete and asphalt pavements show similar environmental impacts on GWP. They concluded that the potential environmental impact due to traffic is 100 times more than construction and maintenance together.

American concrete pavement association (ACPA) (2002) studied albedos of pavement surfaces according to pavement types. Albedo is the ratio of reflected solar radiation back to the total amount of radiation falling on the surface. A perfect absorber has an albedo value of zero and perfect reflectors have value of 1. It is concluded in the report that concrete material affects the reflectance of the concrete pavements. Asphalt surfaces are not very good reflectors because of the color of the materials. Concrete pavements can be made a better reflector by using white cement and lighter aggregate.

Researches by Adrian and Jobanputra (2005) suggested that asphalt pavements required almost 50% more lighting power than concrete pavements to achieve proper illumination. Asphalt pavements require more lighting than concrete pavements as the color of the structure plays an important role. Reflectance property of aged pavements may become moderate as asphalt pavement gets lighter with the time while concrete pavement gets darker. AASHTO (2005) roadway lighting design guide recommends that asphalt pavements need approximately 33%-50% more light power than concrete pavements to achieve sufficient illumination (Santero et al., 2011).

2.4 LCA Studies on Sustainable Pavement Materials

A handful of studies have used LCA or similar techniques to evaluate the environmental impacts of using by-products and recycled materials in pavements. These waste streams include products such as foundry slag, bottom ash, fly ash, reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP), shredded rubber tires, crushed glass, plastics, and crushed concrete.

Reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) is the removed and/or processed materials containing asphalt and aggregates. These materials are generated when asphalt pavements are removed for construction, resurfacing, or to obtain access to buried utilities. When properly crushed and screened, RAP consists of high-quality, well-graded aggregates coated by asphalt cement. There are many advantages in using RAP in new mixtures like environmental friendliness and higher resistance to some type of pavement distress.

Copple et al. (1981) studied the energy saving by the use of recycled concrete in new concrete. They concluded that based on a 15-mile hauling distance for virgin aggregate when compared to concrete with virgin aggregate, and concrete with RCA save 10% energy.

Chui et al., (2007) performed a study to evaluate the environmental impact of rehabilitating pavement using different recycled materials that are traditional hot-mix asphalt, RAP, asphalt rubber, and glassphalt. This analysis indicated that the reduction of the amount of asphalt and the consumption of heat were the main factors to lower the eco-burden of rehabilitation work. The amount of reduced or increased asphalt usage can also affect the service life of pavement. Just reducing the amount of asphalt without considering its effect on pavement life would increase the amount of rehabilitation work and increase the eco-burden. This study concluded that using recycled hot mix asphalt could reduce the eco-burden by 23%; while Glassphalt increased the eco-burden by 19%. The majority of eco-burden came from two sources that were asphalt and heat required.

Lee et al. (2011) used PaLATE to quantify the energy consumption and GHG emissions of RAP. RAP was milled from existing pavements and reused in new mixtures by proper curing and sieving. In this study, the life cycle of pavement was divided into four parts: materials manufacture; construction; maintenance and operation; and rehabilitation or reconstruction. The environmental impact of using different percentages of RAP in the asphalt mixture was evaluated using PaLATE. The information needed to calculate energy emissions and GHG emissions includes the amount of material transported to and from construction site, material

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production and also the transport of recycled material to the manufacturing plant. Results show that 30% RAP content only requires 84% energy consumption and 80% GHG emissions higher the RAP content higher the environmental benefits can be obtained.

Lie and Wien (2011) evaluated costs, energy and greenhouse gas emissions of different base materials that were used in the test road cells built on MnROAD facility in Minnesota. The test cells have same asphalt layer, sub-base courses, sub grade but different bases courses such as the untreated recycled pavement materials (RPM), conventional crushed aggregate, and cementitious high carbon fly ash (CHCFA) stabilized RAP. The life cycle analysis indicates that the cost, energy and GHG emission impacts. The energy and greenhouse emissions are evaluated using PaLATE. The energy consumption consists of consumption of construction energy, transportation energy and processing energy. The GHG emissions were converted to a direct Global Warming Potential (GWP) using the well accepted CO_2 equivalence method developed by International panel on climate change. The LCA results indicate that the usage of fly ash stabilized RPM as base course in flexible pavements can significantly reduce the life cycle cost, energy consumption, and GHG emissions compared to the untreated RPM and conventional crushed aggregate.

Kalman (2013) did the study with an aim of developing innovative technologies for end of life strategies for asphalt road by recycled asphalt. LCA methodology was used to analyze the environmental impacts of different materials. The life cycle includes installation, maintenance, use and deconstruction of asphalt. Aim of this project is to analyze the environmental criteria like assessment of risks and benefits to the environment with use of the recycled asphalt.

Use of warm mix asphalt (WMA) has grabbed attention in asphalt industry to reduce energy consumption and air emissions (Hasan, 2009). By using WMA additives, the viscosity of asphalt binder can be reduced and asphalt mixture can be compacted and paved at cooler temperatures. Warm mix asphalt can be made by adding asphalt emulsion, waxes or water to asphalt binder prior to mixing. When compared to HMA, WMA allows production and placement of asphalt paving at cooler temperature. Composition of WMA is same as HMA except the additive added to lower the viscosity. (Broadsword, 2011)

A study by Tatari et al. (2011) developed a thermodynamic based hybrid life cycle assessment model to evaluate the environmental impacts of different types of WMA pavements and compare it to conventional hot mix asphalt (HMA) pavements. The Eco-LCA methodology was utilized to calculate the resource consumption of HMA and WMA mixtures. Four pavement sections with intermediate traffic volumes were designed in the study. Transportation emissions were quantified based on the emission factors provided by National Renewable Energy

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Laboratory life cycle inventory database for a single unit track (National Renewable Energy Laboratory, 2010). The Aspha-min warm mix asphalt (AWMA) pavement was found to be less sustainable in terms of total energy. AWMA consumes more ecological resources and have the highest proportion of consumption of renewable ecological resources while Evotherm warm mix asphalt (EWMA) consumes the highest amounts of CO_2. Only Sasobit warm mix asphalt (SWMA) had lower CO_2 emissions than the HMA pavement.

A similar study that compares WMA to HMA was done by Hassan et al. (2009). They conducted a life cycle assessment of WMA technology as compared to conventional HMA. A life cycle inventory (LCI) that quantifies the energy, material inputs and emission during aggregate extraction, asphalt binder production and HMA production and placement was developed. The use of WMA brings environmental benefits in three categories: air pollution, fossil fuel depletion and smog formation. Based on this analysis it was found that compared to HMA, WMA provided a reduction of 24% on the air pollution and a reduction of 18% on fossil fuel consumption. Warm mix asphalt also reduces smog formation by 10%. Overall, the use of WMA is estimated to provide a reduction of 15% on the environmental impacts of HMA. This study did not consider maintenance and rehabilitation activities, and end of life recycling options.

2.5 LCA Studies on Pavement Maintenance and Preservation

Yu and Lu (2011) compared environmental effects of three overlay systems by considering six modules- material, distribution, construction congestion, usage and end of life (EOL). They considered International Roughness Index (IRI), pavement structure effect, albedo and carbonation in their LCA model. Fuel economy is found to be one of the important factors influencing energy consumption. This study focused on material, congestion and usage modules. In conclusion the overlays were ranked as Portland cement concrete (PCC) > Cracking seating and overlaying with hot mix asphalt (CSOL) > Hot mix asphalt (HMA) in terms of energy consumption and GHG emission. They found that in usage phase material, congestion and usage are the main factors for energy consumption and air emissions and recycling materials reduces energy consumption for HMA and CSOL options.

Chehovits and Galehouse (2010) studied energy usage and GHG emission of pavement preservation process for asphalt concrete pavements. Different maintenance techniques were considered including slurry seal, chip seal, hot-mix asphalt, hot in-place recycling (HIR), crack seal and fog seal. Results show that on an annualized basis, different maintenance treatments consume different amounts of energy per year of pavement life. New construction, thin HMA overlay and HIR have the highest energy use that ranges from 5000 to 10,000 BTU/yd^2-yr. Chip

seal, slurry seal, micro-surfacing and crack filling utilize lower amounts of energy per year of extended pavement life that ranges from 1000 to 2500 BTU/yd²-yr. Crack seal and fog seals use the least amount of energy per year of extended pavement life at less than 1000 BTU/yd²-yr. Energy use and GHG emission depend upon the type and quantity of the material placed per unit area. For example, the treatment that requires aggregates with heating uses high amount of energy.

An integrated LCA and LCCA model was developed by Zhang et al. (2008) to provide sustainability indicators for pavement overlay systems. Rehabilitation of pavement is a major activity for all highway pavements to prolong its life and improve pavement performance. The primary energy consumption for 10 kilometers of the concrete, Engineered cementitious composites (ECC) and Hot mix asphalt (HMA) overlays are 6.8×10^5 GJ, 5.8×10^5 GJ and 2.1×10^5 GJ, respectively. ECC overlay is an ultra-ductile fiber reinforced cement based composite that has metal like features when loaded in tension (Li 2003). They concluded that over 40 years of service life compared to concrete and HMA overlays system, ECC overlays had lower environmental burden. In their study, traffic and roughness effects were identified as the greatest contributor to environmental impacts throughout the life cycle of overlay system.

Pavement maintenance causes traffic delay, which is caused by lane and road closures necessary to construct and maintain a pavement. Highway construction requires closures and traffic delays for longer time while small projects like rural roads takes less closure time and traffic delays. Traffic delays cause more fuel consumptions which eventually increase air emissions. Traffic delay causes heavy traffic on substitute roads and cause traffic jams and queues.

A study done by Wang et al. (2012) proved that during the use phase of pavement, the savings in energy and GHG emission is increased as the tire rolling resistance is decreased. This increment in saving can be far more than the saving that could be done in material production and construction phases. They found that rehabilitating a rough pavement segment with higher volume traffic has a higher potential of decreasing fuel consumption and GHG emissions as compared to the pavement with low volume traffic. The Highway Development and Management model HDM-4 was used for accounting the effect of pavement surface characteristics on tire rolling resistance. The Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator (MOVES) was used to calculate vehicle fuel consumptions and pollutant emissions. Author concluded that when a rough pavement with higher traffic volume is rehabilitated it has more probability of reducing fuel consumption and GHG emission. While for a low traffic road construction quality and material plays an important role in payback time for energy consumption and emissions.

Thenoux et al. (2006) studied different asphalt pavement maintenance and rehabilitation techniques used in Chile. Three different structural pavement rehabilitation techniques were considered including asphalt overlay, reconstruction, and cold in-place recycling (CIR) with foamed asphalt. This study found that the lowest amount of energy is utilized by the CIR when compared with reconstruction or an asphalt overlay in all the scenarios studied. The study also concluded that aggregate haulage distance was the most sensitive factor on total energy consumption when comparing the three alternatives. The lowest impact on environment is achieved by cold in-place recycling with foamed bitumen.

National Technology Development, LLC (2009) prepared a report for New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, to quantify the energy and environmental effects of using recycled asphalt and concrete for pavement construction. They considered that energy impact and GHG emission of using RAP was affected by the moisture content, discharge temperature and RAP content. They concluded that using RAP in HMA saved energy at any RAP and moisture content. When a low content of RAP was used in HMA, it increased CO_2 emission and the emission decreased when a high content of RAP was used in HMA. When concrete production was considered and recycled concrete aggregate (RCA) was used, the impacts on energy consumption and GHG emission heavily depended on transporting distances.

Weiland and Muench (2010) developed a LCA approach to compare the energy and emissions (and their impacts) associated with three different rehabilitation options: 1) remove the existing PCC pavement and replace it with new PCC pavement; 2) remove the existing PCC pavement and replace it with a new hot-mix asphalt (HMA) pavement; 3) crack and seat the existing PCC pavement and then overlay it with HMA The results show that the high amount of energy is consumed in the HMA option among the three options while the global warming impact is highest in the PCC option.

Chappat and Billal (2003) studied 20 different construction techniques for calculating energy consumption and GHG emissions. They found that heavier traffic loads require a better bearing capacity and also has an increased need for maintenance operations. GHG emission is affected by the change in traffic intensity and heavier traffic loads produce more emissions. Use of bitumen emulsion and high modulus asphalt mixes helps in reducing GHG emission and optimizing energy use. In this study, the energy was calculated using vehicles on per section of the pavement, considering the traffic to be bidirectional. It was concluded that the energy and GHG emission caused by traffic was far more than the energy and emission at the construction phase.

Hoang et al. (2005) studied asphalt pavement and CRCP for energy use, emission of CO_2, and use of natural aggregates and bitumen. Analysis period is 30 years and the results show that CRCP consumes around 40% more energy than asphalt pavement and produces three times more CO_2 emission. The differences in energy consumption and CO_2 emission were mainly induced at the construction phase.

2.6 Summary

The literature review of previous research studies in this chapter gave a detailed summary about the LCA of pavement in the past and indicated the gaps left by other researchers, which need to be filled. Most of previous LCA studies mainly focused on material, construction and rehabilitation phases; but neglected the analysis on usage phase of pavement life cycle. Very few studies considered pavement surface characteristics and vehicle factors during the usage stage of LCA. Most of the research work was based on comparisons between concrete pavement and asphalt pavement, virgin and recycled materials, hot-mix asphalt, cold-mix asphalt and warm mix asphalt.

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3.1 Pavement Preservation Treatments

Pavement preservation (or preventive maintenance) is a cost-effective maintenance activity, which includes treatments that are applied to pavements mainly to prevent distress development and restore pavement serviceability. Preservation activities are focused mainly on improving pavement functional performance and prolonging pavement life. In this study, four major treatment types of flexible pavements are considered:

1) Hot mix asphalt (HMA) thin overlay is one of the most commonly used preservation treatments in pavement preservation. It prolongs pavement structure's life and adds more strength. It is applied in different thicknesses 0.5, 1.0, 1.5 and 2.0 inches. (Carvalho, 2011). Thin overlay is a popular approach in preservation of pavements as it reduces pavement distress, noise level, life cycle cost, improves ride quality, maintain surface geometrics and provide long lasting service. It can withstand heavy traffic and is easy to maintain. Thin overlays are expected to stay for 7 years on a good low distress pavement surface (Guistizzo, 2011).

2) Crack seal is one of the most common preservation treatments because it is cost-effective and can be easily applied. It extends the service life of the pavement by reducing the amount of moisture that can infiltrate a pavement structure. Crack sealing prevents intrusion of water and foreign material into the pavement surface (MTAG, 2003). This method requires a process of preparing cracks with cleaning and properly filling it with the filling materials. It's important to make it moisture free as this will make the material adhere to the crack surface effectively.

3) Slurry seal is a mix of polymer-modified emulsion and fine crushed aggregate that is spread simultaneously in one pass over the road at a particular thickness. There are three types of slurry seal such as Type I, Type II and Type III. They are distinguished according to the size of the aggregate used. Slurry seal is very effective in sealing sound, oxidizing pavements, and restoring surface texture by providing an anti-skid surface and giving better water proofing characteristics. Environmental conditions and temperature play an important role in curing and setting of the slurry. Slurry seal should not be applied at night or in rainy and cold conditions (MTAG, 2003).

Table 3.1 shows details of all the 3 types of slurry seal depending upon the aggregates percentage passing through different sieves. Type I aggregate is primarily used to correct minor

surface defects like cracks and voids. It is mainly used for airfields and parking lots. Type II aggregate is used on pavements with medium textured surface and can correct surface voids and moderate surface defects. It can be applied to a surface which needs weathering correction and raveling and surface prone to medium to heavy traffic. Type III the largest gradation is used to improve friction and skid resistance, increases durability and its best suited for higher traffic pavements like collectors, arterials and major highways and is best for rut filling and corrects minor surface irregularities.

4) Chip seal is a surface treatment in which pavement surface is sprayed with asphalt and then immediately covered with aggregate and rolled by roller. Chip seals are used primarily to seal a pavement with non-load-associated cracks, and to improve surface friction. They are also common as a wearing course on low volume roads (Guistizzo, 2011). In chip seal, the adhesion of emulsion and aggregate is crucial and aggregates should be completely dry and clean to prevent the adhesion failure. Failure of chip seal occurs mainly because of two reasons: stripping and bleeding.

Table 3.1 Percentage Passing For Different Sieve Size for Slurry Seal Type I, II and III (Maintenance Technical Advisory Guide (MTAG))

Sieve	Type I	Type II	Type III
3/8 in (9.5 mm)	-	100	100
No.4 (4.75 mm)	100	94-100	70-90
NO.8 (2.36 mm)	90-100	65-90	45-70
No.16 (1.18 mm)	60-90	40-70	28-50
No.30 (600- um	40-65	25-50	19-34
No.200 (75 um)	10-20	5-15	5-15

3.2 Life Inventory Data

In order to quantify energy consumption and emission of preservation treatments, the first step is to determine the material components and manufacturing processes for each treatment. Materials are obtained in raw forms and then manufactured to the final form as required by the construction demand. For most pavement maintenance activities, raw materials contain asphalt, emulsion, aggregate, crack sealant, and water. Manufacturing of material includes handling, drying, mixing and preparation of materials for placement, such as production of hot-mix asphalt. The manufactured material will then be transported to the construction site for placement. Placement of materials depends on types of construction requirement on the project site and is accomplished using different equipment.

In this study, life inventory data of raw material, manufacturing and placement were mainly collected from published reports from previous research. Although multiple data sources are available for life cycle inventory data of typical construction materials, discrepancies may exist due to different local conditions, technologies, and system boundaries. Tables 3.2 and 3.3 list the inventory data for energy and emission, respectively for construction materials and processes used in four preservation treatments considered in this study. Life inventory of asphalt product was obtained from a report published by the European bitumen industry (Eurobitume, 2012) that covers extraction of crude oil, manufacturing of bitumen or emulsion, storage, and construction of production facility. A report published by the Swedish Environmental Research Institute (IVL) (Stripple, 2001) was used to get energy consumption and emission data for aggregate production, manufacturing of HMA, transportation, and machinery used in construction. The life cycle inventory of crushed aggregates was based on the production of crushed aggregates including rock blasting, stone breaking, crushing and screening. Oil and natural gas are the greatest sources of energy consumption as they are used during the production of raw materials.

Hot-mix asphalt thin overlay was constructed by using an asphalt paver which evenly distributes the asphalt and aggregate mixture on the pavement surface. Asphalt was added by a material transfer unit into the paver's hopper. A conveyor then carries the asphalt from hopper to auger after which the auger places a stockpile of material in front of the screed and then the screed spreads the material over the width of the road and gives initial compaction. A very important task of the paver is to provide a smooth uniform surface behind the screed. For this task a screen is provided to smooth the surface. The screen is a free floating type device attached at the end. The height of the screen can be managed and so can the effect of it. In this study the asphalt paver used is the model Dynapac F16 from Dynapac. The final step in construction of the thin overlay was compaction of the layer using a Dynapac 142 CC asphalt compactor. The engine data has been taken from model data presented in the Stripple (2011) inventory data report. Calculations were according to Dynapac's product program. Laying speed was assumed constant at 4 m/min. The width of the screen can be varied according to the project's requirement. For Dynapac F16, the fuel consumption is 22 liter/ hour and the paving speed is 240 m/h.

The slurry seal is made with a consistency that can be spread over the pavement by using a spreader box. The surface is wetted before spreading the slurry which makes a better bonding between the pavement and the slurry seal material. In this study, type II slurry seal was used with a thickness of 0.25 inches. Slurry seal should not be applied during nighttime and rain

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because water evaporation is very important for the final strength of the slurry seal surface. Emulsified asphalt, water and aggregate were mixed in a mixer. The sequence of adding is as follows: aggregate, water, additives and then emulsion. The mixer shall be capable of mixing ingredients together in a proper consistency and should prevent foaming. The spreader is attached to the surface of the slurry mixing unit. Slurry was introduced into the spreader box which lays down the slurry coating onto the surface (International slurry surfacing association). The slurry seal machine used for construction was a Bergkamp M206, it is a diesel driven machine and specifications are used mentioned in Guistizzo (2010).

In crack seal, the first step is to clean the cracks on the pavement. Sealant was made up of emulsion based asphalt. In this study, polymer modified bitumen was considered as the sealant for the crack seal preservation method. Laying sealant can be manual using a hose pipe. In this study a diesel driven machine, which is used for sawing and sealing joints in concrete road construction, An application rate of 0.37 kg/m with a crack density of 0.37 m/km was considered for this study. A Skanska sealing machine, which operates on diesel fuel, was used for this process. Diesel consumption for this sealing machine is 0.141 liter/m^2.

Chip seals were constructed by laying a layer of asphalt emulsion or bitumen evenly and then distributing a layer of aggregates over it. The asphalt emulsion was spread over the pavement surface and then aggregate was laid. Asphalt emulsion was spread using an asphalt spreader of type HM 10HD. Layer was compacted using the asphalt compactor, Dynapac 142 CC. The asphalt spreader HM 10HD consumes 3 liter/hour with an energy consumption of 3.44E-03 MJ/m^2 and laying speed of 7.65 Km/h with a laying capacity of 30600 m^2/h. The compactor's working weight is 3.6 tonnes, fuel consumption is 6.7 liter/ hour and roller width is 1.3 meter.

The transportation of the materials to the construction site was assumed to be done by a distribution truck with a max load of 14-ton. It was assumed that the travel would include a 100% full front haul and an empty backhaul. Diesel oil is used as fuel in all of the equipment used for construction and transportation.

Table 3.2 Energy Data for Construction Materials and Processes

Energy of Product/Process	Natural gas	Oil	Hydro power	Electricity	Coal	Total
Asphalt (J/ton)	8.65 E+08	2.17 E+09	-	-	4.10 E+07	3.08 E+09
Aggregate (J/ton)	-	2.10 E+07	1.00 E+07	-	1.00 E+06	3.20 E+07
Emulsion (60% asphalt) (J/ton)	9.42 E+08	1.93 E+09	-	-	2.13 E+08	3.09 E+09
Polymer modified asphalt (J/ton)	2.25 E+09	2.97 E+09	-	-	7.20 E+08	5.94 E+09
HMA production (J/ton)	3.40 E+05	2.85 E+08	4.60 E+07	3.60 E+07	1.40 E+06	3.69 E+08
Transportation (J/ton-km)	-	9.01 E+05	-	-	-	2.90 E+07
Laying of HMA (paving + compaction) (J/m^2)	-	1.30 E+06	-	-	-	1.30 E+06
Placement of slurry seal (J/m^2)	-	4.20 E+05	-	-	-	4.20 E+05
Chip seal (spraying + compaction) (J/m^2)	-	6.00 E+05	-	-	-	6.00 E+05

Table 3.3 Emission Data for Construction Materials and Processes

Emission of Product/Process	CO_2	SO_2	NO_X	CO	CH_4	N_2O	VOC
Asphalt (kg/ton)	1.74 E+02	7.80 E-01	7.70 E-01	6.10 E-01	6.00 E-01	-	3.31 E-01
Aggregate (kg/ton)	1.42 E+00	7.88 E-04	1.23 E-04	1.49 E-03	3.82 E-06	3.61 E-05	8.90 E-04
Emulsion (60% asphalt) (kg/ton)	2.03 E+01	8.76 E-01	8.35 E-01	6.29 E-01	6.40 E-01	-	3.38 E-01
Polymer modified asphalt (kg/ton)	2.96 E+02	1.63 E+00	1.38 E+00	6.70 E-01	1.09 E+00	-	4.01 E-01
HMA production (kg/ton)	2.24 E+01	1.45 E-02	4.60 E-02	3.78 E-03	5.04 E-06	1.15 E-05	3.96 E-05
Transportation (kg/ton-km)	6.17 E-02	3.23 E-05	4.29 E-04	6.81 E-05	4.23 E-08	1.36 E-06	-
Laying of HMA (paving + compaction) (kg/m^2)	9.59 E-02	4.61 E-04	8.66 E-04	1.03 E-04	6.06 E-08	8.52 E-07	-
Placement of slurry seal (kg/m^2)	3.06 E-02	1.07 E-04	1.83 E-04	2.00 E-05	6.54 E-09	3.13 E-08	3.48 E-05
Chip seal (spraying + compaction) (kg/m^2)	4.62 E-02	3.10 E-05	4.00 E-04	4.73 E-05	2.67 E-08	8.23 E-07	6.35 E-06
Sealing crack (kg/m^2)	1.87 E-02	9.01 E-06	1.70 E-04	2.02 E-05	1.18 E-08	3.78 E-07	1.22 E-05

3.3 Energy and Emission of Different Preservation Treatments

Tables 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 show the calculated energy use and emissions at the construction stage for one lane-mile of surface area, respectively, for thin overlay, slurry seal, chip seal and crack seal. The energy consumption was summed up with the break-up of energy resources such as natural gas, oil, electricity, and coal fuel. The emission values were calculated for carbon dioxide (CO_2), sulfur oxide (SO_x), nitrogen oxide (NO_x), carbon monoxide (CO), nitrous oxide (N_2O), methane (CH_4), and volatile organic component (VOC).

Table 3.4 shows energy and emissions for hot mix asphalt thin overlay with 1.5 inch thickness and the proportion of asphalt and aggregate is 5% and 95% respectively. Table 3.5 shows energy and emissions for the type II slurry seal made of emulsion 14% and aggregate 86%, with an application rate of 1.218 kg/m^2 and 7.482 kg/m^2 for emulsion and aggregate respectively. Table 3.6 shows energy and emissions for chip seal with an application rate of 1.632 kg/m^2 and 15 kg/m^2 respectively. Table 3.7 shows energy and emissions for energy and emissions for crack seal using polymer modified bitumen with an application rate of 0.37 kg/m^2 and crack density of 0.37 m/m^2.

Table 3.4 Energy Consumption and Emission for One Lane-Mile HMA Overlay

Process	Raw Material		Manufacture	Transport (20 mile)	Placement	Total
	Asphalt	Aggregate				
Amount (ton)	26	492	518	518		
Energy (J)						
Natural Gas	2.25E+10	-	1.76E+08	-	-	2.27E+10
Oil	5.65E+10	1.03E+10	1.48E+11	1.50E+10	7.49E+09	5.22E+11
Hydropower energy	-	-	2.38E+10	-	-	2.87E+10
Electricity	-	-	1.86E+10	-	-	1.86E+10
Fuel	1.07E+09	4.92E+08	7.25E+08	-	-	2.28E+09
Total	**8.00E+10**	**1.57E+10**	**1.91E+11**	**1.50E+10**	**7.49E+09**	**5.95E+11**
Emissions to Air (kg)						
SO_x	1.03E+00	1.97E+01	7.54E+00	5.39E-01	2.67E-01	2.90E+01
NO_x	1.00E+00	1.91E+01	1.97E+00	7.16E+00	5.02E+00	3.42E+01
CO_2	2.61E+02	4.97E+03	1.16E+04	1.12E+03	5.56E+02	1.85E+04
CO	8.34E-01	1.58E+01	1.97E+00	1.14E+00	5.99E-01	2.04E+01
N_2O	-	-	5.98E-03	2.27E-02	4.94E-03	3.36E-02
CH_4	1.47E+01	2.79E+02	2.62E-03	7.10E-04	3.51E-04	2.94E+02
VOC	8.18E+00	1.55E+02	2.06E-02	-	-	1.64E+02

Table 3.5 Energy Consumption and Emission for One Lane-Mile Slurry Seal

Process	Material		Transport	Placement	Total
	Emulsion	Aggregate			
Amount (ton)	11	67	78		
Energy (J)					
Natural Gas	1.04E+10	1.32E+07	-	-	1.04E+10
Oil	2.12E+10	1.41E+09	2.26E+09	2.42E+09	7.03E+10
Hydropower energy	-	6.67E+08	-	-	6.67E+08
Electricity	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel	2.33E+09	6.33E+07	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.40E+09
Total	**3.39E+10**	**2.15E+09**	**2.26E+09**	**2.42E+09**	**8.37E+10**
Emissions to Air (kg)					
SO_x	8.71E-01	5.35E+00	5.22E-02	6.19E-01	6.89E+00
NO_x	8.26E-01	5.07E+00	6.94E-01	1.06E+00	7.65E+00
CO_2	2.10E+02	1.29E+03	1.09E+02	1.77E+02	1.79E+03
CO	6.31E-01	3.87E+00	1.54E+00	1.16E-01	6.16E+00
N_2O	2.19E-04	1.35E-03	5.50E-03	1.82E-04	7.25E-03
CH_4	6.33E-01	3.89E+00	6.88E-05	3.79E-05	4.52E+00
VOC	3.39E-01	2.09E+00	-	2.02E-01	2.63E+00

Table 3.6 Energy Consumption and Emission for One Lane-Mile Chip Seal

Process	Material		Transport (20 mile)	Placement	Total
	Emulsion	Aggregate			
Amount (ton)	10	87	97		
Energy (J)					
Natural Gas	9.42E+09	1.71E+07	-	-	9.44E+09
Oil	1.93E+10	1.83E+09	2.82E+09	3.46E+09	8.09E+10
Hydropower energy	-	8.67E+08	-	-	8.67E+08
Electricity	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel	2.13E+09	8.20E+07	-	-	2.21E+09
Total	**3.09E+10**	**2.79E+09**	**2.82E+09**	**3.46E+09**	**9.34E+10**
Emissions to Air (kg)					
SO_x	8.29E+00	6.85E-02	9.98E-02	1.80E-01	8.63E+00
NO_x	7.90E+00	1.07E-02	1.33E+00	2.32E+00	1.16E+01
CO_2	1.92E+03	1.23E+02	2.08E+02	2.68E+02	2.52E+03
CO	5.95E+00	1.30E-01	2.95E+00	2.74E-01	9.30E+00
N_2O	0.00E+00	3.14E-03	4.21E-03	4.77E-03	1.21E-02
CH_4	6.05E+00	3.32E-04	1.32E-04	1.55E-04	6.05E+00

VOC	3.20E+00	7.74E-02	-	3.78E-02	3.31E+00

Table 3.7 Energy Consumption and Emission for One Lane-Mile Crack Seal

Process	Material – sealant (ton)	Transport (20 mile)	Placement	Total
Amount (ton)	1	16		
Energy (J)				
Natural Gas	2.25E+09	-	-	1.79E+09
Oil	2.97E+09	4.57E+08	7.50E+07	4.93E+09
Hydropower energy	-	-	-	-
Electricity	-	-	-	-
Fuel	7.20E+08	-	-	5.71E+08
Total	**5.94E+09**	**4.57E+08**	**7.50E+07**	**5.71E+08**
Emissions to Air (kg)				
SO_x	1.31E+00	8.22E-04	5.22E-02	1.36E+00
NO_x	1.11E+00	1.09E-02	9.80E-01	2.10E+00
CO_2	2.38E+02	1.71E+00	1.08E+02	3.48E+02
CO	5.40E-01	2.43E-02	1.17E-01	6.81E-01
N_2O	-	3.46E-05	2.19E-03	2.23E-03
CH_4	8.73E-01	1.08E-06	6.86E-05	8.73E-01
VOC	3.23E-01	-	7.05E-02	3.93E-01

3.4 Summary

In this chapter the inventory analysis and the impact assessment were conducted for the construction stage of pavement preservation. Energy consumption and different emissions were quantified for construction of thin overlay, slurry seal, crack seal and chip seal using life inventory data obtained from the previous studies. The construction stage analysis contains energy consumption and GHG emissions at material, manufacture, transportation and placement phases.

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4.1 MOVES (Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator) Overview

MOVES2010b is the highway vehicle emissions model developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It calculates on-road emissions of all on-road vehicles including motorcycles, cars, different trucks and buses on different types of roads such as - rural restricted access, rural unrestricted access, urban restricted access and urban unrestricted access. It calculates various emissions like running exhaust, start exhaust, various evaporative emissions, tire wear and break wear. The classification system of the Federal Highway Administration's Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) was used in MOVES.

MOVES can be used in different geographic scales such as national, county, state or multi state level. The user provides information related to the project like specific geographical area, vehicle type, road type, and time frame. It performs series of calculations to estimate emissions and energy consumption based on the user input and default information present in the model. It factors in Vehicle Specific Power (VSP), Vehicles Miles Travelled (VMT), rolling resistance coefficient, rolling factors, drag force, fixed mass factors, and vehicle age distribution. One of the important factors in calculating the energy consumption and GHG emission is the condition of the vehicle, which is called the operating mode i.e. start, idle, running. For determining a specific emissions profile, a run specification is prepared defining place, time, vehicle, road, fuel type, GHG emission, producing process and pollutant parameters (MOVES2010b user guide, 2012).

The MOVES model considers various parameters like speed, grade, roughness, texture depth, traffic volume, engine running status and analyzes them together to get the output. The power of the vehicle has an impact on the fuel consumption, which eventually impacts the emissions and energy consumption. The Vehicle Specific Power (VSP) factors in the running status of the engine for unit vehicle at various speeds. It has various operating modes that represent the various stages of the vehicle operating mode like acceleration, braking, idling, speed coasting, soaking time, tire-wear, break-wear as well as the various speeds. With changing conditions of the vehicle from start to acceleration or from deceleration and eventual stop, the power demand changes. This change is measured in MOVES with the operating modes defined in the VSP data. The vehicle's engine needs power to overcome the

aerodynamic drag, rolling resistance, friction, engine's drag, and gradient forces. VSP connects the effects of the rolling resistance to the energy consumption and emissions.

4.2 Consideration of Road Surface Characteristics in MOVES

As discussed previously, MOVES uses vehicle specific power (VSP) as one of the important factors to calculate the engine running status. VSP is the factor that distinguishes between running activity modes.

MOVES works by calculating the speed of the vehicle second by second to calculate various emissions. The relationship between VSP and factors associated with the vehicle is shown in Equation (4.1).

$$VSP = (A/M) * v + (B/M) * v^2 + (C/M) * v^3 + (\alpha + g * \sin\theta) * v \dots\dots\dots\dots\dots (4.1)$$

Where, A, B, and C are coefficients in $kW \cdot s/m$, $kW \cdot s^2/m^2$ and $kW \cdot s^3/m^3$, respectively;

A coefficient represents the rolling resistance component;

B describes higher order rolling resistance factor in addition to mechanical rotating friction losses;

C coefficient represents the air drag coefficient component;

M is the fixed mass factor in metric tons;

g is the acceleration due to gravity (9.8 m/s^2);

v is the vehicle speed in meter/second;

α is the vehicle acceleration in meter/second^2; and

$\sin \theta$ is the (fractional) road grade.

Default values of A, B and C are derived from track load horsepower from Mobile source observation database (MSOD) (U.S.EPA, 2010a). These values are obtained by dynamometer tests of the vehicles.

The Highway Development and Management (HDM-4) model is a tool developed by PIARC (World Road Association) to perform a cost analysis for maintenance and rehabilitation of roads. It also has a model with rolling resistance based on IRI and MPD and was calibrated to North American vehicles by Zaabar and Chatti (2010). This model also takes account of the effects of rolling resistance caused by pavement deflection. The HDM-4 model is unable to consider speed variations and works only with the steady speed of vehicles, which is unrealistic in real driving conditions. In this study, equations 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 by the HDM-4 model were used to calculate rolling resistance and then the MOVES model was used to calculate the fuel consumption and emissions.

In the HDM-4 model rolling resistance is calculated using equations (4.2) and (4.3)

$$F_r = CR_2 \times FCLIM \times [b_{11} \times N_w + CR_1(b_{12} \times M + b_{13} \times v^2)] \quad \text{……..} \quad (4.2)$$

$$CR_2 = Kcr_2 \times (a_0 + a_1 \times MTD + a_2 \times IRI + a_3 \times DEF) \quad \text{…………...} \quad (4.3)$$

Where, F_r is the rolling resistance;

CR_1 is the function of tire type;

CR_2 is the factor of surface characteristics;

FCLIM is the climatic factor related to the percentage of driving snow and rain;

b_1, b_{12}, and b_{13} are the coefficients related to tire type and other technologies;

Kcr_2 is a calibration factor;

a_0, a_1, a_2 and a_3 are coefficients for pavement surface characteristics from HDM-4;

MTD is mean texture depth;

IRI is the international roughness index;

DEF is Benkelman Beam rebound deflection; M is the mass of the vehicles;

N_w is the number of wheels; and

v is the speed.

The MOVES model is equipped with an inbuilt database with lots of default data to execute runs to calculate emissions. The MOVES model default data needs to be combined with the other input data of the project to get emission outputs. The default data is derived from dynamometer tests of vehicles. In this test, the vehicle is made to run on a smooth surface, mostly steel (Wang et al. 2011). Both IRI and MPD values are zero because this surface is much smoother than the real pavement. Thus, the contribution of pavement surface characteristics to vehicle operation is considered by updating the rolling resistance coefficient (A) in MOVES. The relationship between $A_{updated}$ and $A_{default}$ is shown in equation (4.4). This relationship is established by Wang et al. (2012) in their study.

$$A_{updated} = A_{default} *(CR_{2pavement}/CR_{2dynamometer}) \quad \text{……..} \quad (4.4)$$

Where, CR_2 is same as Equation (4.3).

IRI and MTD were assumed to be zero for the dynamometer test in this study, while for the passenger car DEF is also zero. By updating IRI values for different preservation cases for both the sites in $CR_{2pavement}$ equation 4.3, we get the $A_{updated}$ which is further updated into "sourceusetype" file in MOVES to calculate the emissions. This factor is combined with the MOVES default data of the rotating friction losses. The data represents the roughness and the traffic volume of the sites with different preservations for over 10 years. The IRI varies from 0.8 to 3.2 m km^{-1} for all the vehicle cases. For this study, the deflection value was assumed to be zero for passenger cars while it is 0.3556 mm for the other two vehicle types. In this analysis,

the IRI and MPD values were varied for different pavement preservation treatments. Using the HDM-4 model $A_{updated}$ was calculated. Then by changing the traffic volume and $A_{updated,}$ energy and emissions were calculated by putting the values in MOVES for execution. The HDM-4 model was used to get rolling resistance values; the equations were based on changing the IRI, MPD and MTD values for various types of vehicles. These updated values were used to develop input for MOVES (U.S. EPA, 2010b). Finally traffic information for specific sections of pavements and with roughness data for different preservation treatments were used by MOVES to calculate the vehicle fuel consumption and GHG emissions.

Table 4.1 Parameters for CR2 model in HDM 4 Model

(Bennett and Greenwood, 2003)

Vehicle	$A_{default}$	Vehicle weight (kg)	a_0	a_1	a_2	a_3
Passenger Car	0.1565	<=2500	0.5	0.02	0.1	0
Passenger Truck	0.2212	>2500	0.57	0.04	0.04	1.34
Single Unit Haul Truck	0.5619	>2500	0.57	0.04	0.04	1.34

4.3 Pavement Factors Affecting Vehicle Emission and Energy

The surface of a pavement consists of different kinds of textures, grainy texture of fine aggregates and micro-texture of coarse aggregate that are less than 0.5 mm in length. Macro-texture is measured as one of the features of the pavement that approximately ranges from 0.5 mm to 50 mm in length (McGhee et al., 2003). MTD values were calculated using the traditional sand patch method. IRI is the International roughness index which is used to measure roughness of longitudinal road profile. IRI came into existence in 1986, since then it has become the most commonly used evaluation and management tool for road systems. When preservations methods are applied on any pavement, it affects the road surface characteristics. Comparable to the application of thin overlay, it decreases the roughness significantly in the starting days but then roughness again increases with usage. When crack seal is applied, it has almost no effect as we just cover the cracks and not the whole surface of pavement. Chip seal may produce a very rough texture on the road surface since fine aggregates are used to cover the pavement surface.

Tables 4.11 and 4.12 represent energy and emissions for three vehicles at different values of MTD. Figure 4.2 shows the percentage change in total energy and emissions (CO_2),

respectively for passenger cars, passenger trucks and single unit haul trucks. IRI and deflection were kept constant to perform the sensitivity analysis of total energy and GHG emissions based on changing MTD. The IRI value is kept constant at 2 m/km and deflection is taken as 0.457 mm. The results represented in Figure 4.2 show that the energy and CO_2 emission increases from 0% to 0 .83% for passenger cars, 0% to 1.7% for passenger trucks and 0% to 1.08% for single unit haul trucks when MTD was increased from 0.79 mm to 2.63 mm.

Table 4.2 Sensitivity Analysis of Energy Consumption at Different MTDs

MTD (mm)						
Type of vehicles	1.10	1.40	1.71	2.01	2.32	2.63
Energy (J)						
Passenger Car	1.58E+11	1.58E+11	1.58E+11	1.58E+11	1.58E+11	1.59E+11
Passenger Truck	2.01E+12	2.01E+12	2.02E+12	2.02E+12	2.03E+12	2.03E+12
Single Unit Haul Truck	9.31E+13	9.33E+13	9.35E+13	9.36E+13	9.37E+13	9.39E+13
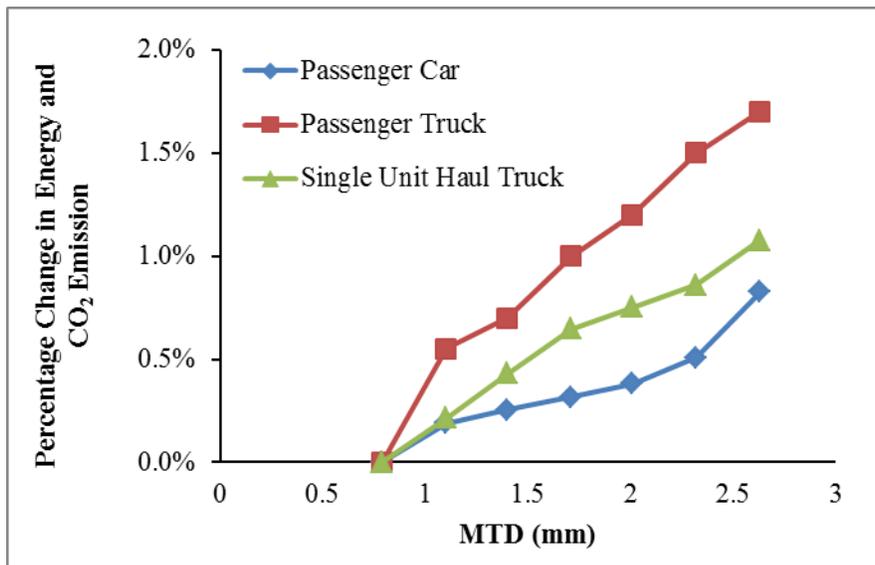
Figure 4.1 Effect of MTD on Energy and Emission

Table 4.3 Sensitivity Analysis of Emission at Different MTDs

Emissions (kg)	Passenger Car					
	MTD (mm)					
	1.1	1.4	1.71	2.01	2.32	2.63
NH_3	-	-	-	-	-	-
CO_2	1.16E+04	1.16E+04	1.16E+04	1.16E+04	1.16E+04	1.16E+04
CO	1.40E+01	1.40E+01	1.40E+01	1.40E+01	1.40E+01	1.40E+01
NO_2	2.00E+00	2.00E+00	2.00E+00	2.00E+00	2.00E+00	2.00E+00
NO	2.00E+01	2.00E+01	2.00E+01	2.00E+01	2.00E+01	2.00E+01
N_2O	-	-	-	-	-	-
NO_x	2.20E+01	2.20E+01	2.20E+01	2.20E+01	2.20E+01	2.20E+01
SO_2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emissions (kg)	Passenger Truck					
	MTD (mm)					
	1.1	1.4	1.71	2.01	2.32	2.63
NH_3	5.00E+00	5.00E+00	5.00E+00	5.00E+00	5.00E+00	5.00E+00
CO_2	1.47E+05	1.48E+05	1.48E+05	1.48E+05	1.49E+05	1.49E+05
CO	5.22E+02	5.23E+02	5.23E+02	5.23E+02	5.23E+02	5.23E+02
NO_2	5.30E+01	5.30E+01	5.30E+01	5.30E+01	5.30E+01	5.30E+01
NO	5.32E+02	5.34E+02	5.35E+02	5.36E+02	5.37E+02	5.38E+02
N_2O	-	-	-	-	-	-
NO_x	5.89E+02	5.91E+02	5.93E+02	5.93E+02	5.95E+02	5.96E+02
SO_2	2.00E+00	2.00E+00	2.00E+00	2.00E+00	2.00E+00	2.00E+00
Emissions (kg)	Single Unit Haul Truck					
	MTD (mm)					
	1.1	1.4	1.71	2.01	2.32	2.63
NH_3	1.35E+02	1.35E+02	1.35E+02	1.35E+02	1.35E+02	1.35E+02
CO_2	6.83E+06	6.84E+06	6.86E+06	6.86E+06	6.87E+06	6.88E+06
CO	1.70E+04	1.70E+04	1.70E+04	1.70E+04	1.71E+04	1.71E+04
NO_2	3.49E+03	3.50E+03	3.51E+03	3.51E+03	3.52E+03	3.52E+03
NO	4.64E+04	4.66E+04	4.67E+04	4.68E+04	4.68E+04	4.69E+04
N_2O	1.30E+01	1.30E+01	1.30E+01	1.30E+01	1.30E+01	1.30E+01
NO_x	5.03E+04	5.05E+04	5.06E+04	5.07E+04	5.08E+04	5.08E+04
SO_2	4.60E+01	4.60E+01	4.70E+01	4.70E+01	4.70E+01	4.70E+01

The IRI is the International Roughness Index, which is used for measuring the roughness of longitudinal road profile. The IRI's value range of 0.8 to 3.2 m/km was used for calculations in this study. Tables 4.13 and 4.14 represent values for total energy and emissions for passenger car, passenger truck and single unit haul truck, for different IRI values of pavement.

Figure 4.3 shows the percentage change of total energy change and GHG emission, respectively for passenger cars, passenger trucks and single unit haul trucks. MTD and deflection were kept constant at 1.4 mm and 0.203 mm to perform the sensitivity analysis of the total energy and GHG emission based on changing the IRI. The results represented in Figure 4.3 show that the energy and CO_2 emission increased from 0% to 5.65% for passenger cars, 0% to 2.1 % for passenger trucks and 0% to 1.72% for single unit haul trucks when the IRI was increased from 0.8 m/km to 3.2 m/km.

Table 4.4 Sensitivity Analysis of Energy Consumption at Different IRIs

	IRI (m/km)				
Type of vehicles	**0.8**	**1.4**	**2**	**2.6**	**3.2**
	Energy (J)				
Passenger Car	1.53E+11	1.56E+11	1.58E+11	1.60E+11	1.65E+11
Passenger truck	1.86E+12	1.87E+12	1.87E+12	1.89E+12	1.90E+12
Single Unit Haul Truck	8.76E+13	8.81E+13	8.84E+13	8.87E+13	8.91E+13
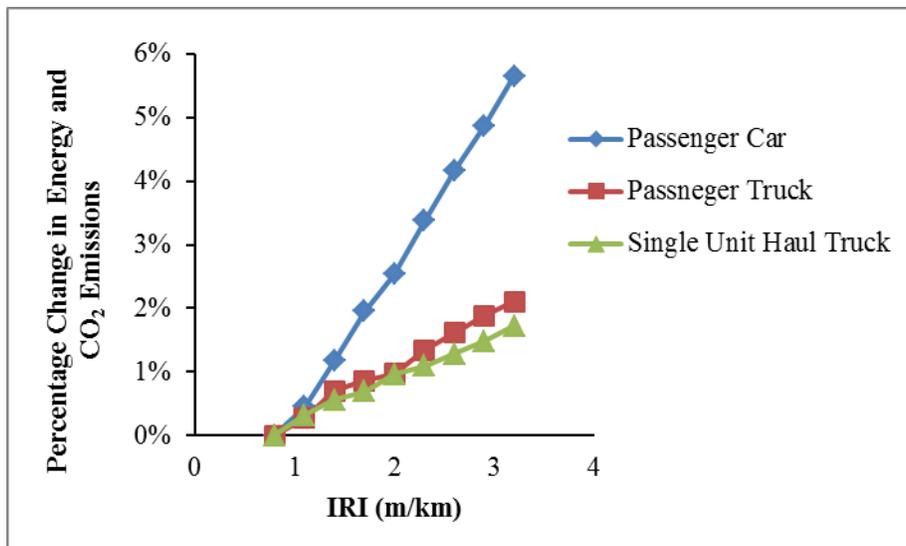
Figure 4.2 Effect of IRI on Energy and Emission

Table 4.5 Sensitivity Analysis of Emission at Different IRIs

| Emissions (kg) | Passenger Car | | | | |
| | IRI (m/km) | | | | |
	0.8	1.4	2	2.6	3.2
NH_3	-	-	-	-	-
CO_2	1.13E+04	1.14E+04	1.16E+04	1.18E+04	1.19E+04
CO	1.40E+01	1.40E+01	1.40E+01	1.50E+01	1.50E+01
NO_2	2.00E+00	2.00E+00	2.00E+00	2.00E+00	2.00E+00
NO	1.90E+01	2.00E+01	2.00E+01	2.00E+01	2.10E+01
N_2O	-	-	-	-	-
NO_x	2.10E+01	2.20E+01	2.20E+01	2.20E+01	2.20E+01
SO_2	-	-	-	-	-
Emissions (kg)	**Passenger Truck**				
	IRI (m/km)				
	0.8	1.4	2	2.6	3.2
NH_3	5.00E+00	5.00E+00	5.00E+00	5.00E+00	5.00E+00
CO_2	1.36E+05	1.37E+05	1.37E+05	1.38E+05	1.39E+05
CO	5.13E+02	5.14E+02	5.14E+02	5.14E+02	5.15E+02
NO_2	4.90E+01	4.90E+01	4.90E+01	4.90E+01	5.00E+01
NO	3.28E+02	3.30E+02	3.31E+02	3.33E+02	3.35E+02
N_2O	-	-	-	-	-
NO_x	3.64E+02	3.66E+02	3.67E+02	3.69E+02	3.71E+02
SO_2	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	1.00E+00
Emissions (kg)	**Single Unit Haul Truck**				
	IRI (m/km)				
	0.8	1.4	2	2.6	3.2
NH_3	1.35E+02	1.35E+02	1.35E+02	1.35E+02	1.35E+02
CO_2	6.42E+06	6.46E+06	6.48E+06	6.50E+06	6.53E+06
CO	1.67E+04	1.67E+04	1.68E+04	1.68E+04	1.68E+04
NO_2	3.25E+03	3.27E+03	3.29E+03	3.30E+03	3.32E+03
NO	4.31E+04	4.34E+04	4.36E+04	4.38E+04	4.40E+04
N_2O	1.30E+01	1.30E+01	1.30E+01	1.30E+01	1.30E+01
NO_x	4.68E+04	4.71E+04	4.73E+04	4.75E+04	4.77E+04
SO_2	4.40E+01	4.40E+01	4.40E+01	4.40E+01	4.40E+01

Every time a vehicle moves over a pavement, its wheels put load on the underneath surface and it results in a deflection on the pavement surface. A single vehicle only causes a very small deformation of the pavement but when it is combined for a large amount of vehicle traffic, it plays an important role while considering the contribution of pavement surface deflection to the tire rolling resistance.

The deflection range used in this analysis was 8 mils (0.2032 mm), 14 mils (0.3556 mm), 18 mils (0.4572 mm) and 20 mils (0.5080 mm). IRI was 2 m/km and MTD was 1.4 mm with varying deflection values. Tables 4.15 and 4.16 represent energy and emissions for three vehicles at different values of deflections. The results represented in Figure 4.4 show that the energy and CO_2 emissions increased from 0% to 8.8 % for passenger trucks and 0% to 6.67% for single unit haul trucks when deflection was increased from 0.2032 mm to 0.5080 mm. The effect of deflection on the tire rolling resistance was neglected for passenger cars because the value of a_3 is zero in CR_2 (Equation 4.4).

Table 4.6 Sensitivity Analysis of Energy Consumption at Different Deflections

	Deflection (mm)			
Type of vehicles	**0.2032**	**0.3556**	**0.4572**	**0.5080**
	Energy (J)			
Passenger Car	-	-	-	-
Passenger truck	1.87 E+12	1.96 E+12	2.01 E+12	2.04 E+12
Single Unit Haul Truck	8.84 E+13	9.12 E+13	9.33 E+13	9.44 E+13
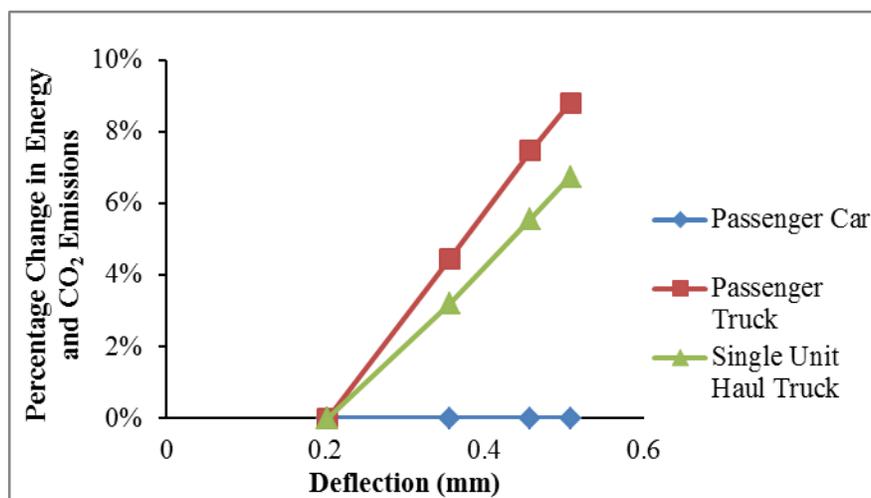
Figure 4.3 Effect of Deflection on Energy and Emission

Table 4.7 Sensitivity Analysis of Emission at Different Deflections

Emissions (kg)	Deflection (mm)			
	0.2032	0.3556	0.4572	0.508
Emissions (kg)	Passenger Truck			
NH_3	5.00 E+00	5.00 E+00	5.00 E+00	5.00 E+00
CO_2	1.37 E+05	1.44 E+05	1.48 E+05	1.49 E+05
CO	5.14 E+02	5.19 E+02	5.23 E+02	5.24 E+02
NO_2	4.90 E+01	5.10 E+01	5.30 E+01	5.30 E+01
NO	4.97 E+02	5.18 E+02	5.34 E+02	5.40 E+02
NO_x	5.50 E+02	5.74 E+02	5.91 E+02	5.98 E+02
SO_2	1.00 E+00	1.00 E+00	1.00 E+00	1.00 E+00
Emissions (kg)	Single Unit Haul Truck			
NH_3	1.35 E+02	1.35 E+02	1.35 E+02	1.35 E+02
CO_2	6.48 E+06	6.69 E+06	6.84 E+06	6.92 E+06
CO	1.68 E+04	1.69 E+04	1.70 E+04	1.71 E+04
NO_2	3.29 E+03	3.41 E+03	3.50 E+03	3.54 E+03
NO	4.36 E+04	4.53 E+04	4.66 E+04	4.72 E+04
N_2O	1.30 E+01	1.30 E+01	1.30 E+01	1.30 E+01
NO_x	4.73 E+04	4.91 E+04	5.05 E+04	5.12 E+04
SO_2	4.40 E+01	4.50 E+01	4.60 E+01	4.70 E+01

4.4 Summary

The HDM-4 and MOVES 2010 EPA model were used to analyze the sensitivity of vehicle emissions and fuel/energy consumption affected by different factors. The HDM-4 model was used to calculate the changes in tire rolling coefficients due to pavement surface characteristics and then different rolling resistance coefficients were used in MOVES. Road surface factors like MTD, IRI and deflection were used to evaluate their effects on vehicle emissions and energy consumption.

Chapter 5   LIFE-CYCLE ENERGY AND EMISSIONS OF PAVEMENT PRESERVATION

5.1 Effect of Preservation on Pavement Roughness

It is expected that the pavement preservation could improve pavement surface smoothness. Lu and Tolliver (2012) performed a study and designed an optimization model based on the Pareto optimal concept to solve all types of constraints to minimize costs and maximize benefits. They studied short-term effectiveness in the IRI change, using long term pavement program data and found that the pavement treatment short-term effectiveness in IRI follows a polynomial relationship with pre-treatment condition. They observed average reductions of 1.44 m/km IRI for hot mill overlay, average reduction of 0.27 m/km IRI for crack sealing and average reductions of 0.72 m/km for chip seal.

Wang et al. (2012) performed a study on preservation treatments using the roughness data from experiment sites in the long-term pavement performance program (LTPP). State maintenance engineers were included in a survey to obtain experience of utilizing pavement treatments. HMA overlay was found to have the highest performance time of 9 years followed by micro-surfacing with chip seal (6 years), slurry seal (4 years), crack filling (4 years) and crack sealing (3 years). Thin overlay was found to be the most expensive followed by micro-surfacing, chip seal tied with slurry seal. The authors used a paired t-test to compare the roughness of the treatment section with that of the control sections. By using a paired t-test the authors found that all the treatments significantly reduced long term roughness of the pavement. The order of effectiveness is as follows: HMA overlay followed by chip seal, crack seal and slurry seal. When control section and crack sealing were compared for roughness factor, mean difference of ΔIRI was found to be 0.124 with a standard deviation of 0.269. The mean difference of ΔIRI between control sections and slurry sealing section is 0.083, with a standard deviation of 0.04. Finally, the mean difference of ΔIRI between control section and overlay section is 0.407 with a standard deviation of 0.618.

Carvalho et al. (2011) studied impacts of design features in pavement response and performance in rehabilitated flexible and rigid pavements. They used a performance indicator named weighted distress, which represents the total normalized area (per year) under the distress versus time curve. Particular site sections were surveyed for 8 years for IRI values. All the sections were observed with a similar IRI for the experiment. In the analysis period, thin overlay performed better than other treatments with a Weighted Distress-IRI (WD-IRI) value of

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4.80 Ft/mi (0.91 m/km) while slurry seal was found to have a WD-IRI value of 7.66 ft/mi (1.45 m/km) and shows the worst performance over an 8 year time period.

In this study, pavement roughness data was collected from the specific pavement studies (SPS) of the long-term pavement performance program (LTPP). Two sites were selected from LTPP-SPS3 where preservation treatments were applied once during the whole period for the study. Each site was provided with four preservation treatments – thin overlay, slurry seal, crack seal and chip seal; they are applied with average length of 500ft with an extra control section to monitor the difference and effects. Figures 5.1 and 5.2 represent roughness values from the LTPP-SPS3 project for two sites, site 17 and site 27, for different preservation and control sections used in this study. The effect of pavement preservation on surface roughness is more significant at site 27 because it has the greater initial roughness.
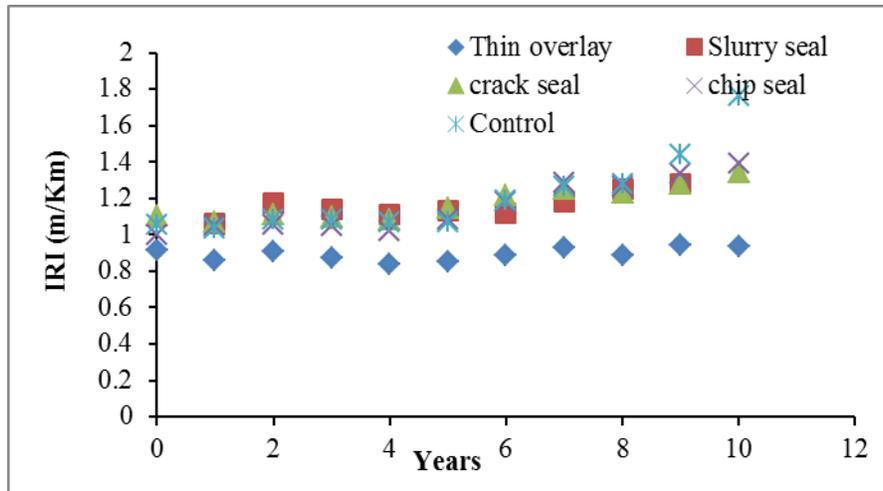
Figure 5.1 Roughness data at Site 17 from LTPP- SPS3
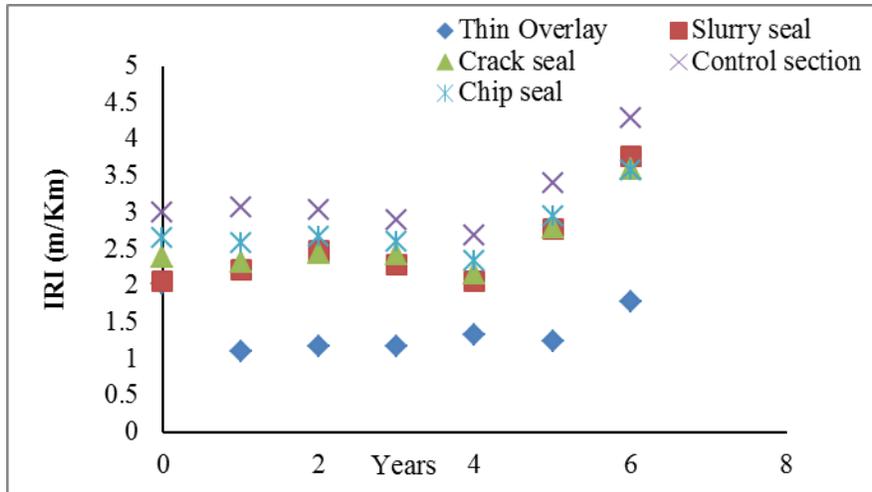
Figure 5.2 Roughness Data at Site 27 from LTPP- SPS3

For the emission and energy analysis in this study, the MTD was assumed to be 1.4 mm and the deflection value was assumed to be 0.3556 mm for the whole analysis.

5.2 Effect of Pavement Preservation on Energy and Emissions at Usage Stage

Table 5.1 shows the total energy consumption obtained by running input data on MOVES for site 17 and site 27 with an annual traffic volume of 10 million, respectively for the different preservation treatments along with the control section. Energy consumption is in Joules for all the vehicles and the preservation treatment types. The traffic percentage considered was 45%-45% each for the passenger cars and the passenger trucks and 10% for the single unit haul trucks. Table 5.2 shows the total energy for both sites considering the truck percentage for the traffic.

Table 5.1 Energy Consumption in MJ during Usage Stage

(10 Million Annual Traffic Volume)

Energy (J)	Control	Chip seal	Crack seal	Slurry seal	Thin overlay
Passenger Car					
Site 17	2.1772 E+12	2.1739 E+12	2.1742 E+12	2.1733 E+12	2.1613 E+12
Site 27	1.1312 E+12	1.1193 E+12	1.1157 E+12	1.1159 E+12	1.0785 E+12
Passenger Truck					
Site 17	2.7293 E+13	2.7272 E+13	2.7274 E+13	2.7268 E+13	2.7498 E+13
Site 27	1.3715	1.3661	1.365	1.3648	1.3484

	E+13	E+13	2E+13	E+13	E+13
Single Unit Haul Truck					
Site 17	1.2756 E+15	1.2752 E+15	1.2752 E+15	1.2753 E+15	1.2717 E+15
Site 27	6.3764 E+14	6.3560 E+14	6.3512 E+14	6.3504 E+14	6.2983 E+14

Table 5.2 Energy Consumption Using Truck Percentage during Usage Stage

Energy (J)	Control	Chip seal	Crack seal	Slurry seal	Thin overlay
Site 17	1.4082 E+14	1.4077 E+14	1.4078 E+14	1.4078 E+14	1.4052 E+14
Site 27	7.0445 E+13	7.0211 E+13	7.0157 E+13	7.0148 E+13	6.9536 E+13

Table 5.3 shows the emission for both sites 17 and 27 with the truck percentage mentioned for different preservation treatments and the control section. For both sites the highest amount of CO_2 was observed for control section and the lowest was observed for thin overlay. N_2O and SO_2 emissions were same for all the preservation treatments.

Table 5.3 Emission Values with Truck Percentage during Usage Stage

Site 17								
Emissions (kg)	CO_2	CO	NO_2	NO	NO_x	NH_3	N_2O	SO_2
Control	1.033 E+07	2.707 E+04	5.097 E+03	6.669 E+04	7.236 E+04	2.21 E+02	3.1 E+01	6.9 E+01
Chip seal	1.032 E+07	2.706 E+04	5.095 E+03	6.663 E+04	7.233 E+04	2.21 E+02	3.1 E+01	6.9 E+01
Crack seal	1.032 E+07	2.706 E+04	5.096 E+03	6.667 E+04	7.234 E+04	2.21 E+02	3.1 E+01	6.9 E+01
Slurry seal	1.032 E+07	2.706 E+04	5.096 E+03	6.667 E+04	7.234 E+04	2.21 E+02	3.1 E+01	6.9 E+01
Thin overlay	1.029 E+07	2.705 E+04	5.081 E+03	6.645 E+04	7.210 E+04	2.21 E+02	3.1 E+01	6.9 E+01
Site 27								
	CO_2	CO	NO_2	NO	NO_x	NH_3	N_2O	SO_2
Control	5.166 E+06	1.342 E+04	2.553 E+03	3.342 E+04	3.627 E+04	1.09 E+02	1.5 E+01	3.5 E+01
Chip seal	5.152 E+06	1.341 E+04	2.543 E+03	3.329 E+04	3.613 E+04	1.09 E+02	1.5 E+01	3.5 E+01
Crack seal	5.131 E+06	1.339 E+04	2.533 E+03	3.316 E+04	3.598 E+04	1.09 E+02	1.5 E+01	3.5 E+01
Slurry seal	5.119 E+06	1.338 E+04	2.525 E+03	3.305 E+04	3.587 E+04	1.09 E+02	1.5 E+01	3.4 E+01

Thin overlay	5.112 E+06	1.337 E+04	2.524 E+03	3.303 E+04	3.584 E+04	1.09 E+02	1.5 E+01	3.4 E+01

5.3 Life-Cycle Emission and Energy

After getting data for both phases, the construction and usage phase were summed up to get the total value of energy consumption and CO_2 emissions. The results in Table 5.4 are a combination of energy consumption and emissions from the construction stage and the usage stage for site 17. As expected, the highest amount of energy consumption and emission at the construction stage was observed for thin overlay, while at the usage stage the highest energy consumption and emission was observed for the control section. After adding up both stages, the most sustainable preservation method in terms of energy was thin overlay with the lowest energy consumption.

The reduction during the usage stage was calculated by comparing the preservation sections to the control section. For site 17, thin overlay shows the highest energy reduction of 3.044 E+11 J, followed by chip seal, crack seal, and slurry seal. GHG emission reduction was the highest for thin overlay 32.28 tons, followed by chip seal, crack seal, and slurry seal. The reduction of energy consumption at the usage stage due to preservation is smaller than the energy consumed at the construction stage, while the reduction of GHG emission at the usage stage is much greater than the GHG emission produced at the construction stage.

The results in Table 5.5 are a combination of energy consumption and emissions from the construction stage and the usage stage for site 27. Thin overlay shows the highest energy reduction of 9.091E+11 J, followed by slurry seal, crack seal, and chip seal. GHG emission reduction was highest for the thin overlay 54.14 tons, followed by slurry seal, crack seal and chip seal. The reduction of energy consumption and GHG emission at the usage stage due to preservation are much greater than the ones consumed at the construction stage. This environmental benefit at the usage stage due to pavement preservation is greater at site 27 than the one at site 17 because of the effect of pavement preservation on surface roughness. This again clearly indicates that the usage stage cannot be neglected in the LCA of pavement and the importance of pavement surface characteristics on fuel consumption and GHG emission.

Table 5.4 Change of Energy and Emission after Pavement Preservation for Site 17

Site 17		Control	Thin overlay	Chip seal	Slurry seal	Crack seal
Energy (J)	Construction	/	5.950 E+11	9.340 E+10	8.370 E+10	5.710 E+08
	Usage	1.4082 E+14	1.4052 E+14	1.4077 E+14	1.4078 E+14	1.4078 E+14
	Reduction in usage	/	3.044 E+11	5.183 E+10	4.391 E+10	4.458 E+10
CO_2 (kg)	Construction	/	1.85 E+04	2.52 E+03	1.79 E+03	3.48 E+02
	Usage	1.033 E+07	1.029 E+07	1.032 E+07	1.032 E+07	1.032 E+07
	Reduction in usage	/	3.228 E+04	3.802 E+03	3.222 E+03	3.269 E+03
CO (kg)	Construction	/	2.04 E+01	9.30 E+00	6.16 E+00	6.81 E-01
	Usage	2.707 E+04	2.705 E+04	2.706 E+04	2.706 E+04	2.706 E+04
	Reduction in usage	/	2.300 E+01	4.142 E+00	4.000 E+00	4.000 E+00
NO_x (kg)	Construction	/	3.423 E+01	1.16 E+01	7.655 E+00	2.10 E+00
	Usage	7.236 E+04	7.210 E+04	7.233 E+04	7.234 E+04	7.234 E+04
	Reduction in usage	/	2.600 E+02	2.747 E+01	2.300 E+01	2.300 E+01
GHG (Ton)	Construction	/	1.887 E+01	2.650 E+00	1.880 E+00	3.700 E-01
	Usage	1.034 E+04	1.030 E+04	1.033 E+04	1.033 E+04	1.033 E+04
	Reduction in usage		3.228 E+01	3.802 E+00	3.222 E+00	3.269 E+00

Table 5.5 Change of Energy and Emission after Pavement Preservation for Site 27

Site 27		Control	Thin overlay	Chip seal	Slurry seal	Crack seal
Energy (J)	**Construction**	/	5.95 E+11	9.34 E+10	8.37 E+10	5.71 E+08
	Usage	7.044 E+13	6.953 E+13	7.021 E+13	7.015 E+13	7.016 E+13
	Reduction in usage	/	9.091 E+11	2.339 E+11	2.966 E+11	2.877 E+11
CO_2 (kg)	**Construction**	/	1.85 E+04	2.52 E+03	1.79 E+03	3.48 E+02
	Usage	5.166 E+06	5.112 E+06	5.152 E+06	5.119 E+06	5.131 E+06
	Reduction in usage	/	5.41 E+04	1.38 E+04	4.70 E+04	3.46 E+04
CO (kg)	**Construction**	/	2.04 E+01	9.30 E+00	6.16 E+00	6.81 E-01
	Usage	1.342 E+04	1.337 E+04	1.341 E+04	1.338 E+04	1.339 E+04
	Reduction in usage	/	4.400 E+01	1.232 E+01	3.800 E+01	3.100 E+01
NO_x (kg)	**Construction**		3.423 E+01	1.16 E+01	7.655 E+00	2.10 E+00
	Usage	3.627 E+04	3.584 E+04	3.613 E+04	3.587 E+04	3.598 E+04
	Reduction in usage	/	4.290 E+02	1.380 E+02	4.010 E+02	2.840 E+02
GHG (Ton)	**Construction**	/	1.887 E+01	2.650 E+00	1.880 E+00	3.700 E-01
	Usage	5.171 E+03	5.116 E+03	5.157 E+03	5.124 E+03	5.136 E+03
	Reduction in usage	/	5.414 E+01	1.381 E+01	4.702 E+01	3.461 E+01

5.4 Effect of Preservation on User Costs

Fuel Consumption Costs

Fuel consumption depends on the factors affecting fuel consumption including vehicle type, class, age, vehicle technology, pavement surface type and condition, speed, roadway geometry, environmental condition and road grade. Factors like aerodynamic, rolling resistance, gradient, curvature and inertial forces effect fuel consumption. Billions of dollars could be saved annually by improving rolling resistance through maintaining pavement surface smoothness (NCHRP report 720). Various models are available for calculating vehicle fuel consumption. These models are also known as vehicle operating cost (VOC) models. Some of the models are the

Texas research and development foundation model, the World Bank's HDM-4 model, the Saskatchewan Canada model, the Australian road fuel consumption model, the New Zealand VOC model, the South African VOC model and the Swedish mechanistic model for simulation on road traffic (Chatti and Zaabar , 2012).

Among these models, the HDM-4 model is the most recent VOC model. It provides the pavement roughness effect on fuel consumption of a vehicle (Morosiuk G., et al 2002). Zaabar and Chatti (2010) calibrated the HDM-4 model according to the USA conditions by estimating the increase in fuel consumption according to the pavement roughness for different vehicle types.

In this study, the base values developed by Chatti and Zaabar (2012) in the NCHRP report 720 were used for all the user cost calculations. The base values for user costs were calculated for a medium car, SUV and light truck at 35 mph speed. Table 5.6 shows base values for three vehicle types and according to the different IRI values used for calculating effect of roughness on fuel consumption.

Table 5.6 Effect of Roughness on Fuel Consumption Cost

Vehicles	IRI (m/km)					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Base value ($/mile)					
Medium Car	0.089	0.092	0.094	0.096	0.098	0.102
SUV	0.100	0.102	0.106	0.108	0.109	0.113
Light Truck	0.158	0.160	0.162	0.165	0.167	0.169

Repair and Maintenance (R&M) Cost

The R&M cost includes parts and labor cost (user cost) which are required because of vehicular wear and tear. In this study, the method proposed by Chatti and Zaabar (2012) in the NCHRP report 720 was used to calculate the R&M cost. It gives base values in $/mile for IRI values from 1m/km to 6m/km for various vehicle types. As per the HDM-4 model, the repair and maintenance cost is negligible for low IRI values (193 in/mile). In this study, R&M's NPV values for all preservation treatments are the same and positive which implies that it is expected to produce more income than what could be gained by earning the discount rate, which shows that the project is profitable. Table 5.7 shows base values for three vehicle types according to the base IRI values used for calculating the effect of roughness on repair and maintenance cost.

Table 5.7 Effect of Roughness on Repair and Maintenance Cost

Vehicles	IRI (m/km)					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Base value ($/mile)					
Medium Car	0.0021	0.00212	0.00212	0.00214	0.00214	0.00216
SUV	0.0017	0.00172	0.00173	0.00175	0.00177	0.00179
Light Truck	0.0020	0.00202	0.00204	0.00206	0.00208	0.00210

Tire Cost

The HDM-4 model was calibrated according to the cars and truck for U.S. conditions by Chatti and Zaabar (2012). The study done by Haugodegard et al. (1994) proved that there is an increasing trend of tire wear with pavement roughness. In this study, the net present value for all IRI values for the tire wear cost of all preservation treatments are positive which imply that the project is profitable. Table 5.8 shows base values according to IRI values that were used for calculating the effect of roughness on tire wear costs.

Table 5.8 Effect of Roughness on Tire Wear Costs

Vehicles	IRI (m/km)					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Base value ($/mile)					
Medium Car	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.0264	0.0336	0.0408
SUV	0.032	0.032	0.032	0.0384	0.0544	0.0736
Light Truck	0.034	0.034	0.034	0.0408	0.0578	0.0748

Tables 5.9 and 5.10 represent values for fuel cost, repair and maintenance cost, tire cost for different pavement sections using the pavement roughness data at site 27 and site 17, respectively. Tables 5.11 and 5.12 represent total cost savings by preservation treatments at the usage stage for site 27 and site 17, respectively. The user cost was calculated using the roughness data every year after pavement preservation and then converted to the net present value at the year of construction.

Net present value (NPV) is defined as the difference between the present value of the cash inflows and the present value of cash outflows. Net present value measures the total amount of gain or loss a project will produce compared to the amount that could be earned simply by saving the money in a bank or investing it in some other opportunity that generates a return equal to the discount rate. The discount rate is the rate of return which could be earned in

an investment in the financial market with a similar risk. One of the key variables of calculating NPV is the rate used for discount future cash flow to the present value. If a long-term project has a positive net present value, then it is expected to produce more income than what could be gained by earning the discount rate, which means the company should go ahead with the project. In this study, the net present value for fuel cost, R&M cost, tire cost were calculated using equation 5.1 for both sites.

$$\text{Net Present Value (NPV)} = \sum_{t=1}^{T} \frac{C_t}{(1-r)^t} \quad \ldots\ldots\ldots (5.1)$$

Where, t= Year;

r= Discount rate; and

C_t= Total cost;

Table 5.9 User Costs Analysis for Site 27

Site 27	Vehicle Type	Fuel cost ($/mile)	NPV	R&M cost ($/mile)	NPV	Tire cost ($/mile)	NPV
Control Section	Medium Car	0.662	0.607	0.174	0.159	0.015	0.014
	SUV	0.742	0.680	0.238	0.217	0.012	0.011
	Light Truck	1.136	1.041	0.253	0.231	0.014	0.013
Thin Overlay	Medium Car	0.634	0.581	0.168	0.154	0.015	0.014
	SUV	0.708	0.649	0.224	0.205	0.012	0.011
	Light Truck	1.113	1.021	0.238	0.218	0.014	0.013
Slurry Seal	Medium Car	0.653	0.598	0.170	0.156	0.015	0.014
	SUV	0.728	0.667	0.229	0.209	0.012	0.011
	Light Truck	1.127	1.033	0.243	0.223	0.014	0.013
Crack Seal	Medium Car	0.654	0.599	0.169	0.155	0.015	0.014
	SUV	0.730	0.669	0.228	0.208	0.012	0.011
	Light Truck	1.128	1.034	0.242	0.222	0.014	0.013
Chip Seal	Medium Car	0.656	0.601	0.168	0.154	0.015	0.014
	SUV	0.734	0.672	0.228	0.208	0.012	0.011
	Light Truck	1.130	1.035	0.242	0.221	0.014	0.013

Table 5.10 User Costs Analysis for Site 17

Site 17	Vehicle Type	Fuel cost ($/mile)	NPV	R&M cost ($/mile)	NPV	Tire cost ($/mile)	NPV
Control Section	Medium Car	0.900	0.790	0.240	0.211	0.240	0.211
	SUV	1.008	0.885	0.320	0.281	0.017	0.015
	Light Truck	1.587	1.394	0.340	0.299	0.020	0.018
Thin Overlay	Medium Car	0.895	0.786	0.240	0.211	0.021	0.018
	SUV	1.004	0.882	0.320	0.281	0.017	0.015
	Light Truck	1.584	1.392	0.340	0.299	0.020	0.018
Slurry Seal	Medium Car	0.899	0.790	0.240	0.211	0.240	0.211
	SUV	1.007	0.885	0.320	0.281	0.017	0.015
	Light Truck	1.587	1.394	0.340	0.299	0.020	0.018
Crack Seal	Medium Car	0.899	0.790	0.240	0.211	0.240	0.211
	SUV	1.007	0.885	0.320	0.281	0.017	0.015
	Light Truck	1.587	1.394	0.340	0.299	0.020	0.018
Chip Seal	Medium Car	0.899	0.790	0.240	0.211	0.240	0.211
	SUV	1.007	0.884	0.320	0.281	0.017	0.015
	Light Truck	1.586	1.394	0.340	0.299	0.020	0.018

Table 5.11 User Cost Saving by 10 Million Vehicles for Site 27

	Thin overlay	Slurry seal	Crack seal	Chip seal
	Cost Saving by 10 Million Vehicles ($/mile)			
Medium Car	3.03.E+05	1.18.E+05	1.13.E+05	1.03.E+05
SUV	4.28.E+05	2.11.E+05	2.04.E+05	1.66.E+05
Light Truck	3.38.E+05	1.69.E+05	1.74.E+05	1.55.E+05

Table 5.12 User Cost Saving by 10 Million Vehicles for Site 17

	Thin overlay	Slurry seal	Crack seal	Chip seal
	Cost Saving by 10 Million Vehicles ($/mile)			
Medium Car	1.97.E+06	2.84.E+03	3.69.E+03	8.93.E+03
SUV	2.94.E+04	2.11.E+03	2.73.E+03	6.61.E+03
Light Truck	2.47.E+04	1.65.E+03	2.13.E+03	5.17.E+03

5.5 Effect of Pavement Preservation on Emission Cost

Little research in the past has considered emission cost in the life cycle assessment. Islam and Butlar (2013) studied the assessment of emission costs due to maintenance and rehabilitation phase to reduce roughness. They calculated emission costs based on the data reported by Kendall et al. (2005). They proved that the emission cost increases with an increase in the roughness value and the traffic volume. In a technical report by Mallela and Sadasivam (2011), vehicle emission costs were calculated as a function of vehicle miles traveled and unit costs ($/ton) by the emission type. They included VOC, CO, PM10. NO_x, SO_x and CO_2 for calculating air pollutant emissions and GHG emission. As mentioned in this report, they estimated that emission costs were a function of vehicle miles travelled (VMT) and unit costs (dollar by tons). Yanowitz et al. (2000) did a review on in-use emission from over-the-road heavy duty diesel vehicle. Methods for measuring emissions like chassis dynamometer, tunnel studies, and remote sensing were included in this study. They concluded that the relation between CO and PM emissions increased significantly with an increase in the inertial weight. They observed a small change in the average emissions between vehicles of different sizes and NO_x remained the same. Table 5.13 shows the unit costs for each emission used in this study.

Table 5.13 Urban Emission Cost in Dollars per Ton by Kendall et al (2005)

Cost $ per ton							
NH_3	CO_2	CO	NO_x	SO_2	PM_{10}	VOC	Pb
2750	26	100	8712	208	7826	2750	4845

The net present value for emission costs was calculated by using the individual cost for all the emission categories for both the sites with a discount rate of 3% for all the pavement user costs and the emission costs. Table 5.14 represents the emission costs at the usage stage at site 27 and site 17, respectively, for three vehicle types. Table 5.15 shows the emission costs for all treatments at the construction stage. Table 5.16 shows the total cost savings due to pavement preservation with the assumed traffic mix percentage of 45% for passenger cars, 45% for passenger trucks and 10% for single unit haul trucks. At the usage stage the highest net present value for site 17 and site 27 was observed for the control section and the lowest net present value was observed for thin overlay in all treatments. During the usage stage the highest cost saving was observed for thin overlay. The total cost savings was observed for thin overlay at site 17 but slurry seal at site 27.

Table 5.14 Emission Cost at Usage Stage for Site 27 and Site 17

With 10 Million Annual Traffic

Treatments	Vehicle Type	Site 27 NPV ($/mile)	Site 17 NPV ($/mile)
Control Section	Passenger Car	3146	5743
	Passenger Truck	55123	104518
	Single Unit Haul Truck	3780629	7195491
Thin Overlay	Passenger Car	3001	5720
	Passenger Truck	54204	104221
	Single Unit Haul Truck	3740341	7170542
Slurry Seal	Passenger Car	3119	5738
	Passenger Truck	54846	104426
	Single Unit Haul Truck	3740719	7193725
Crack Seal	Passenger Car	3119	5741
	Passenger Truck	54883	104468
	Single Unit Haul Truck	3752598	7193572
Chip Seal	Passenger Car	3125	5738
	Passenger Truck	54915	104469
	Single Unit Haul Truck	3767323	7193086

Table 5.15 Emission Cost at Construction Stage

	CO_2 (kg)	CO (kg)	NO_x (kg)	SO_2 (kg)	VOC (kg)	Cost ($/mile)
Thin Overlay	18537	20	56	29	9	1003
Slurry Seal	1894	6	8	6.9	2.4	121
Crack Seal	348	1	2	0.68	0.3	27
Chip Seal	2520	9	12	8.6	3.3	173

Table 5.16 Cost Saving for Site 27 and Site 17 With 10 Million Annual Traffic

	Site 27		Site 17	
	Cost saving from usage stage ($/mile)	**Total cost saving ($/mile)**	**Cost saving from usage stage ($/mile)**	**Total cost saving ($/mile)**
Thin Overlay	4507	3505	2639	1636
Slurry Seal	4128	4007	220	99
Crack Seal	2923	2897	215	189
Chip Seal	1433	1261	277	104

5.6 Summary

In this chapter, the effect of pavement preservation on pavement roughness was represented using the data extracted from LTPP SPS-3. For all sections including the control section, thin overlay, crack seal, slurry seal and chip seal, energy consumption and emissions were calculated at the usage stage using three different vehicle types (passenger cars, passenger truck and single unit haul truck). After that, the data from both construction and usage phases were combined to calculate total life-cycle values. In addition, the effect of pavement preservation on user costs and emission costs were quantified. The user costs included the fuel consumption cost, tire wear cost, and repair and maintenance cost. The emission cost was calculated considering the cost of neutralizing CO_2, CO, NO_x, N_2O and SO_2.

Chapter 6   CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Major Findings

In this study, energy and emissions of four pavement preservation treatments were quantified at the construction and usage stages. At the usage stage, pavement surface characteristics and vehicle factors were considered in the analysis of vehicle fuel consumption and emissions. The HDM-4 Model and the MOVES 2010 EPA model were used to consider the effect of pavement roughness on fuel consumption (energy consumed) and emissions. Major findings are as follows:

1. The thin overlay was found to have the highest energy consumption and emissions among four preservation treatments during construction stage. If only construction stage is considered, energy and emissions are ruled by use of amount of material and manufacture process.

2. The effect of pavement surface characteristics (roughness, texture, and deflection) on fuel consumption and emissions varies depending on vehicle type.

3. Among four preservation treatments, the thin overlay resulted in the greatest reduction of energy consumption and emission at usage stage due to improvement of pavement surface smoothness when compared to the control section.

4. The reductions of GHG emission at usage stage are much greater than the GHG emission produced at construction stage for all preservation treatments. Excluding the usage stage will omit the fact that construction stage has less impact on pavement LCA than usage stage. Combining both construction and usage stages gave a life-cycle impact of pavement preservation on energy and GHG emission.

5. The effect of pavement roughness on user cost was more significant than on emission cost. This indicates that the user cost cannot be neglected when quantifying the benefit of pavement preservation.

In summary, this whole study provides a deep insight of including usage stage in life cycle assessment of pavement. The results show that there is a significant amount of change in energy consumption and emissions when traffic factors and pavement surface characteristics are considered during usage stage.

6.2 Future Research Recommendations

1. Only four pavement preservation treatments were considered in this study, future studies should include other preservation and rehabilitation techniques to get a broader view on this subject, such as micro-surfacing, milling and overlay.

2. More construction materials like cold mix asphalt, warm mix asphalt, reclaimed asphalt pavement and rubber sealant should be included in future studies.

3. The analysis period was fixed for preservation treatments considered in this study. In future studies multiple preservation treatments applied at different timing in the pavement life cycle should be considered.

4. In addition to pavement roughness, other factors like albedo, concrete carbonation, leachate etc., should be considered at usage stage of LCA.

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