Life Cycle Cost Analysis / Assessment of Airfield Pavements

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There's plenty of room for all God's creatures.
Right next to the mashed potatoes.

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STEAKS • FISH • WILD GAME
477 HAYWOOD ROAD
Overview

- Background discussion on Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA)
- LCCA example – Pensacola airport
- AirCost LCCA Tool
- Overview of concrete pavements sustainable benefits
- Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) definition
- LCA components
Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA)

- Economic procedure used to compare competing design alternatives
- Considers all significant cost and benefits
- Expressed in equivalent dollars
- Not an engineering tool that determines how long an alternative will last or how well it will perform
Chief Considerations for LCCA Pavement Selection

- Use of comparable design sections
- Airport Authority / Agency costs
- Selection of accurate rehabilitation activities
- Bringing cost back to Present Worth values
- Discount rate (time value of money)
- Length of analysis period
- Salvage value
Agency Costs

- Initial bid price or estimate
- Maintenance costs (recent bid tabs)
- Rehabilitation costs
- Important to have good maintenance management system to provide the most accurate data to give reliable LCCA results
- If no good data is available look for airports with similar traffic levels and climatic / soil conditions
Present Worth Model

\[ PW = C + \sum_{i=1}^{m} M_i \left( \frac{1}{1+r} \right)^{n_i} - S \left( \frac{1}{1+r} \right)^z \]

- **PW** = Present Worth
- **C** = Initial Construction Cost
- **m** = number of maintenance or rehab activities
- **M_i** = Cost of the i\(^{th}\) activity
- **r** = discount rate
- **n_i** = number of years from the present of the i\(^{th}\) activity
- **S** = salvage value at the end of the analysis period
- **Z** = length of the analysis period
Discount Rate

- Accounts for the time value of money
- \( \text{DR} = \frac{\text{INT} - \text{IFL}}{1 + \text{IFL}} \)
  - \( \text{DR} = \) discount rate
  - \( \text{INT} = \) Nominal interest rate
  - \( \text{IFL} = \) inflation rate
  - Historically the difference between interest rates and inflation rate is 3.0%
Salvage Value

- Reflects any remaining worth of a pavement at the end of the analysis period

- Two components:
  - Remaining service life – value of the pavement as it is continued to be used beyond the analysis period. Structural and functional aspects are evaluated to determine the serviceability and usefulness of the pavement surface
  - Residual value – actual worth of the existing pavement at the end of the service life in terms of the revenue that may be generated form the sale or recycling of the existing pavement

- Recommended that salvage values be considered in in airport LCCA, especially when shorter analysis periods (20 to 30 years) are used
FAA AC 150/5320-6E Appendix 1. Economic Analysis

- Design procedure document appendix
  - Analysis method
  - If resulting Present Worth costs between two alternatives is within 10 percent or less it is assumed the PW is same for the alternatives
- Step by step procedure
- Example problem comparing seven asphalt alternatives
  - Costs of rehabilitation activities
  - Present worth LCC
  - Summary of alternatives
  - Comparative ranking of alternatives
Pensacola - PNS Background

- Fastest growing Airport between Jacksonville and New Orleans
- Planned $27 million RW rehab
- RW – 7000’ X 150”

- Thank Gary Mitchell of ACPA for LCCA example
Background

- May 2005 let rehab project
- 12” P-401
  5” P-154
  12” Compacted Subgrade
- Mandatory Pre-bid
- 3 Contractors
- 1 dropped out
- 2 joined forces
- Submitted single bid – $4 million over budget

Rejected the Single Bid
Engineer Revised Plans

- Added Concrete Option
- Design Criteria
  - Boeing 757 – 5781 annual operations
  - Used FAA AC 150/5320-6D
    - Equivalent Aircraft as design aircraft
  - Used LEDFAA to Compare
    - Fleet mix – sums cumulative damage from each aircraft
    - gives conservative concrete pavement design
Pavement Typical Sections

Asphalt Section

- 4" P-401 Surface
- 8" P-401 Base
- 6" H-154 Subbase
- 12" Compacted Subgrade

Concrete Section

- 17" P-501
- 6" Cemented Treated Base
- 12" Compacted Subgrade
The Pavement Systems

Layered Elastic Concept
Flexible Pavement
- Surface
- Base
- Sub-base
- Sub-grade
  E decreases with depth
  Infinite lateral direction

Stress / Strain Theory
Rigid Pavement
- Base
- Sub-grade
  Composite Sub-base behavior
  (dense liquid)
Load Transfer in Rigid

For 20x20 panel: Pressure = 0.5 psi at base of panel

Design failure criteria is first crack in the slab
Load Transfer in Flexible

R = 10 in

W = 30,000 lbs

Pressure at 15 inches = 43 psi

Pressure at 30 inches = 15 psi

Concept is to reduce pressure with depth until increase is not significant.

Design failure criteria is vertical strain in the subgrade
How can we level the playing field?

Pavement Typical Sections

Asphalt Section
- 4” P-401 Surface
- 8” P-401 Base
- 5” P-154 Subbase
- 12” Compacted Subgrade

Concrete Section
- 17” P-501
- 6” Cemented Treated Base
- 12” Compacted Subgrade
What are the issues?

- Concrete design is much more conservative – by design
- Fatigue design > 40 years for PCC
- Asphalt typically requires rehab in 15-20 years
- Concrete Contractor can not be competitive “head to head”
- Life-Cycle Cost would “level the playing field”
Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA)

- How do we compare unequal designs with unequal lives?
- Using LCCA process to evaluate the bids
- FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Handbook, Chapter 9, Paragraph 910, Life Cycle Costs in Competitive Sealed Bids can be used but does not explain how
- FAA AC 150/5320-6D, Appendix 1, Economic Analysis is part of the design procedure to see if should considered alternate bids - Example Problem
LCCA Development Bid Process

- Format Developed Based on FAA Model in FAA AC 150/5320-6D, Appendix 1, Economic Analysis
- Received Input from ACPA, AI and FAA
- General Parameters were:
  - Design Life - 20 Years (FAA Requirement based on grant period)
  - Concrete Expected Life - 40 Years
  - Asphalt Expected Life - 30 Years with mill and overlay at 15 years
  - Discount Rate (Inflation Factor) - 5%
  - Maintenance Requirement for each alternative
Maintenance Requirements

- Concrete Runway Maintenance Activities
  - Year 0 - Insertion of TOTAL BID PRICE of Concrete Bid
  - Year 15 - Joint Seal Replacement (Maintenance)
  - Year 19 - Crack Sealing (Maintenance)
  - Year 20 - Estimated 5% Slab Replacement (Maintenance)

- Asphalt Runway Maintenance & Rehabilitation Activities
  - Year 0 - Insertion of TOTAL BID PRICE of Asphalt Bid
  - Year 6 - Pavement Preservation System (Maintenance)
  - Year 13 - Pavement Preservation System (Maintenance)
  - Year 15 – 3” Mill and Overlay (Rehabilitation)

- Information based on Florida APMS
Development of Salvage Value

- Concrete Runway LCCA
  - Took Full Bid Price at Year 0 and Used Straight Line Depreciation over 20 Year Design Period
  - Total Cost / 40 Years x 20 Years (Remaining Life) x Present Worth Factor at Year 20 = Salvage Value

- Asphalt Runway LCCA
  - Took Full Bid Price at Year 0 and Used Straight Line Depreciation over 20 Year Design Period PLUS Mill & Overlay at Year 15 over 5 Year Remaining Design Period
  - Total Cost / 30 Years x 10 Years (Remaining Life) x Present Worth Factor at Year 20 PLUS Mill & Overlay Cost / 15 Years x 10 Years (Remaining Life) x Present Worth Factor at Year 20 = Salvage Value

- Submitted Electronic Spreadsheets to All Bidders, Plan Holders & Plan Rooms
Bids Received

**Life-Cycle Cost Analysis - Pensacola Airport Runway 17/35**

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**Less: Salvage Value**

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**Present Worth:** $19,551,146.29

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**Note:** Salvage value is based on straight-line depreciation of the expected life of the last rehabilitation item.
# Excel Spreadsheet – AC Option

## Runway 17-35 Reconstruction
Pensacola Regional Airport
Low Bid Asphaltic Concrete Runway

| DESIGN LIFE (N): | 20 |
| EXPECTED LIFE: | 30 |
| INFLATION FACTOR: (%) | 5 |

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**LESS: SALVAGE VALUE** | ($3,229,698.82)

**PRESENT WORTH** | $152.09

Notes: Salvage value is based on straight-line depreciation of the expected life of the last rehabilitation item (same as concrete).
Bid Comparison After LCCA

- Asphalt - $19,818,237
- Concrete - $19,551,146 \(\checkmark\) Concrete is low bid
- Difference - $267,091
LCCA Summary

- Make Sure All Maintenance Activities & Rehabilitation Costs are Current, Based on Recent Bids
- Establish reasonable salvage value for each alternative
- Level “playing field” brings competition and value
- FAA Recognized the need for guidance
AirCost LCCA Tool

- Developed by ARA under contract with the Airfield Asphalt Pavement Technology program (AAPTP)
- Not officially released yet
- May become FAA standard
- Components:
  - Pay items and cost library which can be added to
  - Project details
  - Airport details
  - LCCA parameters
  - Summary of Alternative
Concrete Pavement
Green Benefits
Beyond Longevity

Light Reflectance
And Urban Heat Island Effect

Lower Energy Footprint

Recycling and Industrial
By-Product Use

Potential CO2 Sink

Innovative
Surface Textures
Concrete Pavements – Economic Benefits

- Durability and longevity of concrete (i.e., concrete’s 35+ year design life)
- Lower life cycle cost due to reduced maintenance activities and costs
- Cement is made locally, bitumen is imported
Concrete Pavement – Environmental Benefits

- Uses less energy to build & maintain
- Once set, concrete is inert
- Makes use of industrial by-products
- Reduces urban heat island effect
- Potential CO₂ sink
Use of Industrial by-products

- Types of Supplementary Cementing Materials:
  - Fly ash
  - Blast furnace slag
  - Silica fume

- Benefits
  - Decreases material going to landfill sites
  - Improves concrete pavement strength and durability (must use appropriate levels of SCMs)
  - May improve concrete pavement workability
  - Decreases amount of CO₂ associated with PCCP
  - Study completed on Use of SCMs in PCCP
# Urban Heat Island Reduction

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Source: ACPA R&T Update Concrete Pavement Research & Technology June 2002
Life Cycle Assessment

- Wikipedia definition:

  “A life cycle assessment (LCA, also known as life cycle analysis, ecobalance, and cradle-to-grave analysis) is the investigation and evaluation of the environmental impacts of a given product or service caused or necessitated by its existence.”

- Focus comments on energy use and CO2 footprints
Reduced Energy Consumption

- Athena Sustainable Materials Institute Update Study
- A Life Cycle Perspective on Concrete and Asphalt Roadways: Embodied Primary Energy and Global Warming Potential:
  - ACP uses more embodied primary energy than PCCP over a 50 year Life Cycle Assessment
  - Increased energy use ranges from 2.3 to 5.3 times more
  - Increased energy use ranges from 31 to 81% more if exclude feedstock energy
## Reduced Energy Consumption

### Additional Embodied Primary Energy Used by Asphalt Pavement Design Alternatives

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DEFINITIONS

Primary energy: the energy resources required by processes, including the energy input used to extract the energy resources.

Feedstock energy: the gross combustion heat for any material input, such as bitumen, which is considered an energy source, but is not being used as an energy source.

Embodied primary energy: the sum of primary energy and feedstock energy.

Pavement structure
A) Concrete pavement (concrete shoulders, no asphalt overlay)
B) Concrete pavement (asphalt shoulders and asphalt overlay)
C) Asphalt pavement

Referring to a 4-lane one kilometre highway.
Global Warming Potential (tonnes of CO2 equivalent, 0% RAP)

- **Canadian High Volume Freeways**
- **Building a Sustainable Tomorrow**

- **Global Warming Potential**
  - **Road Type**
  - **Canadian High Volume Freeways**
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  - **Asphalt (AC)**

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    - 0 to 800
  - **X-axis (Road Type)**
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    - **AC CBR 3**
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Sources of Canadian GHG Emissions, 2005

- transportation, 26.77%
- fossil fuel production, refining & upgrading, 9.77%
- cement industry, 1.58%
- mining & oil & gas extraction, including fugitives, 10.88%
- iron & steel, 1.81%
- non-ferrous metals, 1.48%
- chemical industry, 1.91%
- pulp & paper, 0.98%
- other industries, 5.57%
- residential, commercial & institutional heating, 10.55%
- agriculture, 7.63%
- waste, 3.77%
- electricity & heat generation, 17.27%
Cement Sector GHG Emissions

- The Cement industry accounted for 12.4 MT of greenhouse gas emissions in 2007:
  - Approx. 1.5% of total national GHG emissions
  - Approx. 3% of total industrial emissions
  - 61% irreducible, process emissions from raw materials (CaCO3 + heat = CaO + CO2)
  - 39% from combustion of kiln fuels
Cement Manufacturing Process

How Cement is Made

In Canada, cement is manufactured by 8 cement companies that operate 16 plants in 5 provinces. The production of cement is a four-step process, as illustrated below.

**Step 1**
Limestone and small amounts of sand and clay, are extracted, usually from a quarry located near the cement manufacturing plant.

**Step 2**
The materials are carefully analyzed, blended and then ground for further processing.

**Step 3**
The materials are heated in a kiln, which reaches temperatures of 1,470 degrees Centigrade. The heat causes the materials to transform into a new marble-sized material called clinker.

**Step 4**
Red-hot clinker is cooled and ground with a small amount of gypsum. The end-result is a fine grey-coloured powder called Portland cement.
More could be done in Canada
Supplementary Cementing Materials - SCM’s – fly ash, slag and silica fume

- SCMs improves the properties of hardened concrete.
- Improve the performance of the concrete and reduce the clinker demand of the mixture.
- Mitigates the effect of alkali silica reactivity (ASR) in concrete.
- The use of SCMs in concrete mix designs is recognised by the LEED building rating system as an effective measure in mitigating CO₂ emissions and is awarded points towards LEED certification.
Importance of SCMs Grows

- The important clinker / cement factor continues to improve via:
  - 53% increase in the use of additions to blended cements, since 1990
  - 120% increase in direct sales of cement substitutes, since 1990
Cement GHG Intensity has Improved..

- A 6.6% improvement in GHG intensity per tonne of cementitious product, since 1990:
New Portland Limestone Cement (PLC) to Reduce Energy and CO$_2$ Footprint

- First appeared in Germany in 1965
- 1979 First Appeared in French Standards
- 1983 5% Limestone permitted in CSA A5
- Used in Europe for 25 Years at over 20%
- Adopted in CSA A3000-08 at levels up to 15%
- Must be adopted in Building Codes before it can be used
New Portland Limestone Cement (PLC)

- Portland-limestone Cement (PLC) can be produced by intergrinding or blending limestone with Portland cement.
- Key advantages with respect to GHG emissions and climate change.
  - Less energy is expended in grinding limestone than clinker.
  - Less clinker demand
  - Lower CO₂ emissions
  - Equivalent performance to traditional cements
Portland Limestone Cement (PLC) Energy Savings

Figure 6  Grindability of Limestone and Portland-limestone Cement

- Clinker (C)
- Limestone (L)

Grindability $W_t$ in kJ/kg vs. Specific surface area $a_s$ in m²/kg

1: 95% C + 5% L
2: 90% C + 10% L
3: 85% C + 15% L
4: 80% C + 20% L
Crystal Ball – Future
Material, Energy and CO₂ Savings

- Two lift concrete pavement
- NOx eating cement
- Ternary / quartnary blended cements
Do Not Expose yourself
look at all your options!
Thank you!!

Questions?