Fog Seals and Pavement Preservation
Harrison County, Indiana

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“The Voice of County Road Officials”
Regions & State Affiliates
(31 State Affiliates Shown in Green)
What is NACE?

- Nonprofit, non-partisan professional association
- Representing over 2,500 members since 1956.
- Roads - about 1.74 million miles by counties.
- Bridges - counties also own 231,000 bridges and operate 1/3 of the nation’s transit systems.
NACE – More Than Engineers, County Road Professionals Titles:

* County Engineer * Highway Superintendent
* Road & Bridge Superintendent
* Parish Engineer * Road Supervisor
* Commissioner of Public Works
* Highway Administrator * Transportation Director
* Road Operations Manager
* Public Works Director * Highway Commissioner
* Engineer-Manager * Road Commissioner
* Road Master * Road Administrator
What we do

• Networking
• Advocacy
• Professional Development
Technical Committees

• Pavement Preservation
• Safety and Technology
• Structures and Environment
• Emergency Preparedness
• Legislative
April 14–18, 2019

NACE 2019

WICHITA, KANSAS

Annual Meeting / Management & Technical Conference

April 14-18
Hyatt Regency Wichita / Century II Center

The Largest Event for County Infrastructure Professionals
Harrison County, Indiana
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- 2010 Census Population: 39,364
- 485 square miles
- 823 centerline miles of county roads
  - 788 miles paved
  - 35 miles gravel
- 78 bridges
  - 84.95 average sufficiency rating
- 42 full time employees
- 1 part-time employee
- 21 Salt Trucks
- Average Budget: $10,193,186.88
  - Cumulative Bridge: $562,495.16
  - LRS: $456,152.15
  - MVH: $2,760,228.40
  - Riverboat: $6,414,311.17
Changes came to our County from the development of a riverboat casino in 1998.

At that time we had approximately 810 centerline miles of roads and over 350 miles of those roads were gravel.

Asphalt was $20/ton laid and our Commissioners began an aggressive paving program.

Approximately $3 million was spent on resurfacing annually.

We went about 13 years without chip sealing a road
  • Public was conditioned that the only way to maintain a road was with HMA overlays
  • Asphalt that was $20/ton laid is now over $60/ton laid
  • Over 300 miles of those gravel roads were converted to paved roads
    • Much more expensive to maintain paved roads than gravel roads

It started to become clear that we weren’t keeping up using the “worst first” resurfacing approach
Falling Behind

• Inflation chipped away at our purchasing power
• The conversion of the majority of our gravel roads to paved roads increased our preservation needs.
• We adopted the PASER Rating system to measure the condition of our county roads.
• We proposed decreasing the HMA Resurfacing budget and creating a budget for chip sealing and crack sealing in addition to HMA overlays.
• We failed to convince our Commissioners to adopt this approach....until we ended up with two new commissioners after an election.
Our existing budget was $3,000,000 split evenly between the 3 commissioner districts, all for resurfacing. ($1,000,000 / district)

We successfully proposed to change that to:
- $750,000 – HMA overlays
- $250,000 – Chip seals with a fog seal
- $100,000 – Crack Sealing

We chip sealed some roads for the first time in 13 years.

It was PASSIONATELY rejected by the public
- We’re talking pitchforks and torches rejected
- Why are we turning our paved roads back into gravel roads

Enter rejuvenating fog seals.
Our Current Pavement Preservation Program

- Based on PASER Ratings updated every two years
- Approximately $650,000 / District for resurfacing
- Approximately $200,000 / District for fog sealing
- Approximately $75,000 / District for crack sealing
We did not have anyone else to look to for examples, so we tried to test out different products ourselves to see how each worked.

Products we’ve used:

- Reclamite
- WD 2000
- PASS QB
- TRMSS
- BioRestore
- Ravel Check
- Liquid Road
Reclamite

- Manufactured by Tricor Refining.
- Worked with a company/distributor named Rejuvtech out of Indianapolis.
- Product goes down pink and then clears leaving the road just looking wet.
- Some good results in other areas/cities in Indiana.
- Use a ring test to determine application rates.
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QcfUOpJA7EM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QcfUOpJA7EM)
WD 2000

- Manufactured by Lonestar Specialties
- Worked with a local contractor/distributor MAC Construction
- Product is coal tar based
- Product is black and turns the road black when applied
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-W3xUnxI9vk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-W3xUnxI9vk)
PASS QB

• Manufactured by Western Emulsions
• Marketed by Asphalt Materials
• Product is brown but breaks and turns black.
• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oVqWZU4PpvA
• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3EEuTOWri4
TRMSS

• Manufactured by Wright Asphalt
• Tire Rubber Modified Surface Sealer
• Product is black and turns the road black
• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdEVyOSXRyw
BioRestore

• Manufactured by Asphalt Systems Ohio, Inc.
• Agricultural (soybean) oil based
• Product is clear and does not change the color of the road
• [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7gMkh_9PXo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7gMkh_9PXo)
RavelCheck

- Manufactured by Unique Paving Materials
- Product is black and turns road black
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2oq2boSG2Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2oq2boSG2Q)
RAVEL CHECK
Asphalt Rejuvenating Liquid

LOCK THE ROCK® Technology
Liquid Road

- Manufactured by Seal Master
- Product is black and turns road black
- Product includes some very fine aggregate
- Almost more of a micro-surface rather than a fog seal.
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vr_XzIZYgBw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vr_XzIZYgBw)
## Cost Discussion

### Item # 6 - FOG SEALING

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## County-Wide Pavement Condition Progress Report

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**Totals:**
- 2010: 818.05 miles (100.0%)
- 2013: 821.29 miles (100.0%)
- 2015: 820.84 miles (99.8%)
- 2017: 822.88 miles (100.0%)

**Avg Condition:**
- 2010: 6.99
- 2013: 6.38
- 2015: 6.85
- 2017: 6.84

**Condition 1 - 4:**
- 2010: 57.45 miles
- 2013: 78.96 miles
- 2015: 55.21 miles
- 2017: 34.63 miles

**Condition 5 - 7:**
- 2010: 424.81 miles
- 2013: 533.95 miles
- 2015: 402.94 miles
- 2017: 514.94 miles

**Condition 8 - 10:**
- 2010: 287.97 miles
- 2013: 170.84 miles
- 2015: 327.34 miles
- 2017: 238.67 miles
2018
Average Age of County Roads

Average Pavement Age of All Paved County Roads: 10.75

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***Statistics based on 692 of 788 miles of paved County Roads***
Questions???