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Northwest Region

Since 1916, PCA has been representing the cement and concrete industry as a resource for public and private owners, designers and consultants in making value-added pavement selection decisions for concrete and cement-based product applications.



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- Civil Engineer – OR & WA
- 18 Years Experience
 - Stormwater Management
 - Precast Concrete
 - Concrete Pavements

It will be your name/stamp on drawings...



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What is a pervious surface?



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- It carries load
- It allows water to pass
- It lasts a long time

Why pervious surfaces?

- ...to let the rain and the soil do what they always have done before the soil was paved over.
- There are a lot of good reasons for doing that.
 - If there is no runoff, the runoff can't carry pollutants
 - If we slow the runoff, it still can't carry most of the pollutants
 - If we delay runoff, we still help the environment
 - A lot.

Why Concrete surfaces?

- Concrete is environmentally benign
 - It does not degrade or change over time
- It is a rigid paving material
 - It can carry great loads
 - The pavement is the structure
 - More on those later...
 - It stays pervious over time
- It costs less.
- Many other reasons
 - You need to be able to identify them
 - ...That's the reason we're here



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Concrete Pavement

- What's important?
 - Strength? Flexural vs. Compressive
 - Neither, really



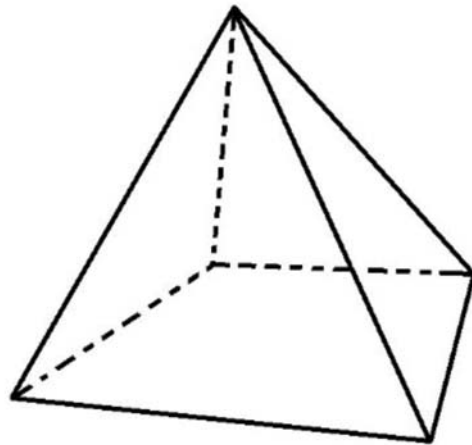
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THICKNESS is Important

- Strength of section is proportionate to the square of the thickness
- Small changes in thickness results in large changes in section strength

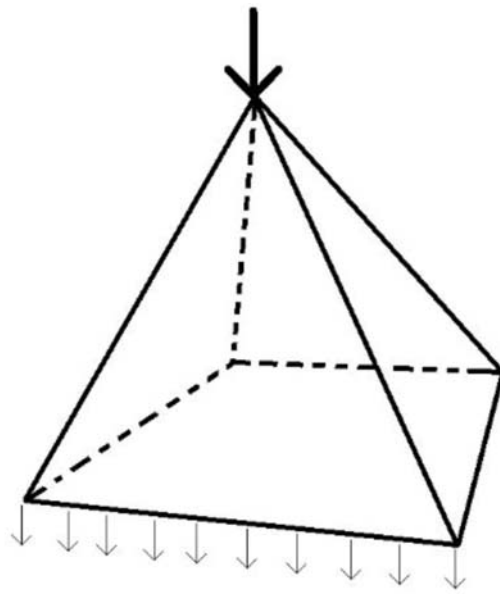


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How much area does
a load applied at the
point of the pyramid
get spread over?

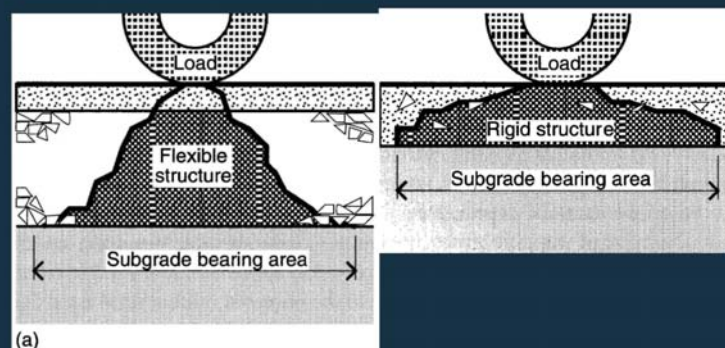


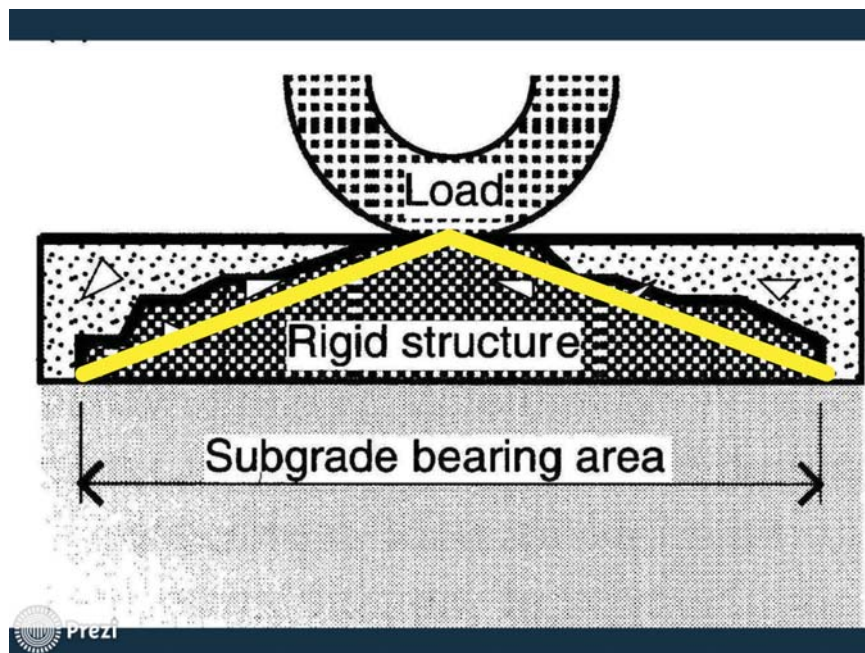
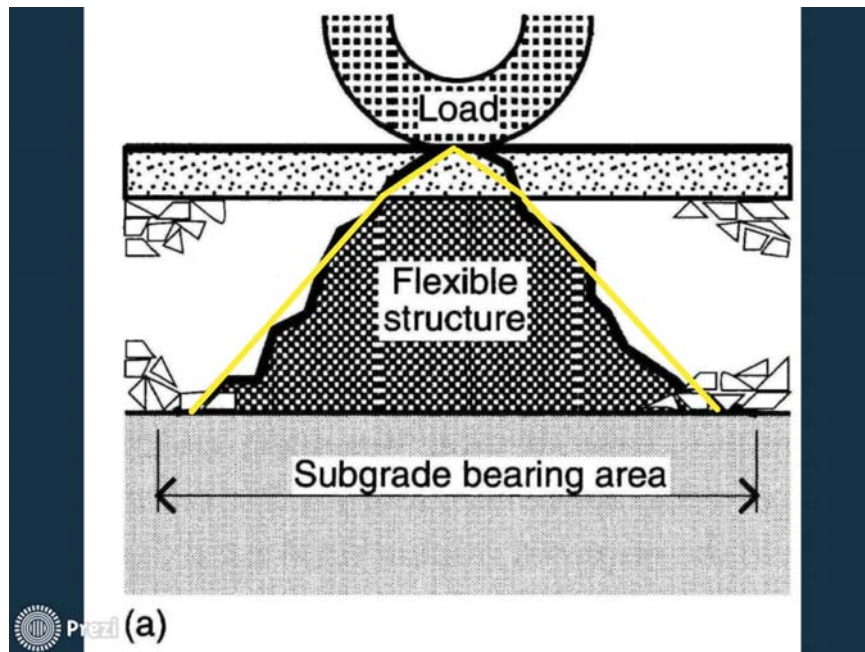


It depends on the height of the pyramid, and slope of the sides.

Rigid vs. Flexible

- Differences are significant and important

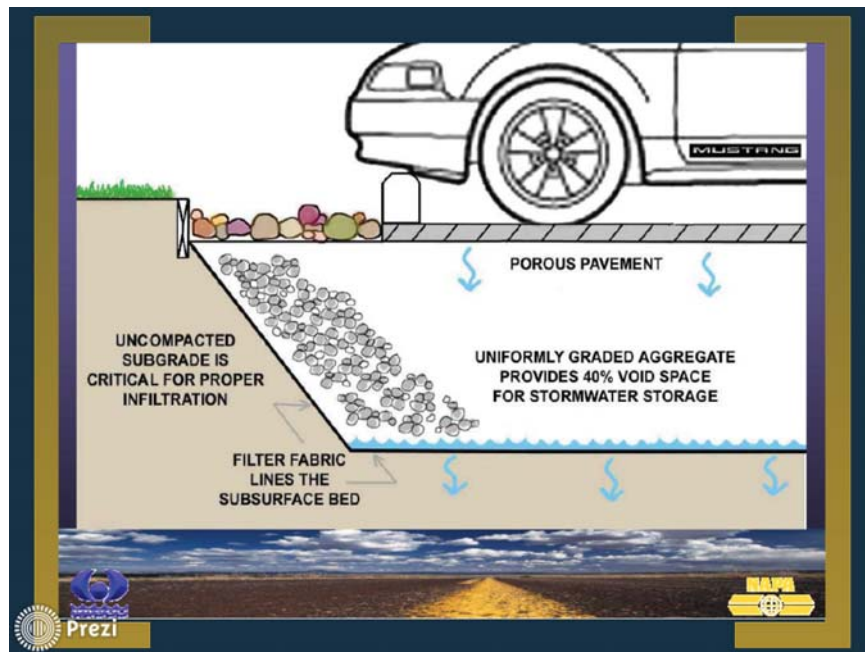




Asphalt-Based Porous Pavements

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At the bottom of the slide, there is a photograph of a road with a yellow center line stretching into the distance under a blue sky with clouds. Logos for "Prezi" and "NAPA" are located in the bottom left and right corners, respectively.



More on Concrete Pavement

- Soil support value isn't critical
- Rigid pavements are insensitive to soil support value
 - Soil will be weakened due to water

- Concrete strength and porosity are inversely related
- Can't have strength without reducing porosity
- Porosity is the most important attribute
 - Otherwise we would use conventional concrete
- The net result is we must design for a weaker concrete, and weaker soil.

We can do that because the pavement thickness doesn't increase that much.



Steps to Design Rigid Pavement

- Quantify load
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- For flexible pavements, each load consumes structural capacity of (damages) the pavement
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- ESAL's not applicable for rigid pavement design.
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- Heavy single axles contribute to fatigue
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- Heavy tandem axle loads drive erosion
 -
- Light loads (cars) do not damage a rigid pavement



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Quantify Soil Support Value

- Soil weakened by water



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Steps to Design Rigid Pavement

- Characterize Paving Material
 - Normal concrete will have Flexural strength (MR) = 550-700 psi
 - Pervious concrete has been measured at 200 - 600 psi
 - No valid ASTM test for acceptance
 - Real value likely at the higher end of that range
 - Anecdotal evidence - low strength material is usually unsound
 - Visually acceptable material
 - Satisfactory plastic voids ratio
 - I typically use 375 psi, and $E = 2.5$ million
 - Asphalt is about $E = 250,000$



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Design methods

- There are a number of programs available.
- I prefer, and recommend, StreetPave.
 - Conservative
 - Quick
 - Old, Stable technology
 - Documentation



StreetPave

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- Uses PCAPAV engine, copyright 1985
 - DOS
- Compiled for Windows and elements of AASHTO added by ACPA
- Copies available on request

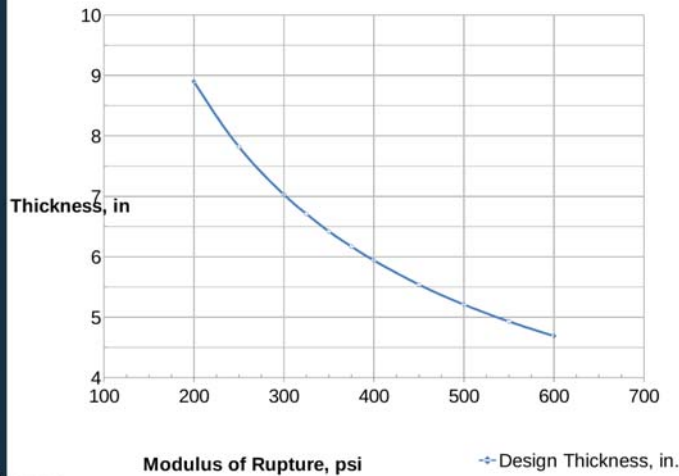


An Example

- Soil CBR = 1, $k = 100$ (Poor)
- ADT = 100 cars, 1% trucks, ADTT = 1
- Residential distribution
- MR = 375, E = 2.5 million - pervious concrete
- AC comparison with 12" base rock
- Thickness = 6" pervious concrete, no subbase
- If conventional concrete, MR = 550 psi,
 - thickness = 5"
 - 7.04" AC on 12" rock

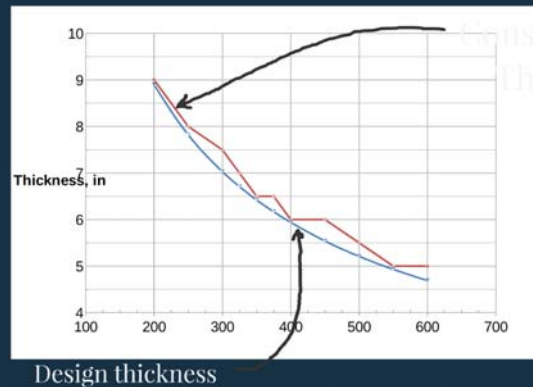


Thickness vs. Modulus of Rupture



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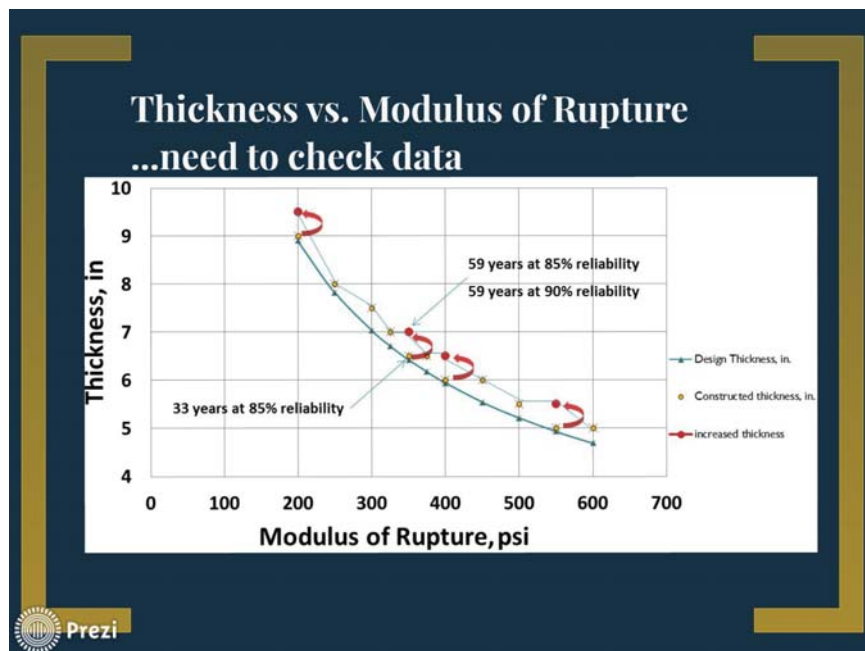
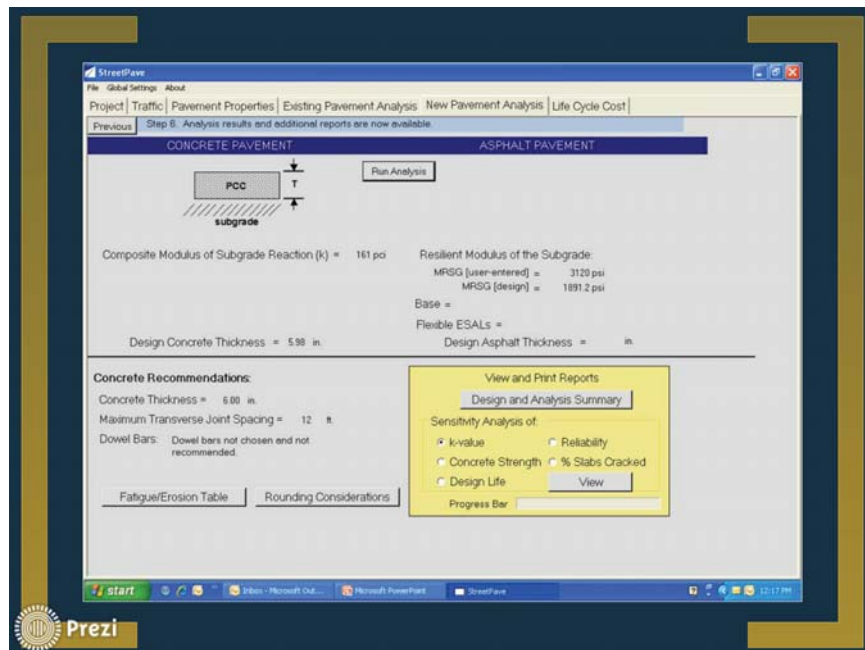
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Results of StreetPave

- Iterate to build confidence interval
- Subjective relative to input assumptions
 - Design results often obviate gathering additional information
- Recommended thickness is specific relative to calculations
 - Calculation of 5.99" = 6" thickness
 - Calculation of 6.01" = 6.5" thickness



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Design Procedure

- Select Structural Section
 - Use StreetPave to iterate for data in question
 - Assume weak subgrade, disregard drain rock layer
 - Develop confidence interval
 - Geotextile if necessary based on subbase material
- Run Hydrologic Model
 - Continuous Flow Model
 - WWHM₃
 - Single Event Model
 - NRMCA, et al



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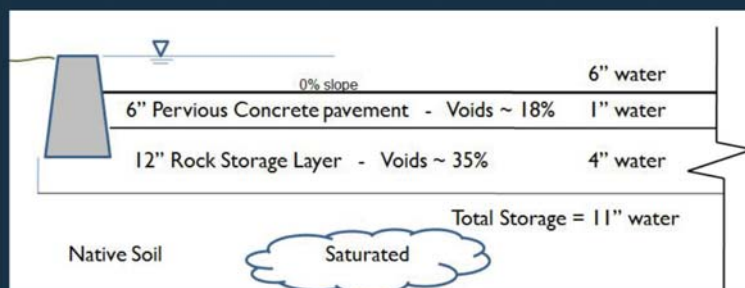
Water...

- Model hydrology
- Calculate storage volume in pavement
 - Gross volume x 18% (disregard?)
- Calculate volume of rock needed to store remainder
 - Rock layer = approx. 36% voids
 - Ponded area, if any.



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“Typical” Parking area section (Florida design)



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Paved Area as retention volume

- Model the paved area as a wide, long, shallow infiltration trench.
- Reduction in depth needed to achieve volume.
- Large surface area makes the infiltration of even very poor soils significant.

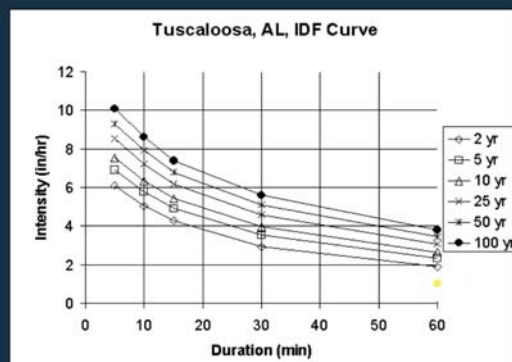


Hydrologic Design

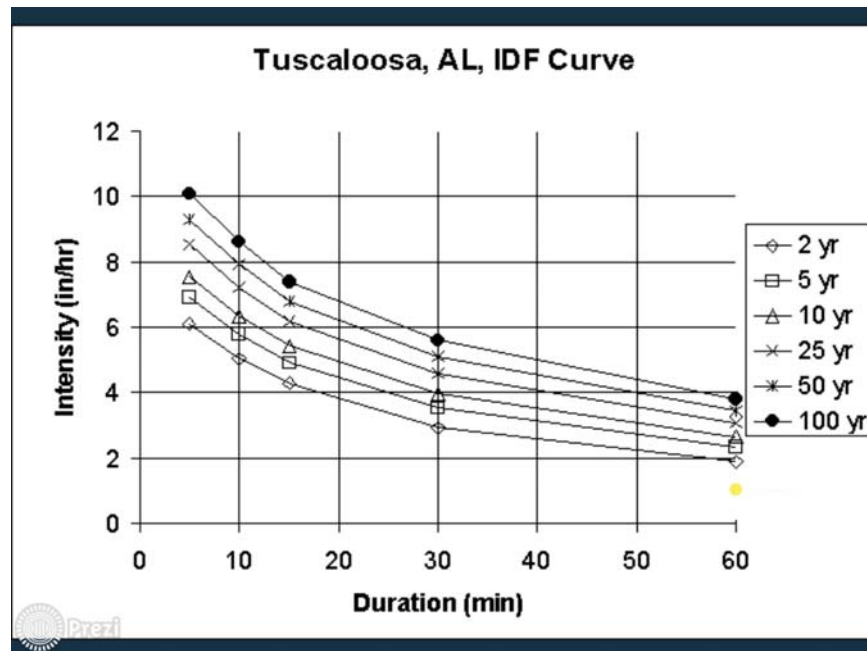
- Introduction
- Two Methods:
 - Single Event
 - Continuous Flow



Intensity-Duration- Frequency (IDF) Curves



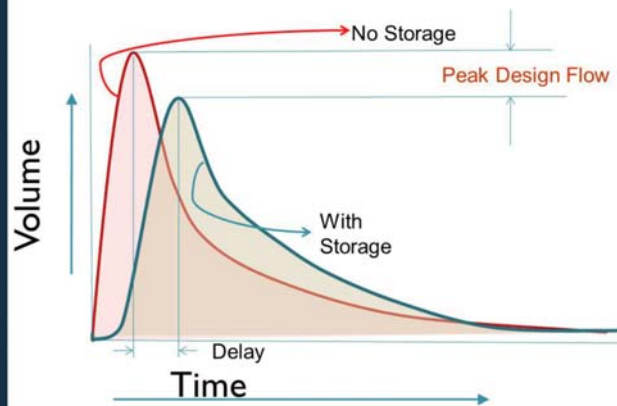
Hurricane Katrina



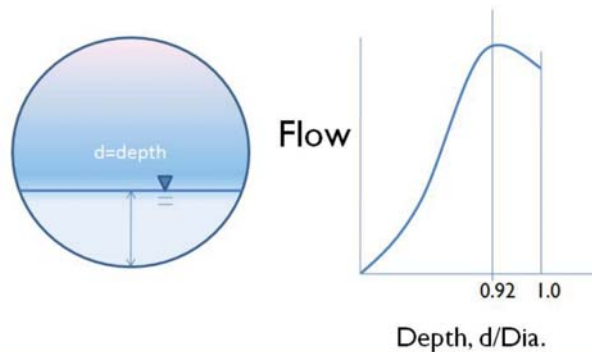
Why is time important?



Runoff Curve



Maximum flow rate in gravity pipe



Hydrologic design

- PCA/NRMCA method -Mass balance, single event
- Generic Hydrologic design procedure
- Available from PCA - Have some disks, no charge
- Soils
 - Sandy – use 0.5” – 1” per hour infiltration
 - Silty – use 0.1” per hour
 - Clayey – use 0.01” per hour.
 - WSU Puyallup – .003”/hr.
- Even poor soil infiltration rates can be significant over a large area

Hydrologic Design

- WWHM₃
- Dynamic, Continuous flow modeling,
- Also mass balance based
- Model as wide infiltration trench
- Even at low soil permeability rates, infiltration is significant due to large surface area.
- Available on line, tutorial and classes for fee.
 - http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/wwhm_training/wwhm/wwhm_v3/index.html



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Specification for Pervious Concrete Pavement - ACI Committee 522

- ACI 522.1-08
- Available for purchase from ACI
 - \$32 for non-members
 - \$20 for members



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Specification for Pervious Concrete Pavement - ACI Committee 522

- ACI 522.1-08 is recommended
- Control based on:
 - Mix design compliance
 - Unit Wt. and voids of plastic concrete
 - Thickness and unit wt. of hardened concrete
 - Visual inspection
 - Agreement with Accepted Test Panel
- Corrections on site at time of placement



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Be wary of proprietary products and non-standard specifications

- Greater due Diligence
- Industry Standards?
- What about conflicting specification language?

...law of unintended consequences...



Construction

- NRMCA certification program
 - Certified contractor
- Very low W/C, depends on mechanical energy to place and consolidate
- Susceptible to drying
- Curing by covering with plastic sheeting is mandatory
- Correct issues at time of placement
- Place, strikeoff, roll, joint, cover – done
- Discharge and placing rates will be slower
- Geotextile – soils dictate





*Put Plastic on concrete first, then
roll over it.*













*Poor practice
Immediate attention
required!*

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Projects





Whidbey Island, WA



Commercial Parking Lot, Maltby, WA



High Point, Seattle, WA





High Point, Seattle, WA



High Point, Seattle, WA



Commercial Lot during rainstorm,
adjacent conventional asphalt



Horseman Trails, Arlington, WA



Stratford Place, Sultan, WA



145th Seattle



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2200 CY, Fort Lewis, WA



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Near Sandy R, OR



Washington Concrete Association





SeaTac Headquarters Fire Station



SeaTac Headquarters Fire Station

Safeway Denver

- 24 hours after snowstorm, one week after construction completed





Canyon Crossing –
Fredrickson, WA



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Ready Mix Plant, Kent, WA



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Ready Mix Plant, Kent, WA



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Tulalip "Q" Casino



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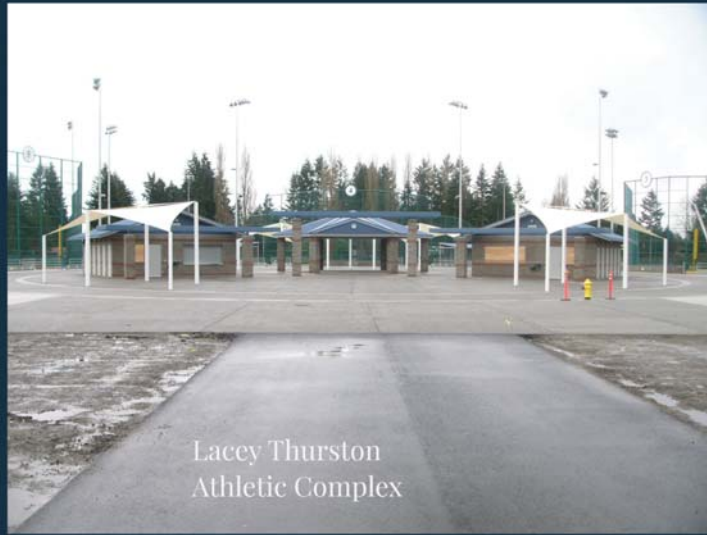
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Athletic Complex



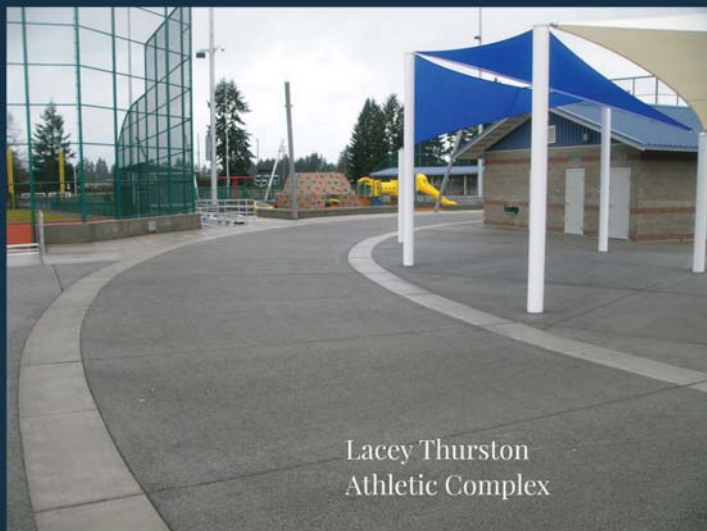
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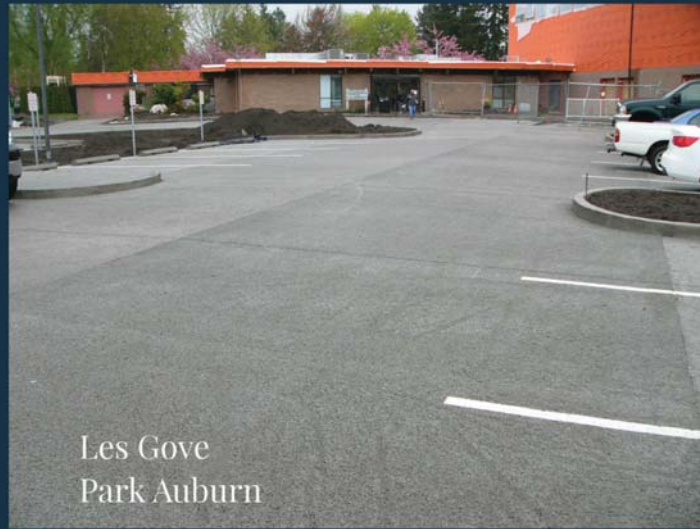
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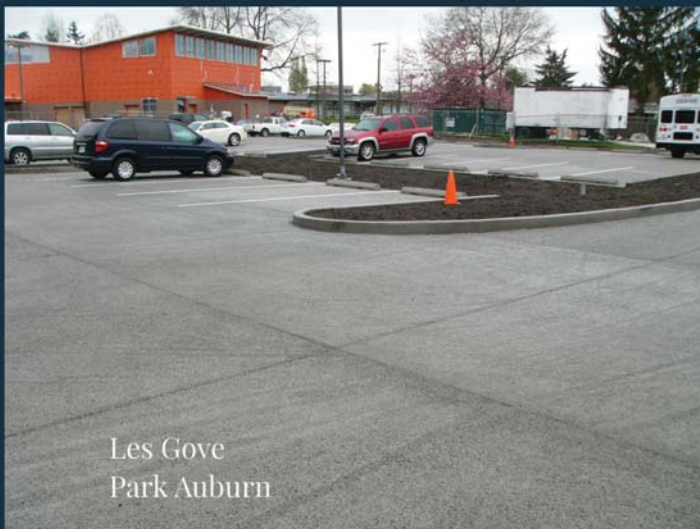
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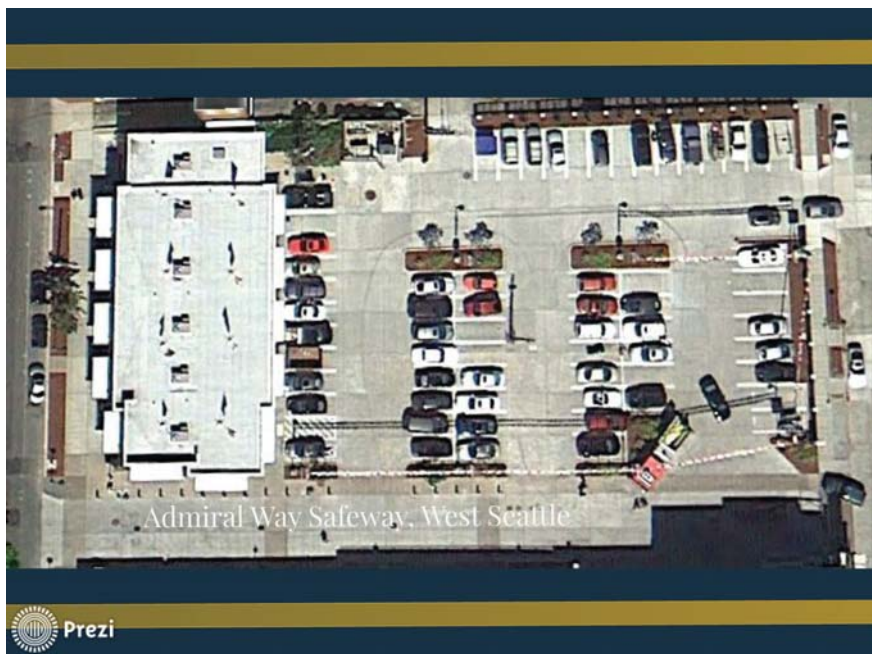
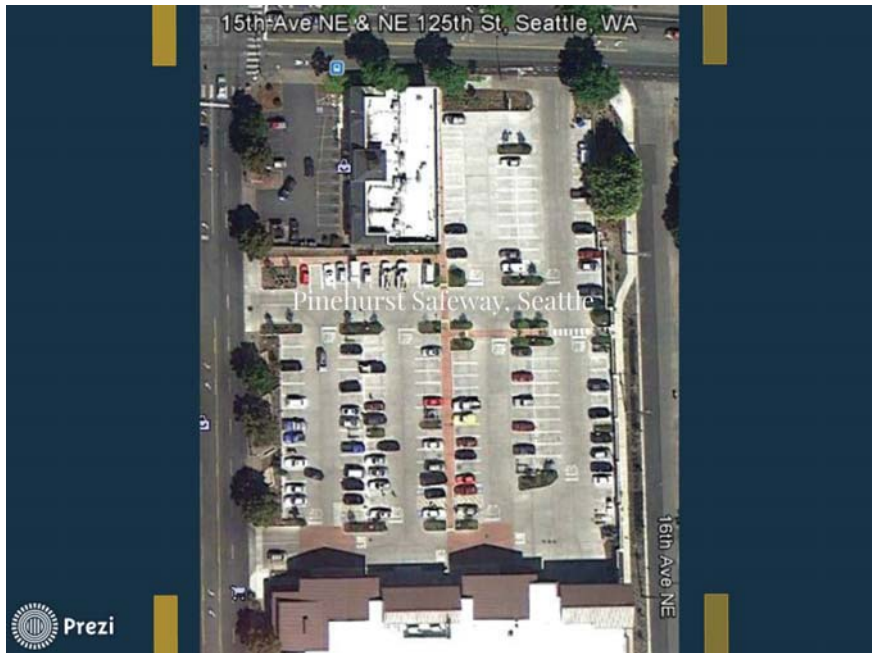
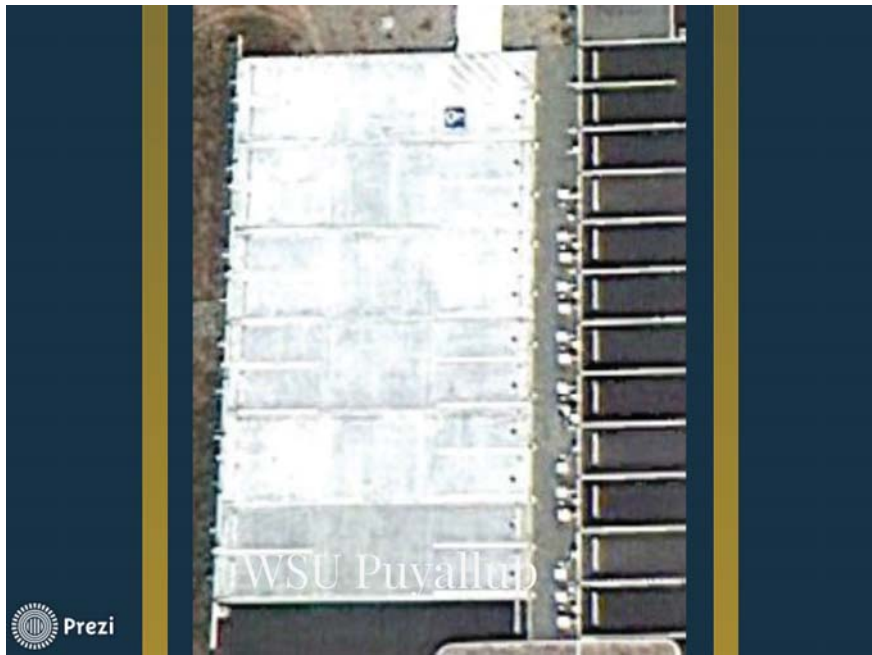
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