CITY OF COFFEYVILLE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE	06/10/2014	
RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NUMBER	R-14-47	
AGENDA TITLE	**A Resolution to authorize a construction agreement for 2014 Modified Aggregate Quick Set (MAQS) Surfacing with Donelson Construction Company, LLC. In an amount not to exceed $860,000.00.**	
REQUESTING DEPARTMENT	Public Works – Engineering	
PRESENTER	Chuck Shively, Director of Public Works	
FISCAL INFORMATION	Cost as recommended:	Not to exceed $860,000.00
	Budget Line Item:	520-5-220-868 STS/SEALING
	Balance Available	$860,000.00 (Budget)
	New Appropriation Required:	[ ] Yes [X] No
PURPOSE	Surface sealing of streets as identified in our five year street improvement plan and our 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plan.	
BACKGROUND	The City Commission previously approved a plan to utilize 70% of the street improvement sales tax funds for street preservation projects and the other 30% for street repair and replacement projects. Last year the City Commission approved a five year street improvement plan. At the May 27, 2014 meeting the City Commission approved the 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plan. Both plans include a budget for utilizing a portion of the street preservation funds for sealing the surface of streets to stop water infiltration and protect and preserve the condition of streets, thereby slowing or stopping deterioration of the streets.	

BACKGROUND (continued)	City staff has researched various different methods and products available for this purpose. In the opinion of staff, the best available product for the price is Modified Aggregate Quick Set (MAQS) available from Donelson Construction Company, LLC of Clever, Mo. All references contacted had nothing but positive comments about the product and about the company. The Donelson products have been used extensively by the City of Springfield and Greene County for many years with excellent results. The fact that the City and County public works departments continue to budget increasing amounts of money annually for MAQS projects indicates their continued satisfaction with the product after many years. Last Summer the City Commission approved a contract with Donelson to seal several Coffeyville Streets. Staff is more than satisfied with how the product has held up over the winter, especially considering the fact that we intentionally selected some of the worst, most alligatored streets as a test for the product. MAQS is not a thick asphalt overlay, so it will not solve every pavement surface problem, but it is capable of smoothing out minor rutting, utility patches, etc. It is a very thin approximately ¼" seal coat that contains up to ¼" aggregate. It provides a seal to prevent water intrusion into the asphalt and oxidation of the surface, while also providing a new very hard driving surface. The fact that it is thin means it will not cause the drainage problems that a 2" to 4" asphalt overlay would cause. City crews are doing spot repairs on some streets in preparation for Donelson applying MAQS. In addition, Donelson has a product called "Flex Scratch", which is used on badly alligatored areas to "glue" the street back together, followed by the MAQS application to seal the entire street. The estimate from Donelson includes the flex scratch preparation where required. The MAQS is applied by a machine which utilizes a squeegee to smooth out the final surface. In areas with minor unevenness the MAQS surface application will result in a thicker application in the low spots to smooth out minor variations in the street surface. After application, traffic can return to the street in approximately 20 – 40 minutes, depending on weather conditions and thickness of application. While it is by no means a new street, the final product is a street that is dark black, smoother than before application, bonded back together where needed, sealed to prevent water and oxidation damage in the future, and that has a new driving surface with improved tire friction characteristics.

SPECIAL NOTES	Donelson Construction Company, LLC has a patent on the MAQS product, so this would be a sole source purchase contract. Attached is information pertaining to the patent and the sole source purchase, which the City Commission approved last year.
ANALYSIS	The Capital Improvement Plan includes $700,000 budgeted for street surface sealing in 2014. In addition, at a recent meeting the City Commission authorized a construction contract with Muller construction for Union Street, Grant Street, and Boulder Street, but did not authorize the two other alternate streets. The Commission directed staff to utilize the remaining balance from those projects for street surface sealing. That remaining balance, after withholding approximately $36,000.00 for potential Change Orders and engineering during construction, is $160,000.00. That amount added to the $700,000.00 budget results in $860,000.00 available for surface sealing this year. The price quote from Donelson Construction for all streets in our plan for surface seal this year is $784,482.05, so there are funds available to add streets to the project. At the previous City Commission Meeting it was suggested that we include 4th Street and 1st Street around Community Elementary School. The quote we already received from Donelson includes 4th Street from Buckeye Street to Sycamore Creek, as well as a second treatment on Ohio Street from 1st Street to 4th Street. We have requested a quote from Donelson to add 1st Street from Cline Road to Overlook Drive. The current quote also includes Buckeye Street from 1st Street to 11th Street, which was part of last year's contract that was not completed due to winter weather. We estimate that all of these streets can be completed for $805,000.00. Staff is requesting that the City Commission authorize an amount not to exceed our estimated available budget of $860,000.00. Staff will then select additional streets to seal as the budget allows, while keeping an eye on any unexpected Change Orders on the Union Street, Grant Street, Boulder Street project.
PUBLIC INFORMATION PROCESS	N/A
BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION	N/A
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Authorize execution of a construction agreement with Donelson Construction Company, LLC in an amount not to exceed $860,000.00 for MAQS Surfacing with Flex Scratch preparation where necessary.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED	Donelson letter to Coffeyville requesting sole source status. MAQS Surfacing US Patent. Map of proposed streets to be sealed with MAQS.

RESOLUTION NO. R-14-47

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH DONELSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC OF CLEVER, MISSOURI IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $860,000.00 BASED ON UNIT PRICES BID FOR MODIFIED ASPHALT QUICK SET (MAQS) SURFACING OF DISIGNATED STREETS.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Coffeyville, Kansas that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute a construction agreement with Donelson Construction Company, LLC of Clever, Missouri in a total amount not to exceed $860,000.00 based on unit prices bid for Modified Asphalt Quick Set (MAQS) surfacing of designated streets.

ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF JUNE 2014.

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James Falkner, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cindy Price, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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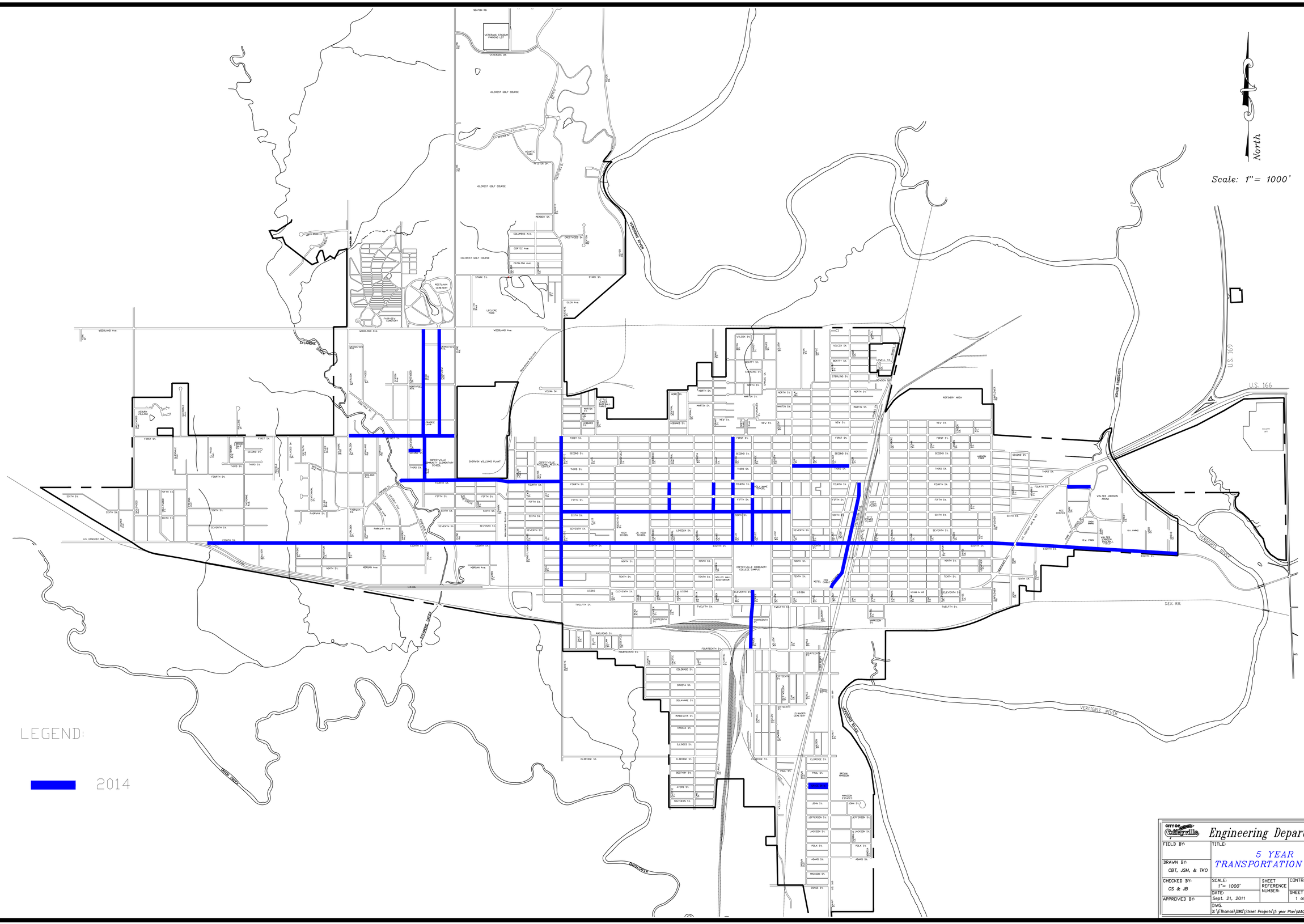
Paul Kritz, City Attorney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JR. HIGH SCHOOL
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United States Patent **7,312,262**
Donelson , et al. **December 25, 2007**

Methods and compositions for microsurfacing

Abstract

A composition for microsurfacing of pavement is described. The composition includes a polymer-modified emulsion asphalt oil, water, cement, and crushed aggregate. The crushed aggregate includes a first portion having an L.A. abrasion resistance which is higher than an L.A. abrasion resistance of a second portion of the crushed aggregate.

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Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A composition for microsurfacing of pavement, said composition comprising: a polymer-modified emulsion asphalt oil; water; cement; and crushed aggregate comprising a first portion and a second portion, said first portion having a first L.A. abrasion resistance, said second portion having a second L.A. abrasion resistance lower than the first L.A. abrasion resistance, said crushed aggregate comprising a limestone aggregate, said first portion taken from a first ledge of stone and said second portion taken from a second ledge of stone.

2. A composition according to claim 1 wherein said crushed aggregate is from at least one of the Burlington-Keokuk limestone formation, the Elsey-Reeds Spring formation, and the Pierson formation.

3. A composition according to claim 1 wherein said first portion having an L.A. abrasion resistance between about 28 and about 34 percent inclusive, said second portion having an L.A. abrasion resistance between about 21 and about 27 percent inclusive.

4. A composition according to claim 1 wherein said first portion has an L.A. abrasion resistance between about 30 and about 32 percent inclusive and said second portion has an L.A. abrasion resistance between about 23 and about 25 percent inclusive.

5. A composition according to claim 1 wherein said first portion has an L.A. abrasion resistance of about 31 percent and said second portion has an L.A. abrasion resistance of about 24 percent.

6. A composition according to claim 1 wherein said first portion is about two-thirds by weight of said crushed aggregate and said second portion is about one-third by weight of said crushed aggregate.

7. A composition according to claim 1 wherein said first portion is about one-third by weight of said crushed aggregate and said second portion is about two-thirds by weight of said crushed aggregate.

8. A composition according to claim 1 wherein said first portion is about one-half by weight of said crushed aggregate and said second portion is about one-half by weight of said crushed aggregate.

9. A composition according to claim 1 wherein said first portion is between about one-third and about two-thirds by weight of said crushed aggregate.

10. A composition according to claim 1 wherein said second portion is between about one-third and about two-thirds by weight of said crushed aggregate.

11. A composition according to claim 1 wherein said crushed aggregate further comprises aggregate that has been crushed utilizing an impact crusher.

12. A composition according to claim 1 wherein said crushed aggregate has a cubical shape.

13. A composition according to claim 1 wherein larger stones of said crushed aggregate is embedded about 75 percent by smaller stones of said crushed aggregate.

14. A composition according to claim 1 wherein 100 percent of said crushed aggregate passes through a three-eighths inch sieve.

15. A composition according to claim 1 wherein said asphalt oil comprises between about 6 and 9 percent of said composition.

16. A composition according to claim 1 further comprising a portion of sand.

17. A composition according to claim 1 wherein said aggregate has a sand equivalent value of at least about 80 percent.

18. A method for microsurfacing a surface comprising: preparing a crushed aggregate which includes a first portion and a second portion, the first portion having an L.A. abrasion resistance higher than the L.A. abrasion resistance of the second portion of the crushed aggregate, the crushed aggregate having a sand equivalent value of at least 80 percent, said crushed aggregate comprising a limestone

aggregate, said first portion taken from a first ledge of stone and said second portion taken from a second ledge of stone; mixing the crushed aggregate with a polymer-modified emulsion asphalt oil, water, and cement; and applying the mixture to the surface to be microsurfaced.

19. A method according to claim 18 wherein preparing a crushed aggregate comprises preparing a crushed aggregate from at least one of the Burlington-Keokuk limestone formation, the Elsey-Reeds Spring formation, and the Pierson formation.

20. A method according to claim 18 wherein preparing a crushed aggregate comprises preparing a crushed aggregate having a cubical shape.

21. A method according to claim 18 wherein said applying comprises applying the mixture at a thickness between about 1/4 inch and about 3/8 inch inclusive.

22. A method according to claim 18 wherein said applying comprises applying the mixture at a thickness of about 1/4 inch minus dense graded material from the mixture.

23. A method according to claim 18 wherein the first portion has an L.A. abrasion resistance between about 28 and about 34 percent inclusive and a second portion having an L.A. abrasion resistance between about 21 and about 27 percent inclusive.

24. A method according to claim 18 wherein the first portion has an L.A. abrasion resistance between about 30 and 32 percent inclusive and the second portion having an L.A. abrasion resistance between about 23 and 25 percent inclusive.

25. A method according to claim 18 wherein the first portion has an L.A. abrasion resistance of about 31 percent and the second portion has an L.A. abrasion resistance of about 24 percent.

26. A method according to claim 18 wherein the first portion is about two-thirds by weight of the crushed aggregate and the second portion is about one-third by weight of the crushed aggregate.

27. A method according to claim 18 wherein the first portion is about one-third by weight of the crushed aggregate and the second portion is about two-thirds by weight of the crushed aggregate.

28. A method according to claim 18 wherein the first portion is about one-half by weight of the crushed aggregate and the second portion is about one-half by weight of the crushed aggregate.

29. A method according to claim 18 wherein the first portion is between about one-third and about two-thirds by weight of the crushed aggregate.

30. A method according to claim 18 wherein the second portion is between about one-third and about two-thirds by weight of the crushed aggregate.

31. A method according to claim 18 wherein preparing a crushed aggregate further comprises crushing the aggregate utilizing an impact crusher.

32. A crushed aggregate for utilization in microsurfacing of pavement, said crushed aggregate comprising: a first portion having a first L.A. abrasion resistance; and a second portion having a second L.A. abrasion resistance, the first L.A. abrasion resistance being higher than the second L.A.

abrasion resistance, said crushed aggregate comprising a limestone aggregate, said first portion taken from a first ledge of stone and said second portion taken from a second ledge of stone.

33. A crushed aggregate according to claim 32 wherein said first portion and said second portion are from at least one of the Burlington-Keokuk limestone formation, the Elsey-Reeds Spring formation, and the Pierson formation.

34. A crushed aggregate according to claim 32 wherein said first portion has an L.A. abrasion resistance between about 28 and about 34 percent inclusive and said second portion has an L.A. abrasion resistance between about 21 and about 27 percent inclusive.

35. A crushed aggregate according to claim 32 wherein said first portion has an L.A. abrasion resistance between about 30 and about 32 percent inclusive and said second portion has an L.A. abrasion resistance between about 23 and about 25 percent inclusive.

36. A crushed aggregate according to claim 32 wherein said first portion has an L.A. abrasion resistance of about 31 percent and said second portion has an L.A. abrasion resistance of about 24 percent.

37. A crushed aggregate according to claim 32 wherein said first portion is about two-thirds by weight of said crushed aggregate and said second portion is about one-third by weight of said crushed aggregate.

38. A crushed aggregate according to claim 32 wherein said first portion is about one-third by weight of said crushed aggregate and said second portion is about two-thirds by weight of said crushed aggregate.

39. A crushed aggregate according to claim 32 wherein said first portion is about one-half by weight of said crushed aggregate and said second portion is about one-half by weight of said crushed aggregate.

40. A crushed aggregate according to claim 32 wherein said first portion is between about one-third and about two-thirds by weight of said crushed aggregate.

41. A crushed aggregate according to claim 32 wherein said second portion is between about one-third and about two-thirds by weight of said crushed aggregate.

42. A crushed aggregate according to claim 32 wherein said crushed aggregate has a substantially cubical shape.

43. A crushed aggregate according to claim 32 wherein 100 percent of said crushed aggregate passes through a three-eighths inch sieve.

44. A crushed aggregate according to claim 32 wherein said aggregate has a sand equivalent value of at least 80 percent.

45. A composition for microsurfacing of pavement, said composition comprising: a polymer-modified emulsion asphalt oil; water; cement; and crushed aggregate from the Burlington-Keokuk limestone formation, wherein the aggregate comprises a first portion and a second portion, said first portion

having a first L.A. abrasion resistance, said second portion having a second L.A. abrasion resistance lower than the first L.A. abrasion resistance, said first portion taken from a first ledge of stone and said second portion taken from a second ledge of stone.

46. A composition for microsurfacing of pavement, said composition comprising: a polymer-modified emulsion asphalt oil; water; cement; and crushed aggregate from the Elsey-Reeds Spring formation, wherein the aggregate comprises a first portion and a second portion, said first portion having a first L.A. abrasion resistance, said second portion having a second L.A. abrasion resistance lower than the first L.A. abrasion resistance, said first portion taken from a first ledge of stone and said second portion taken from a second ledge of stone.

47. A composition for microsurfacing of pavement, said composition comprising: a polymer-modified emulsion asphalt oil; water; cement; and crushed aggregate from the Pierson formation, wherein the aggregate comprises a first portion and a second portion, said first portion having a first L.A. abrasion resistance, said second portion having a second L.A. abrasion resistance lower than the first L.A. abrasion resistance, said first portion taken from a first ledge of stone and said second portion taken from a second ledge of stone.

48. A composition according to claim 1 wherein an edge of said crushed aggregate second portion is configured to sharpen over time to maintain a skid resistance of the pavement.

49. A method according to claim 18 further comprising preparing a crushed aggregate second portion having an edge configured to sharpen over time to facilitate maintaining a skid resistance of the surface.

50. A crushed aggregate according to claim 32 wherein an edge of the second portion is configured to sharpen over time to maintain a skid resistance of the pavement.

51. A composition according to claim 45 wherein an edge of the second portion is configured to sharpen over time to maintain a skid resistance of the pavement.

52. A composition according to claim 46 wherein an edge of the second portion is configured to sharpen over time to maintain a skid resistance of the pavement.

53. A composition according to claim 47 wherein the an edge of second portion is configured to sharpen over time to maintain a skid resistance of the pavement.

Description

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates generally to paved surfaces, and more specifically, to compositions and methods for microsurfacing of paved surfaces.

One of the most versatile tools for road maintenance is microsurfacing. Microsurfacing is a polymer-modified cold-mix paving system that can remedy a broad range of pavement problems, for example, on streets, highways, and airfields. Similar to a slurry seal, known compositions for microsurfacing

begin as a mixture of dense-graded aggregate, asphalt emulsion, water, and mineral fillers. While conventional slurry seal is used around the world as an economical treatment for sealing and extending the service life of both urban and rural roads, microsurfacing has added capabilities, due to the use of high-quality, carefully monitored materials, including advanced polymers and other modern additives.

Originally, microsurfacing was developed for use in thicker applications, where it could be applied in narrow courses for wheel ruts, while not destroying the expensive road striping line. As scientists used highly selected aggregates and bitumen, and then incorporated special polymers and emulsifiers that allowed the product to remain stable even when applied in multi-stone thicknesses, the microsurfacing compositions resulted. Microsurfacing now is recognized not only as the most cost-effective way to treat the surface wheel-rutting problem, but also a variety of other road surface problems.

Known microsurfacing compositions are made and applied to existing pavements by a specialist machine, which carries all components, mixes them on site, and spreads the mixture onto the road surface.

As used herein, the term "L.A.", refers to an amount of fine material dislodged from a coarse aggregate during the impact phase of a test used to determine the abrasion resistance of the coarse aggregate to impact in a rotating cylinder containing metallic spheres. L.A. is reported in terms of percent loss and the test method is sometimes referred to as the Los Angeles Rattler Test.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In one aspect, a composition for microsurfacing pavement is provided. The composition comprises a polymer-modified emulsion asphalt oil, water, cement, and crushed aggregate comprising a first portion and a second portion. The first portion has an L.A. abrasion resistance that is higher than the L.A. abrasion resistance of the second portion.

In another aspect, a method for microsurfacing a surface is provided. The method comprises preparing a crushed aggregate which includes a first portion having a first L.A. abrasion resistance and a second portion having a second L.A. abrasion resistance, mixing the crushed aggregate with a polymer-modified emulsion asphalt oil, water, cement, and applying the mixture to the surface to be microsurfaced. The first L.A. abrasion resistance is higher than the second L.A. abrasion resistance.

In still another aspect, a crushed aggregate for utilization in microsurfacing of pavement is provided. The crushed aggregate comprises a first portion and a second portion. The first portion has a L.A. abrasion resistance that is higher than the L.A. abrasion resistance of the second portion.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a diagram illustrating microsurfacing.

FIG. 2 is a flowchart illustrating a method for microsurfacing a surface.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

FIG. 1 illustrates a microsurfacing application being performed by a microsurfacing machine 10.

Machine 10 includes an aggregate bin 12 into which an aggregate 14 is placed. Machine 10 also includes a filler bin 16 and a storage bin 18 which contains, for example, cement. A modified emulsion asphalt oil is added from a tank (not shown), and a water/additive blend is provided from one or more tanks (not shown) on machine 10. The emulsion asphalt oil is modified with one or both of a polymer and a latex. An example additive is a set-control agent, which is added in such a quantity as to produce a one hour set and does not vary more than plus or minus one percent. While referred to herein as microsurfacing machine 10, the methods and compositions described herein are also applicable to a slurry system which is a slower setting, non-stacking mix system that is similar to microsurfacing machine 10.

In one embodiment, aggregate 14 is 100% Burlington-Keokuk limestone that has been crushed. The cleanliness of aggregate 14, or lack of clay dirt particles therein, is measured by a sand equivalent value of soils and fine aggregate test and reported in terms of percent. The higher the percentage number, the cleaner aggregate 14. The ISSA (International Slurry Surfacing Association) is the commonly known industry leader for microsurfacing and slurry surfacing applications throughout the world. The ISSA has an industry minimum standard for aggregate cleanliness of 65%. Aggregate cleanliness, or sand equivalent value, for aggregate 14 is typically above 80%. Sand is typically not added to aggregate 14, but embodiments exist where sand is added. In one embodiment, although sand is not added to aggregate 14, crushing of the limestone for aggregate 14 follows the gradation detailed, and generally is considered to be "sand" since it is typically close to meeting most sand specifications as well as the sand equivalent value of soils and fine aggregate test. In alternative embodiments, crushed aggregate 14 is from one or more of the Burlington-Keokuk limestone formation, the Elsey-Reeds Spring formation, and the Pierson formation.

One test method used to determine the resistance of coarse aggregate to impact in a rotating cylinder containing metallic spheres is known as the Los Angeles Rattler Test. The amount of fine material "lost" during the impact phase of the test from the coarse aggregate is known as L.A., and is reported in terms of percent loss. The term, "L.A.", as used herein, is consistent with the above definition.

Metered, crushed aggregate 20 is dropped into a mill 22 where metered microsurfacing emulsion 24 from bins 16 and metered water and additive 26 from bins 18 are combined to form a microsurfacing composition 28. Microsurfacing composition 28 is passed into full-width surfacing box 30 which applies microsurfacing composition 28 to form surface 32.

The materials which constitute microsurfacing composition 28 are continuously and accurately measured, and then thoroughly combined in mill 22 of microsurfacing machine 10. As machine 10 moves forward, microsurfacing composition 28 is continuously fed into full-width surfacing box 30 which spreads the width of a traffic lane in a single pass. Machine 10 can also be configured with specially engineered "rut" boxes (not shown), which are designed to deliver the largest particles of aggregate 14 into the deepest part of a rut in the road surface to give maximum stability in the wheel path. Edges of microsurfacing composition 28 are automatically feathered. The new surface is initially a dark brown color and changes to the finished black surface as the water is chemically ejected and surface 32 cures, permitting traffic within one hour in some cases.

Continuous-load pavers (e.g. machine 10) utilize support units which bring the materials to the job site to load machine 10 while it is microsurfacing, thus maximizing production and minimizing transverse joints in surface 32.

In one embodiment, as described above, microsurfacing composition 28 is formed utilizing a

polymer-modified emulsion asphalt oil, water, cement, and a chemical additive which controls a setting time of microsurfacing composition 28. Referring to aggregate 14, in one embodiment, aggregate 14 includes parent stone from the Burlington-Keokuk limestone formation. From the Burlington-Keokuk limestone formation, two ledges of stone that have different hardness are combined. The Elsey-Reeds Spring formation and the Pierson formation have similar qualities.

In one specific embodiment, aggregate 14 includes approximately 2/3 by weight stone with an L.A. abrasion resistance between 28 and 34 percent inclusive and approximately 1/3 by weight stone with an L.A. abrasion resistance between 21 and 27 percent inclusive. The smaller the L.A. abrasion resistance percentage, the harder the stone. Stone with an L.A. of 24% is a comparatively hard stone. The above described combination gives aggregate 14 stability and strength. The softer stone within aggregate 14 (e.g., an L.A. of about 31%) is still fairly hard, but is slightly outside the recommended ISSA spec. of 30% maximum, which allows the larger stones to continue to break off new sharp edges over time thereby maintaining surface skid resistance over a longer period of time.

In another specific embodiment, aggregate 14 includes approximately 2/3 by weight stone with an L.A. abrasion resistance between 30 and 32 percent inclusive and approximately 1/3 by weight stone with an L.A. abrasion resistance between 23 and 25 percent inclusive. In still another specific embodiment, aggregate 14 includes approximately 2/3 by weight stone with an L.A. abrasion resistance of about 31 percent inclusive and approximately 1/3 by weight stone with an L.A. abrasion resistance of about 24 percent inclusive.

Other embodiments exist where aggregate 14 includes about one-third by weight of crushed aggregate having an L.A. abrasion resistance between 28 and 34 percent inclusive and approximately two-thirds by weight stone with an L.A. abrasion resistance between 21 and 27 percent inclusive. Still another embodiment includes one-half by weight of crushed aggregate having an L.A. abrasion resistance between 28 and 34 percent inclusive and approximately one-half by weight stone with an L.A. abrasion resistance between 21 and 27 percent inclusive.

Still other embodiments include an aggregate 14 having a first portion with a higher L.A. abrasion resistance than a second portion where the first portion is between about one-third and about two-thirds by weight of crushed aggregate 14 and the second portion is between about one-third and about two-thirds by weight of crushed aggregate 14.

Microsurfacing composition 28 is approximately 1/4" minus dense graded material, and in a specific embodiment, is applied at approximately one-quarter to about three-eighths inch thickness, with the largest stones being embedded to about 75% by the smaller stones of aggregate 14. Dense graded material describes an aggregate whose gradation generally contains, proportionally, many fines or smaller pieces. This embedding allows the larger stones of aggregate 14 which is a portion of microsurfacing composition 28 to stick up and provide a new skid resistance to surface 32. The aggregate which forms a portion of microsurfacing composition 28 has a sand equivalency of over 80 which means that aggregate 14 is very clean, which helps the adhesion of the oil to the stone forming aggregate 14, and which also helps cohesion of microsurfacing composition 28 to itself.

Virtually 100% of aggregate 14 is crushed using an impact crusher. This type of crusher is commonly known in the industry for producing a cubical product, as opposed to compression type crushers. A cubical aggregate in microsurfacing composition 28 provides a tighter matrix within microsurfacing composition 28.

In a specific embodiment, gradation (size) of aggregate 14 is maintained as illustrated in the following table:

TABLE-US-00001 Screen Percent of Stone mesh size Passing Through 3/8" 100 #4 99-99.9 #8 79-88 #16 59-68 #30 41-50 #50 29-36 #100 18-24 #200 12-17

Utilization of microsurfacing composition 28 has yielded preliminary test results that are well above the standards exhibited by other known microsurfacing compositions. For instance, in what is known in the microsurfacing industry as the "Six-day Soak" wet track test, microsurfacing composition 28 showed a loss of 16 grams per square foot. International Slurry Surfacing Association guidelines allow a loss of 75 grams per square foot. These test results illustrate that microsurfacing composition 28 has a high adhesion of the asphalt to the stone of aggregate 14 and cohesion of microsurfacing composition 28 to itself that is well above industry norms.

In one embodiment, the asphalt oil referred to herein as a polymer-modified emulsion asphalt oil is a natural latex modified grade CSS-1h (cationic) emulsified asphalt. The grade CSS-1h asphalt is modified with an approved natural latex. The approved natural latex is milled into the asphalt emulsion prior to the emulsification process. The asphaltic emulsion includes 3.0% to 5.0% natural latex solids based on the mass of asphalt (asphalt residual) within the emulsion.

In one embodiment, the emulsified asphalt oil content of microsurfacing composition 28 is between 6.0% to 9.0% as measured by the weight (mass) of aggregate 14. The polymer-modified emulsified asphalt oil within microsurfacing composition 28 is formulated such that when the paving mixture is applied with the relative humidity at not more than 50% and the ambient air temperature of at least 75.degree. F. (24.degree. C.), microsurfacing composition 28 sufficiently cures so that uniformly moving traffic can be allowed in one hour. Additional curing time may be required at locations such as driveways, intersections and where sharp turning movements may take place or where vehicles may accelerate sharply.

The above described embodiments of microsurfacing composition 28 provide a method for microsurfacing a surface as illustrated in flowchart 50 of FIG. 2. First, a crushed aggregate is prepared 52 which includes a first portion having an L.A. abrasion resistance between 28 and 34 percent inclusive and a second portion having an L.A. abrasion resistance between 21 and 27 percent inclusive. The crushed aggregate, typically having a sand equivalent value in excess of 80 percent, is mixed 54 with a polymer-modified emulsion asphalt oil, water, and cement. The mixture is applied 56 to the surface to be microsurfaced.

Microsurfacing begins with the selection of high-quality materials (i.e., asphalt, aggregate, emulsifiers, water, and additives) which must pass special laboratory tests, both individually and when combined, in order to be utilized as a microsurfacing system. To be utilized for microsurfacing, microsurfacing composition 28 is capable of being spread in various thick cross-sections (i.e., wedges, ruts, scratch course), which, after initial traffic consolidation, does not further compact (i.e. resists compaction) throughout the entire design tolerance range of bitumen content and variable thicknesses to be encountered. Further, microsurfacing composition 28 maintains a good macro-texture (high wet coefficient of friction) in variable thick sections throughout its service life.

Successful microsurfacing projects depend on strict adherence to technical specifications. The resulting "mix design" (e.g. microsurfacing composition 28) and job specifications are carefully adhered to at application, where ISSA member contractors use specialized job-calibrated equipment

and thoroughly trained crews to maintain consistent quality control. With the preceding in mind, microsurfacing composition 28 can be utilized successfully in quick-traffic applications as thin as 3/8 inch (9.5 mm). Further, microsurfacing composition 28 increases skid resistance, color contrast, surface restoration, and service life to high-speed roadways. Surfaces paved with microsurfacing composition 28 can be reopened to traffic within an hour.

As a thin, restorative surface source on urban arterials and heavy traffic intersections, microsurfacing composition 28 can be applied without altering drainage, and there is no loss of curb reveal, which is the exposure of the curb and gutter line of a street, typically formed by concrete. Also, microsurfacing composition 28 can be applied to problem sections of roads or runways to eliminate hydroplaning problems that occur during periods of rain as microsurfacing composition 28 restores the proper surface profile and makes the area safe to use.

Because microsurfacing composition 28 can be effectively applied to most surfaces at 3/8 inches (9.5 mm) or less, more area per ton of mix is covered, resulting in cost-effective surfacing. Microsurfacing composition 28 creates a new, stable surface that is resistant to rutting and shoving in summer and to cracking in winter. Applied to both asphalt and concrete surfaces (usually preceded by a tack coat on concrete), microsurfacing composition 28 can be utilized to restore a skid-resistant surface to slick bridge decking with minimum added dead weight. Microsurfacing composition 28 can also be utilized as a scratch (leveling) course, to be followed by a surface course, to provide transverse surface leveling.

Because of its quick-traffic properties, microsurfacing composition 28 can be applied in a broad range of temperature and weather conditions, effectively lengthening the paving season. Microsurfacing composition 28 is also environmentally safe, emitting minimal pollutant amounts. When applied at ambient temperatures, microsurfacing composition 28 has low energy requirements and its life expectancy usually exceeds seven years.

Microsurfacing composition 28 is capable of filling wheel ruts up to 11/2 inches (38 mm) deep when the pavement has stabilized and is not subject to plastic deformation, providing the unique ability to solve rut problems without costly milling.

While the invention has been described in terms of various specific embodiments, those skilled in the art will recognize that the invention can be practiced with modification within the spirit and scope of the claims.

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Dear Mr. Massman,

Donelson Construction Co., LLC respectfully requests that the Modified Aggregate Quick Set (M.A.Q.S.) Surfacing System® be treated as a sole-source product for the following reasons:

1. The asphalt mix design that Donelson has developed and installs is unique to the industry. A patent on this product was applied for and received approval. (Patent No. US7,312,262B2). Some highlights of the patent application are mentioned below.

    a. Our MAQS product contains crushed aggregate that is unique. The aggregate is composed of a blend of two types of Burlington Limestone found and produced in the Clever Stone Quarry. The blend is specifically designed to produce desired results mentioned below. Clever Stone Co., Inc. has agreed to manufacture and distribute this aggregate on an exclusive basis to Donelson Construction Co.

    b. The gradation and combination of aggregate used by Donelson is proprietary and outside industry standards.

    c. The asphalt emulsion oil used in Donelson's mix design is the MicroTekk® product, produced and distributed exclusively by Road Science of Tulsa, OK. Road Science has agreed to distribute the MicroTekk® product exclusively to Donelson Construction for use with our unique aggregate blend.

    d. The unique aggregate blend combined with the MicroTekk® product produces an asphalt mix design with a much higher degree of performance compared to other similar products. This degree of performance is illustrated in two important lab test results. A "One Hour Soak Wet Track Test" and a "Six Day Soak Wet Track Test" are used to test a finished surface's adhesion and cohesion properties. In other words, these tests measure the amount of "raveling" or "shedding of stone" one may expect from the new surface. The industry standard allows for a maximum of 50 grams/square foot of aggregate loss, and 75 grams /square foot of aggregate loss for the One Hour and Six Day tests, respectively. Our mix design tests at an impressive 5.0 grams/square foot and less than 15 grams/square foot, respectively.

2. Donelson Construction has invented a unique piece of equipment, a material transfer unit, which is important to the overall operation of the MAQS process. A patent application regarding this piece of equipment was filed and received approval. (Patent No. US8,033,775B2)

3. Donelson Construction has developed a method to use the MAQS product in a manner to be utilized as a large scale crack sealer. Regarding this, current industry standards do not have a material specification or method of placement that is comparable.

4. Donelson Construction, in conjunction with Donelson Sealant Technologies, has developed the MAQS-ChipLock and MAQS-GripSeal products. These products are derivatives of the existing MAQS Surfacing System® They are offered in a form that allows for spray application.

5. Donelson Construction Co. has designed and built spray application equipment uniquely designed to handle and apply the MAQS-ChipLock and MAQS-GripSeal products. This equipment is exclusive to Donelson Construction Co. for its intended purpose.

6. Donelson Construction, in conjunction with Donelson Sealant Technologies, has developed the spray application of the MAQS-ChipLock or MAQS-GripSeal product.

Sincerely,

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