



NC Concrete Pavement Conference

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CLT FAST FACTS



ABOUT CLT AIRPORT

TERMINAL OPENED
MAY 2, 1982

114
GATES 

1,400
DAILY AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

118,000
DAILY PASSENGERS

21,000
PARKING SPACES

6,000
ACRES OF LAND

1.8M Sq. Ft.
TERMINAL WITH 5 CONCOURSES

3
TOTAL RUNWAYS

100+
CONCESSIONS



NUMBERS & RANKINGS

2022
NUMBERS

47,758,605
PASSENGERS 

505,589
AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS 

207,608
TONS OF CARGO 

2021
ACI RANKINGS*

5th IN AIRCRAFT
MOVEMENTS

6th IN TOTAL
PASSENGERS

34th IN TOTAL **
CARGO

* Worldwide ACI rankings

** Nationwide ACI rankings



ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$32B 
ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

5% 
OF STATE GROSS PRODUCT

\$1.82B 
IN TAX REVENUE

Source: NC Department of Transportation Division of Aviation



AIRLINES

184
NONSTOP DESTINATIONS 

37
INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS

3 
US TERRITORIES

8 
DOMESTIC AIRLINES

3 
FOREIGN FLAG AIRLINES



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2021

43,302,230

Total Passengers

2020

27,205,082

2022

47,758,605

2019

50,179,879

2018

46,447,638

2021

519,895

Arrivals and Departures

2020

397,983

2022

505,589

2019

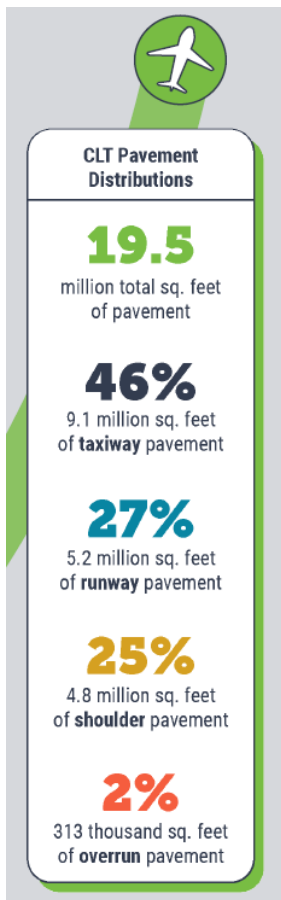
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2018

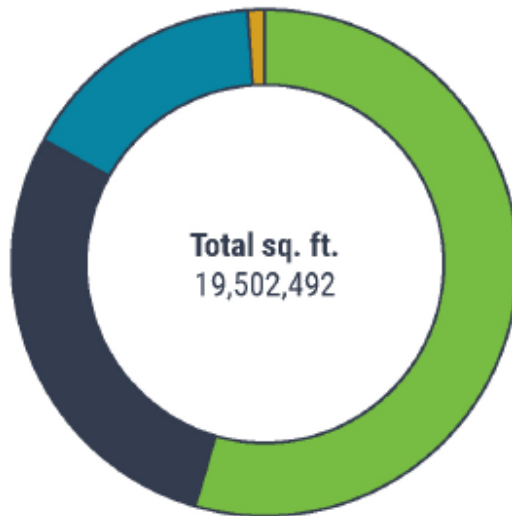
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Pavement Inventory at CLT



Pavement Area by Surface Type



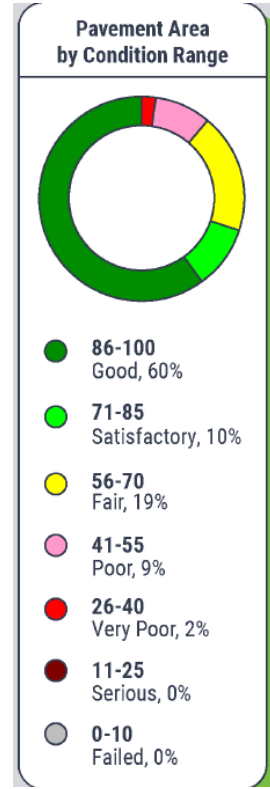
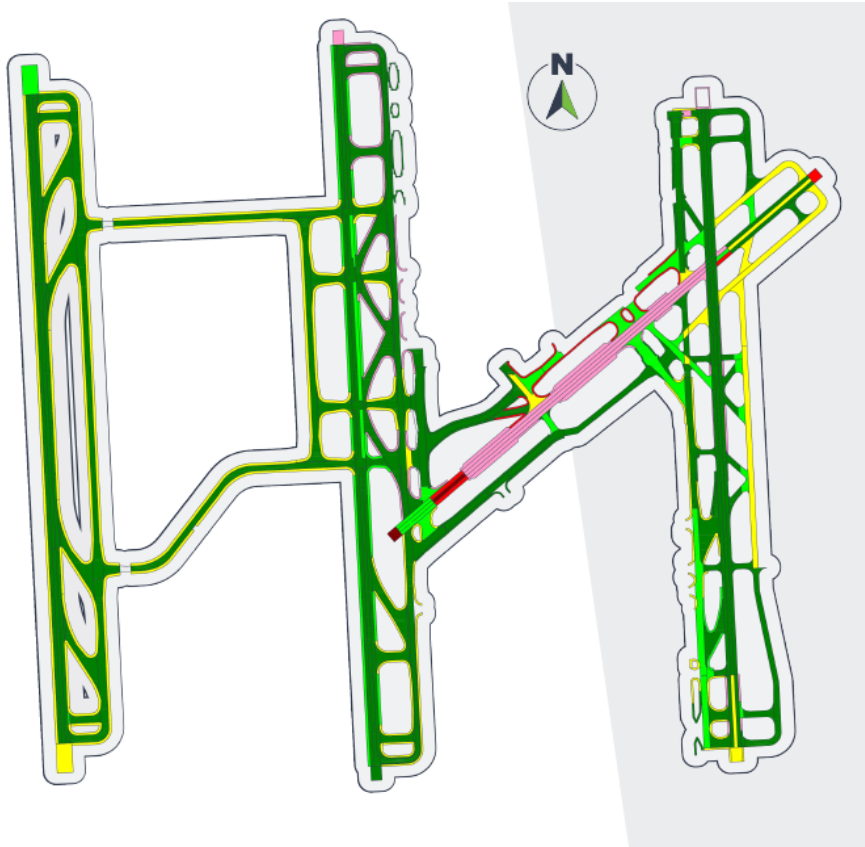
- Portland Cement Concrete (PCC)**
10,825,758 sq. ft.
55%
- Asphalt Concrete (AC)**
5,572,671 sq. ft.
29%
- Asphalt over Asphalt Concrete (AAC)**
3,088,644 sq. ft.
16%
- Asphalt over Portland Cement Concrete (APC)**
15,419 sq. ft.
<1%

Types of Distresses on Airfield Pavements

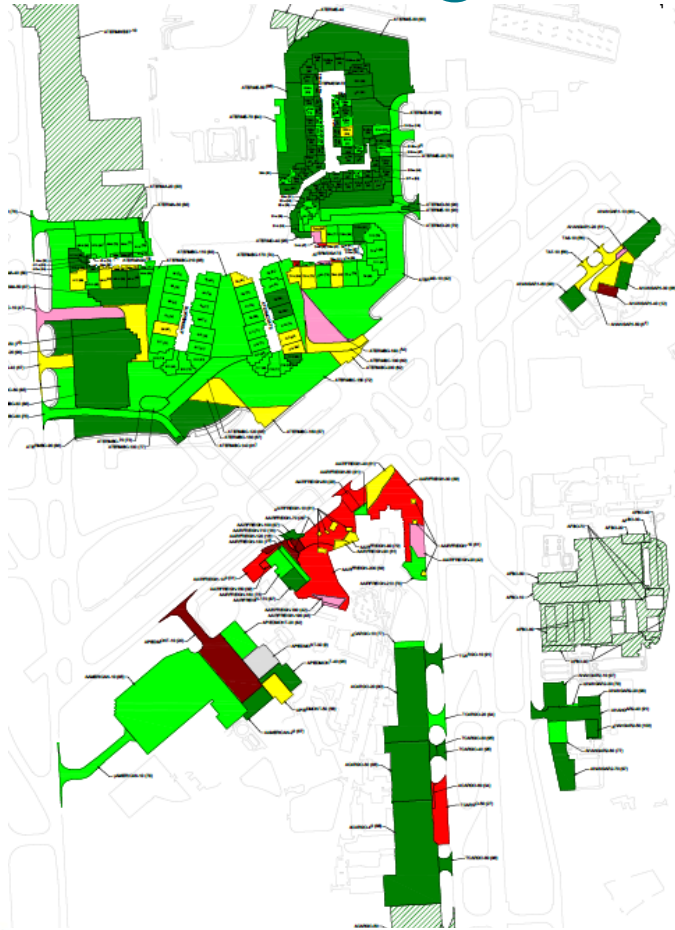
Code	Flexible Pavement Distresses Description	Code	Rigid Pavement Distresses Description
41	<i>Alligator Cracking *</i>	61	Blow up
42	<i>Bleeding *</i>	62	<i>Corner Break *</i>
43	<i>Block Cracking *</i>	63	<i>Longitudinal, Transverse & Diagonal Cracks*</i>
44	Corrugation	64	Durability Cracking
45	<i>Depression *</i>	65	<i>Joint Seal Damage *</i>
46	Jet Blast	66	<i>Small Patch *</i>
47	Joint Reflection Cracking	67	<i>Large Patch *</i>
48	<i>Longitudinal & Transverse Cracking *</i>	68	<i>Pop Outs *</i>
49	Oil Spillage	69	<i>Pumping *</i>
50	<i>Patching *</i>	70	<i>Scaling *</i>
51	Polished Aggregate	71	<i>Faulting *</i>
52	<i>Raveling *</i>	72	<i>Shattered Slab*</i>
53	<i>Rutting *</i>	73	<i>Shrinkage Cracking *</i>
54	Shoving	74	<i>Joint Spalls *</i>
55	<i>Slippage Cracking *</i>	75	<i>Corner Spalls *</i>
56	<i>Swelling *</i>	76	Alkali Silica Reactivity
57	<i>Weathering *</i>		


Note: * = Distresses Found in CLT Pavements.








Pavement Management Program: Movement Areas



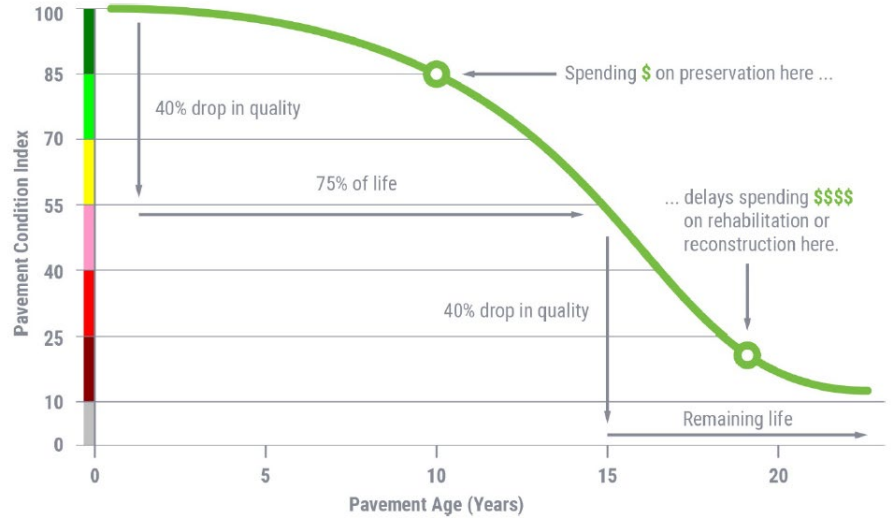
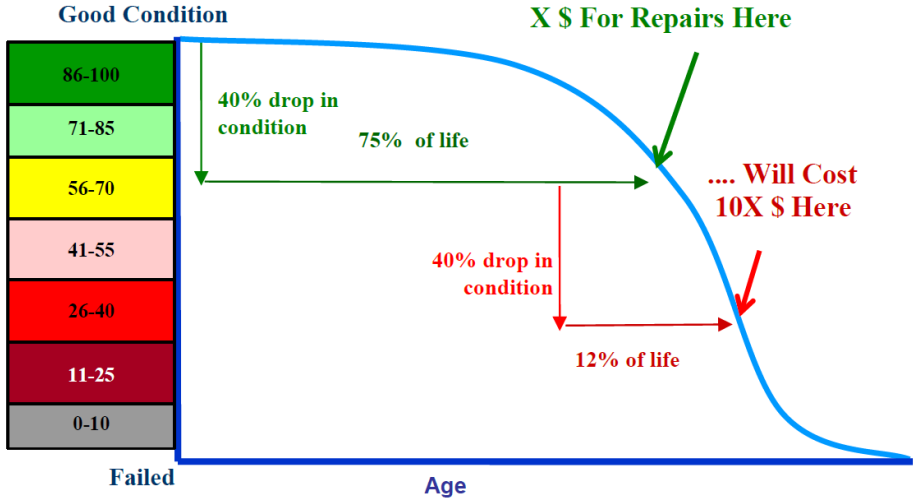
Pavement Management Program: Ramp Areas



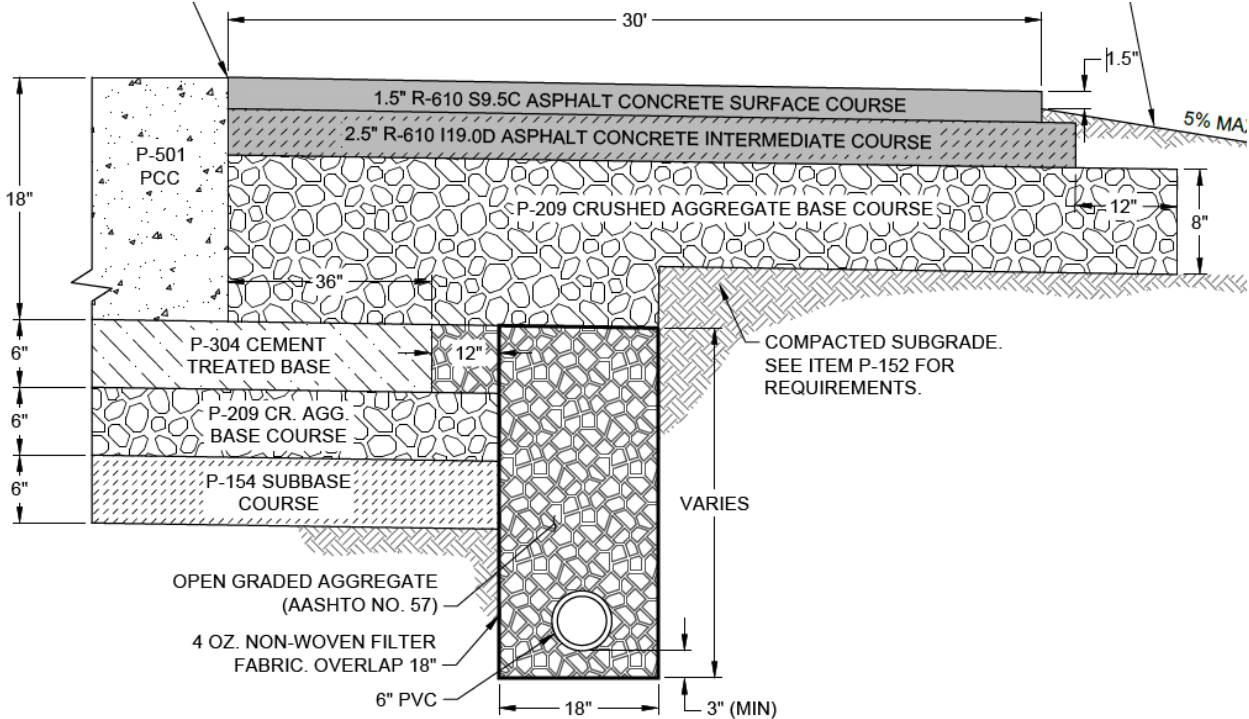
Typical AC-Surfaced Pavement	Typical PCC Pavement	PCI
		100
		60
		10

-  Good (86-100)
-  Satisfactory (71-85)
-  Fair (56-70)
-  Poor (41-55)
-  Very Poor (26-40)
-  Serious (11-25)
-  Failed (0-10)

Pavement Condition Index: Time and \$\$



Pavement Cross Section



EDGE DRAIN DETAIL
(BITUMINOUS TAXIWAY SHOULDER PAVEMENT SECTION)

Subgrade



Crushed Concrete- Recycled for Base



Crushed Concrete- Recycled for Base



Soil-Cement Treated Base



Cement Treated Base



TWY Alpha Rehab – Production Concrete Pour



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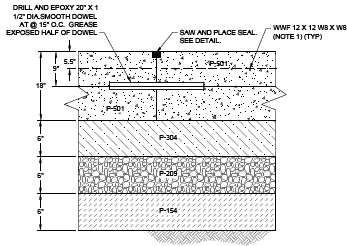
Production Concrete Pour



Finished Product: Sealing Joints, Grooving, Painting

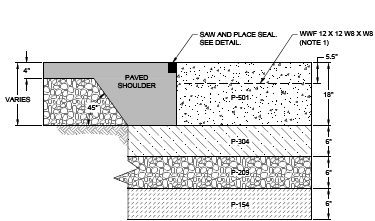


Joint Details



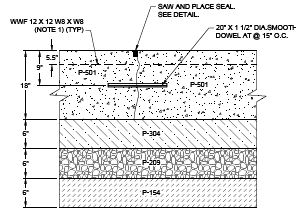
TYPE E - DOWELED CONSTRUCTION JOINT

- NTS
- NOTE:
1. WELDED WIRE FABRIC (WVF) SHALL BE INSTALLED AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS. END AND SIDE CLEARANCES SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF 2" AND A MAXIMUM OF 6". SEE "TYPICAL SLAB REINFORCEMENT DETAIL."



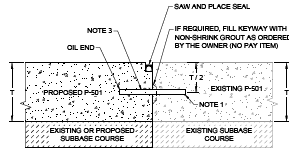
TYPE F - SHOULDER BUTT CONSTRUCTION JOINT

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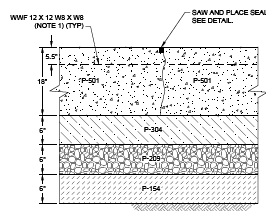
TYPE C - SAWED CONTRACTION JOINT WITH DOWELS

- NTS
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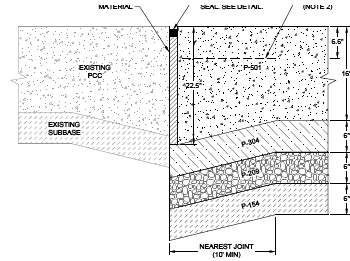
TYPE E1 - DOWELED CONSTRUCTION JOINT WITH EXISTING

- NTS
- NOTES:
1. CONTRACTOR SHALL SAWCUT PAVEMENT FULL DEPTH. IF PRESENT DOWELS AND/OR KEYWAYS SHALL BE SAWCUT. DRILL AND EPOXY NEW DOWELS AS SHOWN (SEE "DOWEL INSTALLATION DETAIL").
 2. DOWELS SHALL BE INSTALLED TO MEET THE SPECIFICATION TOLERANCE WITH NO VOIDS AT THE INTERFACE BETWEEN THE DOWELS AND THE CONCRETE.
 3. DOWELS SHALL BE 1" DIA. 18" LONG FOR 7.5-12" THICK SLABS; 1-1/4" DIA. 27" LONG FOR 12.5-16" THICK SLABS; AND 1-1/2" DIA. 30" LONG FOR 16.5-20" THICK SLABS.



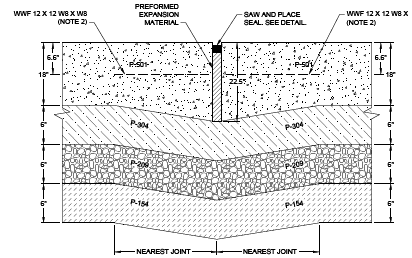
TYPE D - SAWED DUMMY CONTRACTION JOINT

- NTS
- NOTE:
1. WELDED WIRE FABRIC (WVF) SHALL BE INSTALLED AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS. END AND SIDE CLEARANCES SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF 2" AND A MAXIMUM OF 6". SEE "TYPICAL SLAB REINFORCEMENT DETAIL."



TYPE A1 - THICKENED EDGE ISOLATION JOINT (EXISTING/PROPOSED CONCRETE)

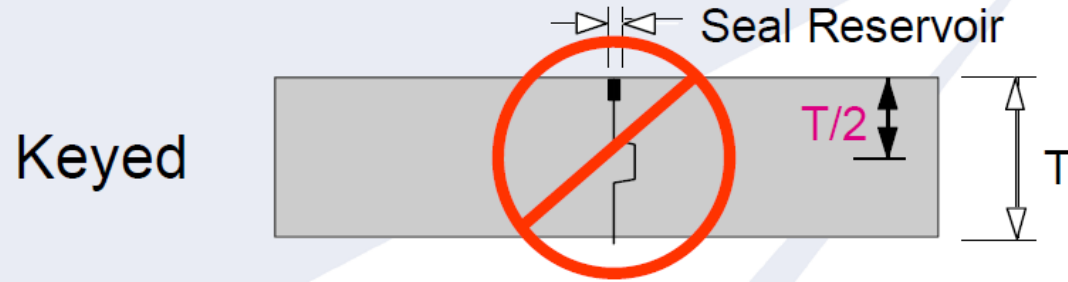
- NTS
- NOTES:
1. CONTRACTOR SHALL PROTECT EXPANSION MATERIAL UNTIL COMPLETION OF ADJOINING PAVEMENTS AND JOINT SEAL IS PLACED.
 2. WELDED WIRE FABRIC (WVF) SHALL BE INSTALLED AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS. END AND SIDE CLEARANCES SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF 2" AND A MAXIMUM OF 6". SEE "TYPICAL SLAB REINFORCEMENT DETAIL."



TYPE A2 - THICKENED EDGE ISOLATION JOINT (PROPOSED/PROPOSED CONCRETE)

- NTS
- NOTES:
1. CONTRACTOR SHALL PROTECT EXPANSION MATERIAL UNTIL COMPLETION OF ADJOINING PAVEMENTS AND JOINT SEAL IS PLACED.
 2. WELDED WIRE FABRIC (WVF) SHALL BE INSTALLED AS SHOWN ON

Keyway Joints

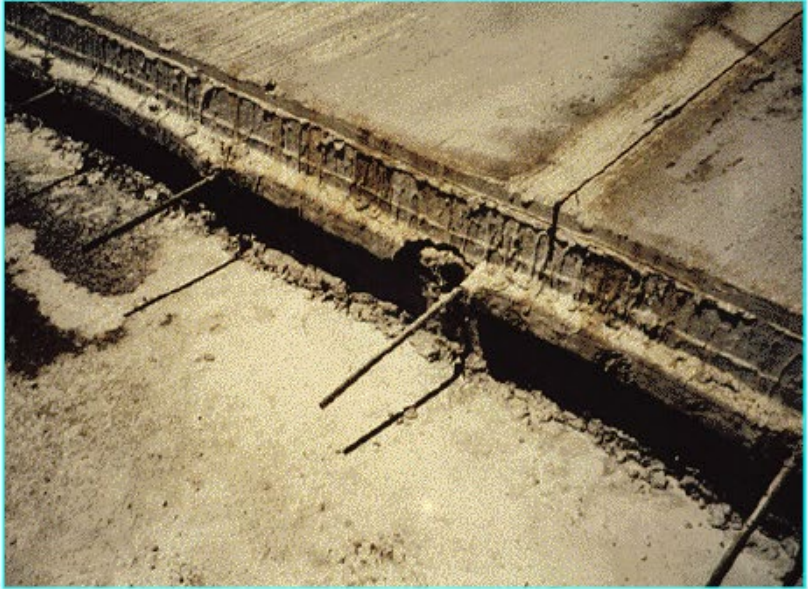


FAA AC/150-5320-6D - Do not use for pavement less than 9-inches. Not recommended for use at airports with wide-body traffic.

Keyway Joints



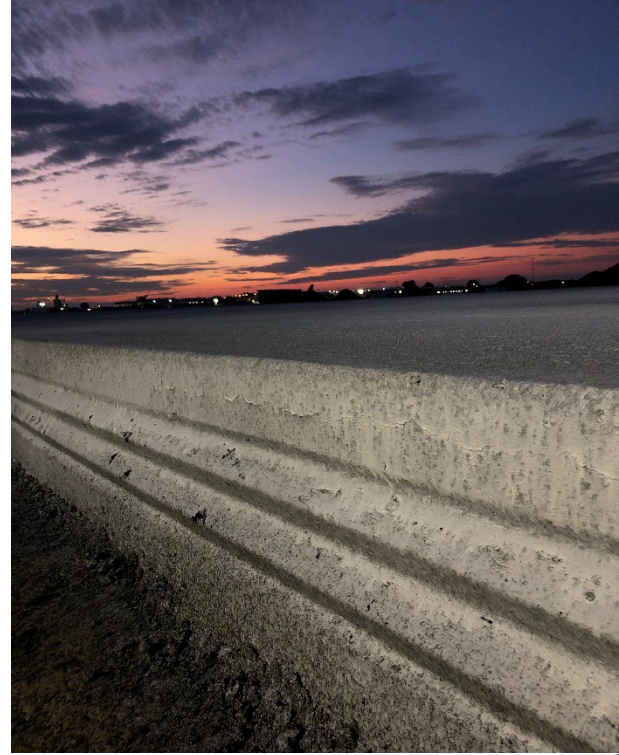
Bad Male Keyways



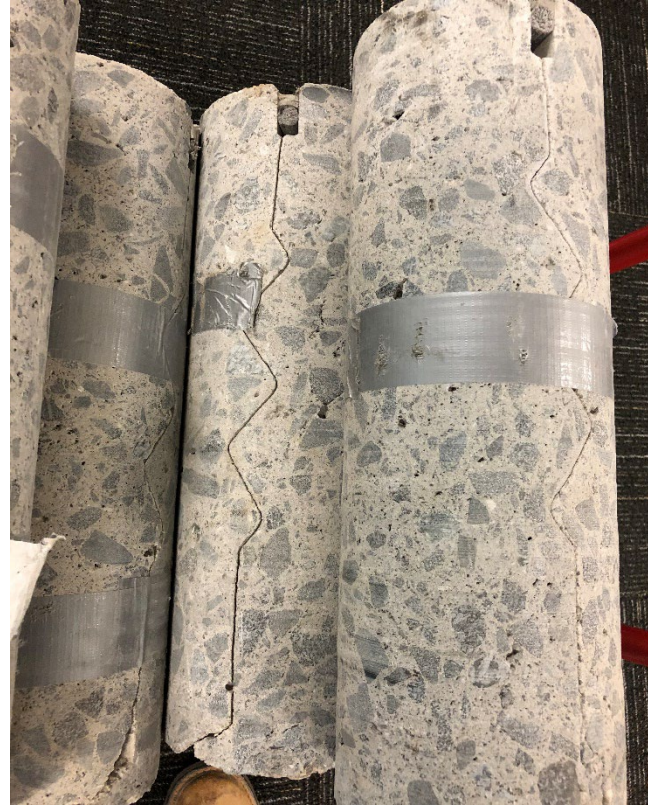
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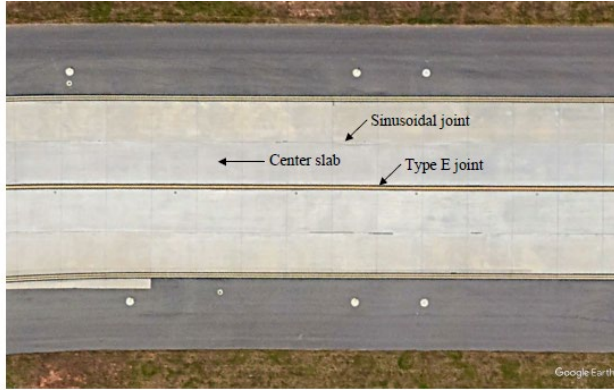
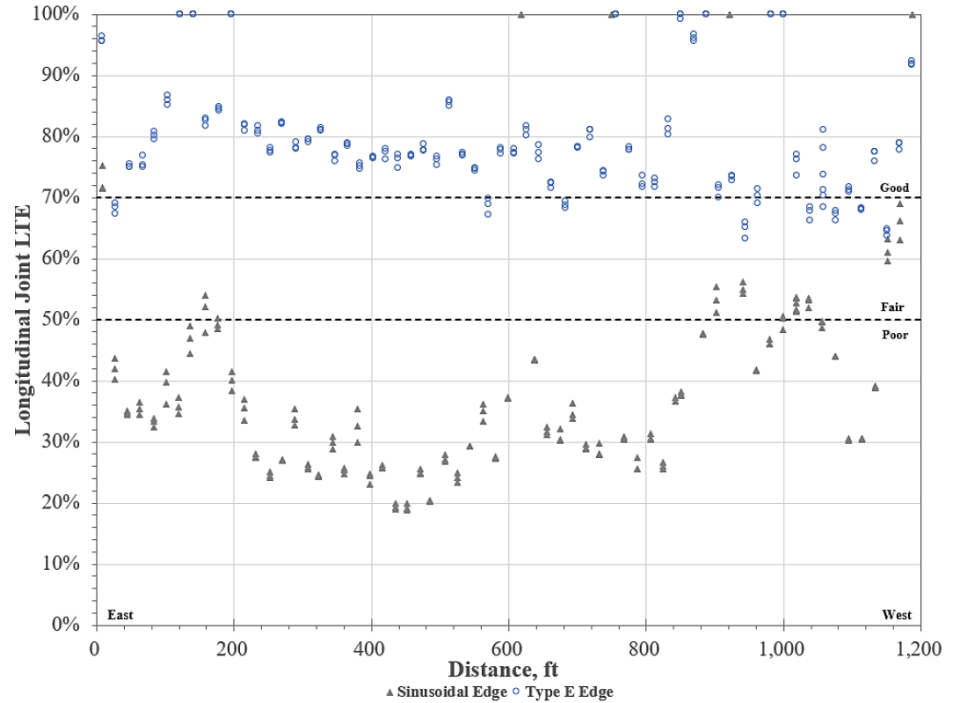
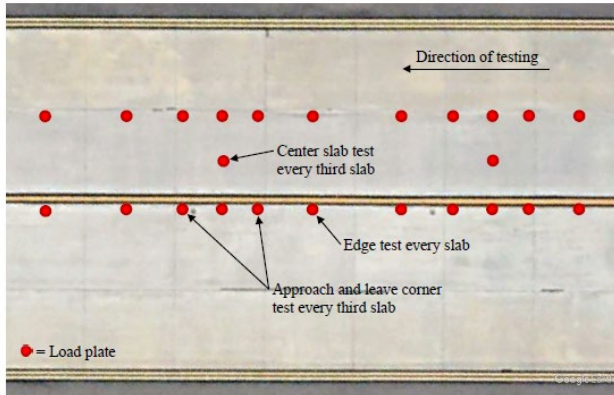


Figure 4. Overview of Taxiway M FWD testing lanes.

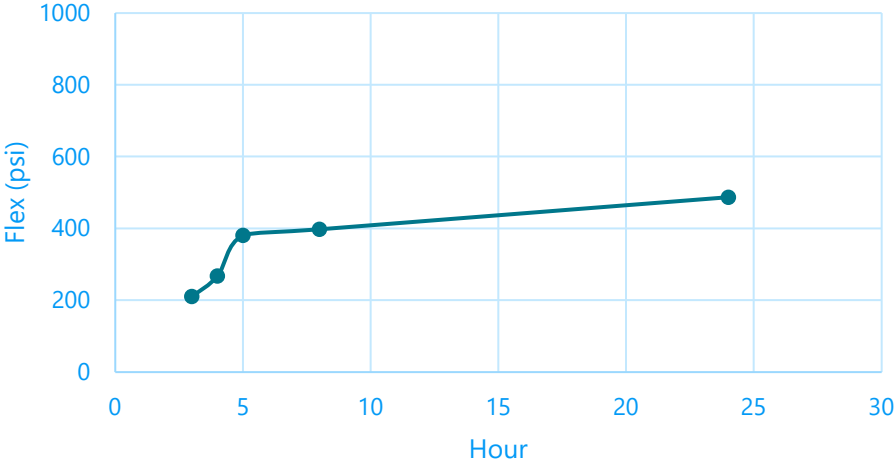


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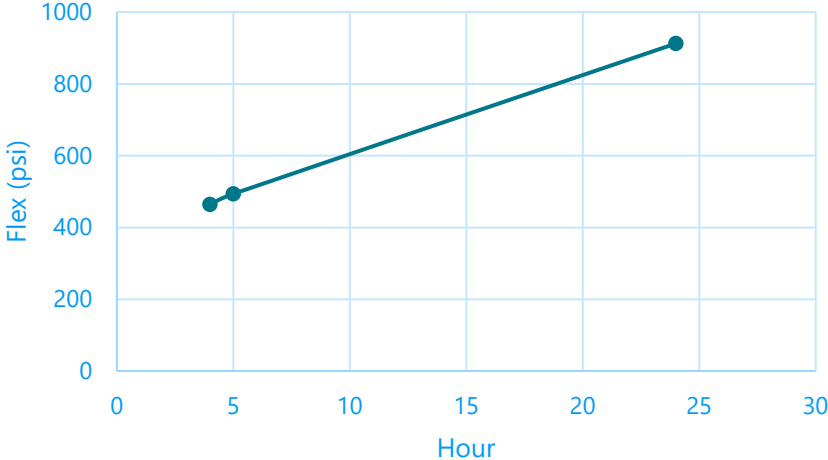


CONCRETUM

High-Early Strength vs. Time



Concrete Strength vs. Time



OTHER INITIATIVES

- **ACPTP-2021-2** Performance engineered mixtures for airfield pavements
- **ACPTP-2021-3** Best practices for rapid repair, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of concrete airport pavements
- **ACPTP-2022-4** Quality Control and Quality Acceptance of Airport Pavement
- **ACPTP-2023-8** Concrete Airfield Paving Continuity – Best Practices Guide

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