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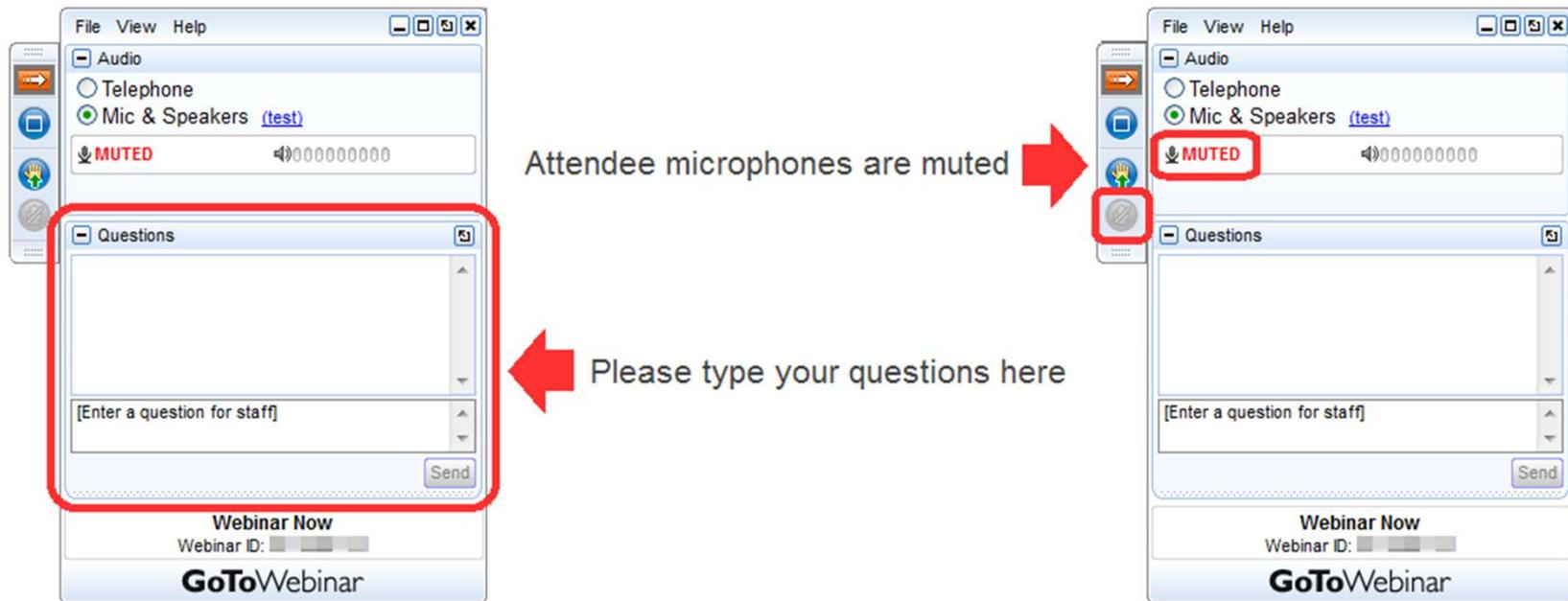
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Zia Rice has worked at ARRB for just over 4 years and leads the Perth Pavements team. Zia has undertaken several WARRIP projects with a focus on asphalt fatigue design, characterisation of materials and material performance. She has over 5 years previous experience as a Geotechnical Consultant. Zia was the ARRB Project Leader for this WARRIP project.



Geoff Jameson is the Chief Technology Leader, Pavements at ARRB. He has over 30 years of experience in research and development in a wide variety of areas dealing with the design and analysis of pavement structures and the characterisation of pavement materials. Geoff is the author of various parts of the Guide to Pavement Technology Part 5, and with this experience has developed the Main Roads rehabilitation supplement.



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The background features a collage of images related to road infrastructure: a close-up of gravel, a red car on a road with yellow safety barriers, and a pile of large rocks with orange traffic cones.

# Presentation outline

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Project objectives

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## Project method and development

Methodology

MRWA feedback

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## Supplement contents

Overview of Supplement

Design of granular overlays

Design of asphalt overlays and inlays

Mechanistic-empirical procedure



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# Project Introduction

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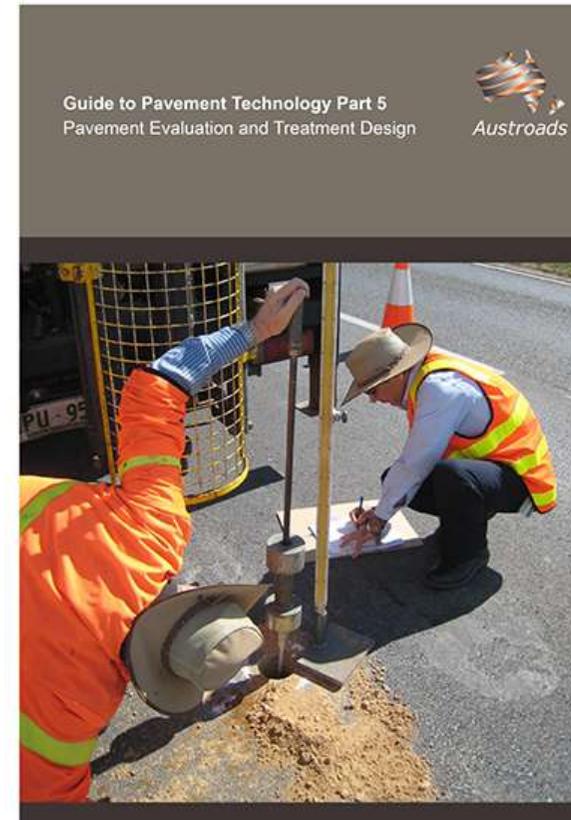
A collaborative research  
agreement between MRWA  
ARRB

Identify innovative practices and  
guide implementation to deliver  
superior technology and cost  
savings in road infrastructure



## Project Background

- Capture state specific learnings and practices for rehabilitation works
- Provide guidance and methodology to achieve uniform/best practice
- Direction in the form of a rehabilitation supplement
  - Alignment with AGPT05-19 structure
  - State specific information and practices
  - Collection of all MRWA relevant information in one document
- A live document
  - Continuous amendment and revisions as more information, new techniques are adopted





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# Method and development

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## Project plan

1. Review of rehabilitation practices both nationally and internationally (outside of WA)
2. Review and collate all current MRWA documentation related to rehabilitation
  - PAMP
  - RAMP
  - Skid resistance management plan
  - Road maintenance planning documents
  - Road maintenance instructions documents
  - Road maintenance procedure documents
  - Other internal documentation
3. Interview MRWA staff
  - Current practice
  - Gaps in knowledge
  - Needs



# Project plan

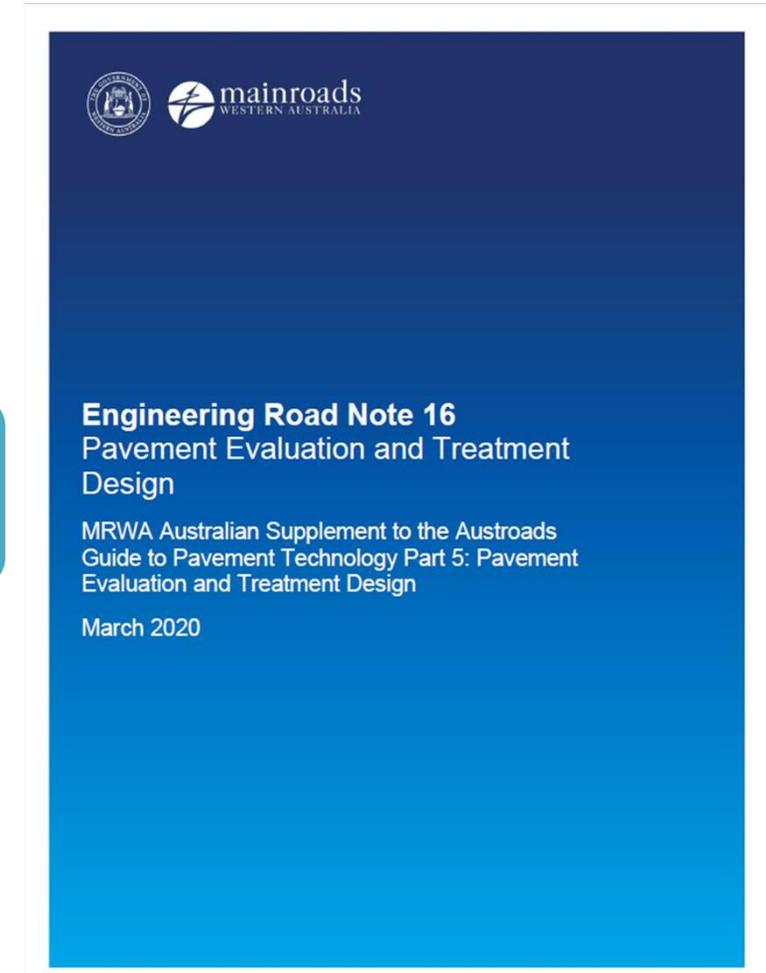
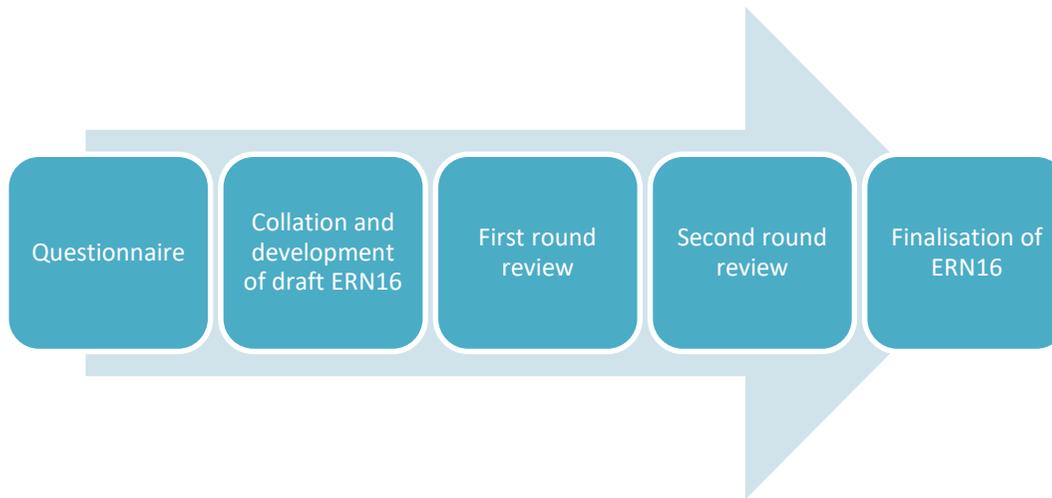
4. Develop a draft supplement
  - Collation of MRWA documentation
  - Interview feedback
  - Other input and feedback
5. Feedback on Draft from MRWA
  - Provide feedback on contents and applicability of draft
6. Amend and publish



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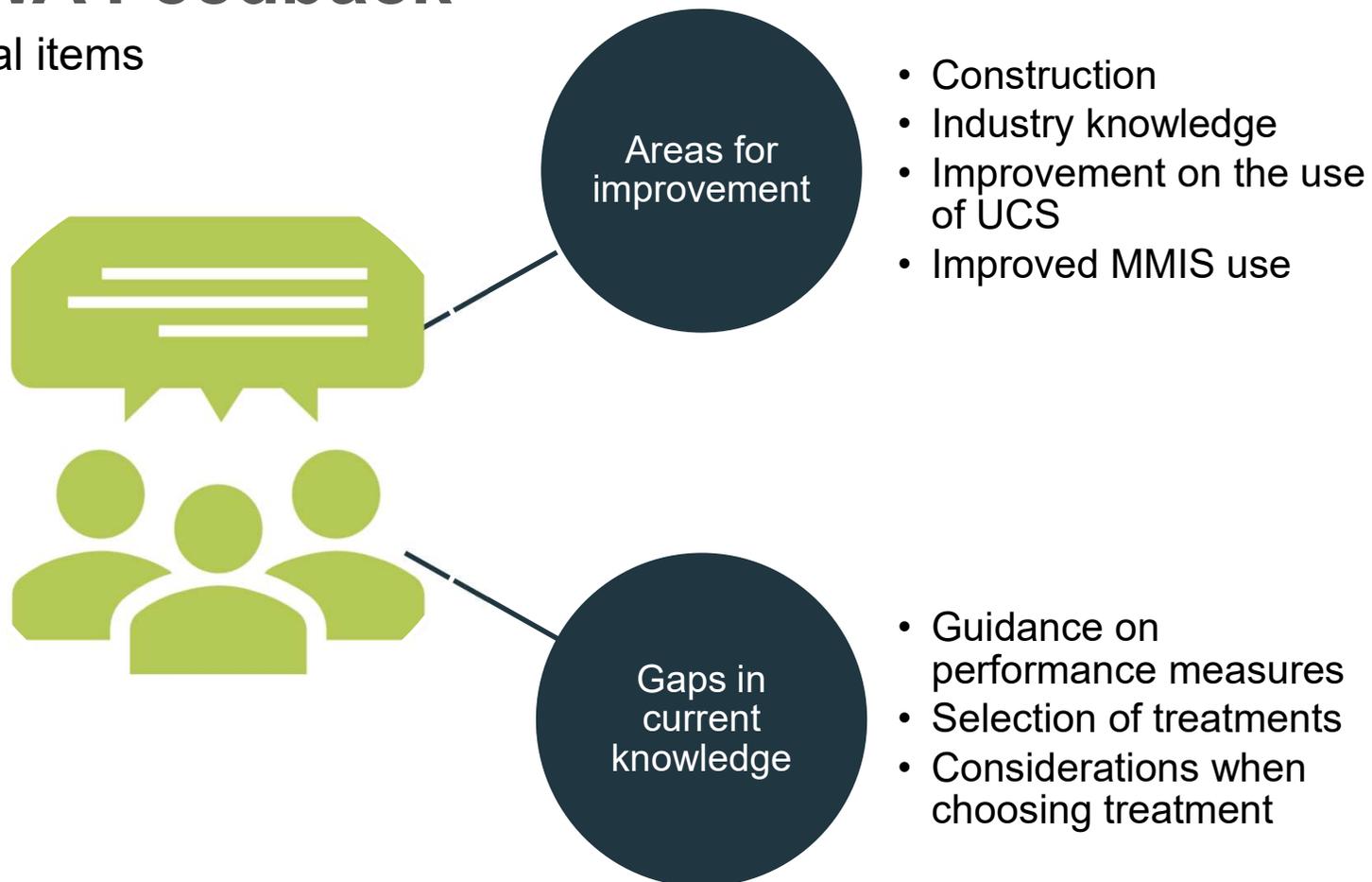
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## Development process



# MRWA Feedback

## General items



# MRWA Feedback

## Common treatment breakdown

### General shape loss

- Overlay
- Microsurfacing
- Stabilisation

### Cracking

- Patching
- GRS
- Reseal
- Stabilisation

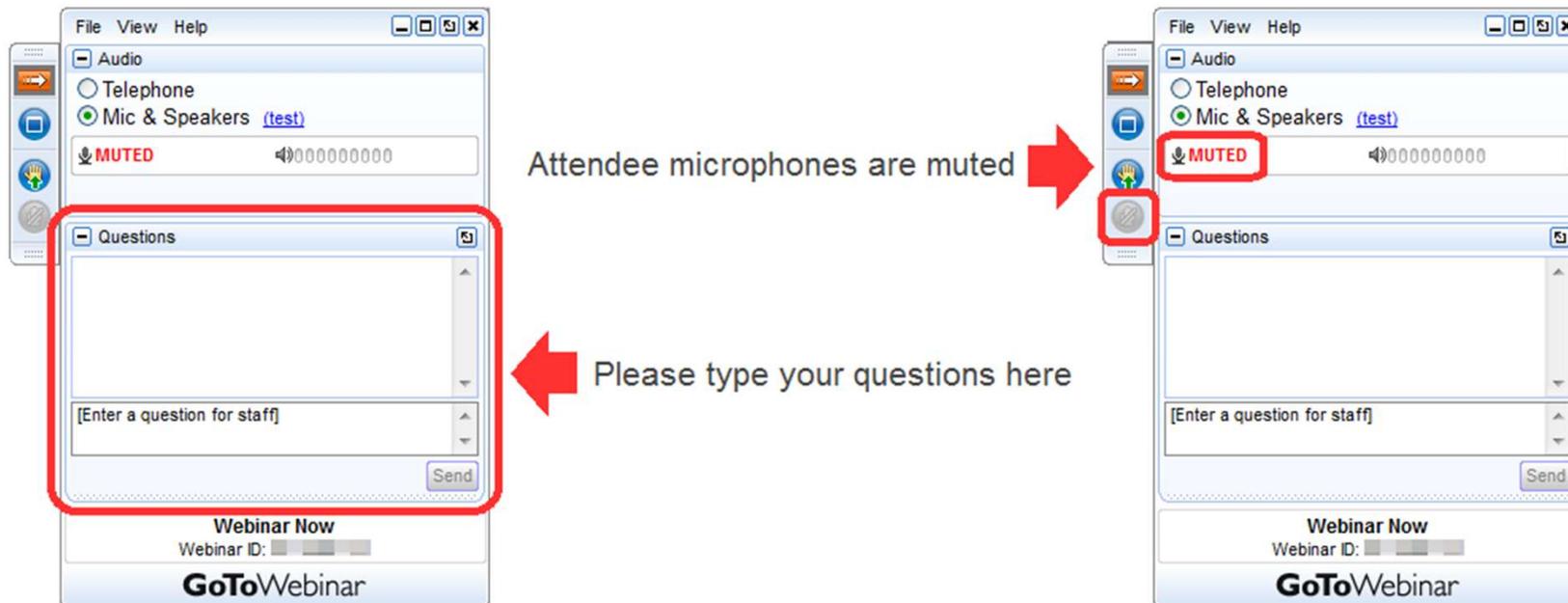
### Rutting in wheel path

- Overlay
- Microsurfacing
- Stabilisation
- Reconstruction

### Proposed increased traffic

- Overlay
- Resurface
- Review maintenance cycle

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# Supplement Overview

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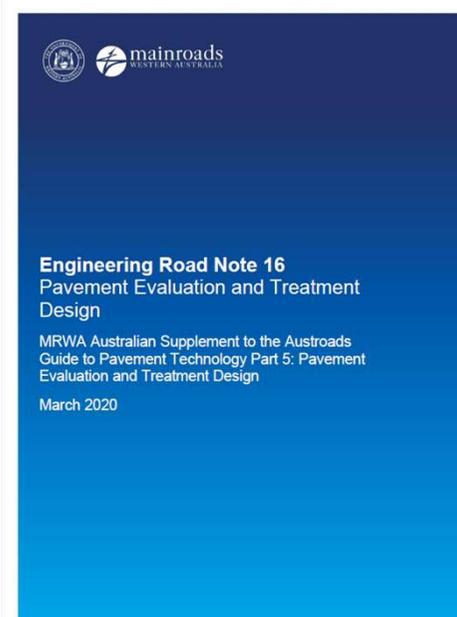


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## Format of Supplement follows Guide

- Supplement provides MRWA guidance additional to the Guide
- Supplement not a standard alone document
- Supplement needs to be read in conjunction with the Guide



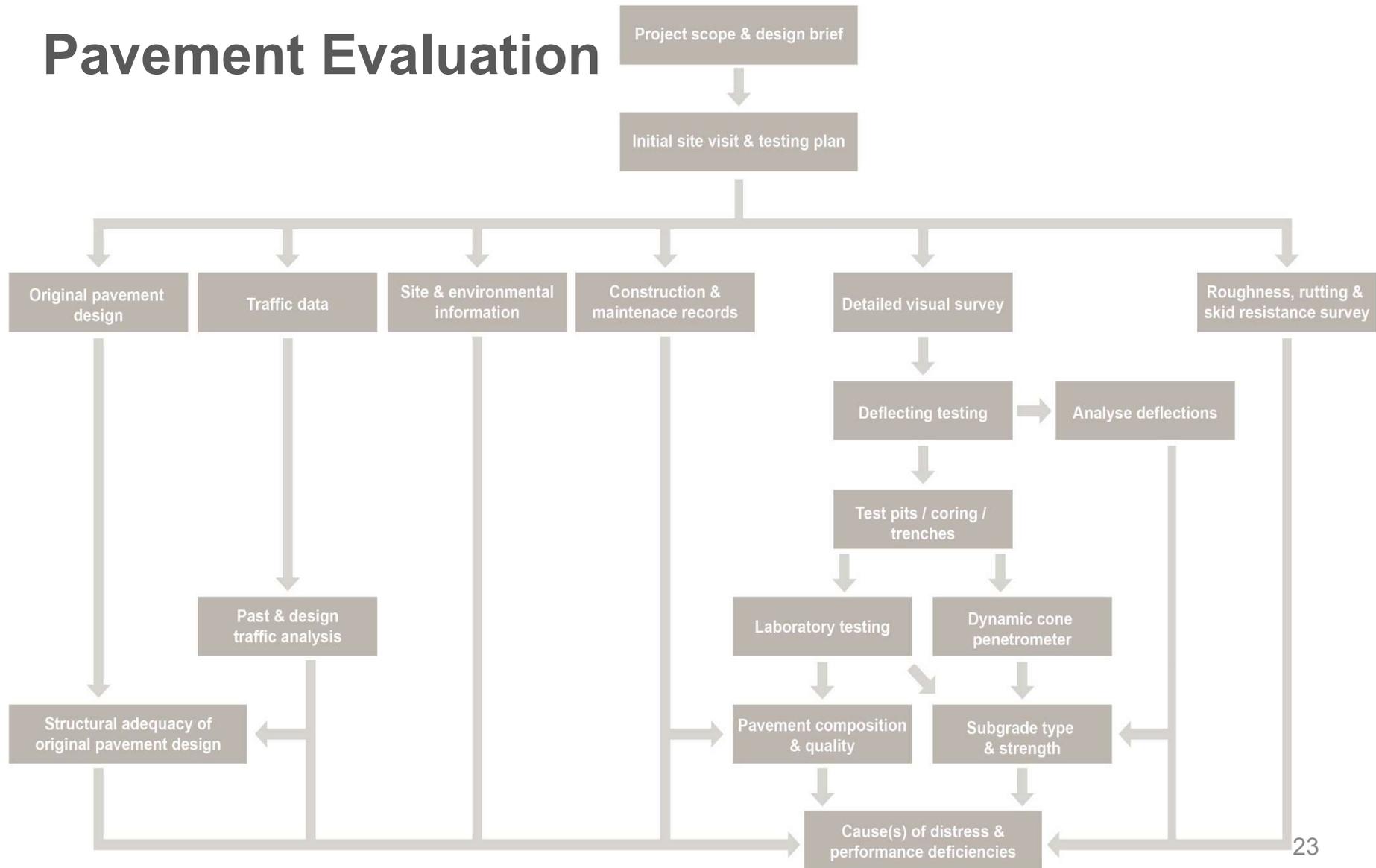
## Section Headings

1. Introduction
2. Project definition
3. Pavement data and inspection
4. Investigative testing on pavement surface
5. Pavement composition and subgrade characterisation
6. Causes and modes of distress
7. Selection of treatments for flexible pavements
8. Treatments for rigid pavements

## Section Headings

9. Empirical design of granular overlays for flexible pavements
10. Mechanistic-empirical method of designing strengthening treatments for flexible pavements
11. Concrete overlays on flexible pavements
12. Thickness design of structural treatments for rigid pavements
13. Economic comparison of alternative treatments
14. [MRWA] Chart based thickness design of asphalt overlays and inlays

# Pavement Evaluation



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## Inspection and testing



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## Causes of distress



# Appendix A of Guide may assist

## Rutting

**Description:**

Longitudinal deformation in a wheelpath.

Result of densification of pavement layers, including subgrade or plastic shear deformation of upper layers. Bound lower layers may not be affected.

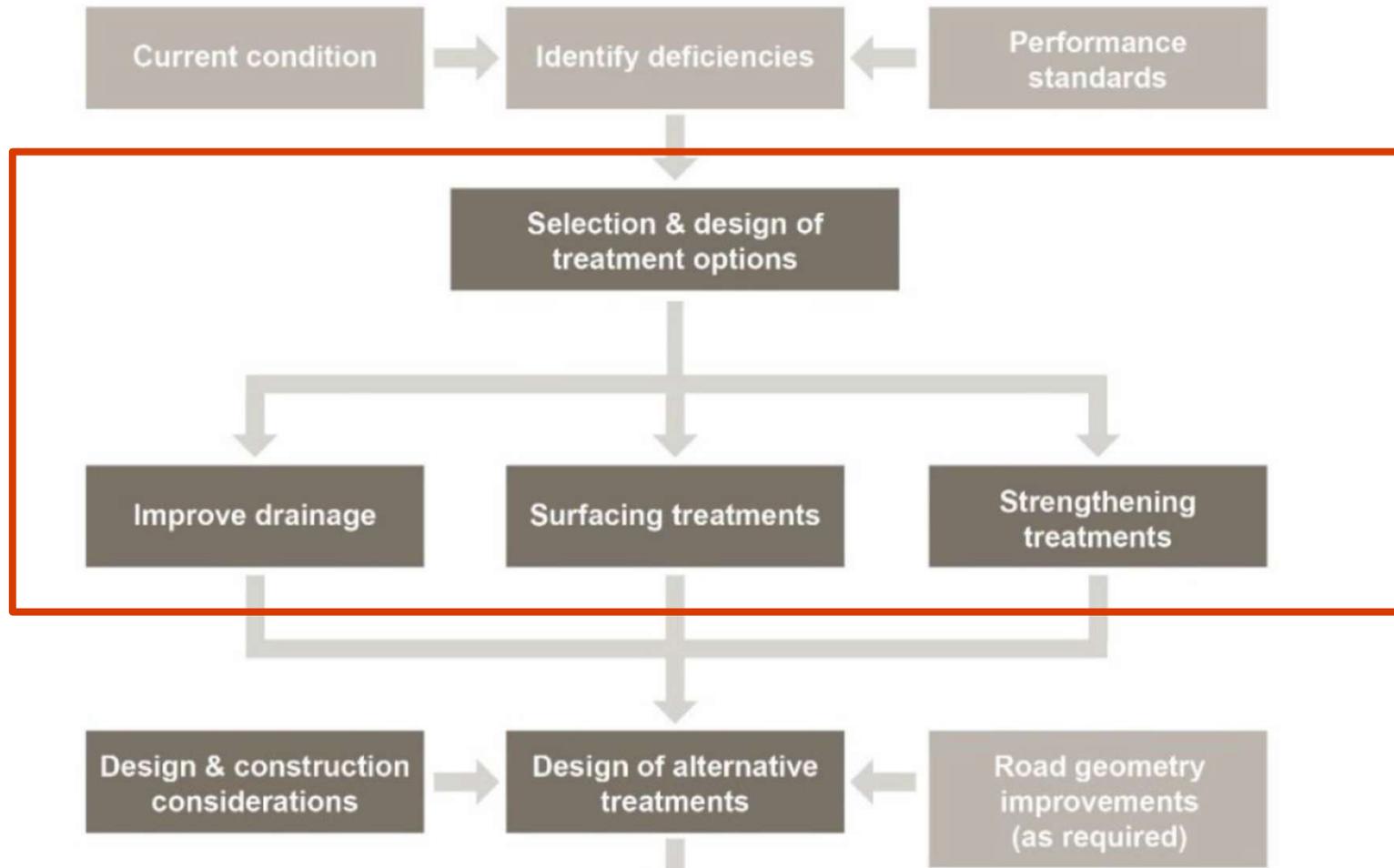
Length-to-width ratio – determined using a straightedge laid on the high points – normally greater than 4 to 1.

May occur in one or both wheelpaths of a lane but mostly in the outer wheelpath nearest to the pavement edge.

**Causes:**

- Ingress of water through the pavement surfacing or road edges into base, subbase and subgrade
- Structural overloading of the pavement and/or inadequate pavement thickness (exacerbated, in asphalt pavements, by high pavement temperatures)
- Inadequate quality of pavement materials
- Poor quality construction control, particularly compaction and drainage
- Pavement at terminal condition

# Selection and design of treatments

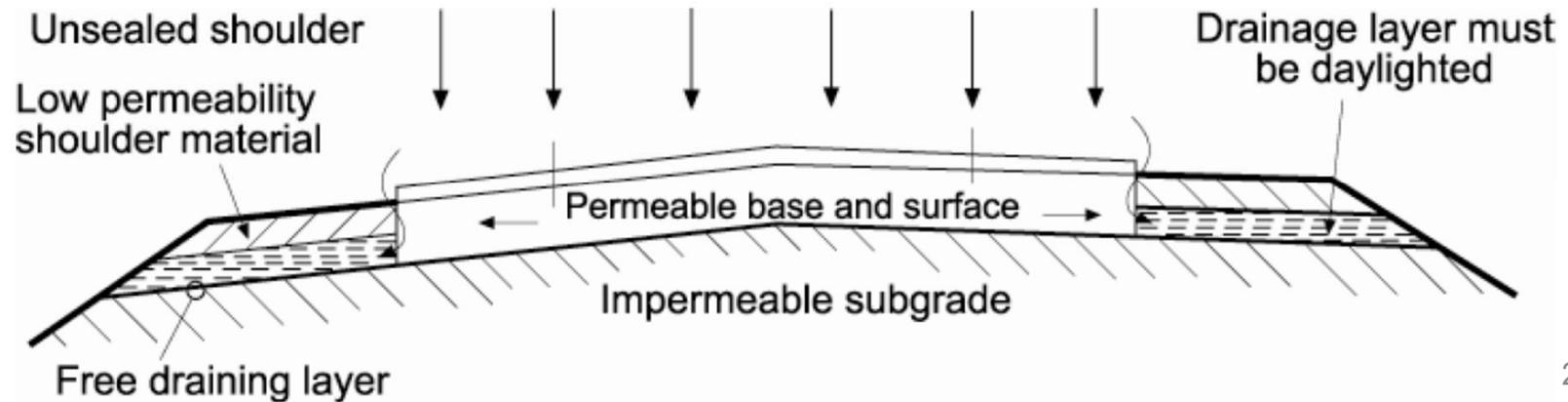


# Treatment to improve drainage

Align treatment with the cause  
of high moisture contents



Figure 7.3: Drainage for surface infiltration unsealed shoulder

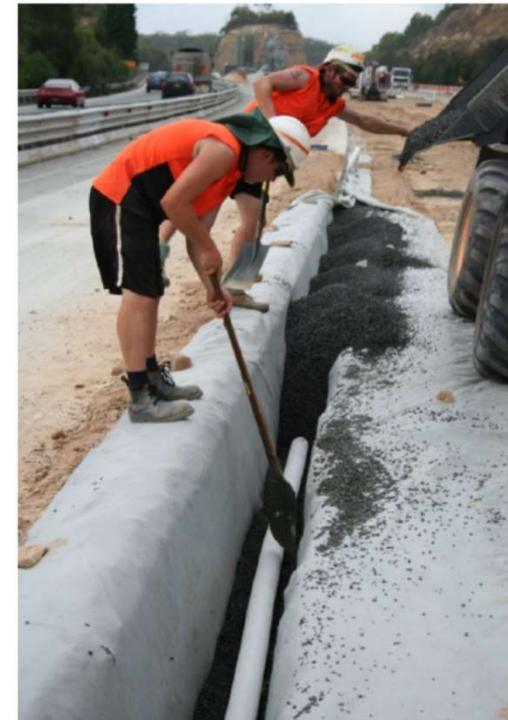


# Treatment to improve drainage

Figure 4.10: Geotextile as separation layer above and below drainage layer



Figure 5.4: Placement of granular material



# Treatments for surface distress

## Resealing



Figure 7.8: Single/single seal

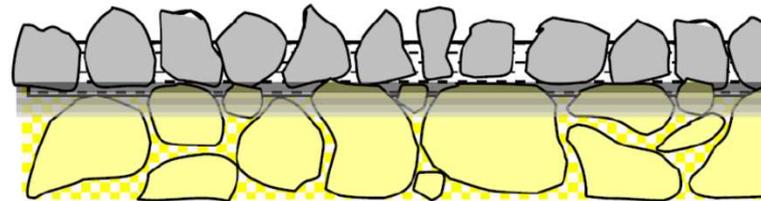
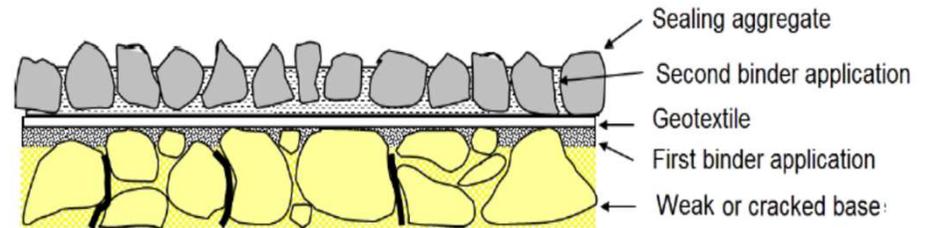


Figure 3.12: Geotextile reinforced seal



# Treatments for surface distress

## Asphalt overlays



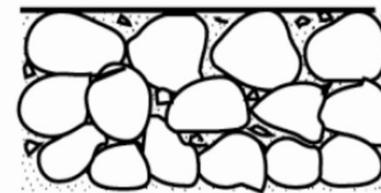
Dense graded



Open graded



Stone mastic



# Strengthening treatments



Granular overlays

Asphalt overlays



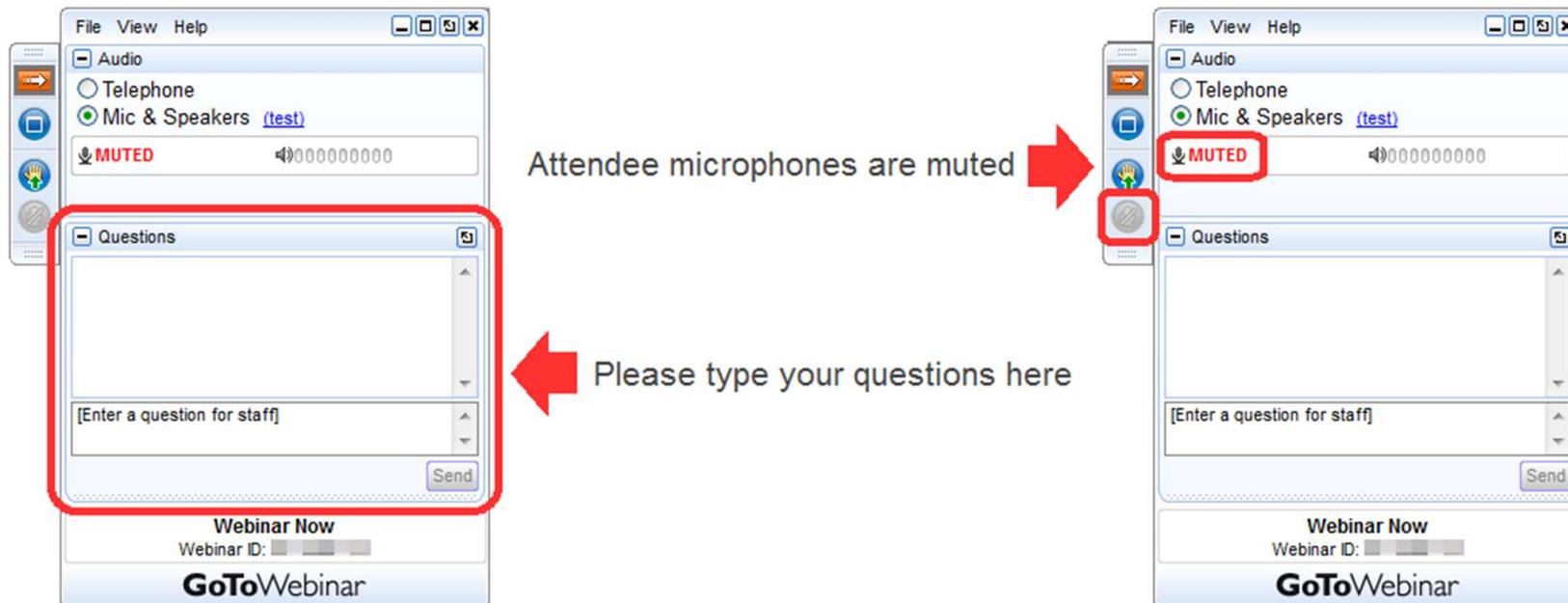
# Strengthening treatments

## In situ stabilisation

Figure B 4: Kewdale Road FBS site during stabilisation



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# Design of granular overlays

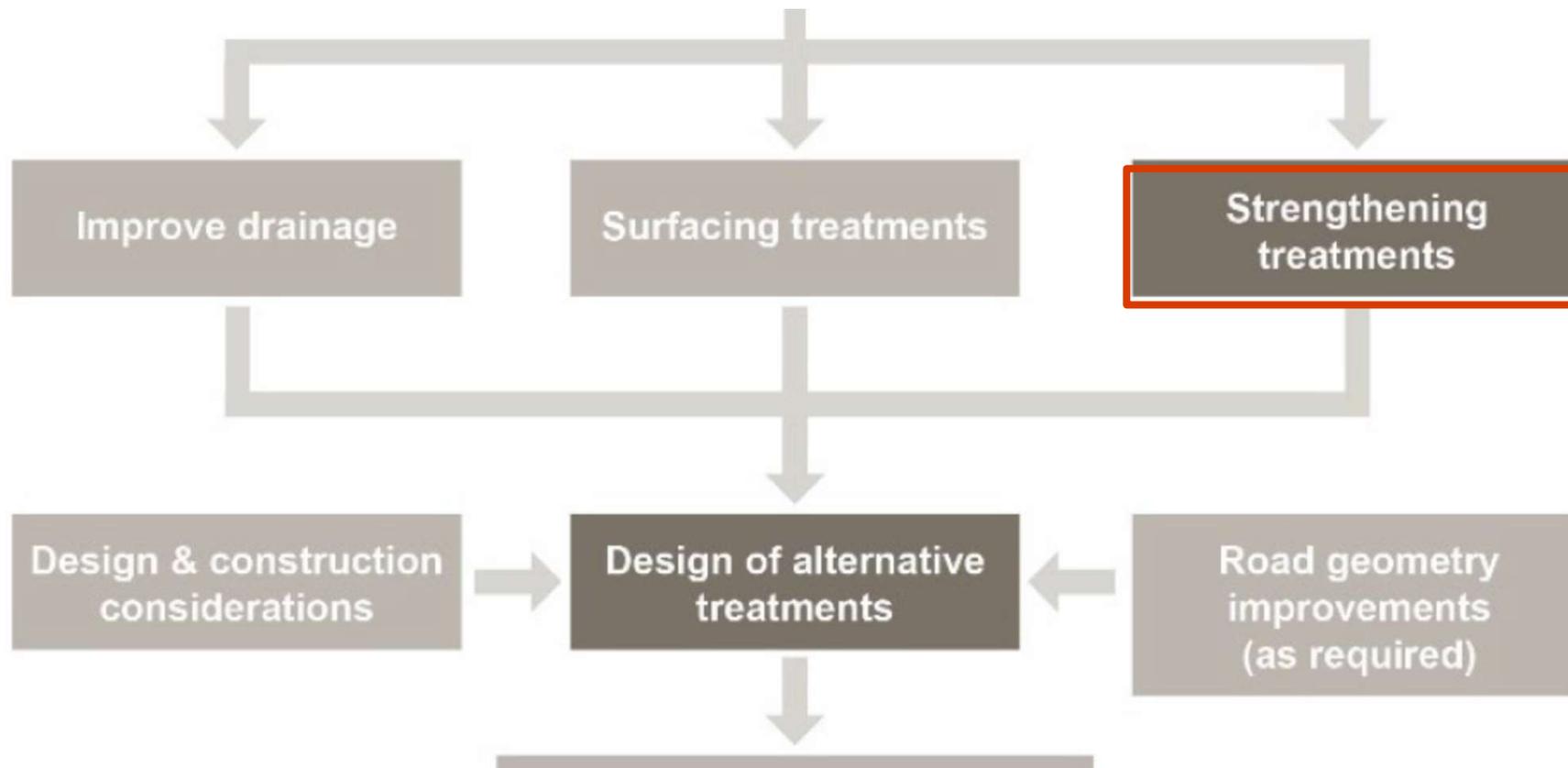
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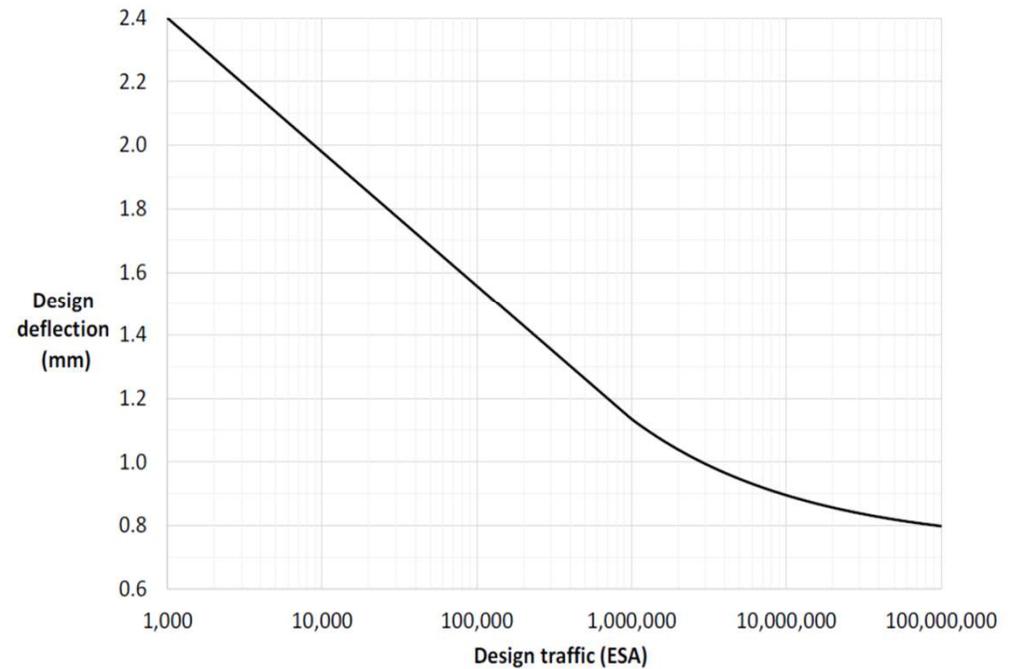
# Thickness design of granular overlays



# Select thickness to reduce measured deflections to design deflection



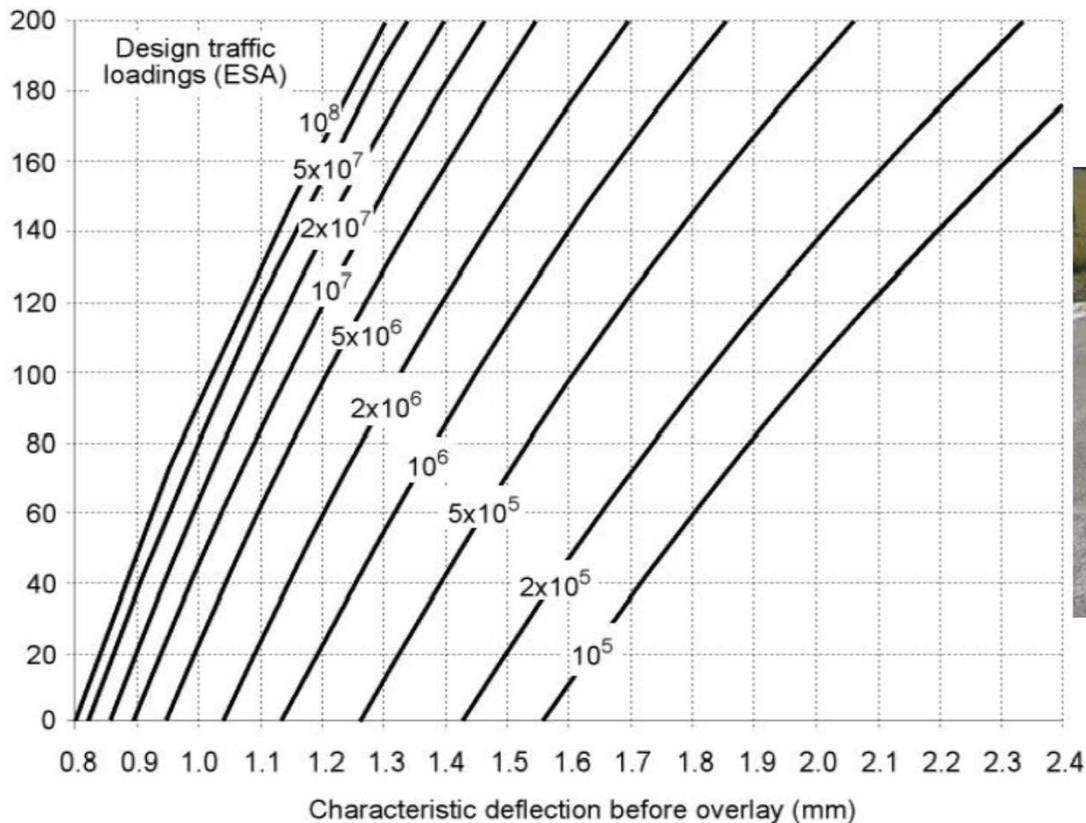
Figure 9.2: Design deflections to limit permanent deformation



# Empirical method of granular overlay design based on Benkelman Beam maximum deflections $D_0$

Figure 9.3: Granular overlay design charts

Granular overlay thickness (mm)



# Deflection testing devices

Benkelman Beam



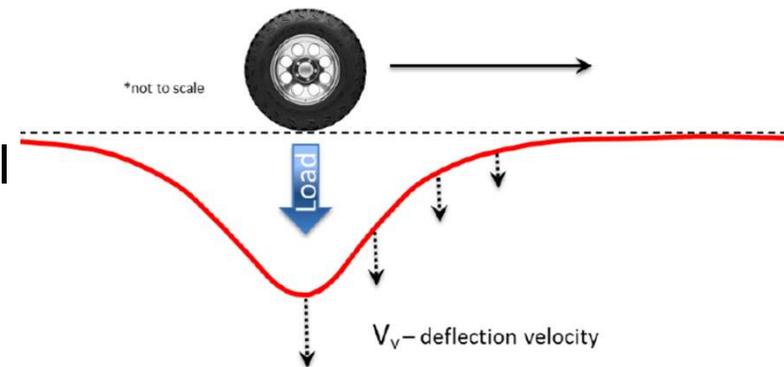
Deflectograph



Falling weight  
deflectometer (FWD)

# Traffic speed deflectometer (TSD)

- 7 laser sensors measure deflection velocities
- Deflections are estimated from the vertical and horizontal velocities
- Use area under the velocity curve as described in test method



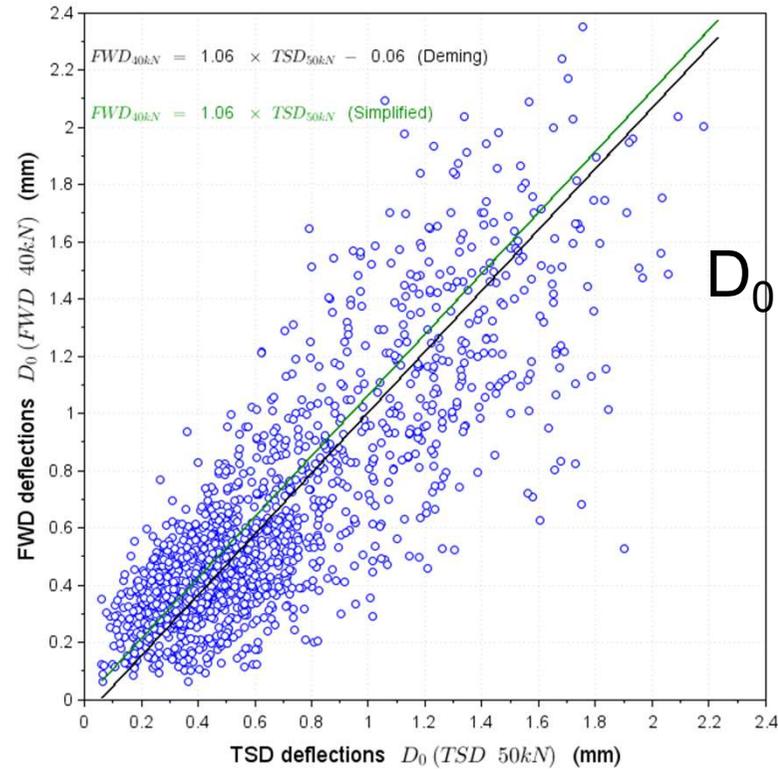
## AUSTROADS TEST METHOD AG:AM/T017

Pavement Data Collection with a Traffic Speed Deflectometer (TSD) Device

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# TSD maximum deflections correlated with FWD values



$$D_0 \text{ (FWD 40 kN)} = 1.06 D_0 \text{ (TSD 50 kN)}$$

# Estimation of Benkelman Beam $D_0$ from TSD values

$$D_0 \text{ (BB)} = 1.06 \times 1.1 D_0 \text{ (TSD 50 kN)}$$

Table 9.2: Deflection standardisation factors

Deflection measurement device	Deflection standardisation factor
Deflectograph, 80 kN single axle with dual tyres	1.2
TSD, 50 kN dual tyres	1.2
Falling Weight Deflectometer, 40 kN load	1.1



$$D_0 \text{ (BB)} = 1.2 D_0 \text{ (TSD)}$$





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# Design of Asphalt Overlays and Inlays

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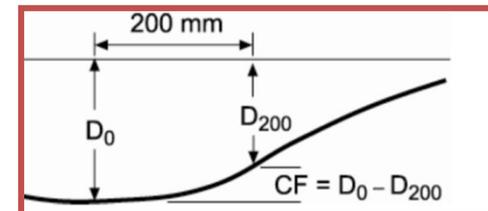
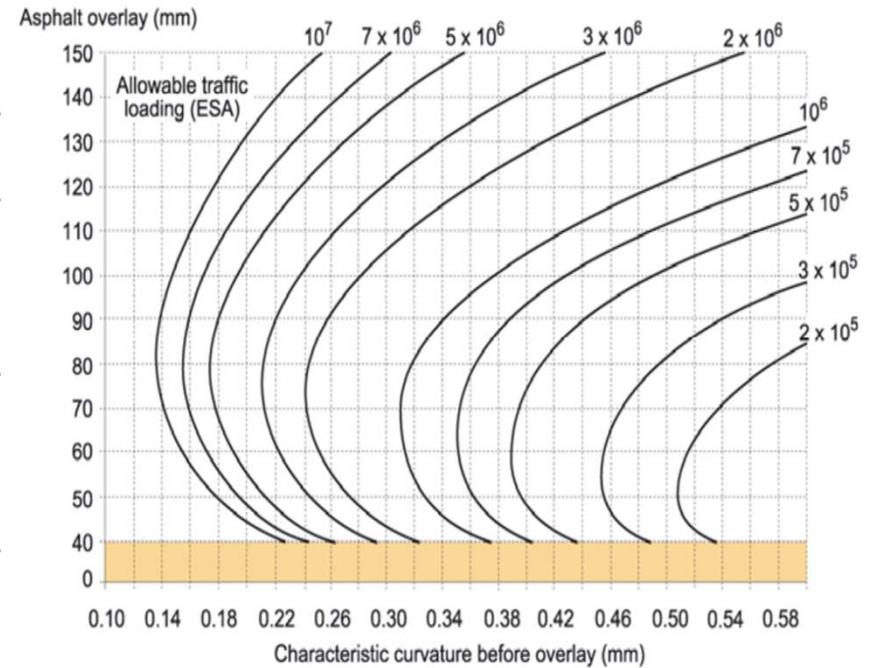
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## Thickness design of asphalt overlays and inlays



# 2011 Austroads Guide thickness design methods for asphalt overlays

Existing pavement type	Section
Flexible pavements without cemented materials	6.2 (using Design Charts)
All flexible pavements	6.3 (using General Mechanistic Procedure)



## 2019 Guide asphalt overlay charts considerations

- The charts needed to be revised to reflect recent changes in asphalt fatigue life prediction in Part 2
- Since original development 30 years ago, design traffic values have increased significantly
- Now common for arterials and highways to have design traffic  $> 10^7$  ESA
- Over the last 10 years the use of general mechanistic procedure (GMP) has increased and use of simplified approach using charts has reduced
- Assumed asphalt moduli in charts do not cater for wide range of possible mixes

## Austrroads decided:

- Delete simplified design charts for thickness design asphalt overlays
- general mechanistic procedure (GMP) used to determine the required thickness of all flexible treatments

# MRWA decided to develop new asphalt overlay and inlay charts

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# MRWA asphalt overlay and inlay design charts

Alternative to the mechanistic-empirical procedures (MEP)

Applicable to:

- flexible pavements without cemented materials
- have a maximum design traffic loading of  $4 \times 10^7$  ESA
- have a WMAPT of 29 °C such as the metropolitan region of Perth
- asphalt overlays and inlays

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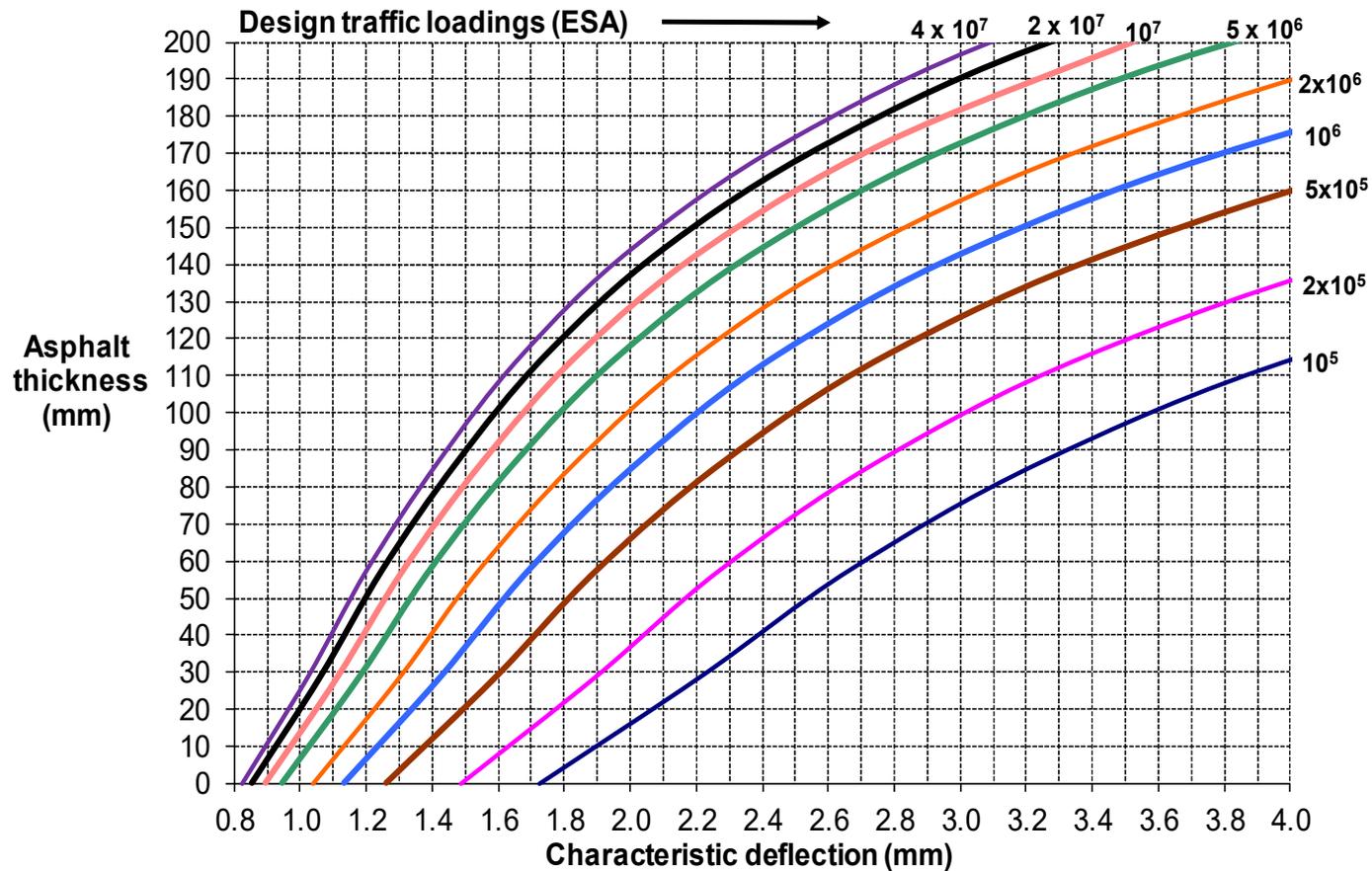
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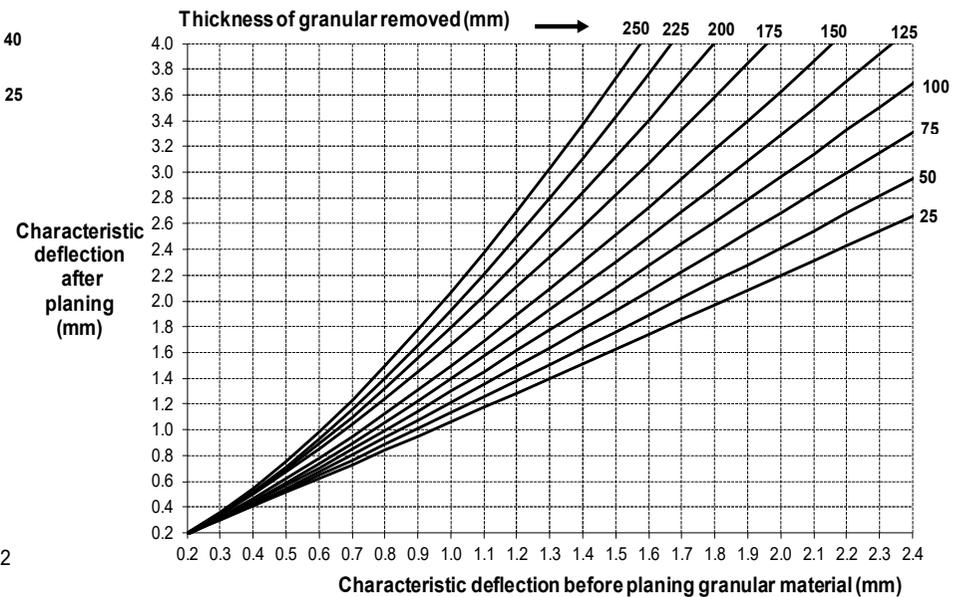
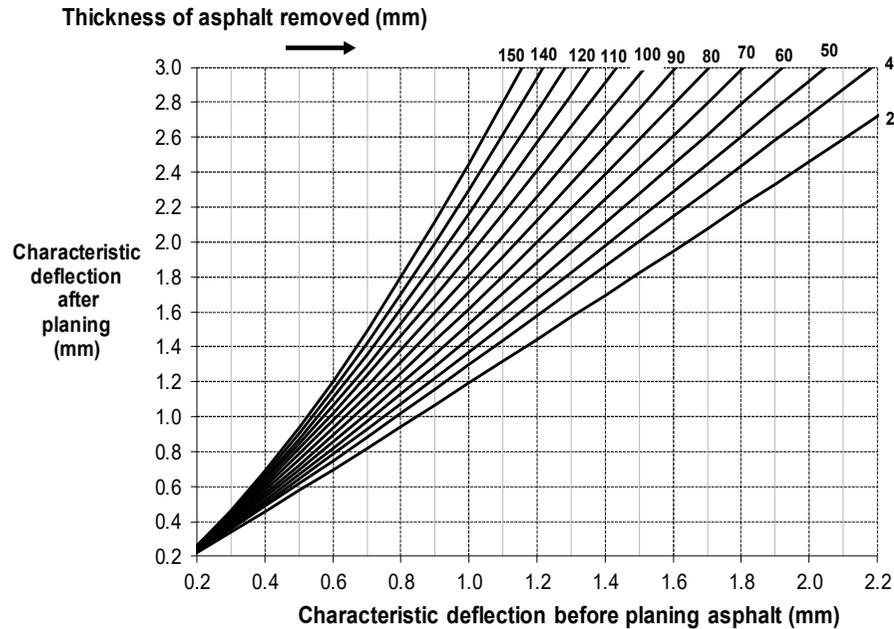
based on 50 kN FWD  
deflections



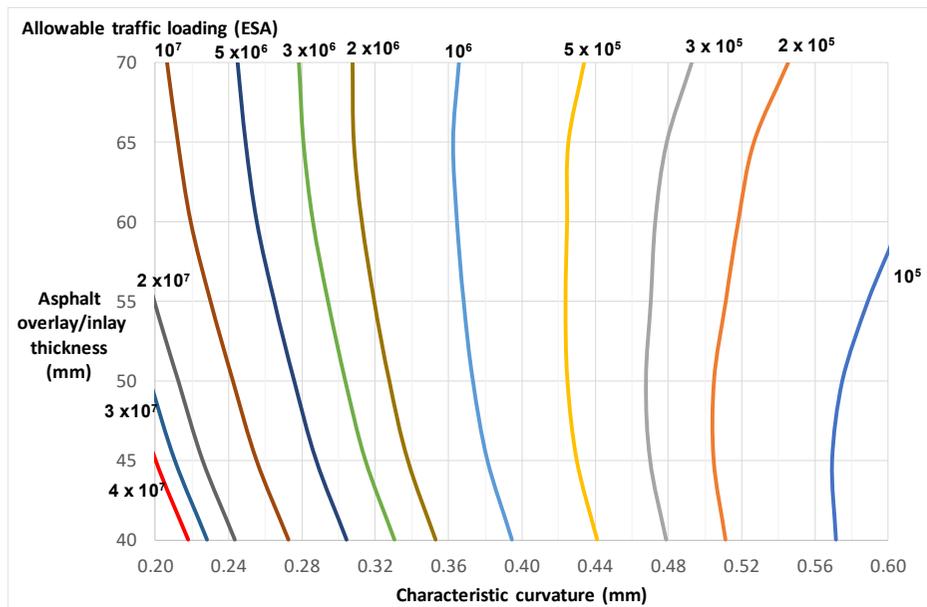
# Asphalt overlays and inlays required to inhibit rutting



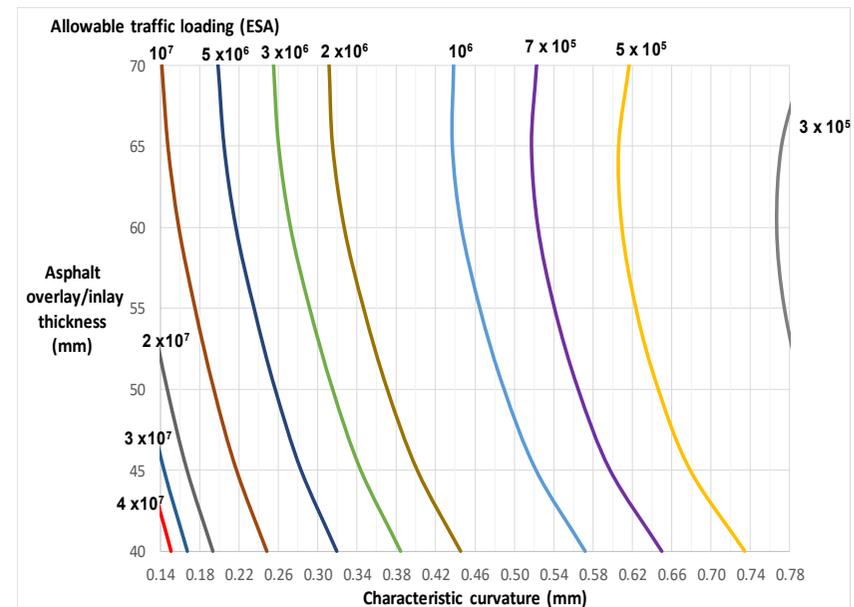
# If designing an inlay, allowance for increase in CD due to removal of asphalt and granular



# Asphalt overlays and inlays required to inhibit fatigue of new asphalt

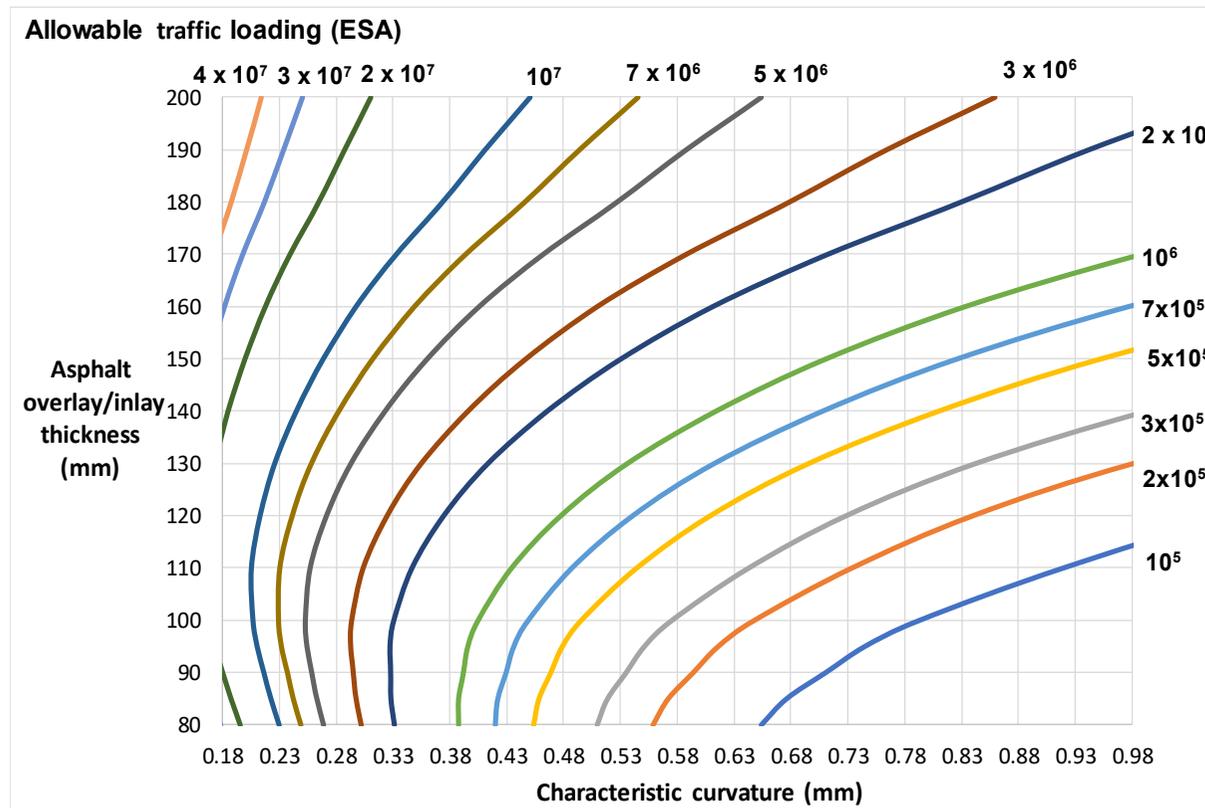


**40-70 mm thick overlay/inlays  
On surfaces without existing asphalt**



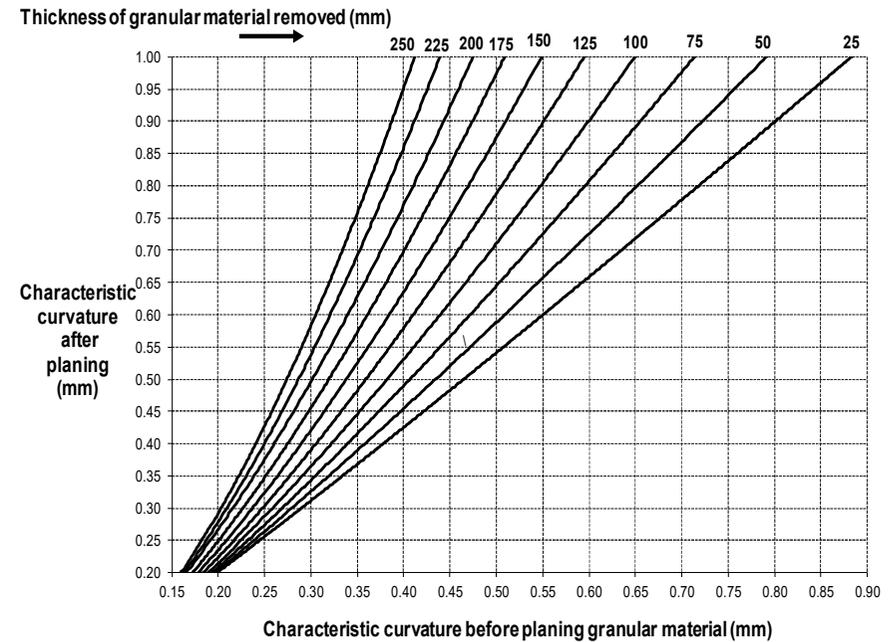
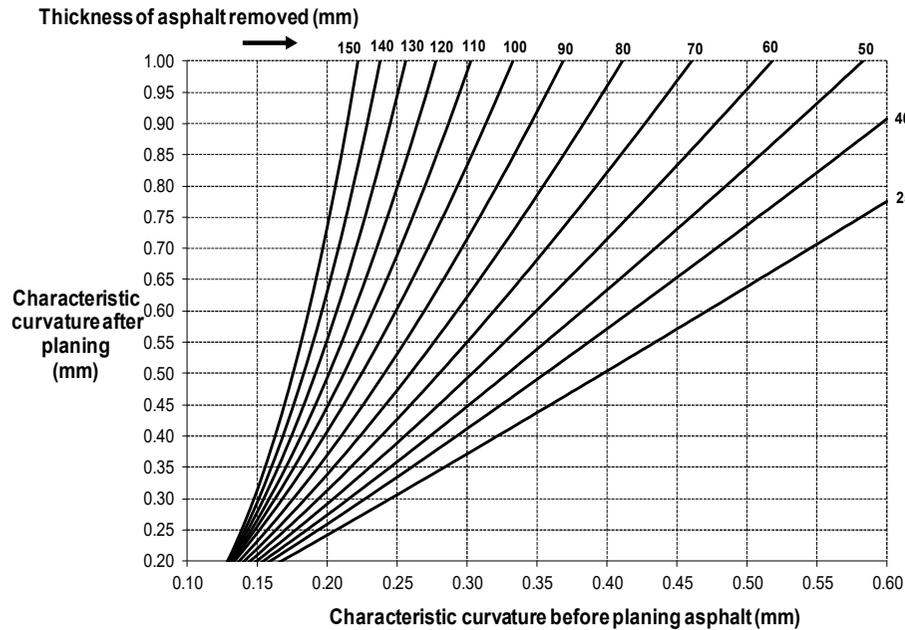
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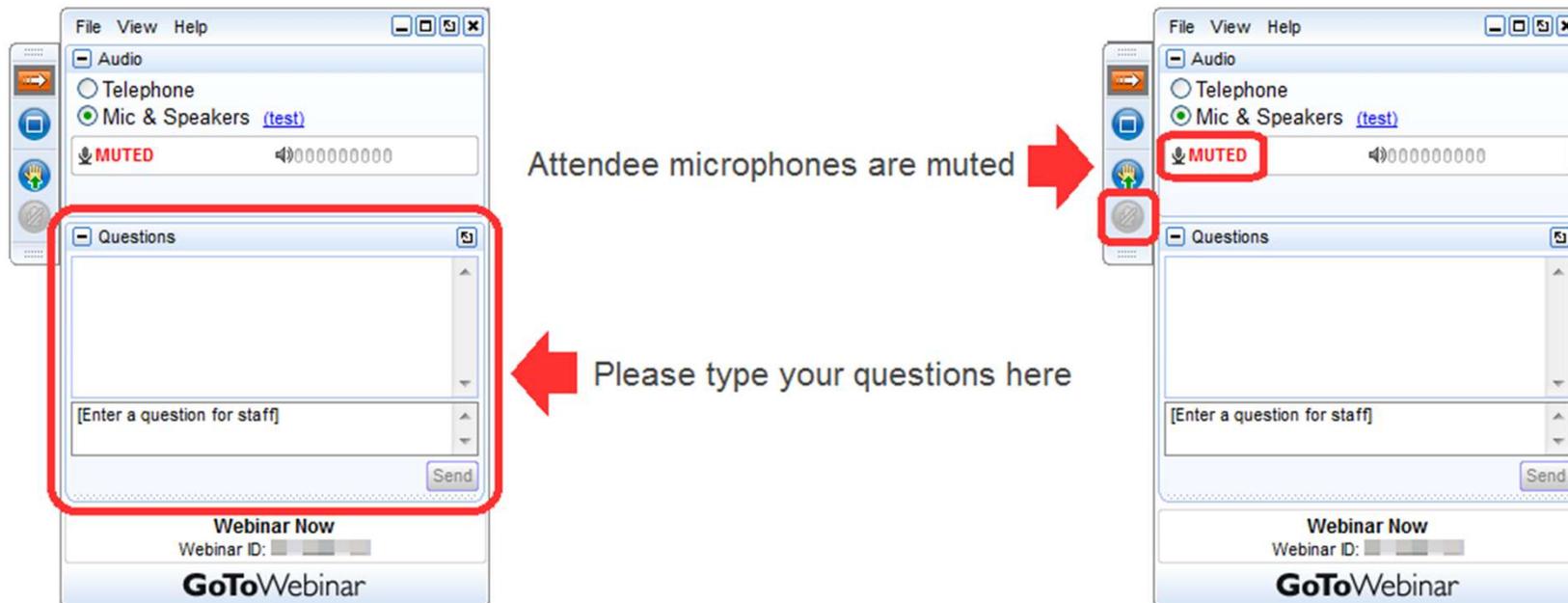


**overlay / inlay thicknesses of 80 – 200 mm**

# If designing an inlay, allowance for increase in curvature due to removal of asphalt and granular



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# Treatment thickness design using mechanistic-empirical procedure

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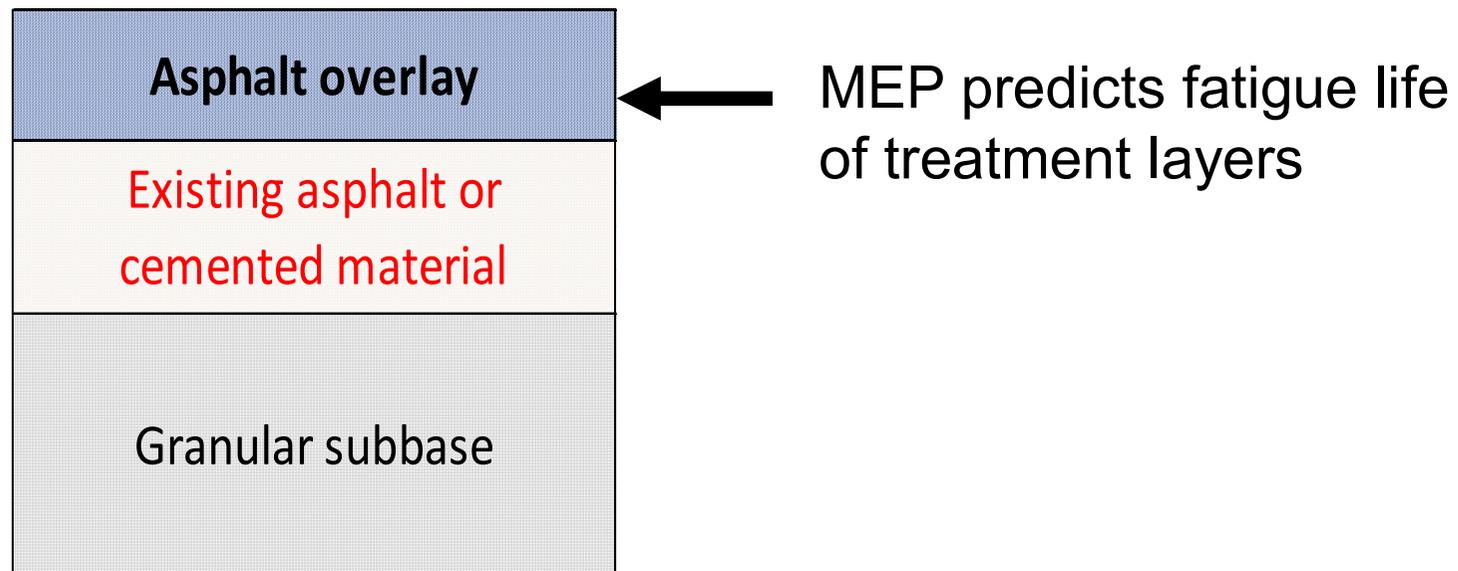


## Mechanistic-empirical procedure (MEP)

- Previously called the GMP - **g**eneral **m**echanistic **p**rocedure to delineate it from the design chart method which was a simplified mechanistic method
- GMP now renamed MEP
- Used to design thickness of any treatment to a flexible pavement other than concrete overlays/inlays
  - Asphalt overlays
  - Asphalt inlays/major patchings
  - Stabilisation of pavement layers and subgrade

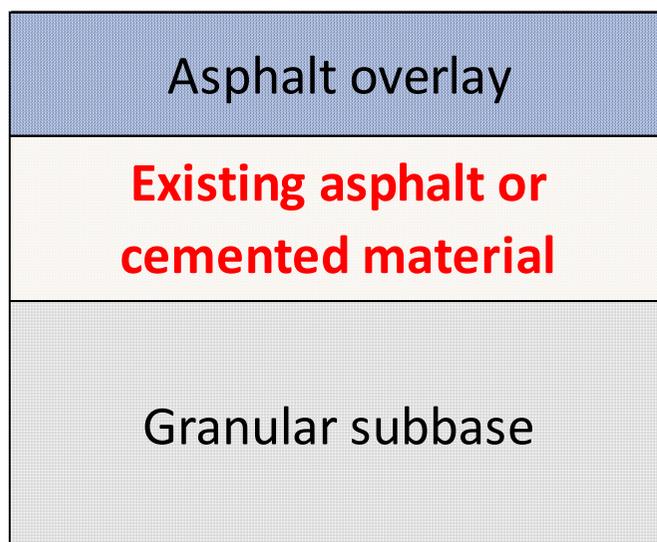
## Scope of the MEP

- Strengthening treatments are designed to limit fatigue cracking in treatment layers and permanent deformation of the treated pavement



## Scope of the MEP

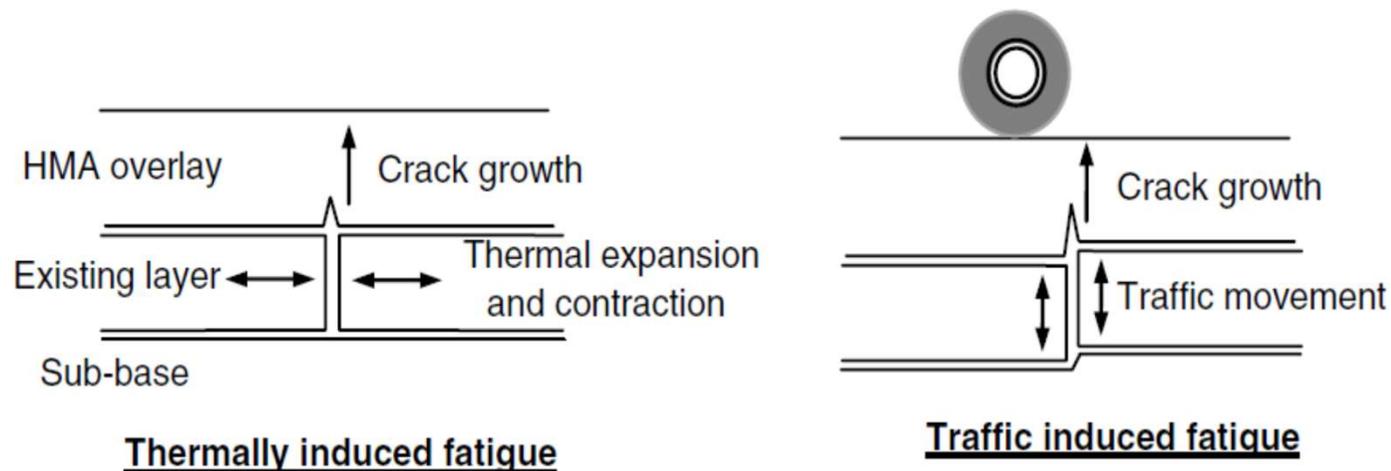
- Procedures yet to be develop to design treatments to limit fatigue cracking of existing bound materials
- Concepts of remaining structural life yet to be developed
- Similarly MEP not applicable to newly-constructed pavements



← Does NOT predict fatigue life of existing bound materials

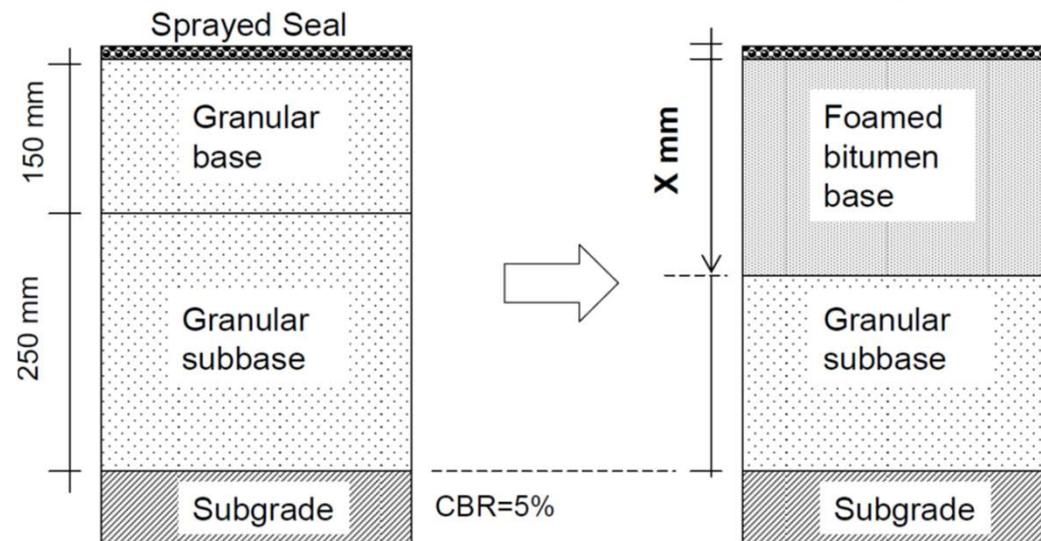
## Reflective cracking

- The MEP does not predict allowable traffic loading in terms of reflective cracking from any cracked underlying material
- Designer needs to consider cost-effective treatment options



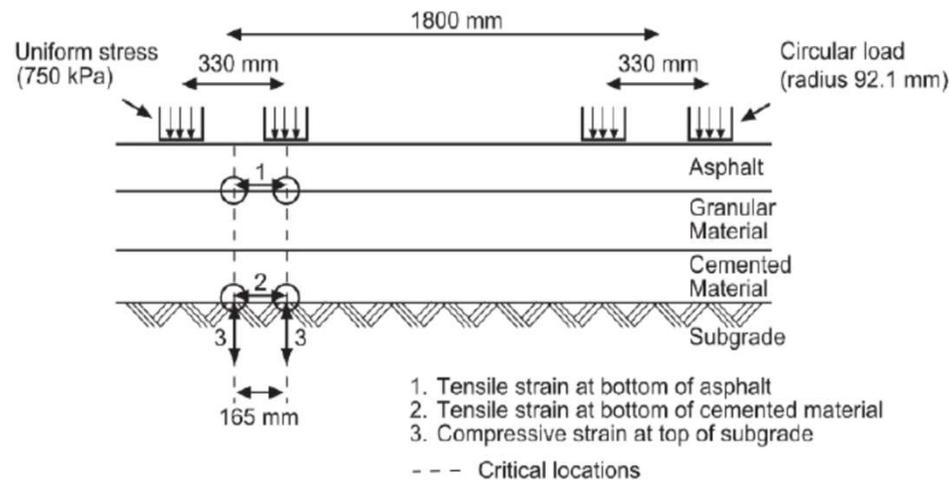
## MEP treatment design similar to Part 2

Similar to Part 2 for new pavement design, except there is an initial phase in which the properties of in situ materials are determined



## Design steps

- design modulus of pavement layers and subgrade
- calculate critical strains under truck axle loads using a linear elastic model
- predict allowable traffic using performance relationships
- compare allowable traffic with design traffic



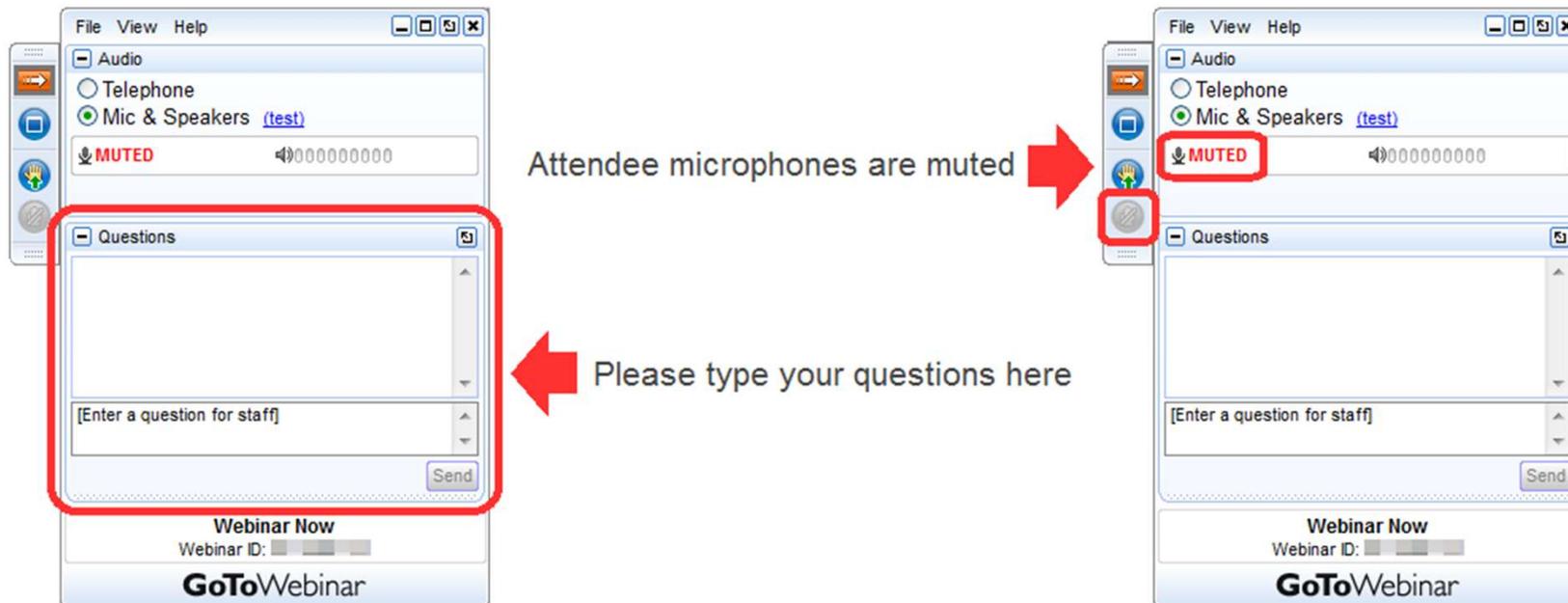
Asphalt fatigue  
relationship

$$N = \frac{SF}{RF} \left[ \frac{6918(0.856V_b + 1.08)}{E^{0.36} \mu \epsilon} \right]^5$$

## Summary

- Project objectives
- Supplement development process
- MRWA feedback on needs
- Overview of Supplement
- Design of granular overlays
- Design of asphalt overlays and inlays
- Mechanistic-empirical procedure for structural treatments

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Development of Crumb Rubber Modified Binder Asphalts in WA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Steve Middleton (ARRB)</li><li>• Steve Halligan (Main Roads)</li></ul>	18 June 2:30pm (AWST)
The Use of Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement from Crumb Rubber Modified Asphalt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Zia Rice (ARRB)</li><li>• Steve Halligan (Main Roads)</li></ul>	23 June 2:30pm (AWST)



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