

# Maryland's Experience with Modified Asphalts



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- ✦ **History**
- ✦ **Performance**
- ✦ **Performance Graded Specification**
- ✦ **PG plus Specification**
- ✦ **Pavements Rehabilitation Strategies**
- ✦ **Maryland's Reasons for Using Modified Asphalts**

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## ✦ Performance

OGFC

I 495

Constructed 1991

AC 20 Modified



1999

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## ✦ Performance

### Intersection

**August 1994**

19 mm Dense Graded Surface  
25 mm Dense Graded Base  
AC 20 Modified (PG76-22)



Oct. 1998

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October 2003

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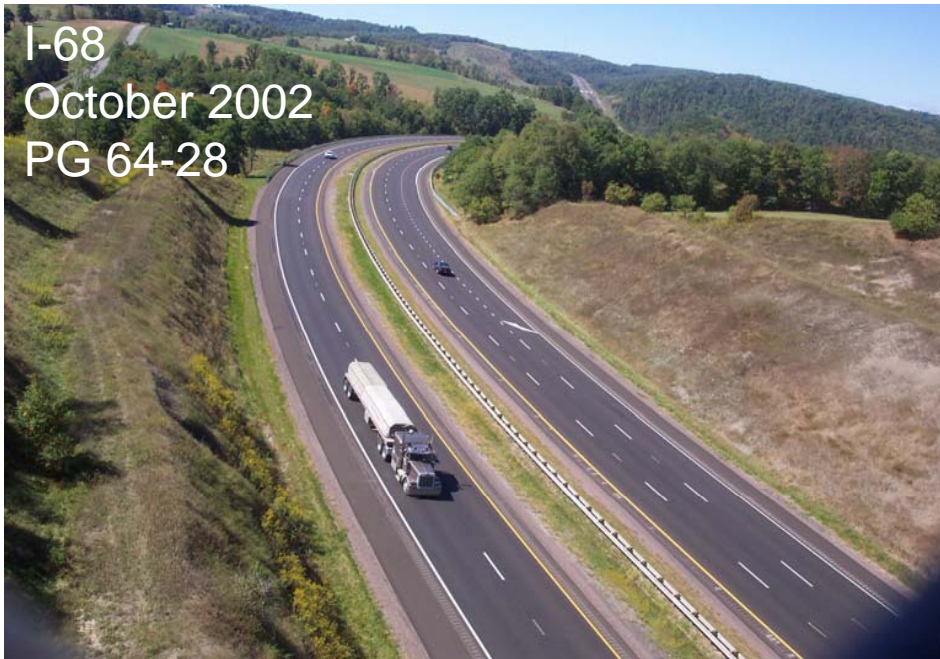
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**Elastomer Polymer Modification**

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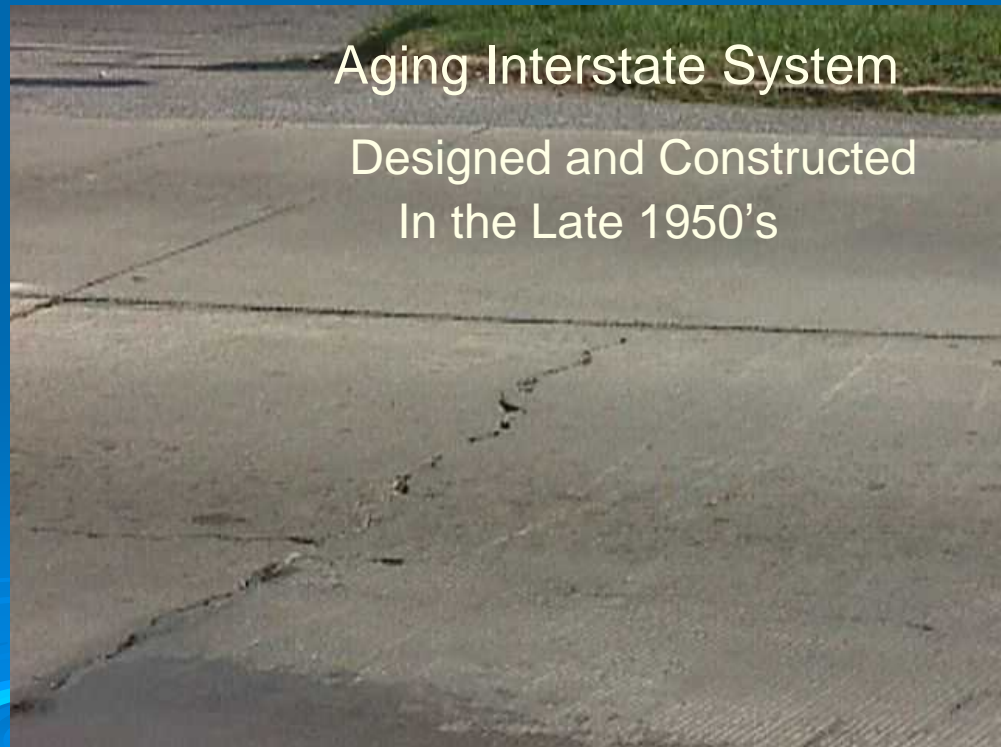
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Aging Interstate System

Designed and Constructed  
In the Late 1950's

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**All Strategies Require PG 76-22**

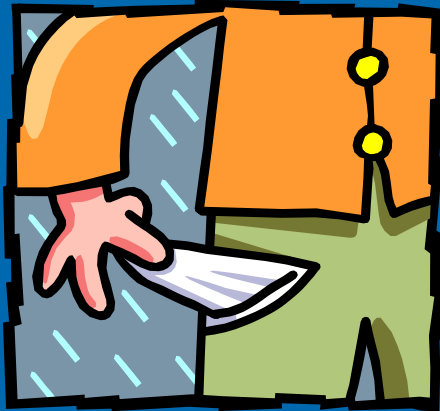
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# Project

- Resurfacing and safety improvements on Interstate 95/495 Inner and Outer Loops of the Washington D.C. beltway
- 3.43 miles of 4-6 lanes roadway
- Work consisted of patching, grinding and resurfacing
- Limited work hours

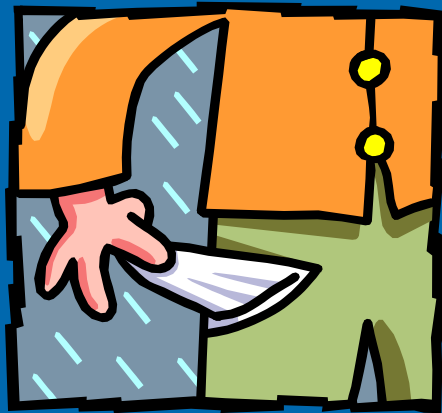
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## Inner Loop (Experimental)

Mill to PCC and replace with 5 inches of SMA with PG 76-22.

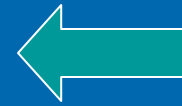
**First lift is 3.5 inches of 19.0 mm SMA**  
**Surface is 1.5 inches of 9.5 mm SMA**



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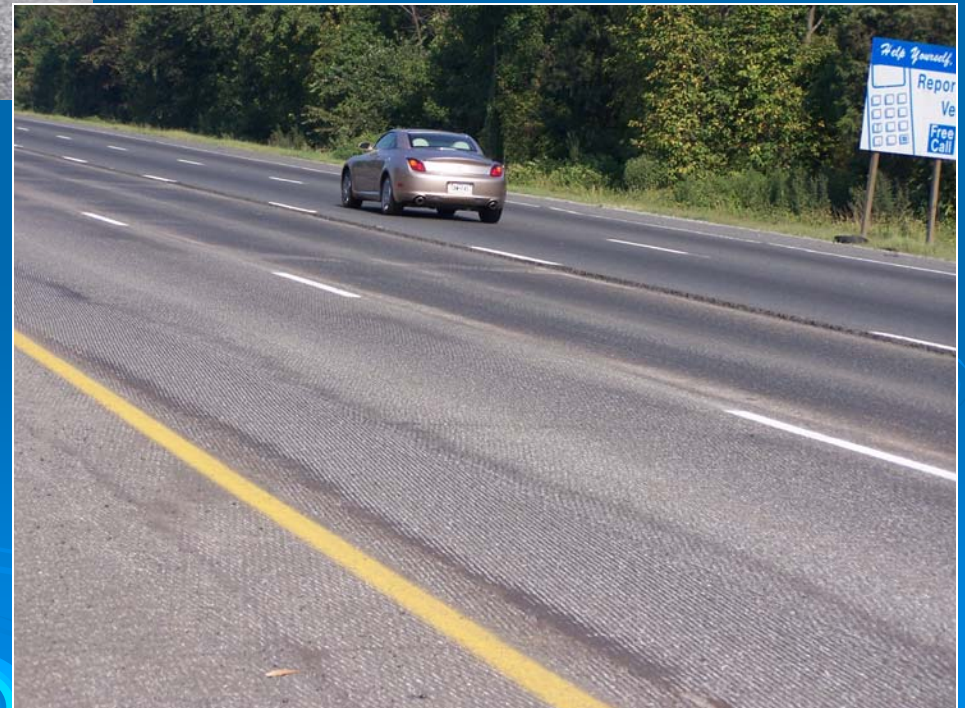
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**PG 76-22**



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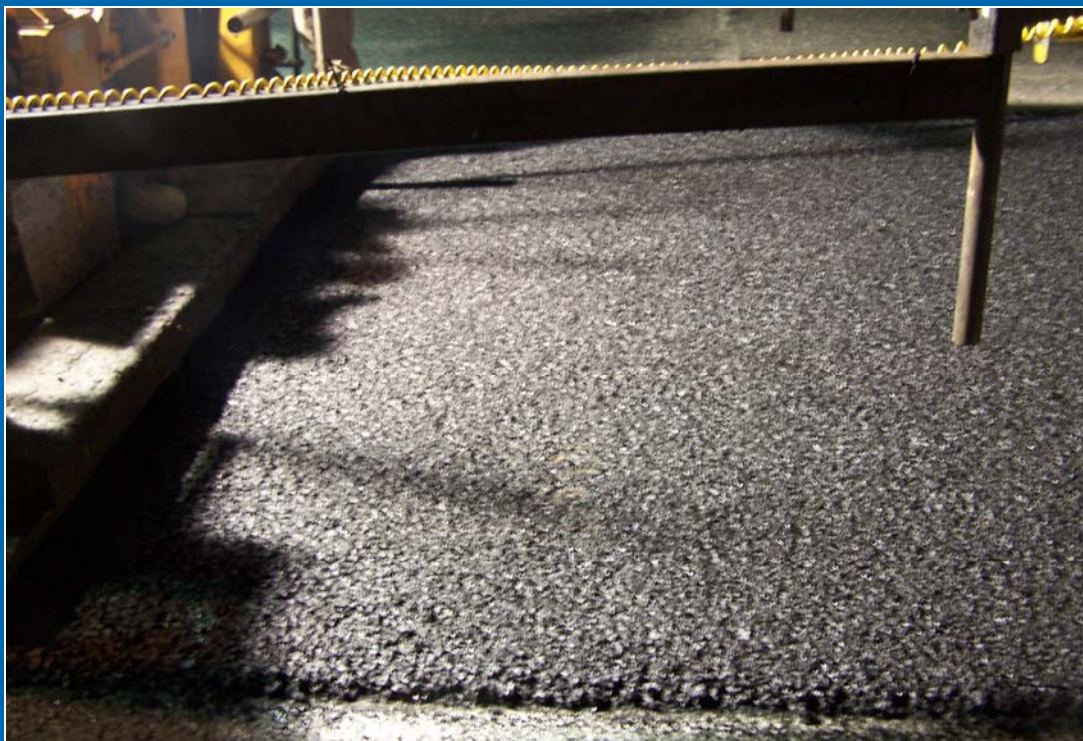
6.5 % AC

PG 76-22

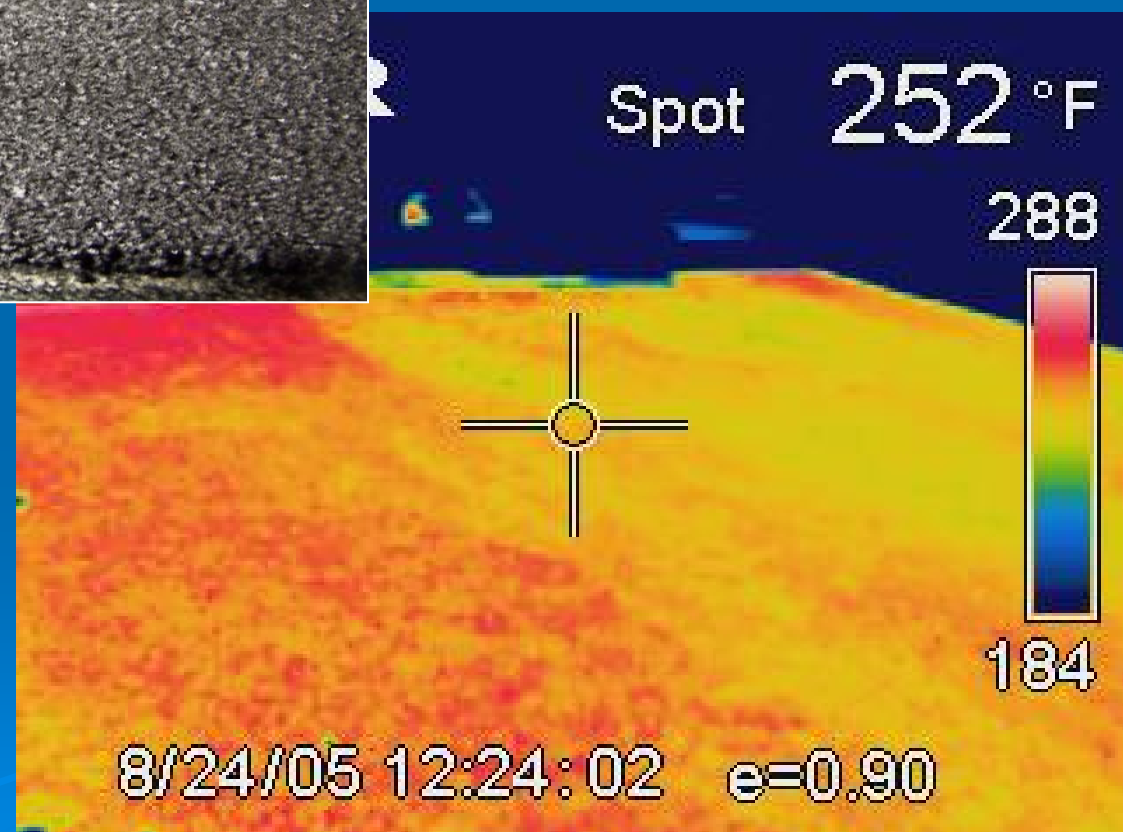
1.5% Sasobit/Binder

Plus fiber





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Sasobit: Mix temp 252°F. Using tighter temp scale. Mat looks good.

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# ICC Draft Report

- Stiffness of Conventional Mix and Sasobit were statistically the same with Sasobit being placed 50°F cooler.





← Warm Mix Section  
1600 Tons

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# Questions?

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