



# NEW JERSEY STATE TRANSPORTATION INNOVATION COUNCIL

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# WELCOME

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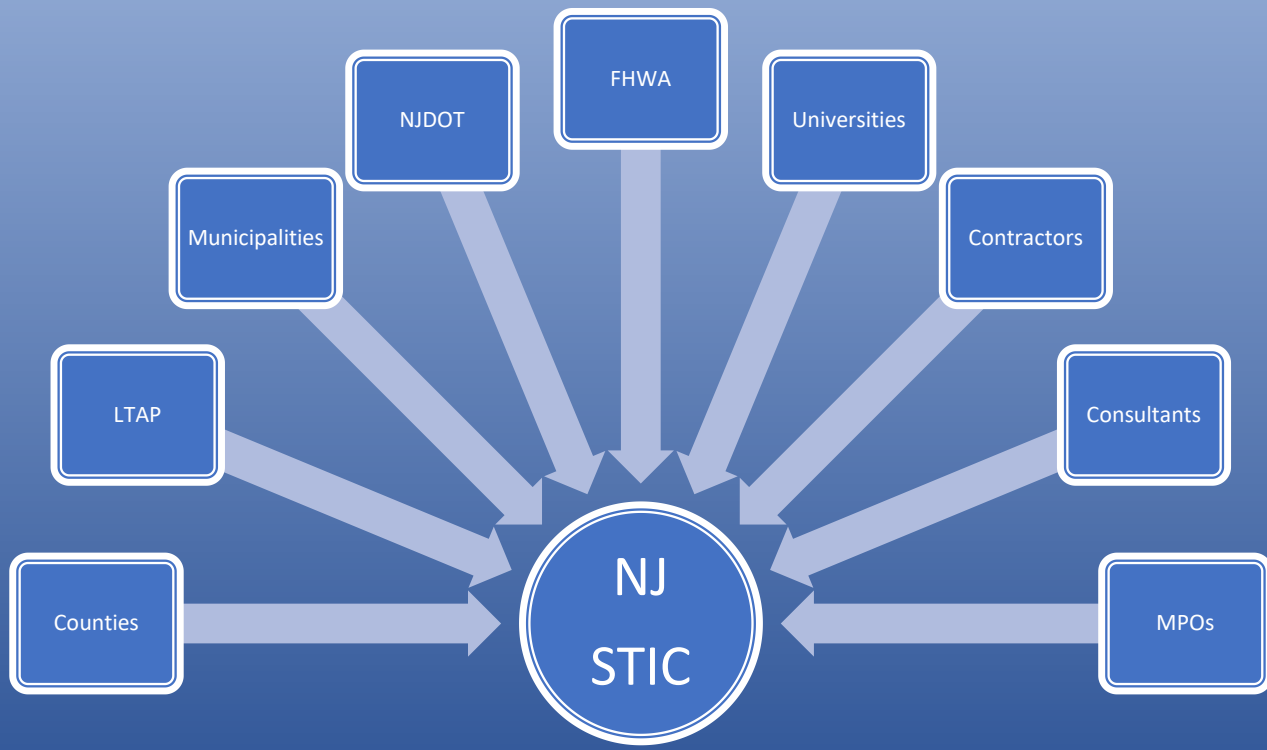
# WELCOME ATTENDEES & SPECIAL GUESTS

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NJDOT – Dan LiSanti  
FHWA – Amy Kaminski

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### PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

NJDOT – Andy Swords  
FHWA – Sutapa Bandyopadhyay

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### INFRASTRUCTURE PRESERVATION

NJDOT – Shivani Patel  
FHWA – Nunzio Merla

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**SAFETY**

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Task	Status
Literature review of relationship between lighting and safety of vulnerable road users	Initial scan complete
Literature review summarizing best practice in design guidance for pedestrian-scale lighting	Current task (ongoing)
Lighting guide highlighting best practices in the types of lighting, luminaire placement, and ways to reduce fatalities and serious injuries	Upcoming



# LIFE-SAVING LIGHTING RESEARCH & GUIDE



**RUTGERS**

Edward J. Bloustein School  
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**Rowan University**



# NIGHTTIME VISIBILITY FOR SAFETY

- Developing Traffic Signal Pole and Mast Arm Details for signalized intersection installations
- Backplates with Retroreflective Tape on Signal Indications



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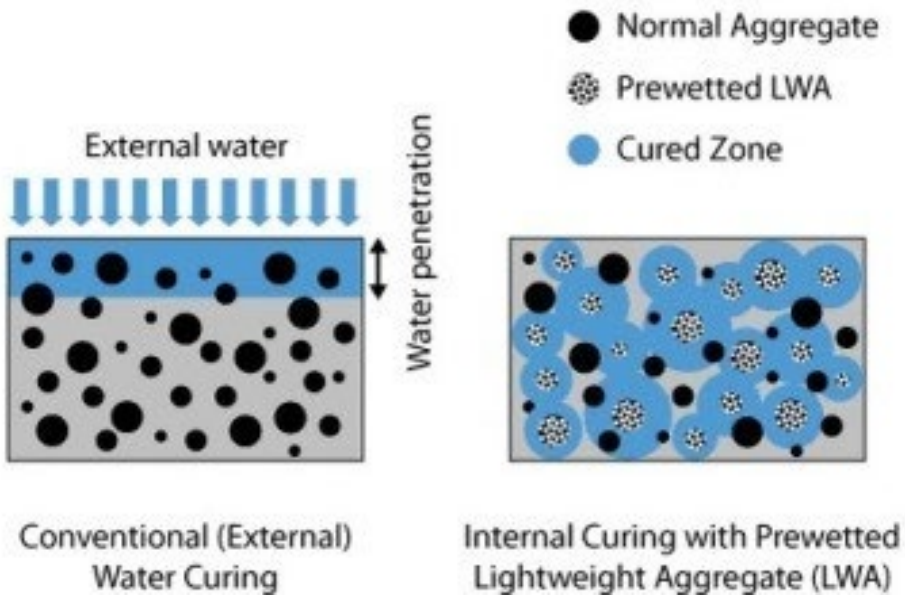
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## EDC-7

# Enhancing Performance with Internally Cured Concrete (EPIC<sup>2</sup>)



### Purpose:

To implement the use of internally cured concrete to reduce shrinkage cracking and achieve long-term performance in concrete bridges, roads and repairs.

### Benefits:

- Improved structural longevity
- Compatible with current concrete practice
- Economical solution
- Reduction in curing time
- Reduced embodied carbon

### Status:

- Team assembled (NJDOT and FHWA)
- Submitted Baseline Report
- Held meeting to discuss responsibilities
- Working on implementation plan activities







## EDC-7

# Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) for Sustainable Project Delivery



### Purpose:

To identify and understand the environmental impacts from resource use, energy, and emissions in construction and consider alternatives using third party verified reports.

### Benefits:

- Sustainable procurement
- Sustainable design
- Guided decision-making

### Status:

- Change in Core Innovation Area
- Submitted Baseline Report
- In the process of developing a team



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# EDC-7 Initiative Statement

*The demand for highway workers is growing, and emerging technologies require new skills.*

*This innovation helps stakeholders improve their ability to **identify, train, and place** highway construction workers.*

*The focus will expand to rural and Tribal communities to increase career opportunities.*



# Implementation Plans

*Development Stage*



Meeting with the Unions and Vocational schools

Vicki Tilghman-Ansley meeting with the Unions



Finalizing program proposals and appointing Program Coordinator

Vicki Tilghman-Ansley meeting with the Unions



Exploring resource opportunities through the Department of Labor and established programs/grants

Title 23, section 504e Federal- Aid Program for Workforce Development, Training, and Education



Developing a Strategic Action Plan for short- and long-term activities  
Identifying roles and responsibilities to keep track of the initiative



Identifying solutions for workforce recruitment and retention

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# Next-Generation TIM (NextGen TIM): Technology for Savings Lives

- Continue to evaluate the effectiveness of TIM technologies:
  - Using LED flares at incident scenes
  - Light towers on Incident Management Response Trucks (IMRT) for scene lighting
  - Real-time stopped queue and slowdown notifications to commercial truck drivers (Drivewyze)
- Assessment Stage:
  - Incorporate activities into the ITS/Traffic Operations work programs.
  - Review responses collected from the TIM QR Code (SurveyMonkey) survey.
  - Provide the drivers with real-time slowdown and congestion alerts.
  - “No Trucks in Left Lane” alerts to avoid traffic congestion.



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Bandyopadhyay



# CORE INNOVATION AREA UPDATE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

JUNE 14, 2023



Sudhir Joshi – NJDOT



# Speakers' Topics



## Update on Every Day Count (EDC) -7 Baseline Report

- i. Baseline Questions
- ii. Innovation Implementation Team Members
- iii. State Innovation Goal
- iv. Obstacles
- v. Implementation Plan Activities

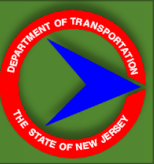
## Update on Carbon Reduction Program

- i. Background
- ii. NJDOT Approach to Carbon Reduction Strategy
- iii. Sample Projects Types
- iv. Key Milestones
- v. Current Status





# Update on EDC-7 Baseline Report

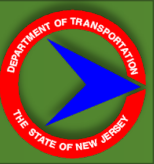


## Baseline Questions

- April 2023 Baseline: What stage of implementation is the State currently at?  
- Development Stage
  
- Current state of practice to support the development stage –
  - Analyzing the air quality benefits of projects and programs through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program and expect to leverage this experience during the demonstration stage in developing the capability to analyze GHG reduction benefits.
  - NJDOT and its partners will benefit from the work on the carbon reduction strategy.
  
- What is the State goal in two years? - Demonstration Stage



# Update on EDC-7 Baseline Report



- Proposed activities the State and their partners intends to perform to attain their goal –
  - Development of a carbon reduction strategy
  - NJDOT intends to support eligible projects and programs while also considering cost effectiveness in this strategy. Provide analytical support to the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program.
  - Consider the use of drone technology for bridge inspection and traffic congestion analysis.
  - Both applications have the potential to reduce traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions.
  - Our transportation partners want to have a better idea of the scale of carbon reduction benefits and use this information in modeling and for decision-making.
  - The second goal is to reduce VMT and improve vehicle performance through electrification and sustainable energy.
  - Third, we consider Green House Gas (GHG) reduction policy holistically, including planning, target setting, and funding to educate, deliver programs, and assess outcomes, as well as funding to prioritize programs.



# Update on EDC-7 Baseline Report



- Can the Innovation Deployment Team provide assistance to help the State and their partners reach its goal within two years?
  - Training
  - Technical Support on specific projects/issues
  - Workshops or Peer Exchanges
  - Case Studies



# Update on EDC-7 Baseline Report



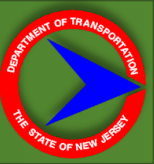
- **Innovation Implementation Team Members** - NJDOT: Andrew Swords and Sushant A. Darji and from FHWA: Sutapa Bandyopadhyay
- **State Innovation Goal (Benefit Goal):** Currently, transportation accounts for 42% of GHG emissions in the state and 29% of GHG emissions nationally.
- **Obstacles:** State DOT is facing difficulty generalizing the effect of projects to the entire transportation sector and needs to develop a process for understanding the GHG impacts of construction.
- **Implementation Plan Activities:** Development of Carbon Reduction Strategy and NEVI Program Support







# Update on Carbon Reduction Program



## Background

- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law establishes the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), which provides funds for the projects designed to reduce transportation emissions, defined as carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from on-road highway sources
- Funds apportioned to each state
- Eligible project types
- Coordination and consultation
- Completion of State Carbon Reduction Strategy by November 15, 2023



# NJDOT Approach to Carbon Reduction Strategy



- **Purpose:** Identify projects and strategies that will contribute to helping New Jersey reduce its transportation-related emissions and serve as a basis for the state's decision-making on the use of CRP funds.
- **Consultation with other Agencies:** Conducted a survey involving multiple agencies to determine the types of projects being pursued by the state, establish a strategy that considers present plans without excluding future plans, and develop a strategy that may serve as a resource for other agencies.





# Sample Project Types



## ➤ Projects Types:

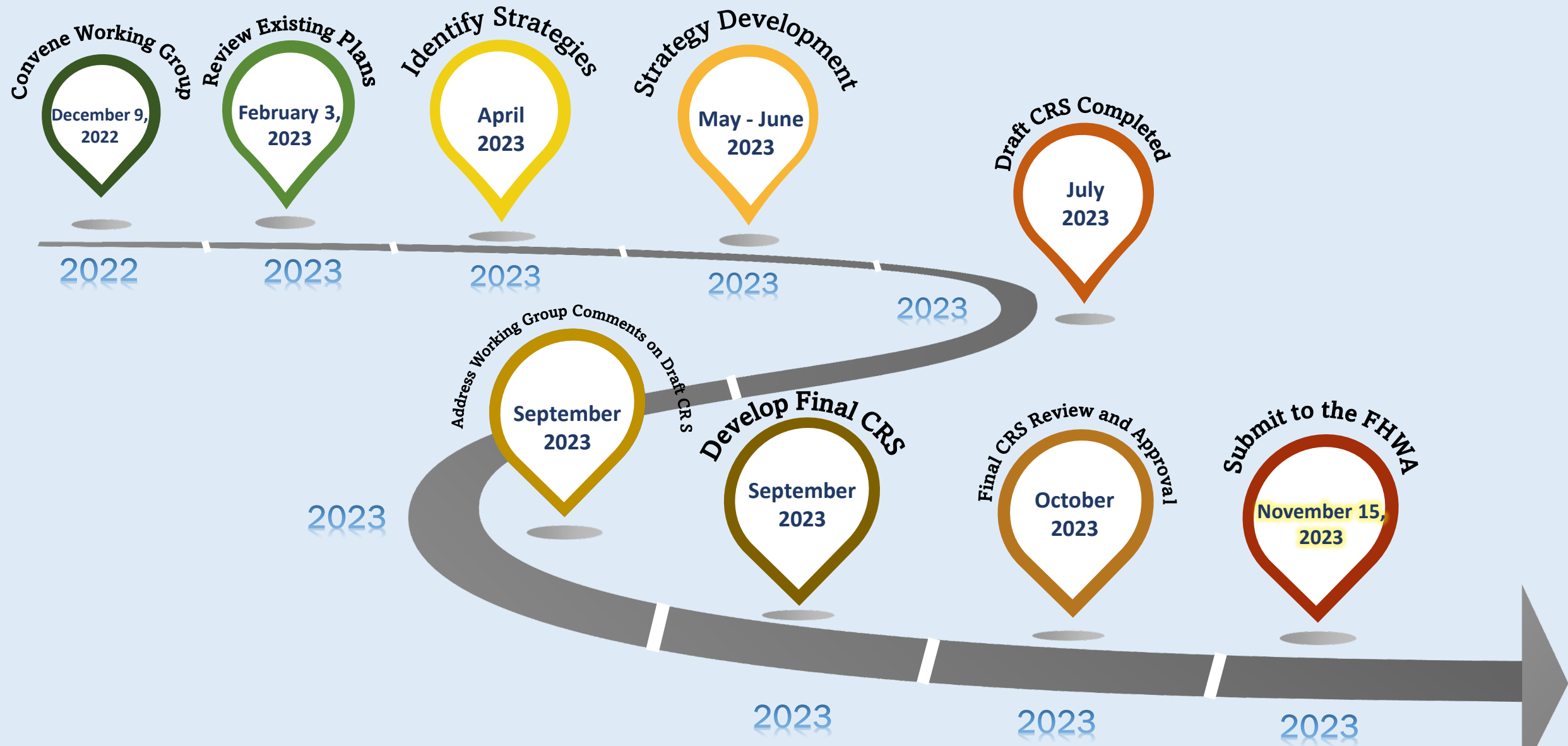
- ✓ Replace medium duty trucks
- ✓ Replace diesel offroad equipment
- ✓ New active transportation facility
- ✓ Expanded Transit Bus Service
- ✓ Signal synchronization along corridor
- ✓ Construction methods
- ✓ Replace Lighting with LED
- ✓ Install public EV charging stations
- ✓ Replace diesel buses
- ✓ New Vanpool Service
- ✓ Expanded Light Rail Service
- ✓ Projects to relieve highway congestion
- ✓ Innovative technologies
- ✓ Replace heavy duty trucks

## ➤ Project Example: Sustainable construction materials like Glass Foam Aggregate

- ✓ 50% less CO2 than other lightweight aggregates
- ✓ 1 Truck of FGA  $\approx$  7 Trucks Of Regular Backfill Trucks Off the Road
- ✓ NJDOT Construction has used  $\sim$  35,000 Cubic Yard of FGA, which equates to over 30 million bottles not placed in landfills
- ✓ NJDOT has projects in design soon to go into construction that will use over 50 million bottles



# Milestones: Carbon Reduction Strategy



# Current Status



- Currently, we are establishing the strategies by soliciting feedback from all other agencies and analyzing the approaches developed by other states to develop strategies for their states.







**Thank you for your Participation.**



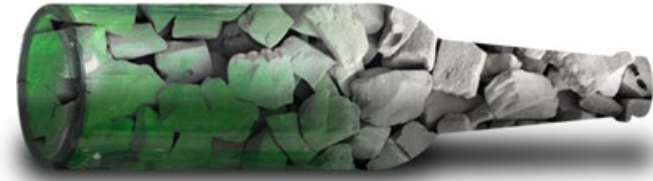
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# Foam Glass Aggregate (FGA)



made from **100% RECYCLED**  
container glass



# What Makes FGA Innovative

- ❖ Cost-effective engineering solution that is environmentally friendly
- ❖ Reduces landfill waste by repurposing glass into an innovative engineering material
- ❖ Alleviates the burden on waste management infrastructure and promotes a more sustainable approach to waste handling.
- ❖ Less energy to make and generates fewer carbon emissions compared to other materials.

# Benefits of FGA

- ❖ Extremely Lightweight
  - ❖ 85-90% lighter than quarried aggregates
  - ❖ 55-60% lighter than lightweight aggregates
- ❖ Excellent Engineering Properties
  - ❖ Highly frictional
- ❖ Exceptional Insulating Properties
- ❖ Environmental Properties
  - ❖ Non-leaching, rot-resistant, non-flammable and durable
- ❖ Manufactured From 100% Recycled Glass



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# Crushed glass from recycling plant and after washing

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# Manufacturing

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- ❖ The manufacturing process takes recycled glass powder and mixes it with a foaming agent, where it is then sent through a kiln and softened.
- ❖ During this process, bubbles are created within the softened glass due to the foaming agent creating foamed glass aggregates.





# Manufacturing

- ❖ After the Foam Glass Aggregate cools, it cracks and forms the aggregate pieces seen here coming off the conveyor belt.

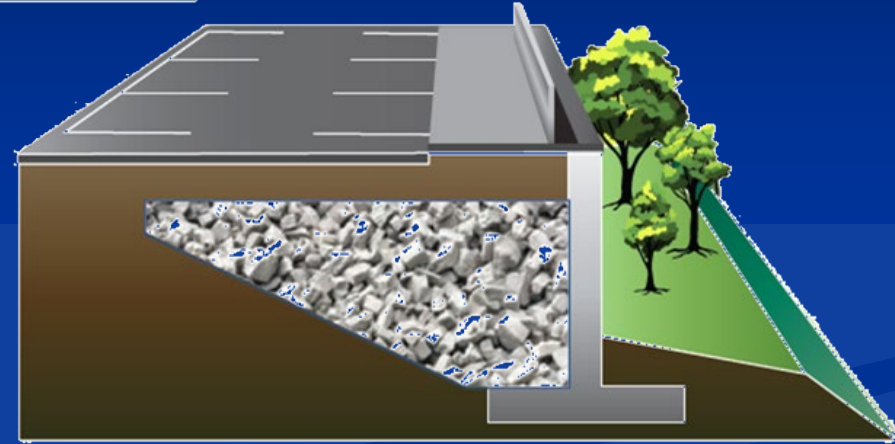


# Transportation Applications

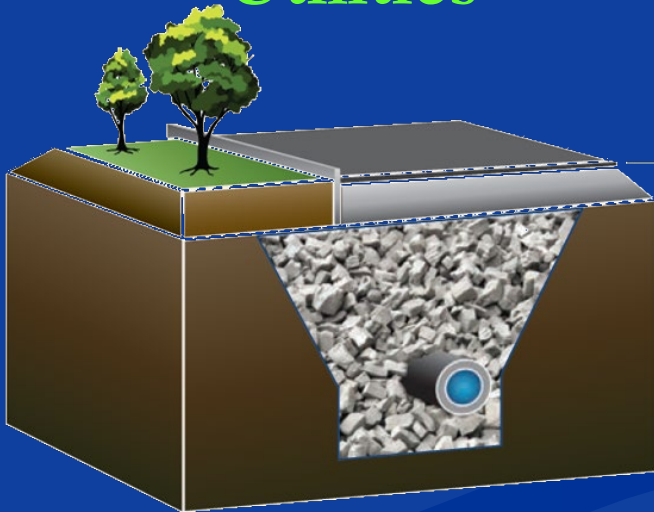
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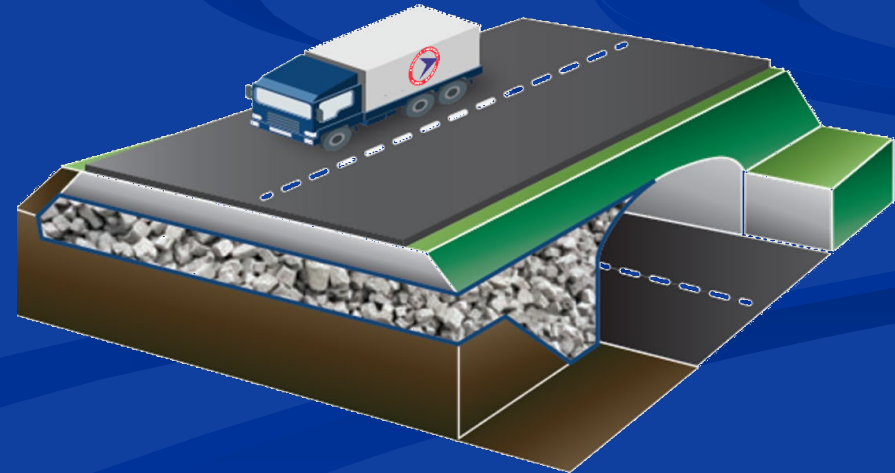
Retaining Walls & Abutments



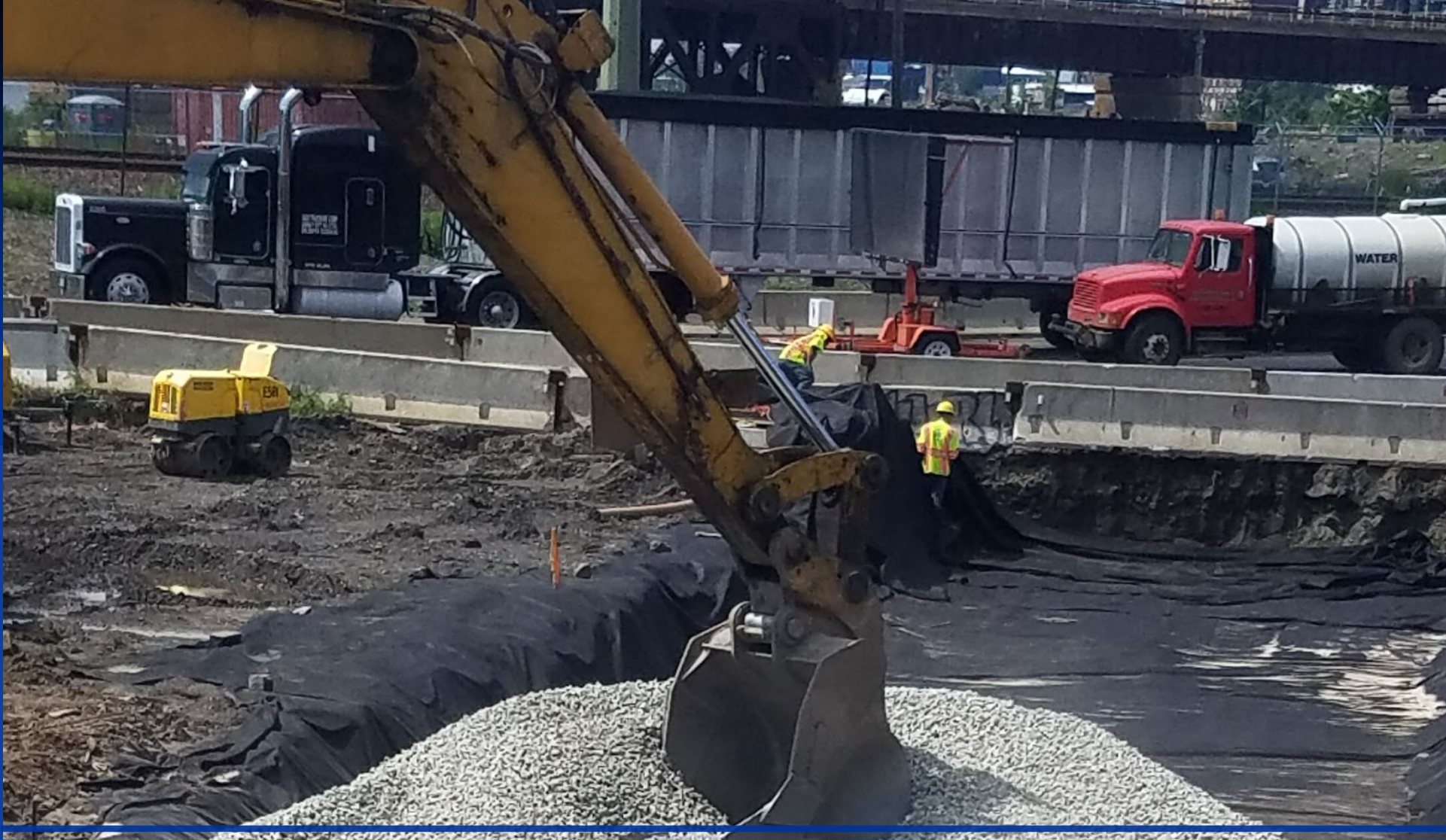
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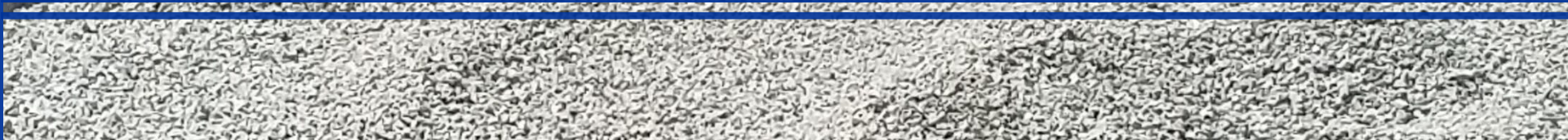
Tunnels & Culverts







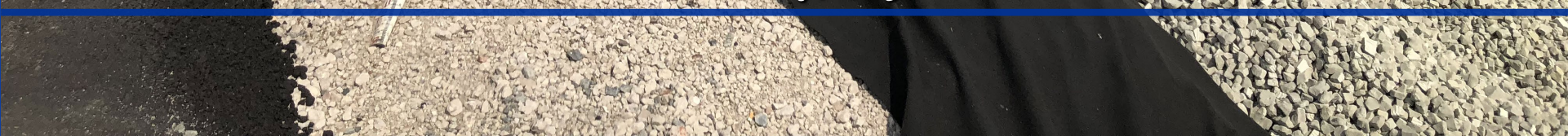
## Route 7 Wittpenn Roadway Installation







Route 7 Wittpenn Bridge  
Kearny, NJ







Behind Abutment on I-80 over Rockway River  
Denville, NJ







**Behind Wire Wall On Fish House Road Kearny**





# NJDOT Projects

- ❖ Route 7 Wittpenn Bridge  
32,000 cy **27.6 Million Bottles**
- ❖ I-80 over Rockaway River  
2,147 cy **1.9 Million Bottles**
- ❖ Route 1&9 New Road, Contract 1  
873 cy **0.8 Million Bottles**
- ❖ Route 322 Mullica Hill  
24 cy **21,000 Bottles**

# NJDOT Projects

- ❖ Route 40 & 322 Atlantic City  
35,000 cy    **30 Million Bottles**
- ❖ Route 47 Widening  
8,000 cy    **7 Million Bottles**
- ❖ Route 29 Cass Street Drainage  
6,375 cy    **5.5 Million Bottles**
- ❖ Fish House Road Kearny  
12,904 cy    **11 Million Bottles**



# Resiliency

- ❖ Production Emission and Energy



- ❖ 50% less CO<sub>2</sub> than other lightweight aggregates

- ❖ Transportation Emission and Congestion



- ❖ 1 Truck of FGA  $\approx$  7 Trucks Of Regular Backfill Trucks Off the Road
- ❖ Locally Recycled and Manufactured Material

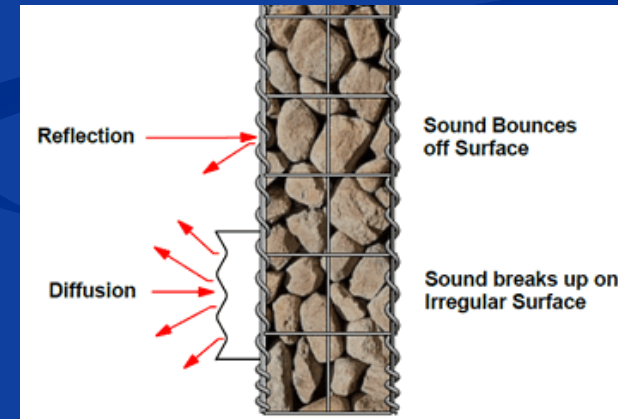
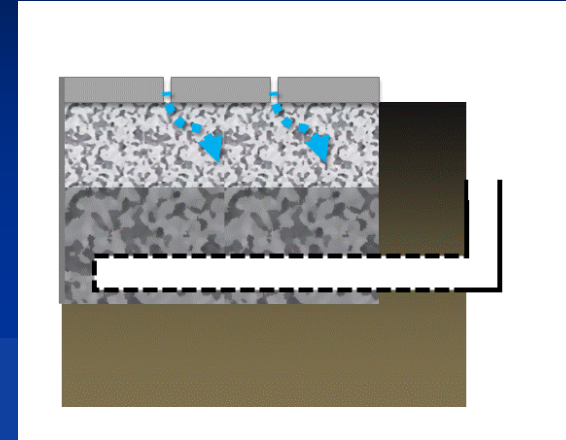
- ❖ Material Reduction



- ❖ Less Weight  $\rightarrow$  Smaller Walls  $\rightarrow$  Less Materials (i.e., Concrete, Steel)  $\rightarrow$  Less Emissions

# Future Applications

- ❖ Flood Mitigation
  - ❖ Underground Reservoirs
- ❖ Noise Reduction
  - ❖ Noise Walls
- ❖ MSE Walls
  - ❖ FGA Backfill
- ❖ Rehabilitation Projects
  - ❖ Abutment and Wall Reconstruction



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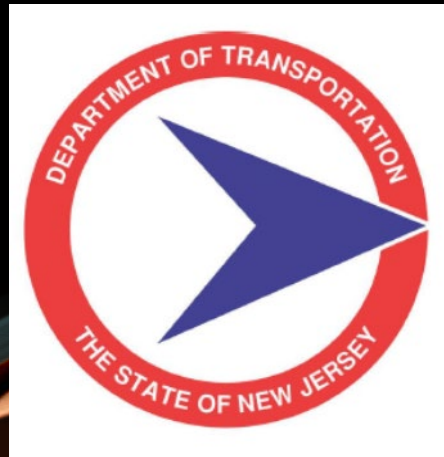
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# NJDOT INITIATIVES FOR SUSTAINABILITY IN PAVEMENTS

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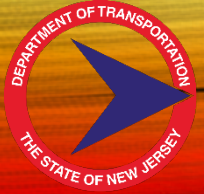
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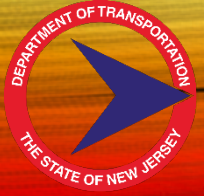
# OVERVIEW

- Sustainability in Pavements
- Recycled Scrap Rubber Tires
- Recycling Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP)
- Recycled Plastic Waste
- Summary



# SUSTAINABILITY





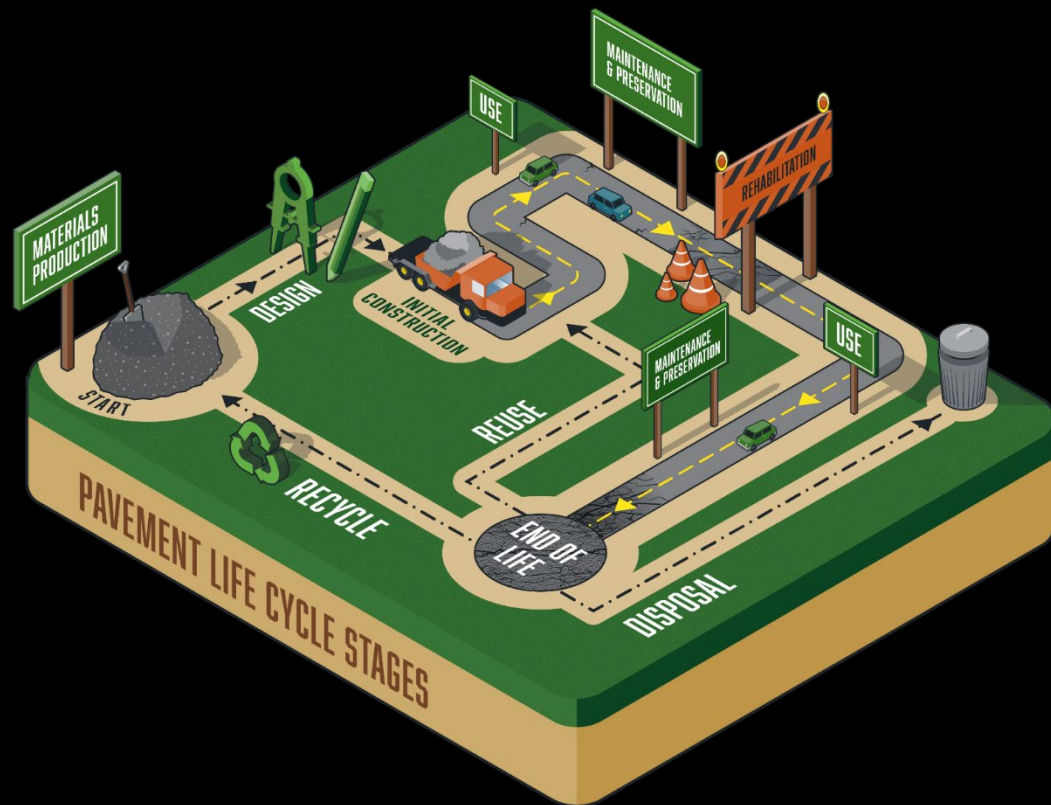
# SUSTAINABLE PAVEMENTS DEFINED

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- Achieve the engineering goals.
- Preserve and (ideally) restore surrounding ecosystems.
- Use financial, human, and environmental resources wisely.
- Meet basic human needs such as health, safety, equity, employment, comfort, and happiness.



# OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVING SUSTAINABILITY



## Pavement Life Cycle Stages

- Materials
- Design
- Construction
- Use
- Maintenance/Preservation
- End of Life

Image Source: FHWA/APTech

# BENEFITS OF BEING MORE SUSTAINABLE



- Reduced pavement life-cycle costs



- Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions
- Reduced energy
- Reduced noise



- Improved safety
- Improved ride quality
- Conservation of resources







RECYCLED SCRAP RUBBER TIRES



# WHY RUBBER IN PAVEMENTS?

- Engineered waste product
- Tire rubber contains polymers
  - Increase asphalt binder viscosity
  - Increase film thickness on aggregates
  - Increase durability, rutting resistance, and cracking resistance



# WHY RUBBER IN PAVEMENTS?



- Reduce landfill (11% goes to landfill)
- Prevent pollution
  - Water
  - Air – tire fires, methane gas
- Prevent Diseases from Pests
  - Mosquitoes
  - Rodents



# ASPHALT RUBBER

- “Wet” Process of blending ground recycled tire rubber (GTR)
- ASTM D 6114 (15% minimum GTR)
- **Asphalt Rubber Open Graded Friction Course (AR-OGFC)**
- **Asphalt Rubber Gap Graded Courses**
- **Asphalt Rubber Chip Seal**
- Can recycle up to 1,000 tires per lane mile



# ASPHALT RUBBER "WET" PROCESS





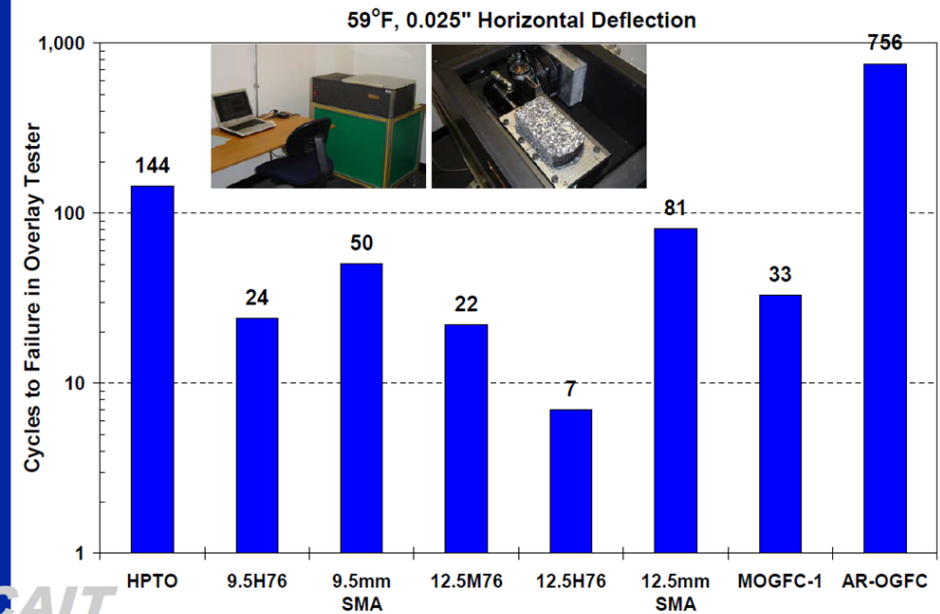
# ASPHALT RUBBER "WET" PROCESS



# I-295 MERCER COUNTY ASPHALT RUBBER-OPEN GRADED FRICTION COURSE (2007)



## NJDOT Surface Course Mixes



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# ROUTE 72 OCEAN COUNTY ASPHALT RUBBER GAP GRADED (2014)





# ROUTE 68 BURLINGTON COUNTY ASPHALT RUBBER CHIP SEAL (2018)







# RECYCLING RECLAIMED ASPHALT PAVEMENT (RAP)

# WHY HIGH RECLAIMED ASPHALT PAVEMENT (RAP)?

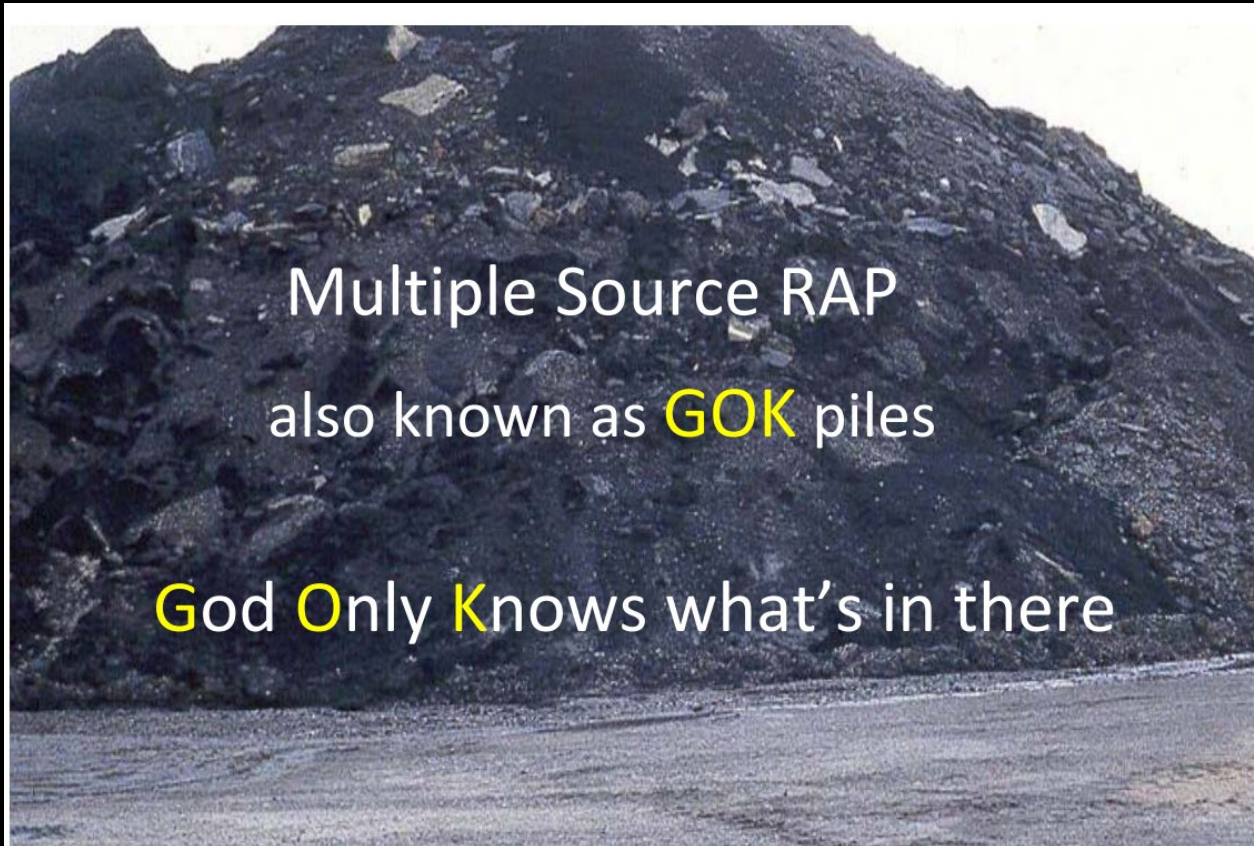
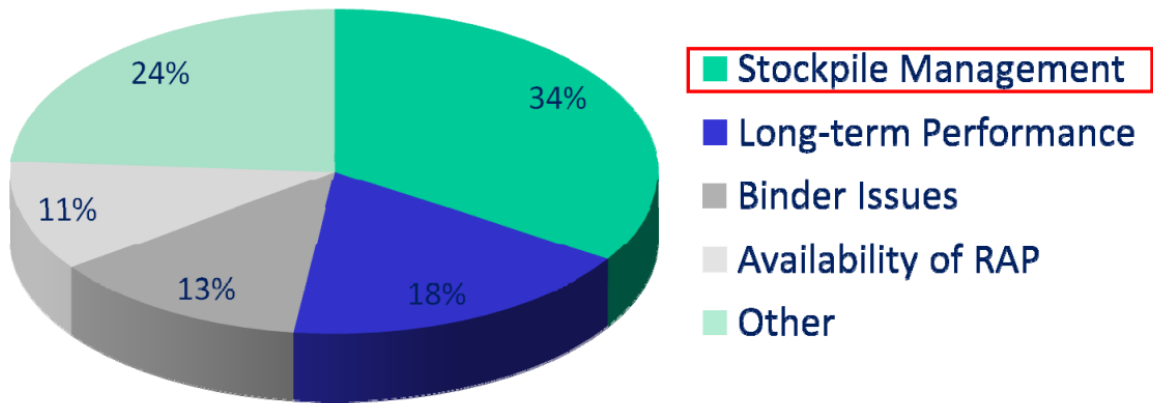


- Engineered waste product
- Reduce virgin material use
- Reduce energy consumption and emissions
- If done correctly
  - Economically Sustainable
  - Environmentally Sustainable
  - Long Term Performance



# WHY HIGH RECLAIMED ASPHALT PAVEMENT (RAP)?

## Barriers to Increasing RAP



# I-295 SOUTHBOUND GLOUCESTER COUNTY HOT MIX ASPHALT (HMA) HIGH RAP (2012)



- NJDOT HMA High RAP Specification
  - Minimum 20% RAP Surface Course
  - Minimum 30% RAP Intermediate/Base Course
  - HMA High RAP must meet performance testing
- Successful pilot project
- High RAP can be done, IF IT IS DONE THE RIGHT WAY
- QUALITY AND LONG-TERM PERFORMANCE





# RECYCLED PLASTIC WASTE

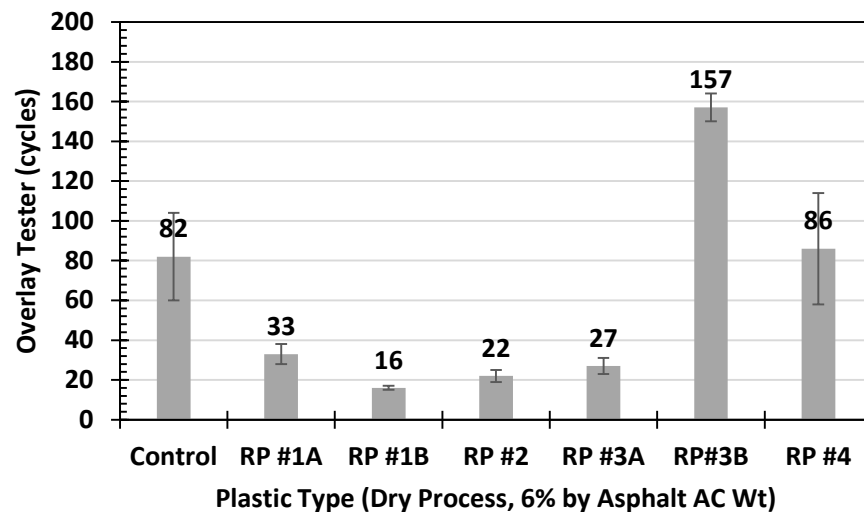
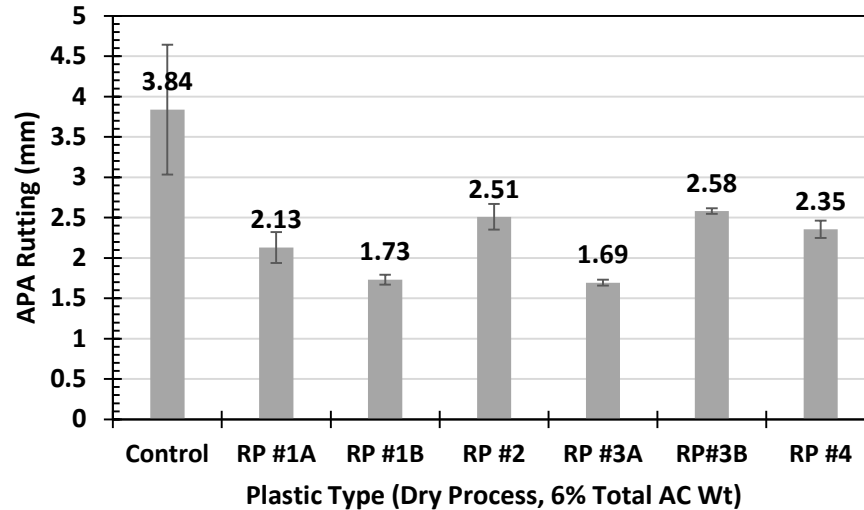
# WHY RECYCLED PLASTIC IN PAVEMENT?

- China stopped accepting plastic waste in 2018
  - 45% of global plastic
  - Greater than 100 million metric tons annually
- Reduce landfill/pollution
- Challenges
  - Not all plastics are suitable for asphalt
  - Safety and environmental risks





# WHY RECYCLED PLASTIC IN PAVEMENT?



- Ongoing global research
  - Asphalt Institute, National Asphalt Pavement Association, and National Center for Asphalt Technology
  - Complex waste stream
  - Many knowledge gaps
- Evaluation of the Potential Use of Recycled Plastics as an Asphalt Mixture Modifier
  - Rutgers - CAIT Pavement Support Program (PSP)

“PLASTIC IS NOT THE FIRST WASTE PRODUCT THAT HAS BEEN RESEARCHED AS AN ADDITIVE OR MODIFIER TO ASPHALT (I.E. [RAP,] SHINGLES, CRUMB RUBBER, ETC.). LIKE ALL OF THEM, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE MUST LEAD THE WAY IN DETERMINING THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION WHICH CERTAINLY INCLUDES LONG-TERM PERFORMANCE.”

Dr. Mark Buncher, Ph.D., P.E.

Asphalt Institute Direct of Engineering



# SUMMARY

- We can use recycled products in pavements, but we **must** make sure engineering experts and scientists drive logical decisions based on sound and thorough research to avoid unintended failures.
- Research, standards, and governance
- Quality
- Health, safety, and environmental stewardship
- Long-term performance
- Sustainability

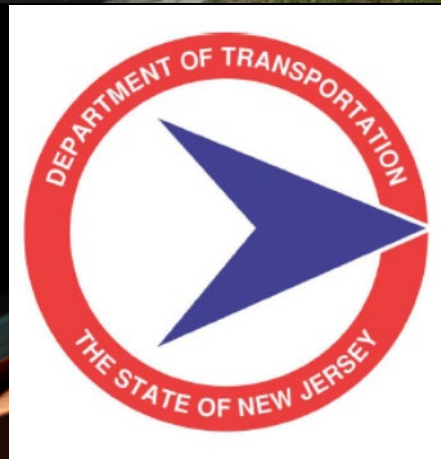


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# **SUSTAINABLE RESEARCH PROJECTS- NJDOT BUREAU OF RESEARCH**

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*Research Project Manager*

Kamal Patel

*Research Project Manager*

## OUTLINE:

- Materials
  - Porous concrete
  - Rubber concrete
- Energy Harvesting

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IMPLEMENTATION OF  
PERVIOUS CONCRETE IN  
SIDEWALKS IN NEW JERSEY

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- **What is pervious (porous) concrete?**
  - **Phase I : Evaluation of various mixes for mechanical properties, workability, and durability**
  - **Phase II : Implementation in sidewalks**



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## **WHAT IS PERVIOUS (POROUS) CONCRETE?**

‘PERVIOUS CONCRETE IS A PERMEABLE MATERIAL, TYPICALLY MADE FROM CEMENT, AGGREGATES, WATER AND ADMIXTURES, OFTEN BUILT WITH AN UNDERLYING STONE RESERVOIR THAT TEMPORARILY STORES SURFACE RUNOFF BEFORE IT INFILTRATES INTO THE SUBSOIL

THERE ARE SEVERAL BENEFITS FOR USING PERVIOUS CONCRETE IN PAVEMENTS. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT BENEFITS IS ITS **EFFECTIVENESS IN ELIMINATING SURFACE RUNOFF** FROM STORM WATER- THUS REDUCING POTENTIAL FOR FLOODING, PUDDLING, EROSION AND HAZARDS’

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# PHASE I

EVALUATION OF VARIOUS MIXES  
FOR MECHANICAL PROPERTIES,  
WORKABILITY, AND DURABILITY

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## **Recommended Mix Proportions for Porous Concrete (per cubic yard)**

550 – 650 lbs. of cement type I/II

2500-2800 lbs. of 3/8 in aggregates

Fine aggregates (maximum 7% of the total weight of aggregates)

Fly ash (maximum 15% weight of cement)

Slag (maximum 20% weight of cement)

0.27- 0.33 water/binder ratio

High Range Water Reducer (1.8 to 2.0 lbs)

Viscosity modifier (1.8 to 2.0 lbs)

Hydration stabilizer (1.8 to 2.0 lbs.)

Air entrainer (0.78 lb.)

## **Recommended Properties for Porous Concrete**

15% to 25% air void content

105 to 125 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> unit weight

2000 to 3000 psi strength

Drainage rate 3-5 gal/min/ft<sup>2</sup> (equivalent of 100- 300 in/hr)

(NRMCA, NJDEP, NJDOT, PCA, NJDOT, TDOT)

# EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM

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Mix	Cement	3/8 Agg	1/4 Agg	Sand	Fly Ash	Slag	Water	W/CM Ratio	MRWR (SP)	HS	VMA	AE
PRC-1	635	2430	---	224	---	---	209	0.33	---	---	---	---
PRC-2	864	2430	---	---	---	---	236	0.27	1.9	1.9	---	0.8
PRC-3	600	2835	---	---	---	---	162	0.27	1.9	1.9	---	0.8
PRC-4	620	2700	---	---	---	---	168	0.27	1.9	1.9	---	0.8
PRC-5	620	2700	---	---	---	---	168	0.27	1.9	1.9	2	0.8
PRC-6	620	1380	1380	---	---	---	168	0.27	1.9	1.9	---	0.8
PRC-7	525	2500	---	---	95	---	168	0.27	1.9	1.9	---	0.8
PRC-8	465	2500	---	---	---	155	168	0.27	1.9	1.9	---	0.8
PRC-9	500		2700	---	---	---	165	0.33	1.9	1.9	---	0.8
PRC-10 (gravel)	600	2700	---	---	---	---	180	0.3	1.9	1.9	---	0.8
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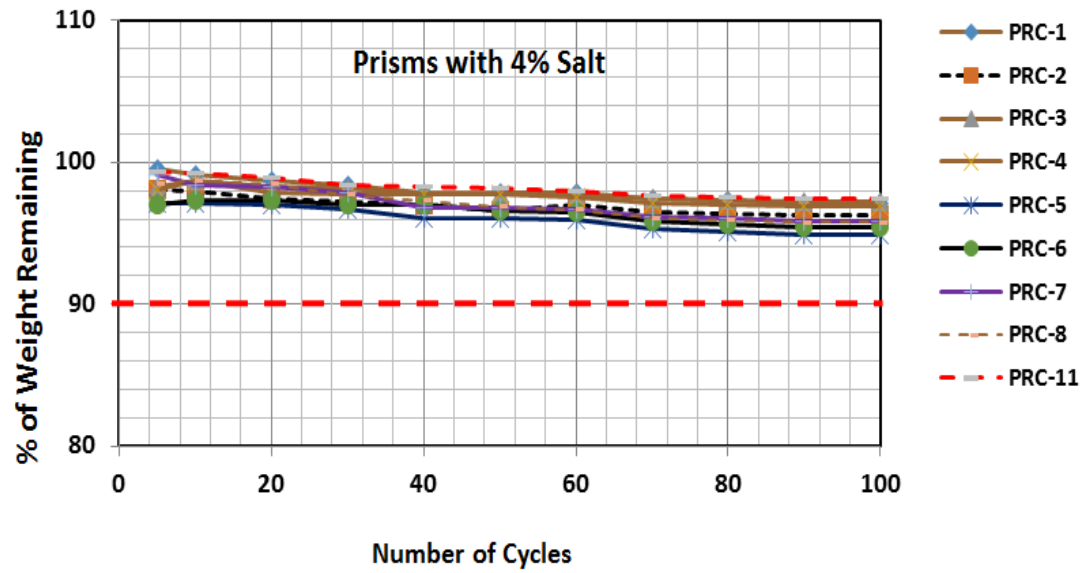
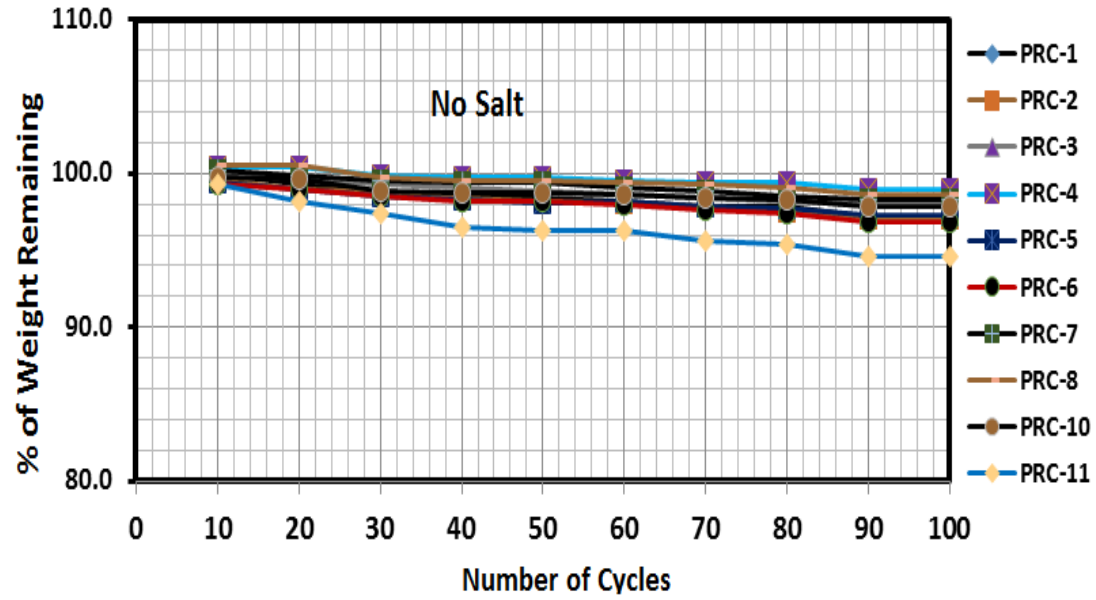
# POROUS CONCRETE- LAB TESTING

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# Freeze-thaw tests





# POROUS CONCRETE-FIELD TESTING



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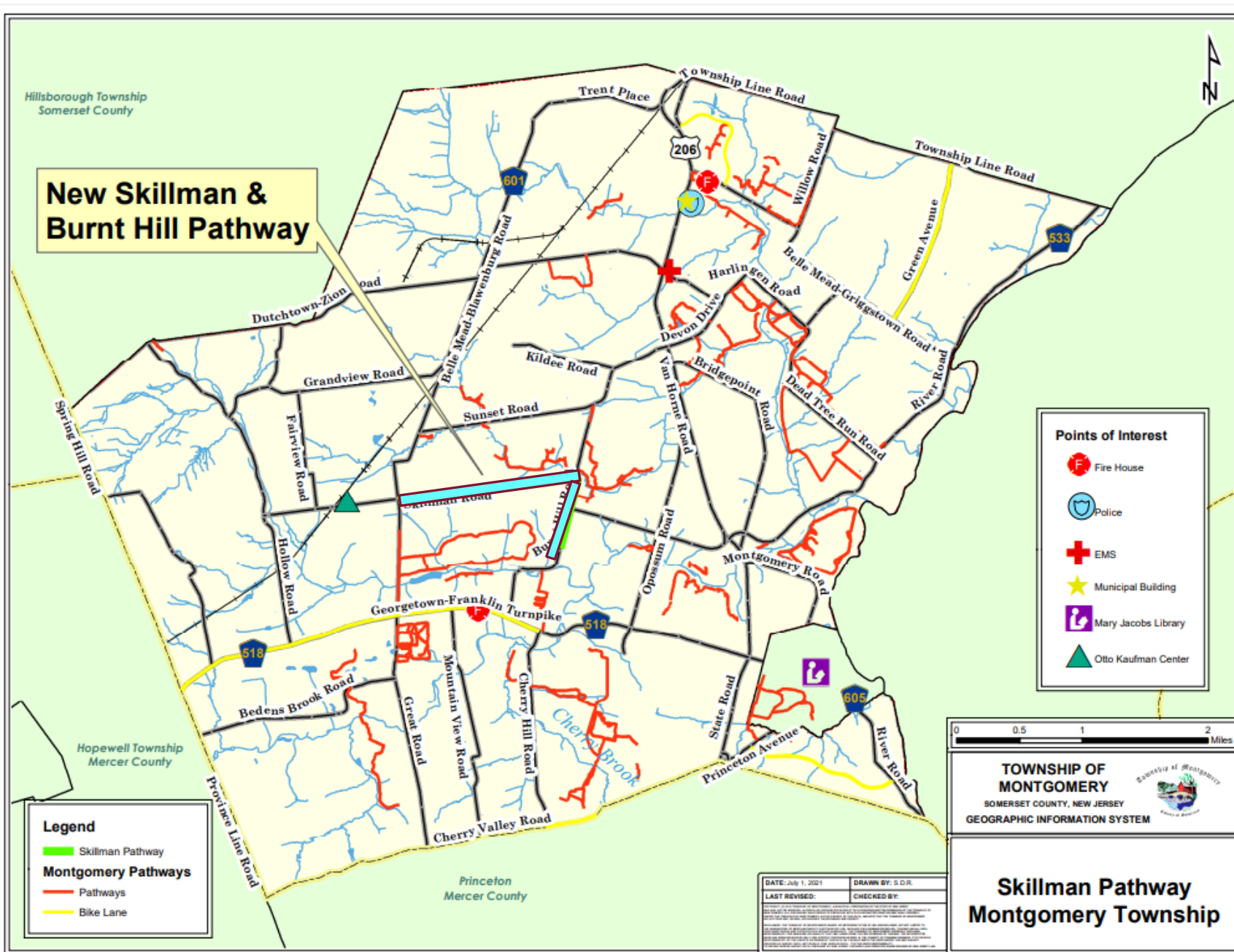
**PHASE II**

**IMPLEMENTATION**

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# SIDEWALK LOCATION- MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP



# STRUCTURAL AND HYDROLOGICAL DESIGN

**THE NRCS AND CURVE NUMBER (CN) METHOD WAS USED FOR DESIGN OF THE STORAGE LAYER**

**4 IN MINIMUM THICKNESS FOR SIDEWALKS**

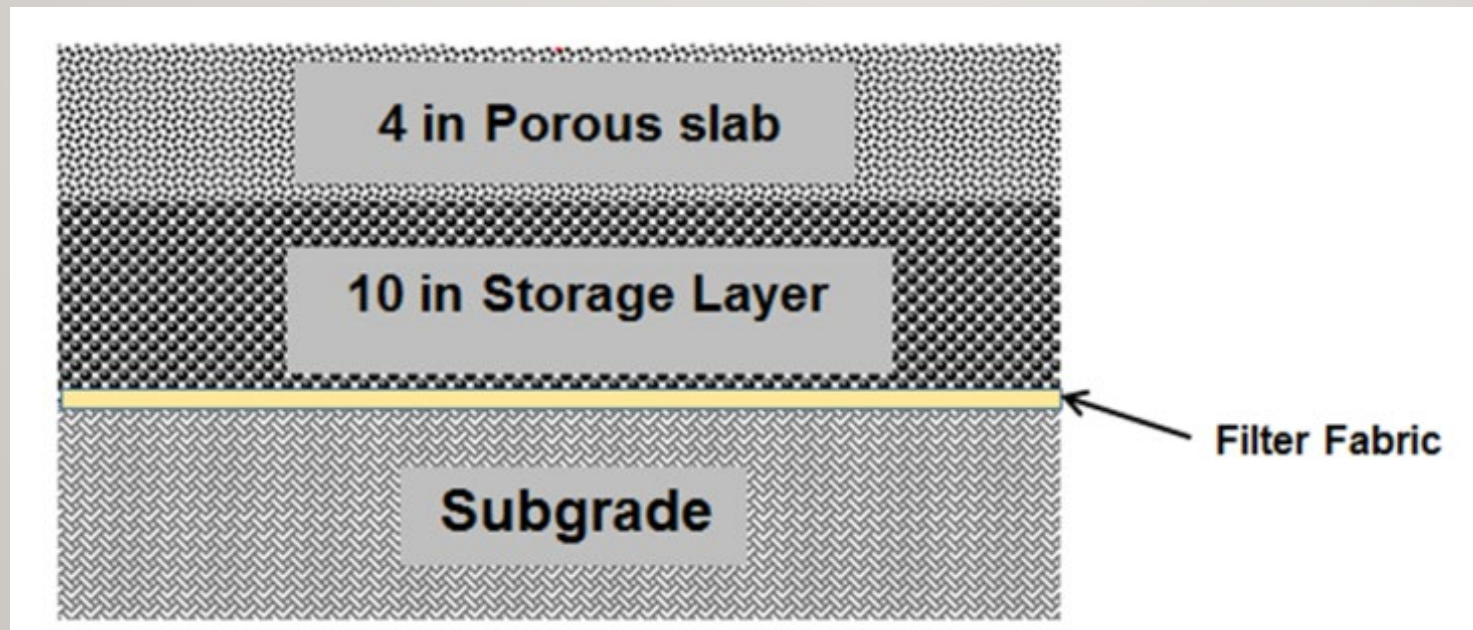
**10 IN OPEN-GRADE STONE STORAGE LAYER**

**STORAGE LAYER (NO. 2 AND NO. 57 COARSE AGG , ASTM C33)**

**NON-WOVEN GEOTEXTILE FILTER FABRIC**

**MINIMALLY COMPACTED SUBGRADE (92% +/- 2%)**

**1/2 IN EXPANSION JOINT WITH JOINT FILLER EVERY 20 FT**





## Preparation of the sidewalk





## Preparation of the sidewalk



## Placement of expansion joint filler





## CONCRETE PLACEMENT





## Concrete Placement and finishing





## Finished section





## FINISHED SURFACE





## COLLECTION OF FIELD SAMPLES (BEAMS AND CYLINDERS)





**After Hurricane Ida**



## **Maintenance**

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- **Visual Inspection**
- **Infiltration Tests**
- **Air Blowers to remove debris**
- **Vacuum Cleaning for more effective cleaning**
- **Pressure Washing to remove clogging**



## Visual Inspection of Existing sidewalk



**Well maintained**





## Visual Inspection of Existing sidewalk



**Somewhat Maintained**





## Visual Inspection of Existing sidewalk



**Poorly Maintained  
Moderate to Severe Raveling and Clogging**



Infiltration Test (ASTM 1701)





## Air Blowers



Vacuuming

**Pressure washing is needed when there is clogging**



**Water pressure of 2000 psi is sufficient to removed minor to moderate clogging**





**Pressure washing is needed when there is clogging**



**Water pressure of 3000 psi to 3500 psi is sufficient to remove moderate to severe clogging**

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## Sidewalk after pressure washing with 3000 psi water pressure



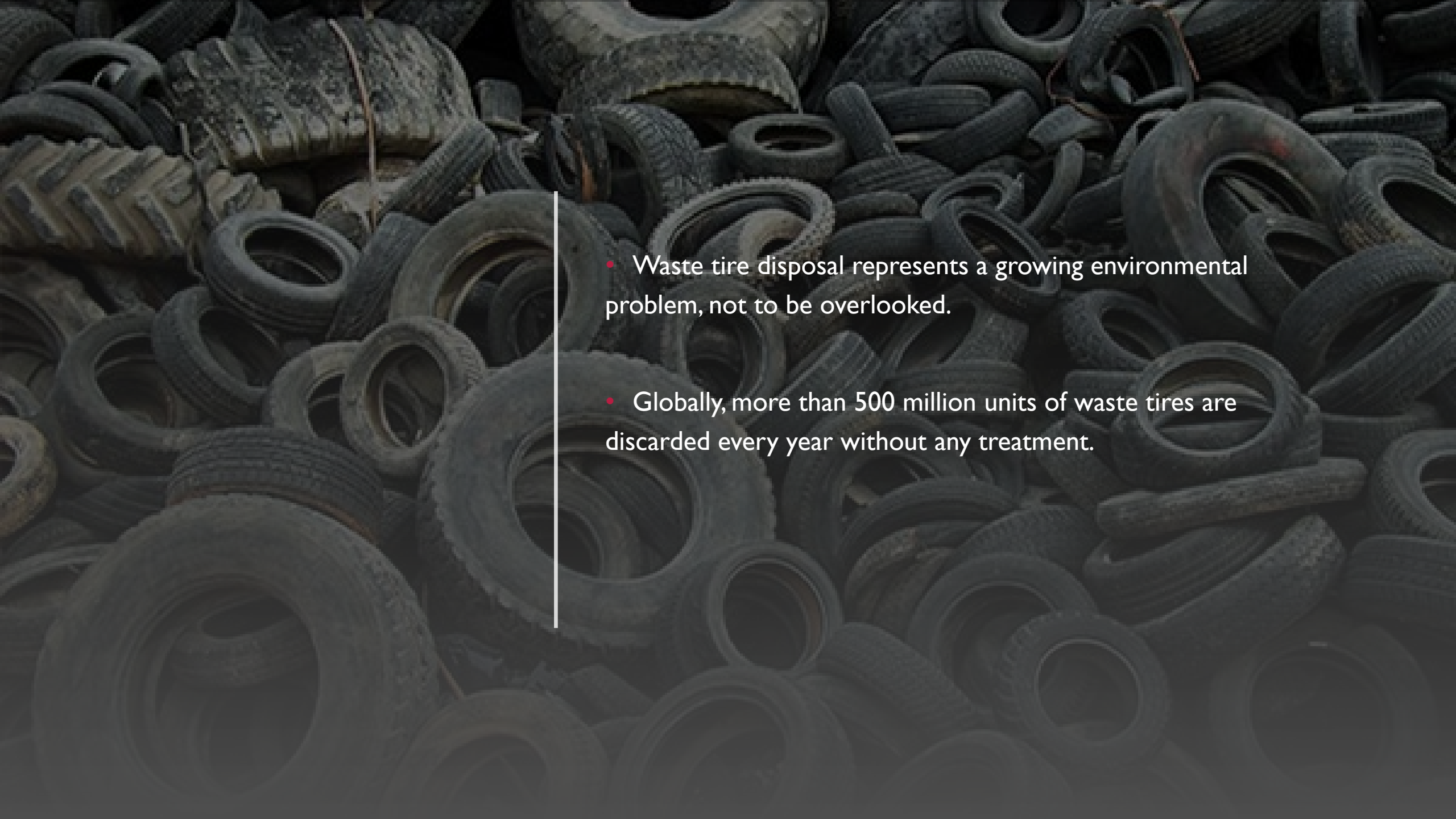






# RUBBER CONCRETE



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- Waste tire disposal represents a growing environmental problem, not to be overlooked.
  - Globally, more than 500 million units of waste tires are discarded every year without any treatment.



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- Their increasing number has raised concerns worldwide due to the threat they pose directly and indirectly to human health and the environment. For this reason, recycling of waste tires has been implemented in many countries.



The possibility of recycling scrap tires as aggregates in concrete/asphalt gained acceptance worldwide in the engineering sector, and positive results have already been achieved, preserving natural resources, and helping to maintain ecological balance. NJDOT Bureau of Research is currently looking into this material for possible applicability on roadway applications.



Sidewalks



Asphalt road





# ENERGY HARVESTING FROM ROADWAY AND BRIDGE







# CHALLENGE AND MOTIVATION

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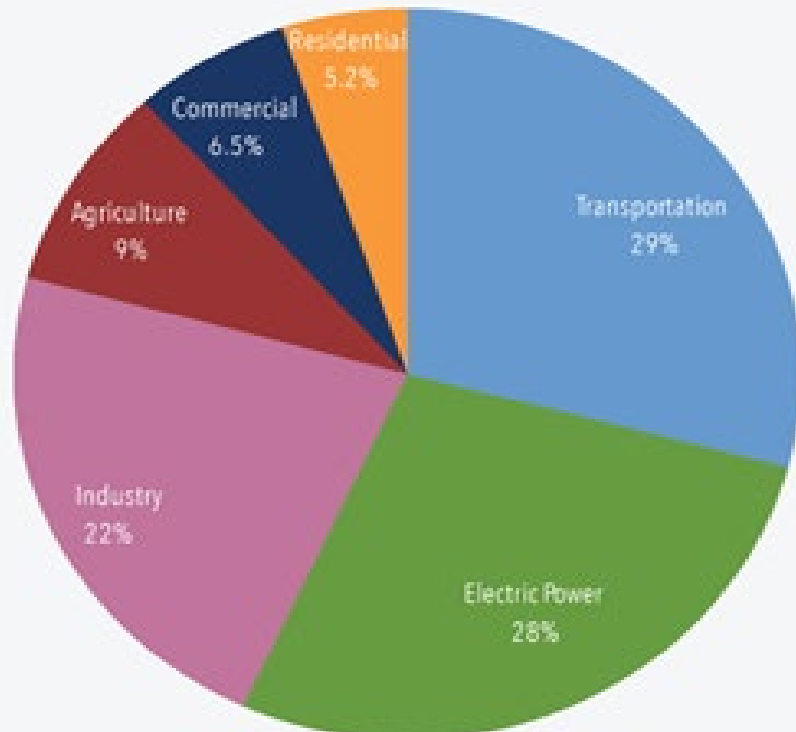
## Growth of traffic and deterioration of infrastructure

- Transportation agencies are under a great challenge to monitor roadway network condition and traffic operations

## More than 80% of energy production from fossil fuels (IEA)

- Release of large amount of CO<sub>2</sub> and cause climate change issues

## Energy harvesting can provide renewable energy solutions for different transportation applications



GHG generation by sector (2017)

# RESEARCH MOTIVATION

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- Traditional solar farms (ground-mounted solar panels) require a large amount of land, especially when targeting high energy production.
- Photovoltaic noise barriers (PVNBs) use photovoltaic technology to produce renewable energy and simultaneously abate the noise generated from traffic.
- Few studies have been conducted to evaluate the design of PVNBs and the practical issues and challenges for real implementation

# ENERGY HARVESTING AND BENEFITS

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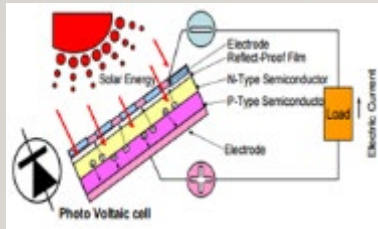
- Harvesting waste energy from transportation infrastructure and use it for sustainable and smart transportation.
- **Large-scale application:**
  - Provide clean and renewable energy solutions for different uses, especially at remote off-grid regions.
  - Reduce environmental impact of generating the amount of harvested energy.
- **Micro-scale application:**
  - Provide continuous power supply for lighting, self-powered sensor device, and wireless data transfer.
  - Serve as smart sensor at the same time to monitor traffic data and infrastructure condition.



# PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY HARVESTING

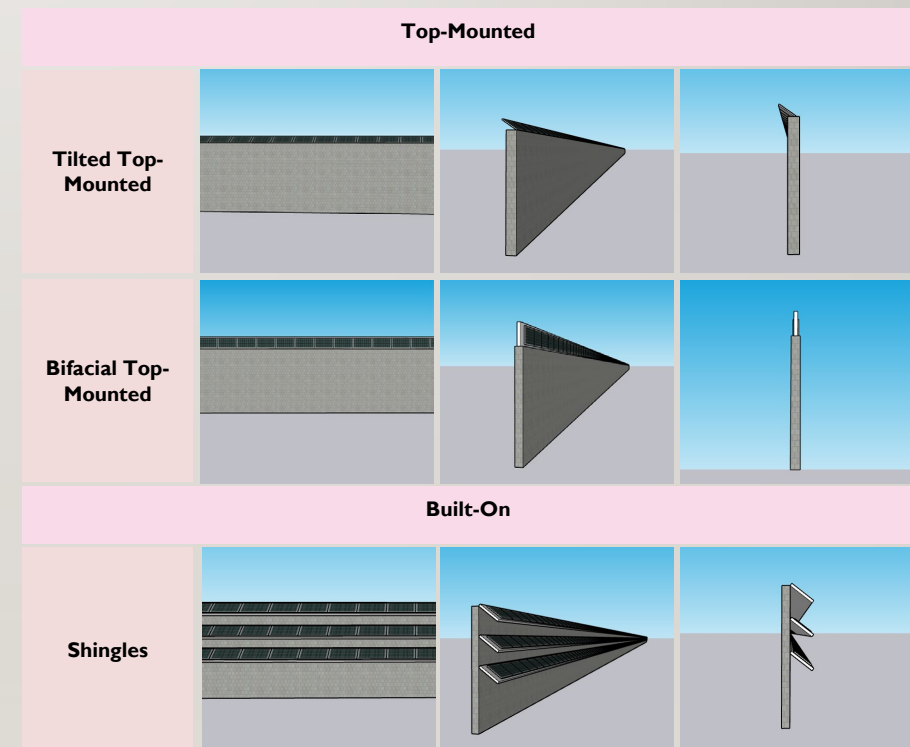
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- Photovoltaic materials generate electricity with application of light.
- Polycrystalline panels made of silicon crystals are the most common solar panel.
- Wide applications on different types of roadway assets.



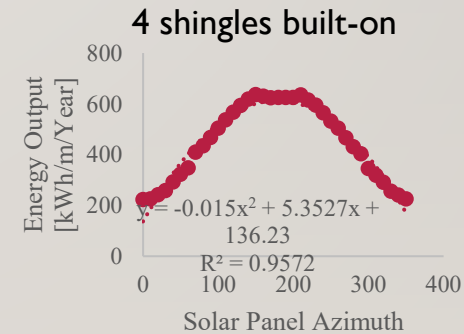
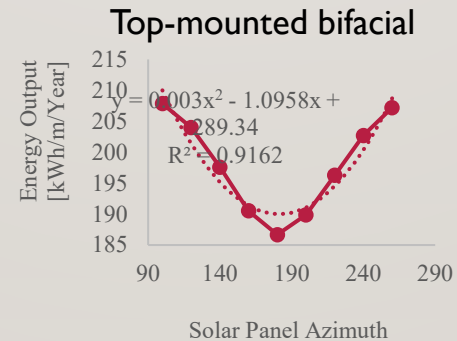
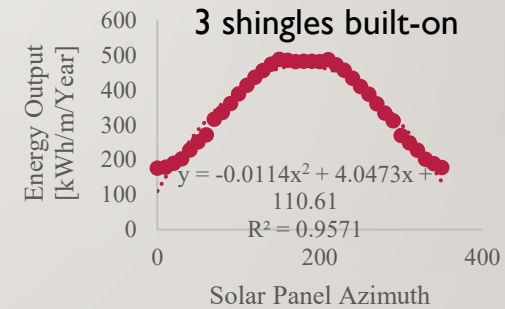
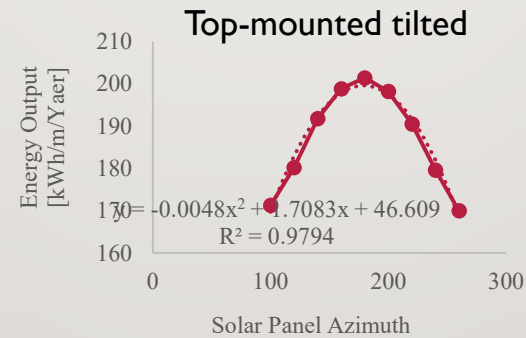
# RESEARCH OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE

- Conduct comprehensive study of PVNBs for evaluation of design configurations and discussion of implementation issues.
  - Three retrofitting designs of PVNB were compared and evaluated through site-specific analysis.
  - Energy simulation was conducted to develop simplified models for state-level estimation in NJ.
  - Business models and implementation challenges.



# EFFECT OF PVNB DESIGNS AND ORIENTATIONS

- Analysis tool: Sketchup with Skelion plug-in that uses PVWatts (NREL) for estimation of solar energy production.
- Optimum configuration of solar panels were considered.





# STATE-LEVEL ENERGY ESTIMATION

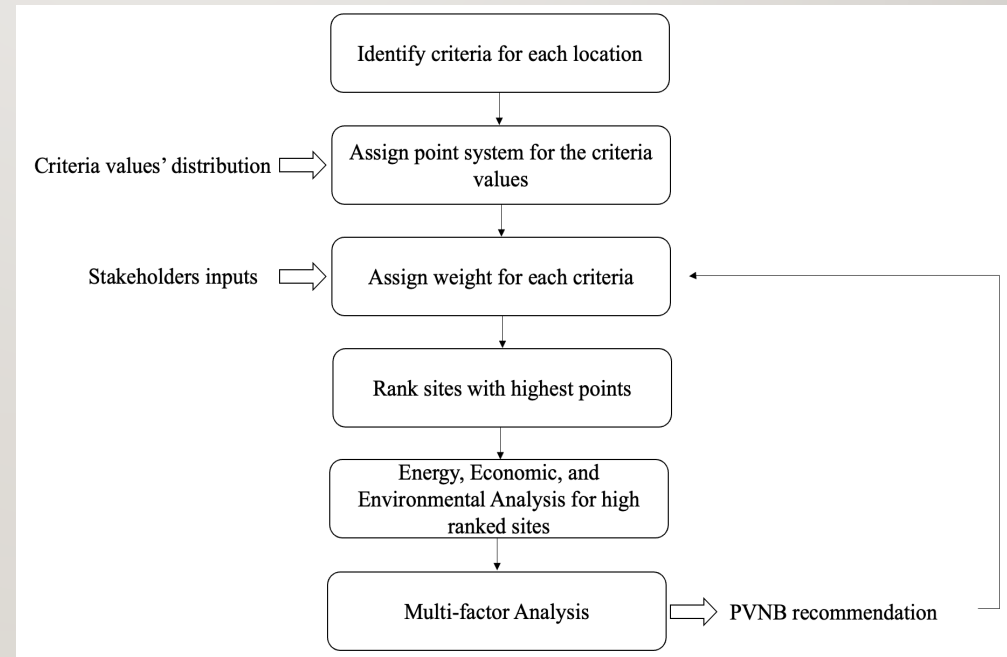
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- Currently, there are 72 noise barriers in New Jersey totaled 10,268,832 square feet along 106.3 miles. The average height of noise barrier is 17 ft.
- The beginning and ending latitude and longitude of each barrier segment were used to find average orientation and length of each segment.

PVNB Configuration	Energy Output (MWh/Year)
Top-mounted Tilted	27,196
Top-Mounted Bifacial	21,246
Built-on 3-shingles	48,934
Built-on 4-shingles	56,164

# SITE SELECTION OF PVNB

- **Economic**
  - Solar Irradiation
  - Barrier direction
  - Distance to power grid
  - Accessibility for maintenance
- **Environmental**
  - Solar Irradiance
  - Barrier direction
  - Region electricity source
- **Social**
  - Highway traffic
  - Electricity rate
  - Electricity availability
  - Distance from barrier to highway shoulder



# CONCLUSIONS

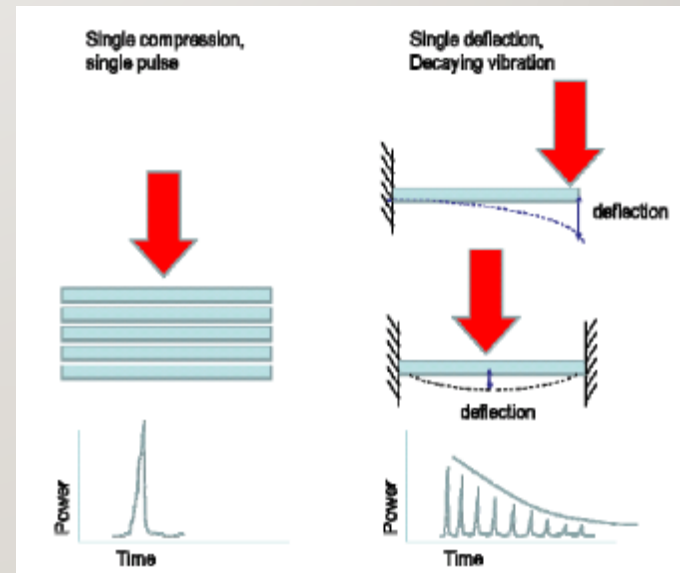
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- In the project level, the design configuration with shingles has the highest energy output; while the energy outputs of top-mounted configurations vary depending on barrier orientation.
- The simplified regression models provide a quick way to estimate total energy output for each design configuration considering different orientations of noise barriers.
- The proposed decision-making framework for site selection includes factors that impact these three categories to increase monetary gains, decrease environmental impacts, or increase public welfare.



# PIEZOELECTRIC ENERGY HARVESTING

- Piezoelectric materials generate electric charges when subjected to mechanical stresses or change geometric dimensions when an electric field is applied.
- Common piezo materials include lead zirconate titanate (PZT), Polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF), and piezoelectric composite.
- The energy harvesting performance of piezoelectric transducer is affected by material, geometry design of transducer, and external loading.



Energy harvesting + Sensing

# RESEARCH MOTIVATION

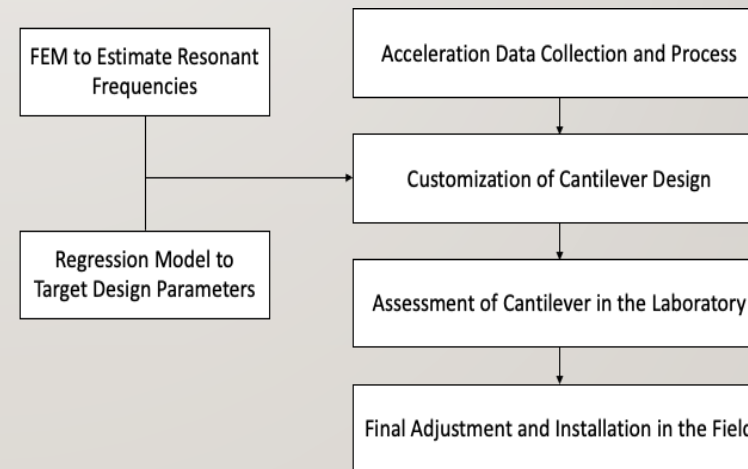
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- For piezoelectric energy harvesting on pavements, most relevant designs are compression-based and require structural integration with the existing pavement structures.
- Vibration-based energy harvesters have less impact on host structure without embedment needed and require less effort in installation.
- The power outputs from vibration-based energy harvesters are strongly affected by the host structural vibration, which may be uncertain with multiple vibration frequencies.

# RESEARCH OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE

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- Develop novel piezoelectric cantilevers to generate power from bridge structure vibration.
- Propose an optimization approach for customizing the design to maximize power outputs due to bridge vibrations.
- Laboratory testing, numerical simulation, and full-scale test.

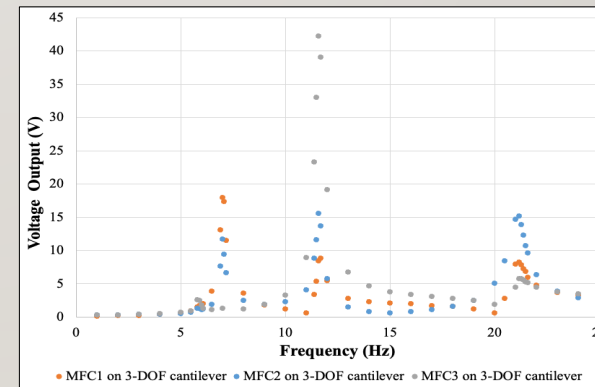
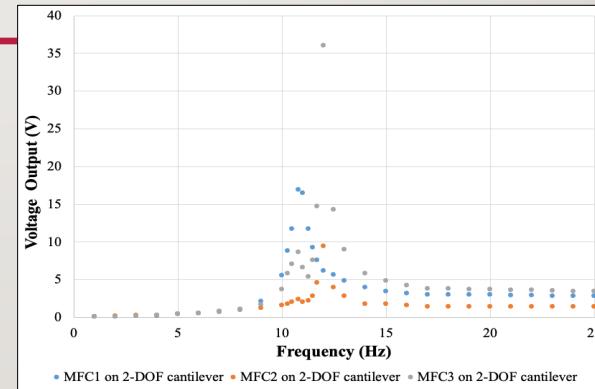
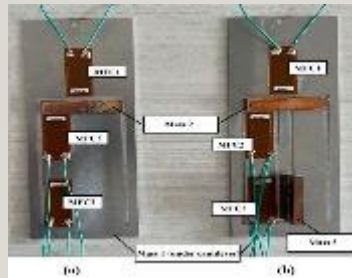




# LABORATORY TESTING

- Cantilever designs with multiple degree of freedom (DOF)
- The voltage outputs under different vibration frequencies were collected and the resonant frequencies and the corresponding voltage outputs were determined

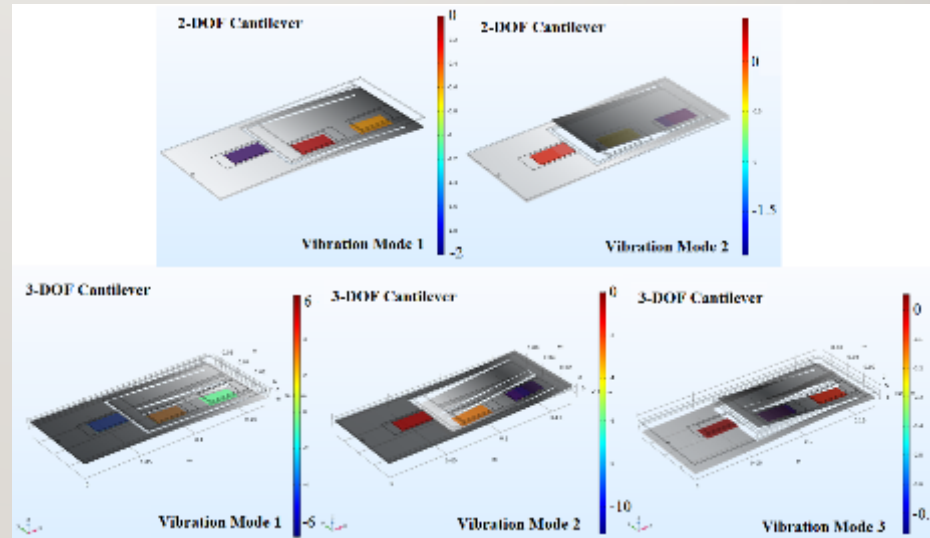
2-DOF and 3-DOF  
Cantilevers



# NUMERICAL MODELING

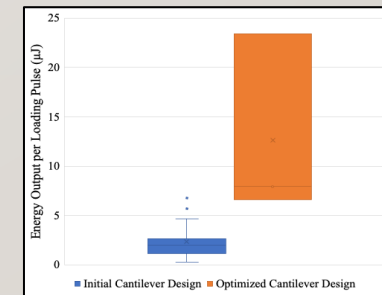
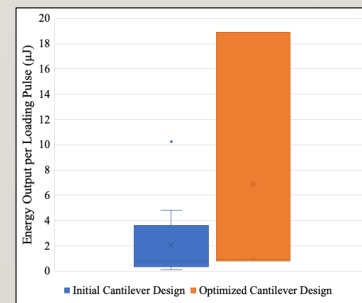
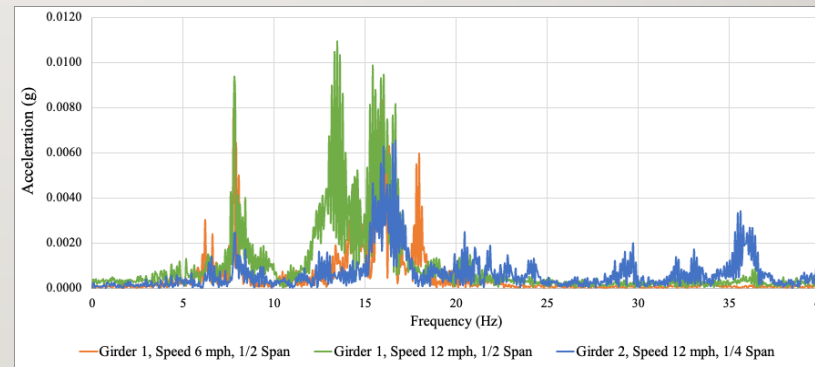
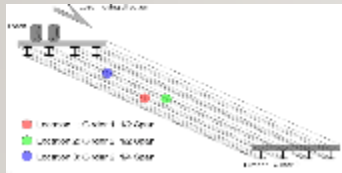
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- Multi-physics models are developed to predict the resonant frequency under frequency sweep simulation and verified with laboratory tests.
- FEM cases were run to develop the regression models between resonant frequencies and mass combinations.



Voltage outputs from MFCs on 2-DOF and 3-DOF cantilevers under different vibration modes

# FULL-SCALE BRIDGE TEST



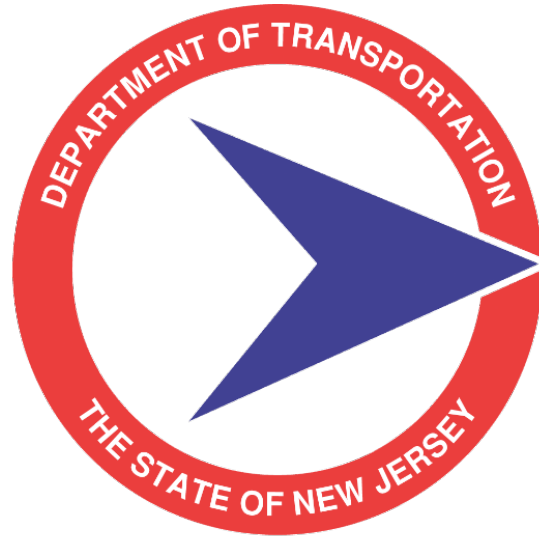
2-DOF and 3-DOF Cantilevers at  $\frac{1}{2}$  span of girder I



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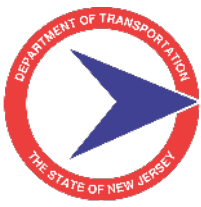


# ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS



# **Bordentown Training Center**





# Bordentown Training Center

## TOS&S' Vision 2020

“A workforce that is....

Right Sized



Properly Trained



Properly Equipped





# Bordentown Training Center

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Properly trained....how?



By establishing a first-class training facility in New Jersey that meets the needs of the Department

And creating a business area dedicated to training a technical professional workforce



# Bordentown Training Center







# Bordentown Training Center

Formerly the NJ  
National Guard -  
Bordentown  
Combined Support  
Maintenance Shop

NJDOT acquired the  
property with three  
buildings from the  
Department of  
Military and Veterans  
Affairs on April 5, 2016





# Bordentown Training Center

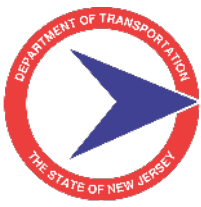
## Building 1

A single story and mezzanine level with interior floor area of 18,871 sf.

Offices  
training classrooms,  
conference rooms,  
lunch/break room,  
lecture hall assembly,  
and vehicle  
maintenance garage  
bays.







# Bordentown Training Center

## Building 2

A single story with interior floor area of 11,915 sf.

Offices, training classrooms, conference room, lunch/break room, and hands-on training bays.







# Bordentown Training Center

## Building 3

A single story with interior floor area of 6,226 sf.

Manager office,  
lunch/break room,  
and vehicle  
maintenance garage  
bays



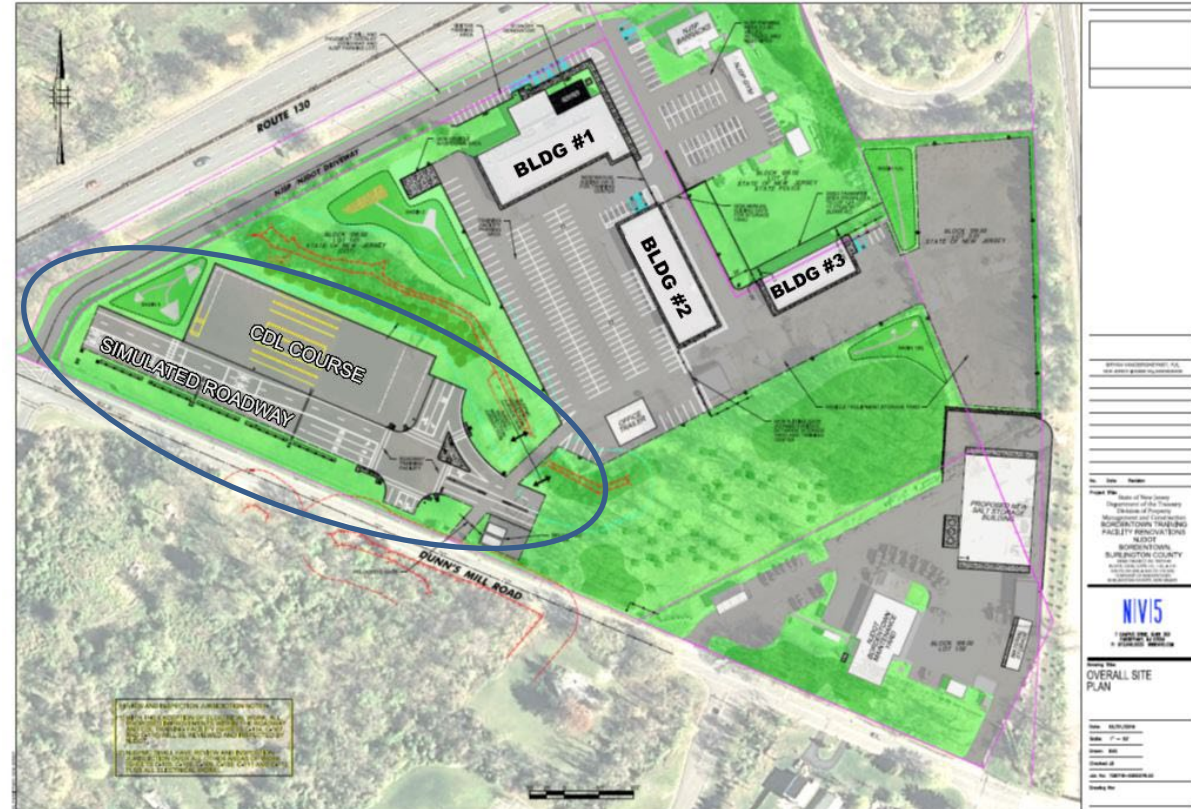


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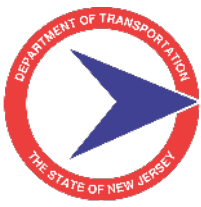
## Training Field

A simulated roadway and training area

Fully functional roadway equipment, (traffic signals, lights, pedestrian crossing equipment, camera systems, overhead signs, dynamic message signs, drainage structures and CDL training and testing area.





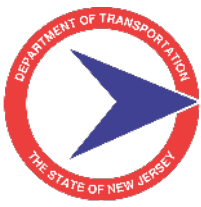


# Bordentown Training Center

## Training Field







# Bordentown Training Center

Managed by the Division of Support Services and  
Division of Operations Administrative Support –  
Training & Equipment Inspection Unit





# Bordentown Training Center

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## **Constructed at a cost of \$21,011,201**

Building exteriors including windows, doors, roofs, and brickwork were repaired or replaced.

The interior of the buildings were completely renovated.

Other improvements to the site included...

- full utility upgrades for gas, electric, and water
- significant upgrades to stormwater management/drainage
- sanitary sewer pump station for NJDOT & NJSP buildings



# Bordentown Training Center

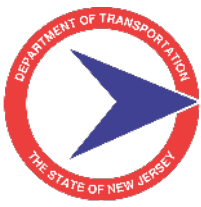
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## Operations Training Unit Mission

To institute a training continuum culture throughout an employee's career that creates a more professional, knowledgeable, and proud workforce.

The Unit oversees a robust formal training program, combining classroom training and specific, measurable field training staffed with an internal training cadre of subject matter experts (20 staff) who develop and teach technical content for all levels.





# Bordentown Training Center

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## Operations Training Unit Course Listing

- Introduction to Highway Operations
- HOT 2 Advancement Training
- HOT 3 Advancement Training
- Transitioning to Assistant Crew Foreman
- Pesticide Core
- Advanced Pesticide Category 6B
- Advanced Pesticide Category 3A-Ornamentals
- Advanced Pesticide Category 3B-Turf
- Pesticide Applicator License Recertification
- Driver Awareness (3 hr. class)
- Lift Truck Training (Forklift)
- Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) CDL Permit
- CDL Vehicle Simulator Training
- CDL Road Test Training
- Running A Snow Shift
- Snow Representative Training
- Volunteer Driver Training
- Tandem Belly Plow and Wing Plow Training
- Introduction to Highway Mechanics
- Introduction to Highway Electrical
- Sign Shop Training
- Sign Shop Cross Training
- New Hire Engineering Training
- Job Order Contracting (JOC) Training
- Field Training:
  - Sign Installation & Mark Out, Permanent Patch, Inlet Repair/Reconstruction, Torch Training, Bucket Truck & Tree Trimming, Equipment Operation, Setting Safety and Safety Refresher, Fence Repair, Concrete Mixing, and other training as requested.



# Bordentown Training Center

## A Facility Available To The Entire Department





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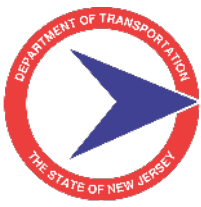
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“The New Jersey Department of Transportation recognizes the critical importance of a well-trained, highly skilled workforce to build, maintain and improve our transportation infrastructure,”

“The skills taught at this innovative and modern facility will directly impact motorists throughout New Jersey, because excellence in training translates to expertise, efficiency, and enhanced safety on the job. Today marks an exciting milestone as we continue to invest in NJDOT’s most valuable asset, its employees.”

NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti

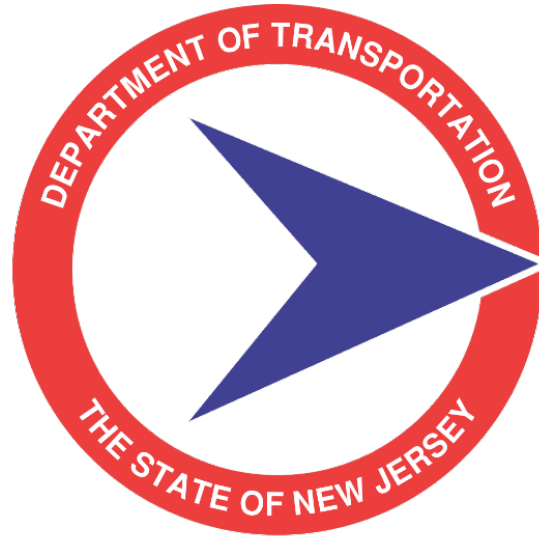




# Bordentown Training Center

Officially Opened on May 31, 2023





**Thank You**



# 2023 DESIGN SUMMIT

## *SAVE THE DATE!*

### Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Sponsored by NJDOT, FHWA and ACEC/NJ

Forsgate Country Club • Highland Room  
375 Forsgate Drive, Monroe Township, NJ

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.



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# Upcoming EDC Related Training Opportunities



- **June 21:** Federal-aid Responsible Charge (Piscataway)
- **July 25:** Federal-aid Responsible Charge (Newark)
- **August 8:** Federal-aid Responsible Charge (Bordentown)
- **September 13:** Traffic Incident Management for First Responders (Virtual)
- **November 1-2:** TRB Emergency Responder Transportation Safety Research Summit (Piscataway)
- **December 8:** Traffic Incident Management for First Responders Train-the-Trainer (Piscataway)

*Additional topical offerings will be added for the Fall of 2023\**

*All are offered free of charge to attendees*

<https://cait.rutgers.edu/events/>

# NJ Transportation Ideas Portal

**Welcome!** The New Jersey Department of Transportation's Bureau of Research uses this website to gather and share ideas from NJDOT's research customers and other transportation stakeholders.

**Research Ideas.** We seek to fund research that leads to implementation – to the testing and adoption of new materials and technologies, to better specifications and to greater efficiency. We strive to discover and advance feasible solutions for more durable infrastructure, greater environmental protection and resilience, and improved mobility and safety for residents, workers and visitors.

**Innovation Ideas.** We encourage the deployment of innovations and knowledge transfer. We work with the New Jersey State Transportation Innovation Council (NJ STIC) whose mission is to identify, evaluate, and where possible, rapidly deploy new technologies and process improvements that will accelerate project delivery and improve the quality of NJ's transportation network.





A glowing lightbulb is the central focus, with its filament illuminated. The background is a scenic landscape at sunset, with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a warm orange and yellow glow. The landscape features rolling hills and a road winding through the valley. The overall mood is one of inspiration and innovation.

New Jersey Transportation Ideas  
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# REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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NJ STIC Website  
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# STIC INCENTIVE PROGRAM

NJDOT Tech Transfer Website

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Selection Criteria  
Eligible Projects/Activities  
How to Apply  
List of Projects





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