



# Cold In-Place Recycling



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# What is Cold In-Place Recycling

## **CIR**

- Been in U.S. since 1970s
- On site recycling of asphalt pavement without the use of heat
- Material is mixed with additives to provide a reprocessed material
- Removes distress at depths up to 5 inches
- Material is processed and repaved in a single pass



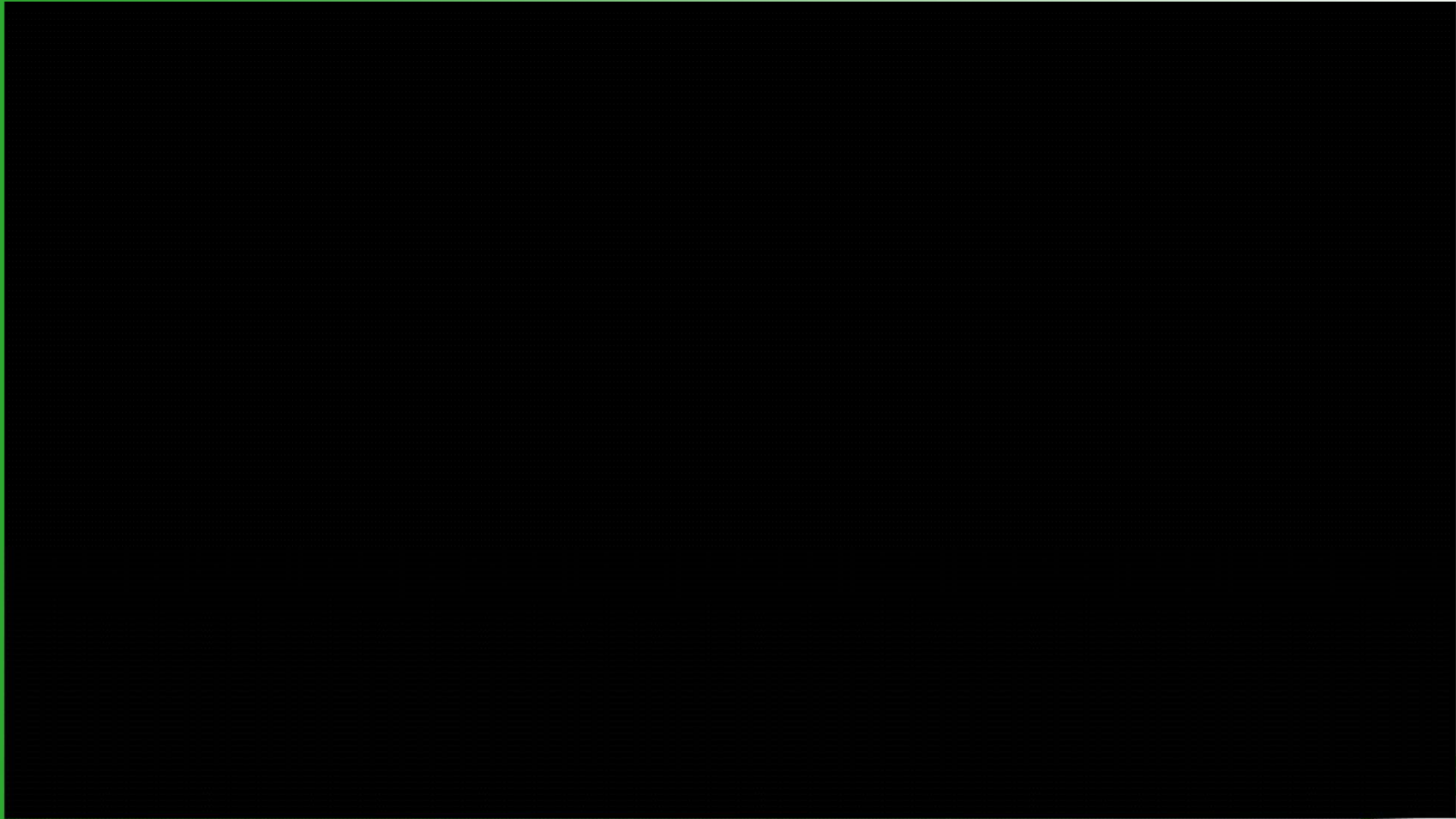
# CIR Process

- Pulverize existing pavement up to 5 inches deep
- Addition of new asphalt binder/other additives
- Mixing of all components
- Placement of recycled mixture
- Compaction of recycled mixture





# Wirtgen 3800 Short Train



# Mix Design Process

- Not Cook Book Recipe
- Performance Based
- Project Specific
- Foamed Asphalt
- Engineered Emulsion

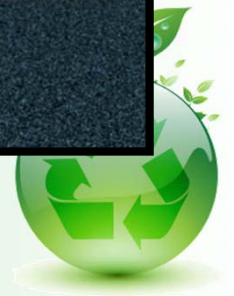


# Compaction

- Since CIR mixes are placed in thicker lifts, heavier rollers are required for compaction
- Compaction normally begins once the mix has turned from brown to black
- Water system on tires and drums is required to prevent mix from sticking to rollers



# Hamm Roller



# CAT Rubber Tire Roller





# HAMM Finish Roller



# What does the new mix look like?



Behind the Paver



After Compaction



# Wearing Surface

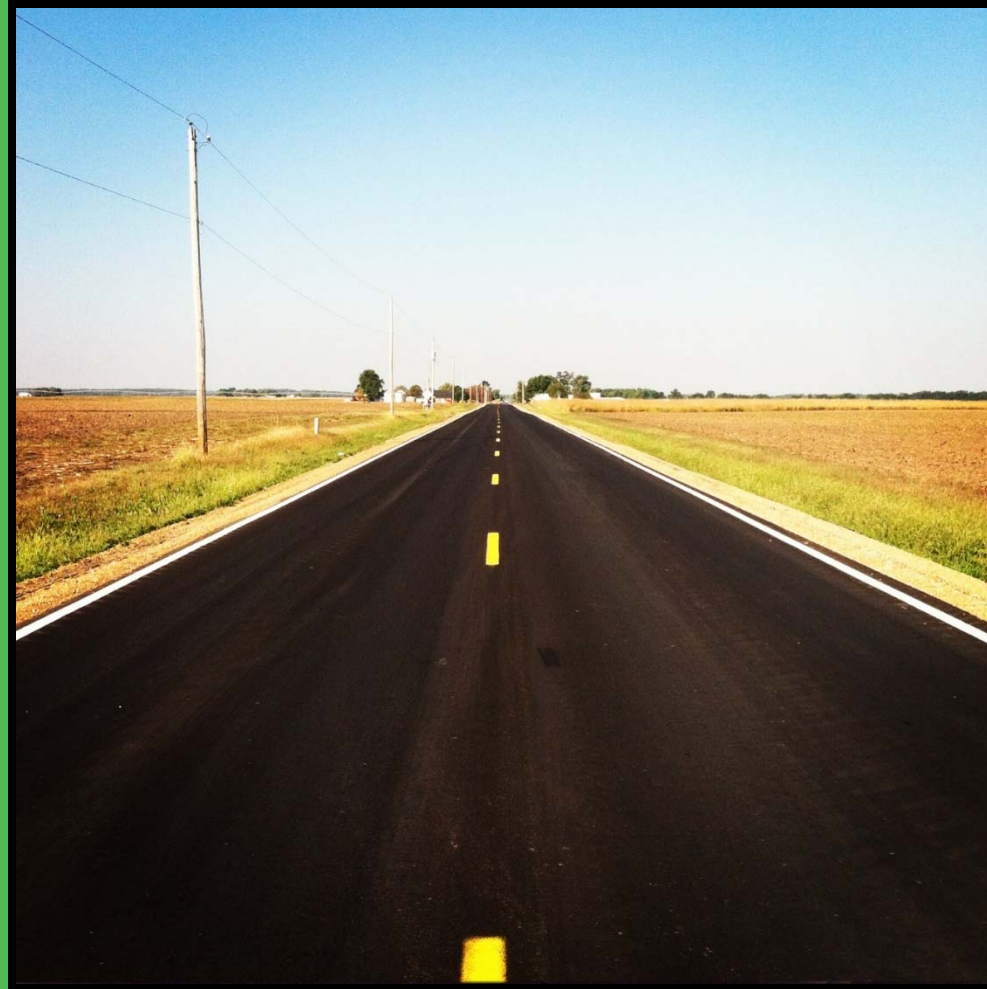
- CIR must be covered with a wearing surface
- HMA used with high traffic routes or where additional strength is needed
- Chip Seal, Micro Surfacing or Cape Seal can be used on lower volume roadways





# Cape Seal

Mason County



# Oil and Chip

Henry County





# HMA

Champaign County

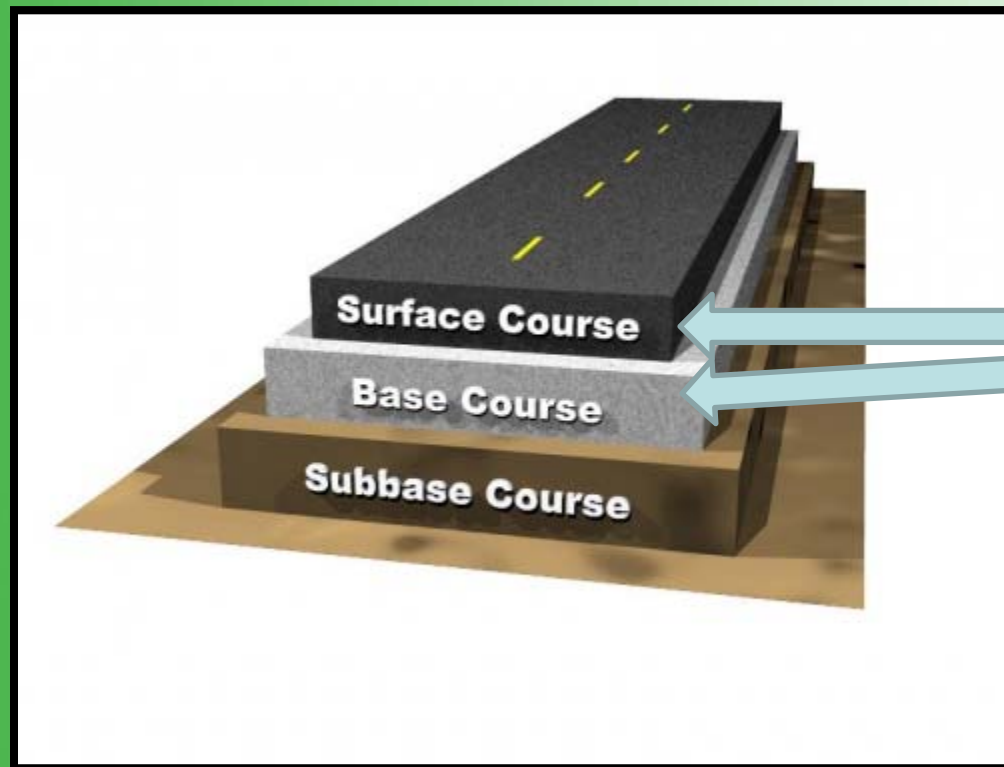


# CIR in Illinois and Midwest

- IDOT District 2 (experimental)  
40,000 – 50,000 sy per year (last 3 years)
- Illinois Local Roads  
600,000 – 750,000 sy per year
- Iowa DOT  
4 - 6 million sy per year
- Michigan DOT  
200,000 - 300,000 sy per year
- Wisconsin DOT  
300,000 – 400,000 sy per year



# Project Evaluation



CIR (3-5 in)





# Determining CIR Candidacy

- No visible Failures / good drainage
- Current Structure of Pavement
- Type of Traffic
- PCI Value 60-20
- History of Roadway/Past condition surveys
- Expectations after CIR (.28 per inch)
- Coring
- Recon – Recon – Recon - Recon



# Distresses that can be treated with CIR

- Raveling
- Rutting – find out why
- Fatigue and Edge Cracking
- Reflective Cracking
- Thermal Cracking
- Poor Ride Quality



# Basic Asphalt Recycle Manual BARM-ARRA



Condition		CR Applicability
Surface Defects	Raveling	Yes
	Pot Holes	Yes
	Bleeding	Yes
	Skid Resistance	Yes
Deformations	Shoulder Drop Off	No
	Rutting - Wear	Yes
	Rutting - Mix Instability	Possible, see note a
	Rutting - Deep Structural	Possible, see note b
	Corrugations	Yes
Load Associated Cracking	Shoving	Possible, see note a
	Fatigue - Bottom Up	Possible, see note c
	Fatigue - Top Down	Possible, see note c
	Edge	Possible, see note d
Non-load Associated Cracking	Slippage	Possible, see note e
	Block	Yes
	Longitudinal	Yes
	Transverse	Yes
Combined Cracking	Reflective	Yes
	Joint Reflective	Possible, see note f
	Discontinuity	Yes
Base/Subgrade Deficiencies	Swells, Bumps, Sags Depressions	Possible, see note g
Roughness	Ride Quality	Yes
Other Criteria	All Levels of Traffic	Yes, see note h
	Rural	Yes
	Urban	Yes, see note i
	Stripping	Possible, see note a
	Poor Drainage	No, see note j



# Unacceptable pavement Conditions for CIR

- Failures caused by wet, unstable base or sub-grades
- Failures caused by heaving or swelling in underlying soils
- Deformation caused by high asphalt content or fine aggregates
- Pavements with aggregate stripping due to water infiltration from the base



# Not an ideal CIR candidate



# Weather and Temps are Critical



# Why Recycle

- Cost savings 30-40% vs Mill and Overlay
- Extend Pavement Life
- Use of entities greatest asset
- Mitigate Reflective Cracking - +70%
- Construction under traffic



# More Reasons to Recycle

- Large price fluctuation and material availability in: Asphalt / Aggregates
- Decreased energy consumption
- Decreased Green House Gas Emissions
- Performance cost versus traditional methods





# Even More Reasons

According ARRA and the U.S. Department  
of Transportation Federal Highway  
Administration

(Basic Asphalt Recycling Manual)

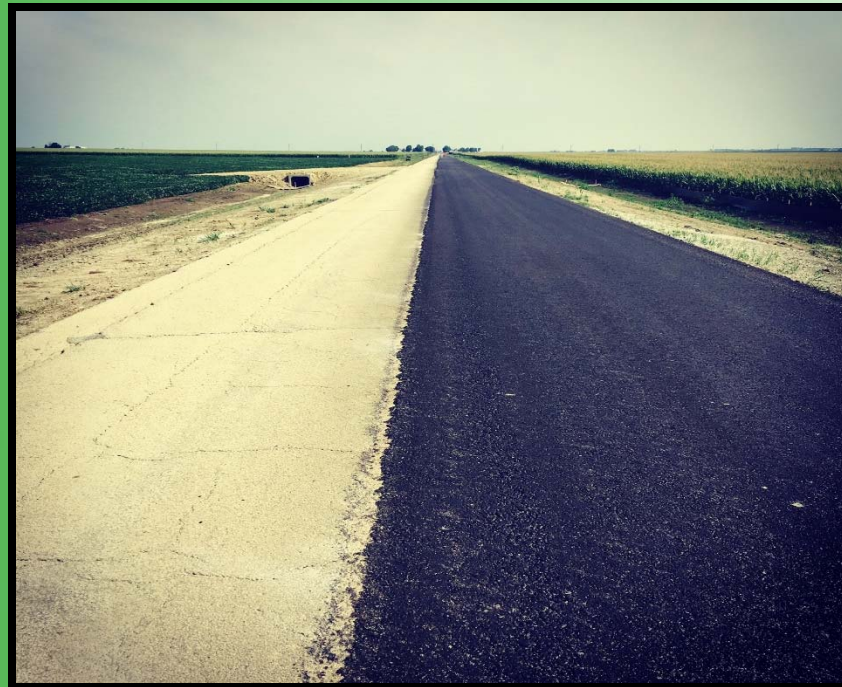
CIR w/ surface Treatment: avg 8-12+ years

CIR w/ HMA: avg 10-20+ years



# Controls Reflective Cracking

- CIR creates a flexible layer that disperses energy
- Prevents underlying cracks from reflecting through



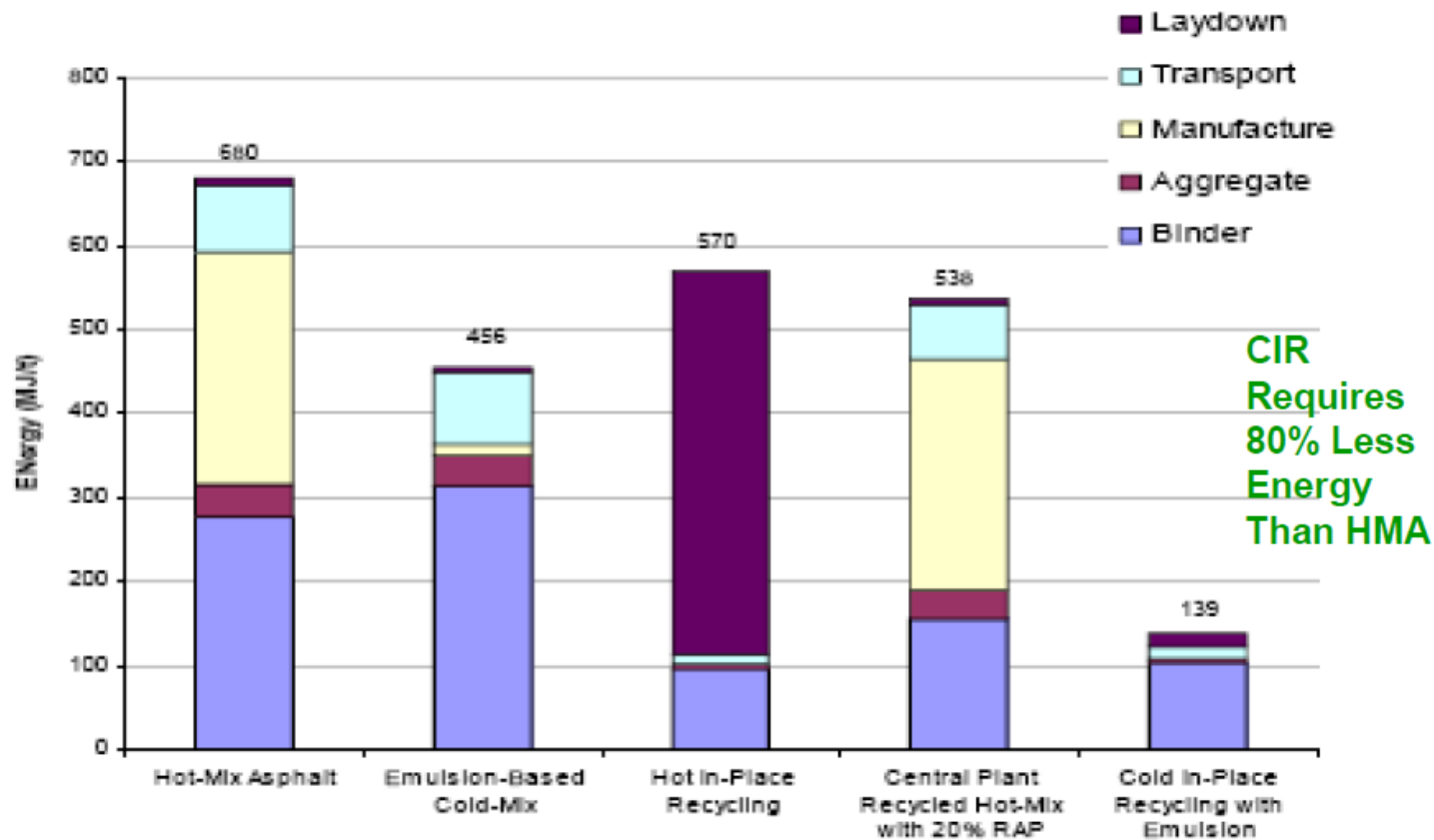
# The reality

- Most agencies have the largest stockpile of aggregate in the state in their existing pavements



# Conserves Energy

## Energy Use Per Tonne Of Material Laid Down

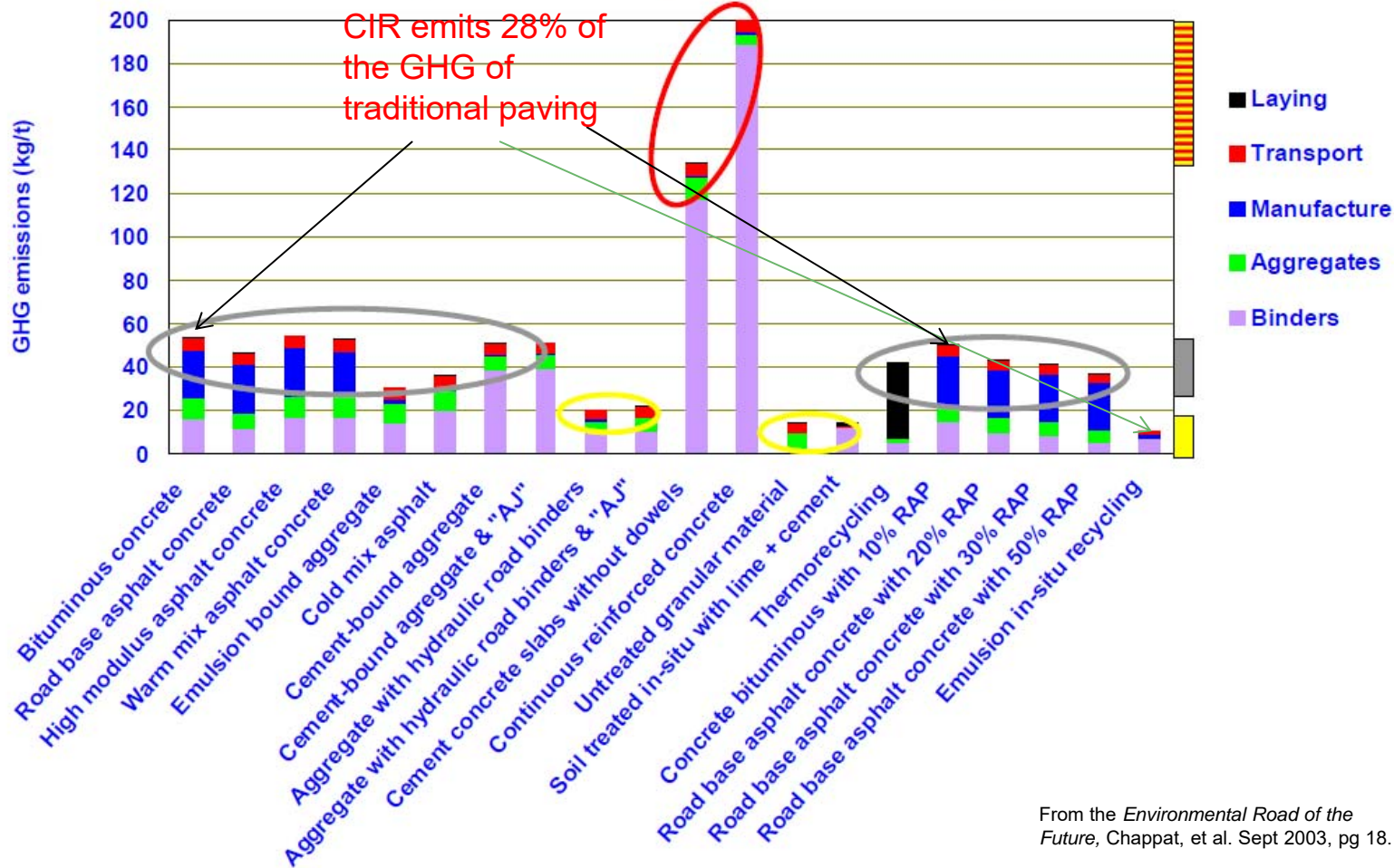


Source: *The Environmental Road of the Future, Life Cycle Analysis* by Chappat, M. and Julian Bilal. Colas Group, 2003, p.34



# Reduces Green House Gas Emissions

GHG emissions per tonne of laid material



From the *Environmental Road of the Future*, Chappat, et al. Sept 2003, pg 18.



# Additional Tools with CIR

- Widening can be accomplished to add lane width or a safety shoulder
- Increased Structural thickness with add rock
- Increased structural value (.28 per inch)





**New 12' Wide**

**Original 11' Wide**





After a few days of traffic







# Cost Savings

## 8 mile County Highway

	Units	Mill 1.5" and 3" HMA Overlay (20% Recycle)	CIR 3.5" and Chipseal Surface Treatment	
Mill 1.5"	112,000 SY	\$140,000		
Pave 3"	20,500 Tons	\$1,500,000		
Recycle 3.5"	112,000 SY		\$593,600	
A-2 Chipseal	112,000 SY		\$296,800	<b>Savings</b>
Total Costs		<b>\$1,640,000</b>	<b>\$890,400</b>	<b>\$749,600</b>
Total/SY		\$13.45	\$7.95	
Tons of RAP Used		5,500	23,500	

Assume \$1.25/sy for milling, \$75/ton for hotmix, \$5.30/sy for CIR, \$2.65/sy for A-2



# Cost Effective

- **Cost Savings**

CIR vs. Mill & Overlay	\$ 749,600
Overall Cost Saving	47%
Savings/SY (13.45-7.95)	\$ 5.50/SY
Savings/Ton (75-27.50)	\$ 47.50/Ton
Unused RAP (5,500T @\$25)	\$ 137,500



# Prior to CIR



To this, with 47% less



# Conserves Energy

	Energy Required to Produce 24,780.8 tons (8 miles)	Equivalent Energy in diesel	Equivalent Energy in natural gas	Green house gas emissions from producing 24,780.8 tons (8 miles)
<b>Hot Mix (traditional)</b>	4,680,666.6 kW-hrs	127,887.06 gallons	159,749 Therms	1288.56 tons
<b>CIR</b>	956,783.33 kW-hrs	26,141.6 gallons	32,654.7 Therms	371.1 tons
<b>Savings</b>	3,723,883.3 kW-hrs	101,746 gallons	127,095 Therms	917.46 tons

The energy savings from an 8 mile job is enough to power 350 homes for one year.



# Conserves Materials

- Over 21,500 tons of RAP was reused in building this project
- Only 600 tons of new asphalt was added to existing RAP
- Saves over 850 tons of liquid asphalt and 16,000 tons of virgin aggregate. (Based on 20% recycle in HMA)



# CIR

- Cost Effective
- Controls Reflective Cracking
- Conserves Energy
- Conserves Material
- Environmentally Friendly
- Right Treatment, Right Road, Right Time



# Thank you

