### Polished Stone Value Extended Polishing

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## Introduction

Pavement Surfacing Whole of Life

- Extended surfacing life
- Emphasis on aggregate selection
- Can polishing life be determined?

Presentation

- Describe the PSV 12 extended polishing test methodology
- On site testing
- Analysis and conclusions from the testing information







#### Bay of Plenty Network Description

- Bay of Plenty SH 760 Kms of State Highway
- Traffic volume range : 500 to 34,000 per day
- Heavy Commercial Vehicle: 90 to 2300 per day (serves New Zealand's largest sea port)
- Terrain; plains to mountainous







Waioeka River

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# Aggregate Polishing

Former T/10 Specification reliance on PSV

Lack of guidance lead to little awareness of aggregate polishing performance

Aggregate performance method in revised T/10 Spec i.e. Back analysis of onsite performance



#### Extended PSV Polishing ( Polishing Indicator )

- PSV testing contained in the New Zealand Transport Agency's specification M/6 Notes - BS EN 1097-8:2009
- Aggregate sample on a curved mould, the surface is subject to three hours of coarse polishing, followed by three hours of fine polishing.
- Friction of the polished aggregate is measured by British Pendulum Number (BPN) at 3 hours of fine polishing
- However, PSV value is indicative and the aggregate may well polish further
- Number of aggregate types selected and subjected to fine polishing regime with polishing times of 2,3,4,6,8 and 12 hours





Accelerated polishing testing machine



British pendulum tester



#### **Rock Type**





#### **Onsite Performance**

- Could extended PSV polishing substantiated from onsite performance monitoring
- Curves Out of Context Curve (OCC) were investigated for change in their Equilibrium SCRIM Coefficient (ESC) over time
- OCCs were established by the Risk Ranking of Curves
- This is a relatively consistent method of identifying OCC, in that its basis was that the approach vehicle speed over the preceding 500m, was greater than the design speed of the same curve (25kph speed change considered severe)
- ESC of these curves averaged and plotted by year





Figure 3 Example of OCC ESC average over time. The rate of ESC decay per year was 0.006 and 0.014 for the left lane and right lane respectively..





Figure 4 ESC Decay Rate Versus Approach/Design speed differential.

- No significant trend that can be derived
- 80 % of OCC checked showed some degree of on going polishing



#### **PSV 12 V Onsite Performance**

• PSV 12 results have closer correlation ESC required by site category









#### **Bad Friction Plot**



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