

Urban Heat Island Effect

Specific causes for heightened temperatures and increased smog and pollution in urban areas include:

- Urban building materials absorb (as oppose to reflect) greater proportions of solar radiation
- Impermeability of urban features limit the cooling effects of circulating water
- Convective heat transfer is reduced in urban areas due to large density of buildings
- Anthropogenic heat (i.e., heat produced by humans) is greater in urban areas with increased population density



Cool Pavements

The amazing facts about Shibuya Crossing, Tokyo

- Busiest Pedestrian Crossing in the World
- Up to 3,000 people use the crossing per green cycle
- 5 jumbo screens can be seen from the crossing
- The busiest Starbucks in Japan is next to the crossing
- Hachiko Statue (Japan's most famous dog) is next to the crossing
- **Cool asphalt pavement!**



Reducing Urban Heat Island Effect by Using Light Colour Asphalt Pavement

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Thermal image of five adjacent surfaces at Golder's office



Light Colour Asphalt Pavement

Light Colour Asphalt Pavement (LCAP) is a process of designing and constructing asphalt pavements that meet the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Solar Reflective Index (SRI) requirement that at a minimum 50% of the hardscape be constructed using materials having an SRI value of 29 or higher.

- LEED Credit 7.1 entitled "Heat Island Effect: Non Roof".
- requirement of LEED Credit 7.1.
- LCAP process includes aggregate selection, asphalt mix modification, placement of asphalt mix, stripping of surface asphalt film from new pavements.

Three LCAP requirements:

- LCAP should meet the LEED requirement of SRI to be at least 29 at an additional cost of the surface asphalt lift that is acceptable to the user
- Meet conventional asphalt mix acceptance criteria for either Marshall or Superpave mixes
- There shall be no adverse impact on pavement performance

The primary advantages of LCAP technology:

- Decreased heat high island effect in urban areas
- Meeting the green standards being implemented by some cities, with a product that is cost comparable to the conventional product, and which provides equivalent performance
- rate of oxidation
- lots, tunnels) and building cooling
- Enhanced frictional characteristics and microtexture
- Protection of the permafrost in the northern climates

The purpose of the development of LCAP is to provide developers looking to achieve LEED certification with a paving alternative that provides performance that is equivalent to conventional asphalt pavement, but that will also meet the

pavement, and evaluation of reflectivity of aggregates, mixes, and in-place

Improved long term durability and resistance to cracking due to decreased

Energy savings due to decreased requirements for lighting (streets, parking)

- Aggregate and mix SRI analysis ASTM C1549-09 and E1980-01 reflectance and emissivity
- Very light colour aggregate from Coco's Badgley Island Quarry identified as suitable for LCAP
- Mix design analysis
- Selecting the optimum mix
- Preparation of Test Slabs 1 and 2
- Reflectance field measurement ASTM E1918-06
- SRI Calculation ASTM E1980-01



- Urban heat island effect is observed in numerous cities
- Dark coloured pavements cause temperature increase
- Light colour asphalt pavement technology developed, SRI > 29
- Practical implementation using Coco's Badgley Island Quarry aggregates
- Benefits include reduced temperature, improved durability and energy saving for lighting and building cooling



Initial Investigation





Test Slab 2 – SRI 30

Summary

Literature Review

- Lisa Gartland "Heat Islands Understanding and Mitigating Heat in Urban Areas
- Tran N, NCAT "Strategies for Design and Construction of High-Reflectance Asphalt Pavement" – coatings, painting, gritting, blasting
- City of Toronto "Toronto Green Standard" incentives, 20% refund of development charge if min 75% of high albedo pavement
- MTO GreenPave rating system 2 points for cool pavement