

Saving Green with Concrete Pavements

Concrete pavements have a well-earned reputation for being less expensive in the long run than asphalt pavements. Using life-cycle cost analysis, concrete pavements are superior to asphalt because they require almost no maintenance, fewer repairs, and less frequent reconstruction. Historically, the first cost or (installed costs) were higher for concrete pavements, but that's changing.

In sharp contrast, asphalt is no longer competing well on first costs for new construction and pavement rehabilitation. Because asphalt is a petroleum-based product, its prices are tied to the rising price of crude oil, the prices have been rising steadily and significantly, and experts say they won't go down much even if the price per barrel of oil falls.

Chances are the costs will soar even higher as oil refineries work to extract more gas and diesel from every barrel of oil. The result will be less asphalt. This once abundant, "bottom of the barrel" product is likely to become an increasingly expensive one

Concrete pavements provide a solid choice to solve this challenge, and are clearly the right choice, right now!

Fast Fact

"During the second quarter of 2008, the cost of one mile of pavement, one lane wide and 8 inches thick, cost \$205,000 for asphalt and \$185,000 for concrete," according to the Colorado Department of Transportation

Learn more about why concrete pavements are the right choice, right now,

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