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Development of Dynamic Modulus Parameters from Single Point Tests

the **ISSUE**

There is a disconnect between asphalt mixture tests and the inputs for the structural design of pavements. Due to its complexities, the dynamic modulus required as input to the structural design is seldom measured, resulting in average or default values being used. Consequently, cost optimization opportunities are being lost.

the **RESEARCH**

The work evaluated existing dynamic moduli for 34 different asphalt concrete mixtures to determine the range of the dynamic moduli that can be expected; it then developed a theoretical relation between parts of the dynamic modulus and the cracking tolerance index. This relation was then verified using field material.

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the **FINDINGS**

The results indicate that it is feasible to incorporate the results from tests used for asphalt mixtures into the structural design of asphalt pavements, thus allowing for actual material properties to be used in the analysis.

the **IMPACT**

The ability to incorporate the material properties obtained during the design of asphalt mixtures into the structural evaluation of asphalt pavements will result in better use of site-specific materials, the ability to conduct life-cycle analysis, and more robust pavement designs.

For more information on this project, download the Main report at https://www.ugpti.org/resources/reports/details.php?id=1126

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