Module 4-10

Shoulder Rehabilitation Considerations

Objectives

List common shoulder distresses • HMA shoulders

PCC shoulders

Discuss procedures for shoulder rehabilitation

Describe the benefits of using a tied PCC shoulder

Introduction

Purpose

- Safety zone for errant vehicles
- Auxiliary area for emergency stops
- Provide lateral structural support
- Drain water away from mainline

Generally designed to a lower structural capacity

Only paved shoulders are considered

Critical Distresses on HMA Shoulders

- Pumping
- Fatigue cracking
- Lane-shoulder drop off
- Block cracking
- Shoving
- Differential support
- Weathering and raveling

Critical Distresses on PCC Shoulders

Cracking

Pumping

Faulting

Spalling

Benefits of Tied PCC Shoulders

Reduced edge / corner stresses Improve lateral support

Reduce lane-shoulder drop off

Reduce lane-shoulder separation

Limit infiltration of moisture

Considerations

- Design
- Cost
- Construction



Construction



Summary

Evaluate shoulder condition along with mainline

Rehabilitation of shoulder should consider condition of mainline

Techniques are similar to those used on the mainline