

# Pavement Systems: Constructing, Maintaining and Inspecting

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# Presentation Overview

- Construction
- Maintenance
- Inspection

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- Bay Area Pervious Concrete

# Construction

# Pre-construction Meeting

## Participants:

- Owner's rep, GC, pavement installer, suppliers, testing lab(s)



## Meeting Checklist:

- Walk through site with builder/contractor/subcontractor
- Review erosion & sediment control plan and SWPPP
- Determine time of pavement installation in construction sequence
- Identify material stockpile locations
- Protect finished surface from contamination
- Locate elevation & size of underdrains
- Discuss need and delivery location for supplemental maintenance pavers

# Sediment Management



- Stabilization of soil in area draining into pavement
- Min. 20 ft (6 m) wide vegetative strips recommended







Bay Area  
**Pervious  
Concrete**



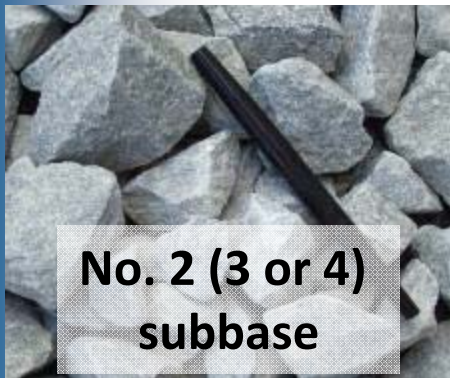
# Verify Materials Delivered to the Site

## Aggregates

- Sieve analyses for subbase, base, bedding, and jointing aggregates conforms to specifications
- Decide consistent sampling & testing for delivered materials
- NO SAND for bedding or joints

## Other materials meet specs

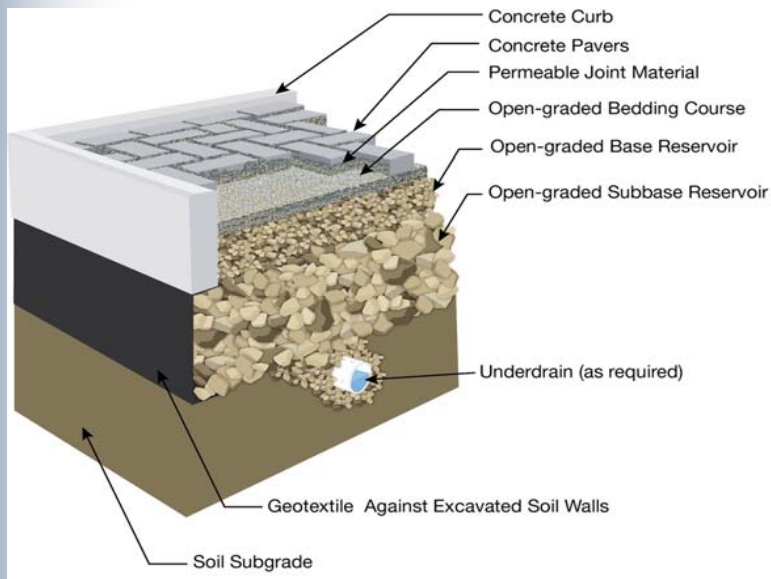
- Pavers
- Edge restraints
- Geotextile/Geomembrane





# Underdrains

- Ensure size, perforations, locations, slope & outfalls meet specs & drawings
- Verify elevation of overflow pipes



# Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavers (PICP) and Permeable Pavers (water flows through paver)





# Mechanical Paver Installation



Same inspection  
acceptance criteria  
as manual  
installation



For larger commercial projects

Efficiency factors:

- Configuration/width
- Site access/flow of materials
- Crew experience
- Paver laying pattern
- Must be in bid





# Pervious Concrete (poured in place)



# Porous Asphalt (poured in place)

# Porous Asphalt



Porous asphalt parking lot under construction in West Sacramento 2014



# Porous Asphalt



Top surface (left) and subgrade.



# Porous Asphalt



City of Elk Grove porous pavements demonstration fountain 2012.



# Inspection at Completion of Construction



# Test Infiltration Rate

- Test surface for infiltration rate per specifications using ASTM C1781 – establish base rate
- Minimum 100 in./hr (254 cm/hr) recommended







# Other Inspection Items

- Check the depth of the underdrain outlet
- Check the joint aggregate type and size
- Clean pavers/pavement surface
- Use the Inspection Checklist from ICPI
- Look for broken pavers, uneven surfaces

# Maintenance



# Pavement Condition and Maintenance

## *Hydrologic Conditions*

- Surface infiltration rate and drainage outfalls

## *Structural Conditions*

- Depression
- Rutting
- Faulting
- Damaged Pavers
- Edge Restraint Damage
- Excessive Joint Width
- Joint Filler Loss
- Horizontal Creep





# Hydrologic: Inspecting Surface Clogging

**Inspect 1 to 2 times annually preferably after a storm**

***Inspect and document:***

- General site features and distresses with photographs, etc.**
- Obvious sources and locations of sediment (usually at entrances)**
- Changes in adjacent land use that might contribute sediment**
- Vegetation around perimeter for cover and soil stability**

# Hydrologic: Inspecting Surface Clogging

## Inspecting and Documenting...

- Surface openings for buildup of sediment in joints
- Ponds over 10% of the area remaining longer than 1 hour after a rainstorm:  
measure permeability  
of the surface using:  
***ASTM C1781 Standard Test Method for Surface Infiltration Rate of Permeable Pavement Systems***



# Hydrologic: Sweeper Effectiveness

**Mechanical Sweeper**  
**Least effective**



**Regenerative air vacuum sweeper -  
for routine maintenance**

- Use 1-2 times/year



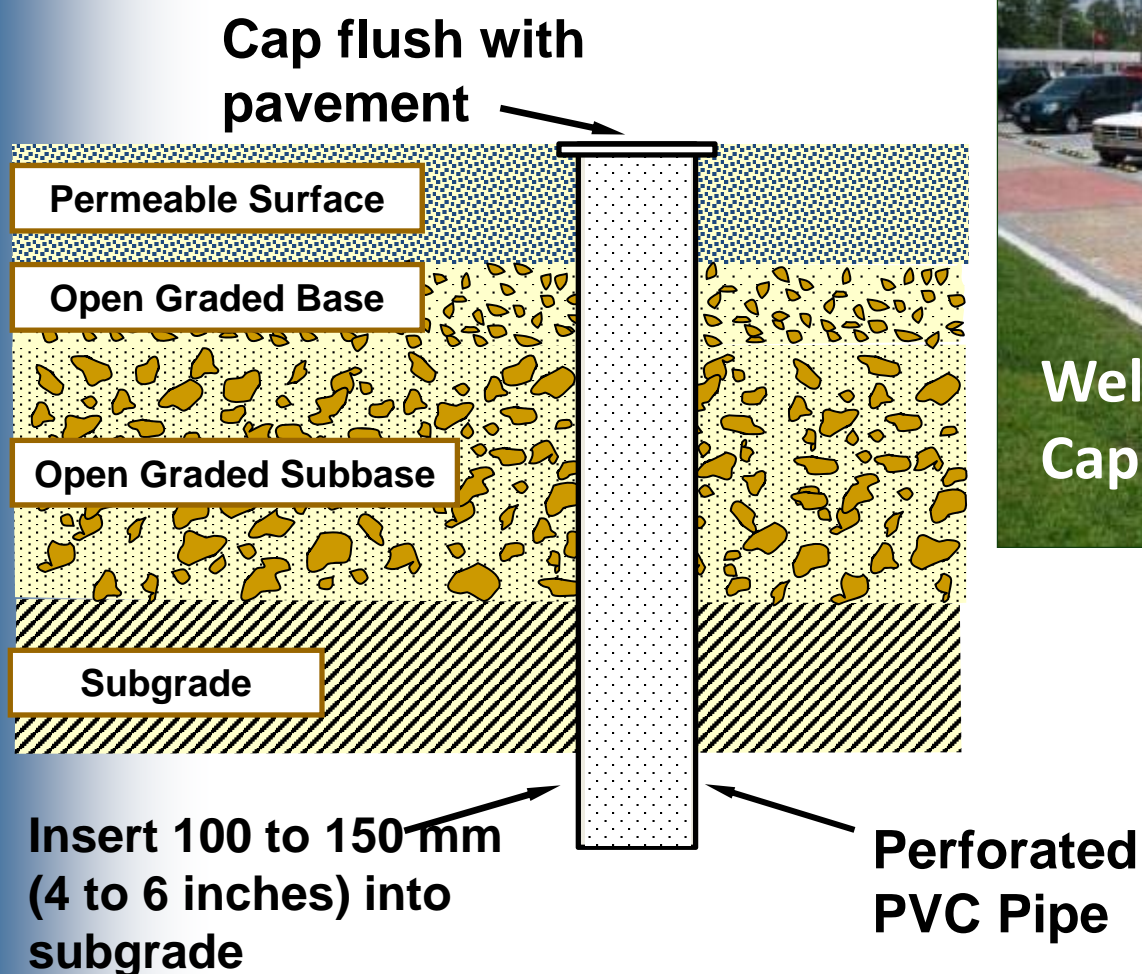
**Most effective**

**True vacuum sweeper**

- Very powerful
- For restorative maintenance -  
Restores highly clogged  
surfaces



# Hydrologic: Subsurface Observation Well



# Structural: Depression

- Settlement of underlying subgrade or granular base
- Most common over utility cuts, catch basins and adjacent to other roadway types



Low severity depression



Medium severity depression



High severity depression

- Areas exhibiting medium and high severity depressions exceeding 0.5 in. should be repaired

# Structural: Rutting

- A surface depression in the wheel path
- Typically caused by settlement of the underlying subgrade or reservoir base under vehicle loading



Low severity rutting



Medium severity rutting



High severity rutting

- **Medium and high severity rutting (rut depth > 0.6 in.) should be repaired**



# Structural: Faulting

- Elevation of small areas of surface that differs or rotated to that of adjacent pavers (a.k.a. lipping)
- Caused by settlement of bedding, poor installation/compaction



Low severity faulting



Medium severity faulting



High severity faulting

- Areas exhibiting medium and high severity faulting (maximum difference in height exceeding 0.25 in.) should be repaired to ensure smooth ride quality

# Structural: Damaged Pavers

- Typically caused by load related damage, i.e., inadequate support resulting in shear damage, lack of jointing stone, substandard materials, or cutting away more than 2/3 of paver.



Low severity damaged pavers



Medium severity damaged  
pavers

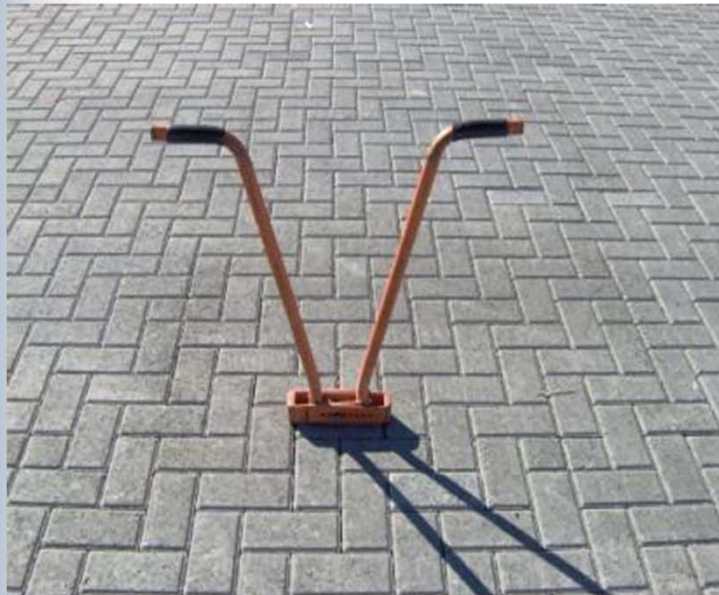


High severity damaged pavers

- **Medium and high severity damaged pavers should be removed and replaced to maintain the pavement structural load capacity**

# Structural: Paver Repair

- Remove all cracked pavers and replace with new pavers
- Remove individual pavers with hand removal equipment to prevent damage to surrounding pavers
- Order and store extra pavers on-site for future maintenance



Paver removal equipment



# Structural: Edge Restraint Damage

- Edge restraints (typically curbs) provide lateral support

Loss of lateral support due to edge restraint damage can result in movement/rotation of the pavers, loss of jointing and bedding course stone



Low severity loss of edge support



Medium severity loss of edge support



High severity loss of edge restraint

- All medium and high severity loss of edge restraint should be repaired/replaced

# Structural: Excessive Joint Width

- Caused by poor initial construction, lack of joint filler, poor edge restraint, adjacent settlement/heave, etc.



Low severity excessive joint width



Medium severity excessive joint width



High severity excessive joint width

**Pavers exhibiting medium and high excessive joint width should be removed and re-set, compacted, jointing stone applied and compacted**

# Structural: Joint Stone Loss

- Caused by settlement, excessive vacuum force during cleaning, pressure washing, and excessive traffic loads



Low severity joint filler loss



Medium severity joint filler loss



High severity joint filler loss

- Joint filler should be reinstated in all joints exhibiting medium and high severity loss



# Structural: Joint Filler Replacement

- Replenish jointing material 6 months after construction and yearly as needed



# Structural: Horizontal Creep

- Longitudinal displacement of the pavers caused by wheel loading (turning, braking, accelerating)



Low severity horizontal creep



Medium severity horizontal creep



High severity horizontal creep

- Relevel base and Replace

# Suggested Maintenance Practices

## Hydro-Flo Pavingstones

- Sweep by either brush or vacuum systems. Cleaning intervals depend on traffic type, traffic frequency and environmental factors.
- Annual pressure wash at 1200-1500 psi pressure washer with steam or hot water for better results. Best results with a wet vacuum system in conjunction with pressure washing.
- Use fan tip spray nozzle, at 30 degree angle, 14 to 16 inches from the paver and working at a 45 degree angle from the dominant pattern. Solvents or cleaners are not required or recommended.





Most debris, like sand and organic matter are permeable and the system will still function if not cleaned, but at a reduced rate.



Leaf blowers have proven to be highly effective and the only maintenance necessary in many small to medium size applications

Vacuum trucks for larger areas



ASTM C1701  
Infiltration Rate

250" /hr min  
recommended

Run baseline test  
before pavement goes  
into service.

Repeat every 6-12  
months. Re-evaluate  
maintenance routine







# Inspection and Monitoring Plan

Distress	Activity	Frequency
Clogging	Vacuum sweep surface to remove sediment.	Annually (unless increase in sediment loading)
Clogged/Damaged Secondary Features	Clean out or repair secondary drainage features.	Annually, after major rain event
Depressions	Repair all paver surface depressions, exceeding 0.5 in.	Annually, repair as needed
Rutting	Repair all paver surface rutting, exceeding 0.6 in.	Annually, repair as needed
Faulting	Repair all paver surface faulting, exceeding 0.25in.	Annually, repair as needed

# Inspection and Monitoring Plan, cont.

Distress	Activity	Frequency
Damaged Paver Units	Replace medium to high severity cracked, spalled or chipped paver units.	Annually, repair as needed
Edge Restraint Damage	Repair pavers offset by more than 0.25 in. from adjacent units or curbs, inlets, etc.	Annually, repair as needed
Excessive Joint Width	Repair pavers exhibiting joint width exceeding 0.4 in.	Annually, repair as needed
Joint Filler Loss	Replenish aggregate in joints.	As needed
Horizontal Creep	Repair areas exhibiting horizontal creep exceeding 0.4 in.	Annually, repair as needed
Additional Distresses	Missing pavers shall be replaced. A geotechnical investigation is recommended for pavement heaves.	Annually, repair as needed

# SMCWPPP Resources

1. Inspection checklists
2. O&M plans for pervious pavements
3. Guidance for pervious pavements (C3TG)

See the program website for more details:

[www.flowstobay.org/privatend](http://www.flowstobay.org/privatend)

[www.flowstobay.org/newdevelopment](http://www.flowstobay.org/newdevelopment)

The handouts & presentations will be posted on:

[www.flowstobay.org/trainings](http://www.flowstobay.org/trainings)



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