# DEVELOPING A PAVEMENT FEEDBACK DATA SYSTEM

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#### PREFACE

Project 123, 'The Development of a Feasible Approach to Systematic Pavement Design and Research," was initiated in 1968 as a cooperative effort between the Texas Highway Department, the Center for Highway Research of The University of Texas, and the Texas Transportation Institute of Texas A&M University. The report was prepared by Dr. R. C. G. Haas during his stay at the Center for Highway Research.

There have been several significant accomplishments in this project, the primary one being the development of a working system for flexible pavement design. The system is currently undergoing trial implementation and is described in Research Report 123-1, "A Systems Approach Applied to Pavement Design and Research," and in Research Report 123-2, "A Recommended Texas Highway Department Pavement Design System User's Manual."

It was realized in the formulation of Project 123 that some means for continued evaluation of the design system must be established. An efficient feedback data system was considered as necessary for this purpose. Work began on the system in the spring in 1970 and the planning and initial development are described in detail in this report. As well, a framework and guidelines are presented for the future development and implementation.

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## LIST OF REPORTS

Report No. 123-1, "A Systems Approach Applied to Pavement Design and Research," by W. Ronald Hudson, B. Frank McCullough, F. H. Scrivner, and James L. Brown, summarizes the first year results of a long-range comprehensive research to develop a pavement systems analysis, describes a realistic approach to analysis of pavement design and presents a working systems model.

Report No. 123-2, "A Recommended Texas Highway Department Pavement Design System Users Manual," by James L. Brown, Larry J. Buttler, and Hugo E. Orellana, offers instructions for obtaining and processing data involving the "THD Flexible Pavement Design System."

Report No. 123-3, "Characterization of the Swelling Clay Parameter Used in the Pavement Design System," by A. W. Witt, III and B. Frank McCullough, gives the results of a study of swelling clay parameter. The report offers a design equation.

Report No. 123-4, Developing a Pavement Feedback Data System," by R. C. G. Haas, gives an account of the initial planning and development of a pavement feedback data system.

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## ABSTRACT

The design and management of pavements rely on an imperfect technology. One of the most efficient means for continuous improvement of the design and management process lies in the development of comprehensive and systematic information systems.

This report describes the planning and initial development of a pavement feedback data system as a part of a larger project titled "A System Analysis of Pavement Design and Research Implementation." The general principles under lying data system development and use are presented and the specific functional and operational requirements of the pavement data system are discussed. Integration of the system with other data acquisition and processing operations of the Texas Highway Department are considered.

A set of factors is identified and categorized into a master file and six subfiles. These factors have been coded and coding forms have been prepared.

Several example sets of data retrieval from the system are presented. It is recommended that future work in the project should be primarily concerned with developing a sampling plan and guides, with the continuing of software development and a trial implementation of the data system.

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#### SUMMARY

For many years, engineers associated with research and design of highway pavements have realized that a pavement feedback data system would be a valuable aid to improving pavement design technology. This report describes the initial planning and development of a comprehensive highway pavement feedback data system. The pavement feedback data system forms a basic part of the pavement design system that has been developed and is being implemented on a trial basis into the Texas Highway Department.

In the early stages of development of the pavement design system, it was realized that some means of planned, continued evaluation of the design system must be established. The development of an efficient feedback data system was considered as necessary for this purpose. The major goals for this feedback data system are

- (1) to supply selected physical and cost data acquired on a regular schedule from selected sections of highway to the research arm of the Texas Highway Department for use in evaluating the pavement design system and
- (2) to ultimately supply District and State levels of management with certain physical and cost data in a form convenient for use in managing the pavements within the District and the State.

These goals will make it possible to improve the reliability of various sub-systems based on observations of in-service pavements. The feedback data system and subsequent evaluation will include the areas requiring additional study thus establishing priorities for research projects. The availability of the data will allow the District personnel to design projects based on upto-date performance data as well as to have a reservoir of information from which to select.

When completely developed and implemented into the daily activities of the Texas Highway Department, this computerized system will be a valuable tool for the highway administrator as well as the highway researcher. Since the design and management of pavements rely on an imperfect technology, continuous improvement of the design and management process is necessary.

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# IMPLEMENTATION STATEMENT

The feedback data system is an important part of the flexible and rigid pavement design systems. The feedback system will be put into actual use by the Texas Highway Department as soon as the sampling plans and storage and retrieval programs have been developed. It will be implemented on a trial basis using selected projects designed by the flexible and rigid pavement design systems. In future years, the feedback data system will finally include most of the highway pavements designed, constructed, and maintained by the Texas Highway Department. The feedback data system must be implemented as soon as possible as it will provide a valuable basis for checking the existing design system and for improving the models.

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## CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

#### The Role of Data Systems

Data have been collected for decades on various natural and man-made systems. The transportation system has, because of its complexity, required unusually large amounts of data to be collected for effective planning, design, and operation. Urban traffic studies were perhaps the first component of this system to systematize the collection, processing, and analysis of their data. Other areas followed rapidly, and today extensive data banks have been established for a variety of technical, economic, social, and political purposes. In transportation, similar development has taken place, except in pavement design and management.

A data system involves more than just the collection of data. It also includes the processing, storing, retrieving, and analyzing of the information, with automation providing the capacity to handle large amounts of data. Since most of our existing technology is far from perfect  $-$  and this includes the pavement field - such data systems can provide a most useful feedback function. This feedback role involves the efficient use of information from operating systems, both to improve the performance of these systems and to upgrade or update the technology.

## Project 123 and the Feedback Data System

Project 123 involves the development of a comprehensive working system of pavement design and management for the Texas Highway Department, as detailed in a previous report (Ref 1). This working system makes extensive use of the computer and is based on the principles of systems engineering.

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The basic philosophy of the project was that a working system should be instituted as soon as possible rather than when the ideal method is available, which may be far into the future. Rather, it was argued that such a working system could incorporate the best of existing technology and knowledge and that it could be organized so as to readily incorporate new knowledge as it became available. In other words, continual updating and improvement of the system was envisioned.

To accomplish these improvements with time, one of the explicit objectives of Project 123 was to develop and implement a pavement feedback data system. The systematic collection, storage, retrieval, and analyses of data on pavements designed and constructed by the working system was considered as the necessary mechanism for these improvements.

### Scope and Objectives of the Report

This report is concerned with the progress to date in planning and developing the feedback data system of Project 123. The specific objectives of the report are

- (1) to outline the general principles of data system development,
- (2) to outline the requirements for the Project 123 system,
- (3) to describe the planning and development to date of the pavement feedback data system, including coordination with other highway department data files, and
- (4) to comment on implementation plans for the data system and to briefly discuss the necessary software development for retrieval and analyses of stored data.

This report is the first from the feedback phase of Project 123. Similar to Report 123-1, it basically describes the work accomplished to date and is a background document or framework for future work.

#### CHAPTER 2. GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF DATA SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

#### Scope and Function of a Data System

A data system can be simple in concept but comprehensive in scope. Its basic function of course is to provide information, efficiently, quickly, and cheaply, for planning, design, and operating needs. Thus, the concept is simple but the scope of a data system involves the following general aspects:

- (1) proposed use of the data,
- (2) collecting data,
- (3) organizing and processing data,
- (4) storing data,
- (5) retrieving data, and
- (6) analyzing data.

If the function of a data system is to provide planning or design information based on large amounts of data, an automated means for processing. storing, and retrieving these data is required. The design and use of a computer-based system is again relatively simple in concept. However, past experience has shown that it is very easy to underestimate the effort required to institute and maintain a comprehensive data system of this sort. Consequently, while the scope of the system may be broad, as shown in the foregoing list of aspects, its particular function or purpose within an agency must be most carefully considered and detailed.

## The Overall Highway Data System

Any particular highway department maintains data files on practically *all* aspects of its operation and some of these are automated. However, the

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establishment of an overall, automated, and integrated data system for the entire department is a complex and comprehensive task. Nevertheless, the state of Wisconsin Department of Transportation has recently reported their efforts in establishing a "Highway Network Data and Information System" (Ref 2) as part of their Integrated Operations System. The Texas Highway Department (Ref 3) had previously reported their attempts to analyze and to automate where possible, a major portion of their planning information (including traffic and general road, bridge, and financial inventories.

Since a pavement data system must be developed within the context of such a broader highway data system, it is useful to briefly explore some of the major considerations involved. These would include the following:

- (1) relationship of data system to planning,
- (2) basic design and use criteria, and
- (3) indexing, control, and coordination.

Many highway departments are currently either considering or implementing systems for resource allocation over some time span, often referred to as a p1anned-program-budgeting system (PPBS). The effectiveness of the decisions to allocate resources is directly related to the level of support information available on economic and physical factors. A properly designed and operated data system can provide as an output function this necessary support information.

The basic design and use criteria involve the fact that while data is acquired and stored in a single-element manner, it may be required by a number of individuals in the department. Many data systems, however, allow processing only within that particular system, which results in considerable duplication and inefficiency. Obviously, it would be desirable to institute common controls in order to provide the capability of requesting data from all

the systems in use. On an even broader basis, planning is currently underway for developing a statewide information management system in Texas (Ref 4). This would be conducted through an information systems coordinator in the Governor's office on a sort of "brokerage" basis, with the capacity to access individual departmental or agency data banks.

Proper indexing, control, and coordination are the key to satisfying the previously noted basic design and use criteria. A common locationa1 index is probably the best method for accomplishing this, and ideally it would provide capability for three types of referencing:

- (1) route location and number (i.e., highway number, section, mileage, etc.);
- (2) geographical coordinates, a type with particular application to urban transportation planning and the Universal Transverse Mercator Grid is probably most applicable (Ref 5); and
- (3) project number.

Using all three means of indexing expands the capacity for communication between the user and the data base containing the various individual data files. However, it may be feasible to use only one or two methods for a particular department and this should be satisfactory, provided the entire network can be referenced.

The development of a data management system on a widespread basis requires the inclusion of a very large number of comprehensive data files. Wisconsin (Ref 2) has emphasized that this requires many years, and consequently the implementation must be done in stages.

#### Types of Data Systems

The type of data system required for any particular purpose depends upon a number of factors. It was pointed out in the previous section that

common indexing and access to all data files is desirable. While this could be accomplished with a manual system, it is most easily and efficiently accomplished with the last of the available data systems which are listed below:

- (1) manual data system,
- (2) manual data system with semi-automatic retrieval capability,
- (3) punched cards,
- (4) "basic" computer system, and
- (5) "integrated" computer system.

Figure 1 illustrates these categories of data systems in order of increasing capability, together with some comments on their principal features. Types one, three, four, and five have been well described and discussed in relation to accident reporting systems by Row (Ref 6). He has pointed out the advantages and limitations of each type and all four are generally applicable to an overall highway information system or to one of its component data systems.

The second type shown is often referred to as a "peak-a-boo" card system and has found use in a number of situations (e.g., the Canadian Good Roads Association uses this to retrieve information on research in progress). It simply involves punching holes in plastic cards containing a 100-by-100 matrix, with each point in the matrix representing a key word, data field, etc. Matching cards for common holes enables the information searcher to very rapidly determine the particular documents relevant to the search.

In view of the computer hardware available to most highway departments, it seems that the integrated computer system can be achieved as easily as any of the others. Certainly, it has more capability and should require no extra manpower resources over the other types of data systems available.

 $\circledcirc$ Filed Reports and Card Index  $\circ$ Filed Reports and Matching ''Holed'' Cards  $\circ$ Punched Cards  $\circledcirc$ "Basic" Computer System  $\circ$ "Integrated" Computer System Manual filing, updating, processing, and summaries Manual filing, etc., but rapid cross-indexing and retrieval of specific data Capacity to produce a variety of statistical summaries, but limitations with large files Capacity to "ask questions" (i.e., produce output in various forms), but limited to data files in system Capacity to "ask questions" and to access other data files through common indexing scheme

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Fig 1. Types of available data systems in order of increasing capability.

# Prior Work in the Pavement Area

An introductory report (Ref 7) outlined some of the basic concepts involved in developing a pavement data system. Its basic purpose was to define Some of the broad steps or phases of this development and also to provide an overall understanding of the principles involved as a prelude to efficiently coping with the many particular details and special requirements involved in the actual development and implementation.

These general principles as applied to pavements were previously discussed by Hutchinson and Haas (Ref 8). More recently, Haas and Hudson (Ref 9) have outlined the role of a feedback data system within the context of a pavement performance evaluation scheme. Data banks for one or more specific pavement performance factors are known to have been established by several agencies, but the work has generally not been reported. Consequently, there is very little available literature relating to pavement data systems. However, because of the progress made in other areas of transportation, the pavement field can make use of much of the experience gained. This has provided some of the background for the following sections.

# Role of Performance Evaluation and Data System in Pavement Management

The overall goal of Project 123 is to develop a comprehensive pavement management system. Consequently, it is useful to demonstrate the role of performance evaluation as a major management activity and, in turn, the role of the data system as a major component of performance evaluation.

Figure 2 is a condensation from Haas and Hutchinson (Ref 10) and shows the principal elements of pavement management as well as the role of performance evaluation in this system. The information flows, as shown, result in a continuous process of feedback. Developing and implementing a performance evaluation scheme as a portion of this overall management system can be



Fig 2. The role of performance evaluation in a generalized pavement management system.

a comprehensive task within itself. Several aspects of this are discussed in the following section.

#### Developing and Implementing a Pavement Performance Evaluation Scheme

The method for evaluating pavement performance by any particular highway department may be quite sophisticated in certain aspects, or it may be relatively casual. Whatever scheme is used, it is a subsystem of their overall pavement management system, whether explicitly recognized as such or not.

Figure 3 shows the major phases or steps involved in developing and implementing a performance evaluation scheme. The top of the diagram shows that performance evaluation has been recognized explicitly as a distinct management activity or subsystem. Moreover, Fig 3 is constructed to emphasize the data system portion of the performance evaluation scheme.

The major phases of this performance evaluation scheme, as represented by Fig 3, may be listed as follows:

- (1) preliminary planning, including an inventory of present practices and data collection resources (manpower and equipment), a review of other systems in use, a statement of goals and objectives as they relate to both the collection of performance data and to the user, a statement of constraints, and a preliminary estimate of costs in relation to a feasible schedule for the scheme;
- (2) identification and classification of all factors (climatic, materials, load, construction, maintenance, etc.) and their interactions that affect pavement performance or are measures of the performance achieved and/or the design strategy selected; this includes an initial selection of key factors (subject to future additions or deletions) based on

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Fig 3. Major phases in developing and applying a pavement performance evaluation scheme.

- (a) how many factors can be practically incorporated within the constraints of available resources, and
- (b) what variables are recognized as most important by current technology;
- (3) selection or development of techniques and/or units for quantitatively measuring the performance factors which, for the most part, would likely be those currently in use for measuring deflection, identifying costs, determining material properties, measuring serviceability, and so on;
- (4) development of a format for the various factors, including coding sheets, etc., the design of which may be in accordance with the files on serviceability, materials, costs, etc. Formats must be files on serviceability, materials, costs, etc. and must also be in accordance with various software considerations, as shown in Fig 2;
- (5) development of a sampling plan for acquiring data on the various evaluation segments (The assumption is made that it is not possible to obtain data on the whole network; consequently, representative evaluation segments will have to be established.) which would include operational guides or manuals for actually obtaining measurements and recording them;
- (6) implementation of the sampling plan, which would likely require initial testing of the plan, on a trial basis;
- (7) design and implementation of the data bank itself, including primarily software development for data storage and retrieval (assuming that computer hardware requirements pose no special problems); and
- (8) development of analysis techniques on stored data for
	- (a) checking and updating management (including design) models,
	- (b) establishing sensitivity of performance factors,
	- (c) evaluating the effects of maintenance, and
	- (d) predicting terminal serviceability (or updating predictions) for programming or budgeting purposes.

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## CHAPTER 3. EXISTING DATA FILES IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

## General

The Texas Highway Department has 16 Headquarters Divisions, 25 Districts, and the Houston Urban Project, which all acquire and use data of various forms. Obviously, there are a very large number of data files in existence in the Department and it would be a massive task to document all of these. However, one portion of the Highway Department, the Planning and Survey Division (D-10) provides much of the potential documentation relevant to this project, as demonstrated by the following statement of their overall function (Ref 3):

The mission of the Planning and Survey Division is to provide services to and in behalf of the Texas Highway Department. Essentially, these include mileage, traffic, financial statistics, and such tables, reports, studies, and maps as necessary for use in planning, constructing, maintaining, and financing the various road systems which are the responsibility of the Department.

D-10 is therefore the principal repository for a large amount of information and the extent of this has been documented in a previously noted report (Ref 3). It is not practical to list and describe all their data files but a partial list of more direct interest to Project 123 is useful. This is shown in Table 1 and represents data files that have been converted to an automated or semi-automated basis.

A considerable amount of information of relevance to Project 123 is also acquired by the Materials and Tests Division (D-9), the Construction Division (D-6), the Maintenance Operations Division (D-18), and by the various Districts. However, because of the nature of the work involved, much of these data must be

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# TABLE 1. PARTIAL LIST OF DATA COLLECTED BY D-10

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kept in manual form. Thus, even though a considerable amount of data, such as that involved with pavement materials, is of interest to Project 123, it will likely only be possible to make use of it on a specialized or research basis. If any of these data are converted to an automated format in the future and if the indexing and control is similar to that used by D-10 in setting up their data files, then it will become more accessible to the requirements of the project. Such conversions, though, would be a massive task and, consequently, for the foreseeable future, the Project 123 data system will likely have to make its own entries of data on materials, etc. It should be emphasized, however, that this would still be the data collected by D-9, D-6, D-18, and the Districts and would have to be with their full cooperation but would be processed within the Project 123 data system, as subsequently discussed.

#### Examples of Particularly Relevant Data Files and Output Reports From D-10

Table 1 has summarized the types of data currently collected by D-10 and of direct interest to Project 123. As an example of a data file within this list, Fig 4 is the coding sheet for RI-2, the "State Roadway File". It shows the type of information acquired and from this, it is obvious that a considerable variety of output summaries could be prepared. Reference 3 details those that are currently prepared from the RI-2 file, and from the other D-10 data files. Figure 5, which is a flow chart representation of the inputs, operations, and outputs associated with the RI-2 file, shows the output reports (on the second sheet of the diagram) prepared by D-10 from this file.

The ''Roadway Construction Record File" listed in Table 1 is also of major relevance to Project 123. Figure 6 represents the type of code sheet being used, while Fig 7 is again a flow chart of inputs, operations, and outputs. From data of this sort, a variety of output reports and analyses can also be performed. One such analysis, which could be similarly performed



Fig 4. Coding sheet for "State Roadway File" (RI-2). (from Ref 3)

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Fig 5. Inputs, operations and outputs for "State Roadway File" (RI-2). **(from** Ref 3)

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#### TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

#### ROAD LIFE STUDIES

#### CURRENT CONSTRUCTION CODE SHEET

File 10.364

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Fig 6. Coding sheet for "Roadway Construction Record File." (from Ref 3)

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Fig 7. Inputs, operations, and outputs for "Roadway Construction Record File." (from Ref 3)

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for a variety of conditions, road types, etc., is shown in Fig 8. It is a survivor curve for a group of Farm-to-Market Highways and illustrates the distribution of service lives for this group.

Another set of data collected by D-10 and important to Project 123 includes various traffic information. Figure 9 shows the inputs, operations, and outputs of the "Permanent Traffic Recorders" listed in Table 1. Again a considerable number of output summaries can be prepared from these data. An example daily traffic listing at a particular station, for a particular month, is shown in Fig 10. A similar listing for average daily traffic for an entire year is shown in Fig 11.

The "Loadometer Study" is a portion of the traffic information that is very important to Project 123. Figure 12 shows the inputs, operations, and outputs involved, while Figs 13 and 14 are examples of the output presentations that can be prepared. These latter two diagrams represent the whole network but similar analyses could of course be performed for specific segments.

The 'Manual Classification Counts", as listed in Table 1, can be combined with the "Loadometer Study" results to provide valuable information to Project 123. Figure 15 is an example breakdown of vehicle classification for several particular stations.

Finally,  $D-10$  performs a number of "Special Data Studies - Traffic Forecasts" and the general form of these is shown in Fig 16. The specific output of course depends upon the request. This phase of the division's operations can be most important to Project 123, in that special load distribution and frequency data (both current and future) may be required at various times.



Fig 8. Service life study of a group of farm to market highways, from "Roadway Construction Record File." (from Ref 3)



Inputs, operations, and outputs of "Permanent Traffic Recorders." Fig 9.  $(from Ref 3)$ 



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Fig 10. Example listing of daily and monthly traffic, from "Permanent Traffic Recorders"  $(from Ref 3)$ 

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#### TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PLANNING SURVEY DIVISION TRAFFIC RECORDER RECORD

### AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC VOLUMES BY MONTH, DAY OF WEEK AND SEASON

FOR TEAR--1967

### STATION--A030 FORT WORTH

## LOCATION - US 80, 4.7 MILES WEST OF SH 183





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Fig 12. Inputs, outputs, and operations for "Loadometer Study." (from Ref 3)



Fig 13. Percentages of semi-trailer combinations, on basis of total truck and combinations, from "Loadometer Study." (from Ref 3)



Fig 14. Semi-trailer combination loads, from "Loadometer Study." (from Ref 3)

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Fig 15. Example breakdown of vehicle types at specified stations, from<br>"Manual Classification Counts." (from Ref 3)



Fig 16. Inputs, operations, and outputs for "Special Data Studies - Traffic Forecasts." (from Ref 3)

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## CHAPTER 4. FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECT 123 PAVEMENT DATA SYSTEM

### General

The pavement data system was to be developed and implemented as a specific objective of Project 123, as previously noted. This was explicit enough per se but the following basic questions had to be initially faced in the planning phase:

- (1) should the data system include the entire paved network, or only those portions designed by the Project 123 system, or
- (2) should only certain, selected evaluation segments within these portions be included?

Planning, programming and budgeting would require data on the whole network. However, the availability of resources and the chance for implementation suggested that the second approach was most feasible. Moreover, The Planning and Survey Division (D-10) acquires a variety of data on the highway system for planning purposes. Any widespread collection of information on pavements alone would likely add little to this overall planning function, nor would it likely aid the evaluation of Project 123 models much more than could be done through evaluation segment selection.

Nevertheless, a general requirement of the pavement data system was considered to be flexibility for expansion to include any number of additional portions of the network, the only constraint on this being the resources for collecting and processing data. In this way, a particular district could collect widespread information on one or more specific data items (i.e., skid resistance, present serviceability index, etc.), with no change in use or

format of the data system, to aid in planning, programming or budgeting.

The Flexible Pavement System (FPS) and the Rigid Pavement System (RPS) developed in Project 123 use a variety of physical and economic models in order to determine available pavement strategies (and identify the optimal strategy). These models in turn incorporate a large number of factors. Since one of the primary requirements for any data system is to provide a means for updating design and management techniques, it should include the factors in the models.

Finally, a major requirement of the pavement data system should be that provision be made for accessing other data files, such as those previously described. It was pointed out in Chapter 2 that this can be accomplished by proper indexing, control, and coordination.

Figure 17 is a schematic representation or functional format of the foregoing overall requirements for a pavement data system. It points out that there is a supplier of data and a user of data, and in many cases this may be the same person, section, division or district. It also depicts in a general manner the operational requirements of the system. These and other functional requirements are discussed in more detail in the following sections.

### Specific Requirements

The successful implementation of a pavement data system depends on prior consideration of several major requirements. These have already been discussed in a general sense but it is useful to consider them in a more specific manner. This may be done by firstly listing the classes in which they fit:

(1) the existing lines or channels of communication in The Highway Department's administrative structure should be used to acquire and transmit data. This includes the use of any equipment or laboratories for testing purposes,



Fig 17. General functional format for a pavement data system.

- (2) the data system should be implemented on a progressive or staged basis, including some trial or testing work,
- (3) some means should be established for determining the usefulness or value of the data system, during both the testing phase and the subsequent operating state.

## Communication of Data

The transmission or communication of data requires the following:

- (1) computer programs for processing input data, updating files with new, periodic data, processing output data requests, and retrieving data from the pavement data base and other data files,
- (2) availability of equipment (field testing devices such as the Dynaflect and Profilometer, laboratories and their apparatus, computer hardware facilities, etc.),
- (3) a delineation of the Highway Department's organizational structure, particularly as it relates to pavement management information flow,
- (4) operational guides and sampling plans for field staff engaged in testing and forwarding raw data for editing and processing;
- (5) a description, for distribution, of the standard retrieval output reports available,
- (6) testing of any new channels of communication required for their feasibility,
- (7) absence of any constraints within the data system itself on the amounts of data that can be handled (aside, of course, from availability of manpower and testing facilities).

The foregoing listing could, of course, be subdivided into many more specific items and this, in effect, must be done during the detailed development and implementation of the data system. The actual form of the channels of communication needed to satisfy these requirements is subsequently discussed with regard to implementation.

### Progressive Implementation

It has been recognized in Project 123 that to wait for development and implementation of the "ultimate" system is unrealistic and delays the payoff from improvements. A progressive or staged implementation of the data system is more logical and useful and can incorporate improvements on a step wise basis. The requirements for such a staged implementation may be listed as follows:

- (1) selection of one or more short representative evaluation segments of each pavement section designed by the Project 123 system. Because annual construction programs are specific, choosing these evaluation segments will inherently provide an orderly annual addition to the total inventory covered by the data system.
- (2) output (retrieval) reports of an initial, finite, and standard form. The software development for retrieving data is a major task and it is not initially possible to foresee all possible correlations and analyses that may be performed on the data. Consequently, this development is of a continuing nature and may initially involve only relatively common statistical summary outputs.
- (3) the provision for adding new data fields in the future. Initially, only a limited number of data items may be included but it may be foreseen that additions will be needed in the future. For example, the use of layered, structural analyses for predicting stresses and strains must have reliable stiffness parameters. Since the stiffness of the asphalt layers varies greatly with temperature, several data fields relating to temperature measurements may be included in the

system. These may not be used immediately but can be if the need arises in the future.

## Determining the Usefulness of the System

Unless some means are established for explicitly and continually evaluating the usefulness of the pavement data system, it could eventually become "static" in nature. It could continue to collect data of questionable value and neglect the additions of new, important data fields. To avoid this, the pavement data system can use the following standards of comparison, which were adopted for the Project 123 Design System (Ref 1):

- (1) operationality,
- (2) rationality,
- (3) acceptability, and
- (4) reviseability.

The operational requirement is, of course, partially answered in the actual development and staged implementation of the system. It is also answered by trial use on several initial, evaluation segments, and by the costs and efforts involved (i.e., is it actually possible, as predicted, to make the tests and measurements, record the data, transmit and process them with existing district and headquarters staff and equipment?).

The requirement of rationality may be apparently answered by considering in the system all those factors thought to influence pavement performance. However, sensitivity analyses are required to properly answer this question and these must, of course, be performed on data collected within the system (aside from testing the sensitivity of the design models themselves). Consequently, rationality must be determined on a continuing basis by eliminating unimportant variables and adding new ones of possible importance. The actual

analyses and testing for sensitivity involves a major task within itself, including designed experiments, the selection of evaluation segments, varying intensity of data acquisition, etc. The design of the statistical experiments and the analyses are beyond the scope of this report but the latter aspects will subsequently be considered.

The test of acceptability is partially answered when the system is operational and rational. But it must also be answered by feedback from the personnel involved, primarily field staff. While they might be able to meet operational requirements, they may not accept the program of testing and data acquisition for a variety of reasons, including a lack of understanding of its purpose, a commitment of apparently too large a number of resources, and so on. The system must also be acceptable from an administrative standpoint. For example, the operational and rationality requirements may be apparently satisfied but the costs of collecting and processing data have to be justified for administrative acceptance.

Reviseabi1ity involves the requirement for adding or deleting data items as the need arises, for altering the output format of standard retrievals of data, for changing the sampling schedule when necessary, and so on. It was pointed out that to be rational, the system must eliminate or add data items on a continuing basis, depending upon their importance. The requirement for reviseabi1ity provides the mechanism for doing this.

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## CHAPTER 5. PlANNING AND INITIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECT 123 PAVEMENT DATA SYSTEM

### Planned Operating State of the System

The data system proposed would be "integrated" (Ref Fig 1), within the overall development and application scheme of Fig 2, to provide access to other data files (i.e., those that were outlined in Sections 3.1 and 3.2). The planned operating state of such an integrated, computer based system is schematically represented in Fig 18. This diagram is of a general nature and relatively self-explanatory. A more comprehensive, detailed operating state diagram could reflect the software development in terms of the actual output reports or analyses that are generated.

### Identification of Factors and Classification for Data Files

Figure 3 has shown that the identification and classification of factors is one of the first major tasks to be done. These are essentially concurrent activities in that a wide variety of factors can first be identified, be grouped according to a trial classification, have new factors added or old ones deleted, have new classes set up or a whole new trial classification attempted, and so on. In other words, a number of cycles, with considerable trial and error, may be involved.

This was certainly the case for the Project 123 data system because of the extremely large variety of possibly relevant factors that have to be considered for pavements. A starting point was the variables used in the Flexible Pavement System (FPS) program and the Rigid Pavement System (RPS) program. However, these do not contain the hundreds of variables that could



Fig  $18.$ General operating state of an integrated, computer based pavement data system for Project 123.

be involved and which could be incorporated into a data system. Most of these were initially identified but since not all of them could be practically incorporated, a certain number of key factors (those considered to be most important) were selected.

This selection of key factors also required a number of cycles, with considerable questioning and care required in the final examination. The final set, therefore, reflects to some degree the judgment of the data system designer(s). Most of the eliminated factors would likely only be considered in special research studies. Even among the key factors, some would be recorded less frequently and for only a small number of evaluation segments, depending upon the sampling plan and the availability of data collection and processing resources.

A number of classification schemes were considered, along with the many variables. Table 2 shows the final classification scheme that was selected. It is in the form of various data files, similar in concept to the data files used by the Planning and Survey Division (D-lO). The identification numbers are also similar, with "123" used to relate to Project 123, and to provide sufficient open numbers for any D-IO increase of their current Road Inventory (RI) files.

A listing of the actual factors in each of the data files of Table 2 is contained in Tables A-I to A-7 of Appendix A. The forms used have been adapted from similar practice by the Planning and Survey Division (D-lO). Details of the files and factors are discussed in the following sections.

## Master File (RI-123)

The Master File essentially contains data on the initial as-built pavement, primarily relating to the dimensions of the pavement structure, the materials used, and their costs. It is, therefore, a file of initial information,

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as contrasted to the sub files which contain the provision for future changes or additions and periodic data acquisition.

The locational identifiers of the Master File, and all the sub files, correspond to that used by D-IO, thereby providing the means for accessing D-IO data files. Also, the pavement data system files provide for a beginning and ending mile point for each evaluation segment, within a Texas Highway Department Section Number. This in effect allows the flexibility for variable length records within each section merely by changing the evaluation segment number and the mile indicator. Consequently, an entire contract or section length could be covered, or only a short, selected segment within it.

The date of acquiring data, date of pavement completion, and date of the pavement being opened to traffic are all shown on separate items. This is simply because they can all be different and thus each can be singularly important.

The dimension data items of the RI-123 file (both geometric and layer thicknesses for the pavement, median, and shoulders) are self-explanatory except where a code rather than a measurement unit is used. These codes are discussed later.

The cost items in RI-123 are not as detailed as a contract unit breakdown. They reflect design system variables (i.e., FPS and RPS variables) and most of the actual data should be available from the D-IO files discussed in Chapter 3.

The subgrade information is only general, to indicate soil type and whether or not lime treatment was used. It is assumed that an evaluation segment would normally only include one soil type (i.e., the segment would be uniform with regard to soil type, drainage conditions, cut or fill section, etc.). If several soil types need to be recorded, say where the segment covers

a whole contract or section, a "sub-segment" numbering, within the beginning and ending mile points, could be used.

It has previously been pointed out that the major steps in developing a pavement data system are shown in Fig 3. The next two steps, following the ones already outlined, can be conveniently discussed with regard to the various data files. These involve the selection of measurement units or techniques for the various factors, plus the development of a format or coding scheme.

The units shown beside each of the Master File factors in Table A-l (as well as those beside the sub file factors of Tables A-2 to A-7) are essentially self-explanatory in that they reflect current practice. Where any differences occur, these are not in measurement technique but are the results of input units required for the design system programs (FPS and RPS). Consequently, only simple conversions are required to or from other units, if desired.

A number of factors in RI-123, and in the sub files, are in coded form for efficiency and convenience. The development of the appropriate codes is facilitated by the design of coding sheets for the factors in Tables A-l to A-7. While such design is a major task of arrangement, spacing, clarity, etc., a preliminary or draft set of coding sheets is contained in Tables B-1 to B-7 of Appendix B. These correspond to the Table A-l to A-7 listing and one setup for direct keypunching from the sheet (as demonstrated schematically in Fig 18). The first two codes encountered in Table B-1, for "Update Class" and "Highway System," are adopted directly from the Planning and Survey Division (D-10) design of their data files.

A listing of all the codes used is contained in Appendix C. Those that are the same as ones used by D-10, such as the two just referred to, are

noted but also listed for purposes of a complete set. These codes in Appendix C are designed to reflect all the major possible variations in each factor. Any that are not forseen at this time could be included by simply extending the coding numbers. Most of the codes for the Master File should be relatively self-explanatory, except perhaps for the one referring to the median. Any codes for other files that require explanations are discussed under the appropriate section. Tables A-I and B-1 show only a median width data item, without a separate item for whether or not a median in fact exists. This is handled by using zero for median width when there is no median, with a corresponding zero for the median type code.

Finally, it may be noted that the coding sheets for the Master File, and for the sub files, in Appendix B use five space or ten space fields for each data item. Considerably less space and fewer punched cards could be used by having only the minimum field width for each data item. However, many programmers find such a spacing scheme far easier and less subject to mistakes. Consequently, because of this and because this data system is not expected to have massive amounts of data, it is considered that the 'wasting" of space in coding forms and extra punched cards is justified. Moreover, these extra spaces, especially at the ends of the coding sheets, could be used in the future for convenient addition of new data items.

### Performance Data Sub File (RI-123-0l)

The Performance Data Sub File has been designed for periodic measurements of the pavement surface, in order to determine the level of service provided by the pavement. The most important of these performance indicators, in terms of present technology, are the Present Serviceability Index (PSI) and

the skid resistance. PSI is calculated from roughness, rutting, cracking, and patching data and is an estimate of the mean panel rating of a group of users, according to the concept developed at the AASHO Road Test (Ref 11). This estimate is determined by equations that have been presented in Ref 11 and extensively discussed in the literature. The variables for the equation, as listed in Table A-2, are mean slope variance, cracking, patching, and rut depth. A modification of the original AASHO equations (12) has included a term for surface texture. Consequently, this variable has been added to the listing of Table A-2.

A skid resistance data file has been devised by the Research Section of the Design Division (D-8R). Skid data from a number of districts are now being collected, coded, transferred to punched cards, and summarized in various periodic output reports. The RI-123-01 sub file has the same locationa1 identifiers as the Master File and similarly provides control means for accessing the skid data file. Consequently, only summary data items relating to skid resistance are shown in Table A-2.

The Performance Data Sub File also contains data items for panel ratings of the evaluation segment (items 25 to 33 of Table A-2). This is an example of data that may be collected only at infrequent intervals, perhaps only for special studies and only on certain selected evaluation segments. Nevertheless, the whole present serviceability concept has been built from and, of course, is fundamentally related to panel ratings. Therefore, panel rating data items are considered necessary for the sub file.

The draft set of coding sheets for the RI-123-01 sub file is shown in Table B-2 of Appendix B. The items included are those listed in Table A-2. These coding sheets have been designed with the same considerations previously discussed for the Master File coding sheets.

Only one item of the RI-123-0l sub file is in coded form and this is termed "Lane and Wheel Path Designation." It is similarly used for the other sub files and since it provides an important flexibility for the whole data system some discussion of its purpose and use is warranted. Appendix C contains a sketch explanation of the code and some examples. Basically, it permits data to be recorded for a specific wheel path in a specific lane and thereby provides a means for tying this data down to definite location if desired (i.e., roughness measurements, deflection tests, skid tests, etc.). Alternatively, if one only wishes to specify a particular lane (Without regard to wheel path), or the set of lanes in one direction of travel, or all the lanes without regard to direction, the coding scheme can provide for this, as shown in Appendix C. For example, traffic may be referenced only as a total (in both directions), or it may have a directional split, or it may be counted in specific lanes (i.e., on heavily travelled, urban freeways or arterials).

## Structure Capacity Sub File (RI-123-02)

The sub file for Structure Capacity has also been designed for periodic measurements. While there are many ways in which the response of the pavement structure to load can be measured, the flexible pavement design system of Project 123 (FPS) uses Dynaflect measurement data. Consequently, RI-123-02 has been set up primarily for "raw" Dynaflect data, with the assumption that other in situ structural measurements would be of a research or special study nature.

The listing for the Dynaflect measurements (Table A-3) and the Coding Form (Table B-3) show provision for 15 stations within the evaluation segment. For each set-up of the Dynaflect, at a station, there are five sensors or geophones. This is shown by Item No. 15 of Table A-3, in code form with the label IGEOPH.

The station and geophone code format and the format of the coding sheet of Table B-3 follow the example of NCHRP Project 59 (Ref 11) very closely. In this work, Scrivner and Moore recommended 15 equally spaced stations for Dynaf1ect measurements per test section.

There were two reasons for recording the Dynaflect data in "raw" form, as in NCHRP Report 59:

- (1) the coding sheet can be set up for easy and direct transcribing of the measurements, say at the end of a day,
- (2) various types of calculations may be desired on the data. These can be written into the retrieval programs, with only the desired results presented as output.

The structure capacity sub file also contains data items for structural parameters of the layers used in an elastic "n-layer" analysis (i.e., Poisson's ratio,  $\mu$ , and modulus of elasticity, E). These may only be estimated or determined from laboratory materials tests. But since the future development of Project 123 may include elastic layer analyses, the inclusion of  $\mu$  and E value data items is warranted.

## Maintenance, Resurfacing and Seal Coats

### Sub File (RI-123-03)

This is a most important sub file as the data accumulated are not only necessary for modifying the design model per se but also for periodically lire-running" the design to update the original predictions. The data collected primarily relate to periodic costs incurred. Several aspects of these costs and other items in the sub file require further explanation.

Firstly, as shown in the listing of Table A-4 and the coding form of Table B-4, maintenance costs can be recorded between specific dates. This may, of course, be done annually but the provision exists for subdividing into smaller

intervals of time, where maintenance activities may be more intense. It also provides for recording maintenance costs just up to the time of a resurfacing or seal coat and then beginning again with the intensity and costs of maintenance now at a reduced level.

The items on Composite Labor Rate, Composite Equipment Rate and Number of Days Temperature Stayed Below 32<sup>0</sup> F (Nos.16, 17, and 19, respectively, of Table A-4) come from the "maintenance model" of NCHRP Report 42 (Ref 12). This model is currently being incorporated into the Rigid Pavement Design System (RPS) of Project 123.

The Total Cost of Equipment per Lane Mile (No. 27 of Table A-4) is also in RPS and is used to reflect a "fixed" equipment cost for overlaying or seal coating that is relatively independent of the size of the project. In other words, it is a means of recognizing that in-place, unit costs will be greater for smaller jobs than for otherwise comparable larger jobs.

Other variables in Tables A-4 and B-4 relate to traffic costs during overlaying and seal coating. This includes the various distances, numbers of vehicles delayed, and delay times.

Finally, items relating to production rate of material or in-place compacted density are included because of their effects on unit costs, i.e., a higher density requires more rolling, with resulting higher cost of construction.

### Environment Sub File (RI-123-04)

The purpose of this sub file is primarily for recording climatic data. It is also designed to include some general topographic and drainage information, as well as temperature and moisture data through the pavement depth.

The general data items for drainage, topography, and weather conditions at time of temperature recording, as shown in the listing of Table A-S and

the coding form of Table B-5, are in coded format. An explanation of the codes used for these items is given in Appendix C.

The climatic data items (i.e., temperature, freezing, frost penetration, and rainfall) are in a form that is thought most suitable for checking or updating models. There are, of course, many variations of the manner in which temperature data could be recorded.

The items for temperature through the pavement depth included are primarily of a research nature, and restricted to a few locations. However, if it is desired to check the estimated stiffness gradient (which depends upon the temperature gradient) through the pavement depth, then temperature data are necessary.

## Materials Data Sub File (RI-123-05)

Any data file on pavement materials could be expanded quite easily to include several hundred items. RI-123-05, as shown in the Table A-6 listing, has been held to 122 items, although field space has been left to include several more, if desired.

The sub file has been designed, as reflected by the coding forms of Table B-7, to include the following main categories of materials data:

- (1) subgrade,
- (2) subbase and subbase aggregates,
- (3) base and base aggregates,
- (4) portland cement concrete,
- (5) aggregates for portland cement and asphalt concretes,
- (6) steel for portland cement concrete,
- (7) hot mix asphalt concrete,
- (8) seal coats.

The subgrade category includes items for strength (i.e., Texas Triaxial Class), lime modification, swelling clay parameter, Atterberg limits, and density. A number of other items could have been included but the foregoing represent the ones on which data can be fairly easily acquired and which will be most useful to the design models.

The variety of items for the other categories listed are for the most part of a "routine" nature and the necessary data are usually acquired during design and construction. Most are self-explanatory except perhaps for the fact that only three data fields for aggregate size are included, rather than the whole range of sieve sizes. The reason is that most design or analysis models usually consider one or two sizes as representative or "critical." Consequently, maximum size, percent passing No. 200, and percent passing No.4 are used. These could easily be changed, if desired, to say percent passing No. 10 instead of No.4, and data could be recorded for that size. Space has also been left for one or two extra data fields beside each aggregate type for possible future inclusion of some other parameter.

The number of items for the hot mix asphalt concrete is a bit more extensive than may appear necessary. However, because of the need for safe, durable, and stable surfaces, considerable research attention is usually directed towards this material. Moreover, some apparently minor, within-specification, differences in component properties (i.e., viscosity range of the asphalt cement at  $140^{\circ}$  F) can markedly affect the behavior and performance of the surface material. Consequently, while many of the items will only be recorded on certain selected evaluation segments, their inclusion in the data bank is thought to be important to an up-to-date materials technology portion of the overall pavement system.

### Traffic Sub File (RI-123-06)

The Planning and Survey Division (D-10) collects a large amount of traffic volume and load data. It is not expected that the pavement data system will require anything different from that collected, except perhaps in some future special research study. Consequently, while RI-123-06 is designated as a distinct part of the pavement data system, it will initially at least operate only by accessing D-10's data files. Because of this, coding forms are not required. However, a listing of several of the major data items needed for the design models has been included in Table A-7. It may be considered useful in the future to periodically retrieve such data from D-10 and store them separately in the pavement data system.

Since D-10 has 188 classification stations, 154 continuous coverage stations and 21 loadometer stations, the acquisition of precise RI-123-06 data depends upon the location of the particular evaluation segment. The initial establishment of these segments should therefore carefully consider traffic station location and take advantage where possible of these locations. Otherwise, the estimated traffic and load data for the particular evaluation segment may not be precise enough for checking or updating design models, and special counts may be required.

## CHAPTER 6. FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

### Sampling Plan and Guides

The sampling plan, and the guides that go with it, comprise a major, forthcoming development task, although sampling and data acquisition were implicitly considered in designing the data files. Since the major amount of data will come from the district staffs, resources available must be carefully considered in selecting the number of evaluation segments and the intensity or frequency of sampling. Moreover, the initial sampling plan must be of a trial nature in one or more selected districts, to test its feasibility.

### Communication of Data

Figure 19 is a general outline of the communication and data flow channels needed for the pavement data system. The district resident engineer and pavement design are shown separately, although in some cases they will coincide.

Since the primary purpose of the data system is for checking and updating design models, the Research Section of the Design Division (D-8R) will have responsibility for its maintenance. The Automation Division (D-19) will handle data processing and storage. Figure 19 also shows the link needed between D-8R and the district pavement design. This cooperation and coordination is similar to that underway in the flexible pavement design system (FPS).

### Software Development

Another major development task is that of uniting a variety of data



FIGURE 19 - GENERAL COMMUNICATION AND DATA FLOW CHANNELS FOR PROJECT 123 PAVEMENT DATA SYSTEM

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retrieval programs. There are a large number of possible types of retrieval that may be desired for analysis. As an example, Figs 20, 21, and 22 show sample retrieval runs from the system using fictitious data. While these show data as it would be directly stored in the system, other forms of output could include varying degrees of analysis and/or correlation.

The retrieval programs needed will basically involve two types:

- (1) periodic outputs, primarily for trend analyses,
- (2) special outputs for special research analyses.

For the second type of retrieval, the program generator being used in the Wisconsin Highway Network Data System (Ref 2) may be of some value. It avoids being dependent upon the availability of a programmer each time a retrieval is desired.

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### INVENTORY OF PAVEMENT EVALUATION SEGMENTS DESTGNED BY FPS AND RPS.



Fig 20. Example retrieval from project 123 Pavement Data System.

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# PAVEMENT DATA SYSTEM - DATA RETRIEVAL

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<b>IH35</b>	15	10	4	52.115	52.588	170CTER	S.	4.5	.62	4.3
<b>US77</b>	371	3		18.210	18.683	$10$ FFRAQ	1	4.5	.65	4.3
$U$ s77	371	4	2	22.450	22.923	12FFREQ		4.3	.56	4.7
SH103	336	5		15.335	15.908	254PD69		4.4	.52	4.5
SH103	336	ĥ,	S	25,650	26.123	300000		4.2	.49	4.0
SH103	336	7	3	33.R25	34.798	<b>NZMAYEQ</b>		4.2	$\cdot$ 50	4.0
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Fig 21. Example retrieval from project 123 Pavement Data System.

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Fig 22. Example retrieval from project 123 Pavement Data System.

#### CHAPTER 7. SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report has described the planning and initial development of a pavement feedback data system, which is a part of Project 123, "A System Analysis of Pavement Design and Research Implementation." The principal points of the report may be summarized as follows:

- (1) The existing state of technology in the pavement field is imperfect and design and management models require upgrading on a continuing basis. This can best be accomplished by collecting feedback information on pavements in service.
- (2) The general principles underlying the development of a data system are described in the report. These relate to its scope, to its integration with other functions and data files of the particular agency, and to general types of data systems available. In addition, the major phases in developing and implementing a data system have been described.
- (3) The Texas Highway Department currently acquires and processes a large amount of data on its highway network. Much of this is relevant to the pavement data system and examples are contained in the report.
- (4) The functional requirements for the pavement data system have been discussed in the report in terms of (1) acquisition and communication of data, (2) staged implementation, and (3) methods for determining the usefulness of the system.
- (5) The initial development of the pavement data system has been

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described in detail in the report. The various factors in the system have been listed and categorized in the following data files:

- (i) Master File,
- (ii) Performance Data Sub File,
- (iii) Structure Capacity Sub File,
- (iv) Maintenance, Resurfacing, and Seal Coats Sub File,
- (v) Environment Sub File,
- (vi) Materials Data Sub File, and
- (vii) Traffic Data Sub File.

Each file has been described in detail, including the coding of factors. Coding forms have been prepared, using groupings of various factors. These have also been described.

 $(6)$  Further development needs and implementation of the data system have been discussed briefly in the report. Several sets of example retrieval data have been presented to illustrate the software development.

The major recommendations derived from the work to date on the data system are that a sampling plan and guides should be prepared and that the software development should be continued, as discussed briefly in the report. Trial implementation should also be started using the pavement sections constructed using the Project 123 design system. In this way, assumptions of the sampling plan as to resources required for data acquisition and processing can be evaluated quickly and accurately. Similarly, payoffs from the research effort will be realized much earlier by following

the Project 123 principle of immediate implementation followed by progressive improvements.

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APPENDIX A

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LISTINGS OF FACTORS IN PAVEMENT DATA SYSTEM

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APPENDIX B

CODING **FORMS** FOR PAVEMENT DATA SYSTEM

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TABLE B-1. DRAFT CODING SHEET FOR RI 123/MASTER FILE

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TABLE B-4. DRAFT CODING SHEET FOR RI 123-03/MAINTENANCE, RESURFACING, AND SEAL COAT SUBFILE.



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APPENDIX C

CODES FOR PAVEMENT DATA SYSTEM

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#### EXPLANATION OF LANE AND WHEEL PATH DESIGNATION CODES

The data field for the lane and wheel path designation consists of five spaces. When properly filled in, these items will correctly identify the particular wheel path and lane and the total number of lanes. Alternatively, as shown in the examples, the data can refer to all the lanes in general, if desired.

To understand the code, one must consider the relation of the diagram to the actual segment of highway being evaluated. The operator must be certain to orient himself on the chart with reference to the numbering of milepoints, which increase toward the top of the sheet. In some cases the operator might be facing in the direction of decreasing mileage; thus, he should imagine his car to be heading in the direction of the leftmost arrow, toward the bottom of the sheet.

Note that the lanes are numbered sequentially from RIGHT to LEFT. Within each lane, the wheel paths are numbered 1 and 2, also from RIGHT to LEFT.

The actual number placement within the lane and wheel path designation data field may be seen on the accompanying diagram.

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#### LANE AND WHEEL PATH DESIGNATION

Travel Lanes - Both Directions (Median Not Shown)



#### CODE INDEX

#### UPDATE CLASS

- 1. Delete
- 2. Add
- 3. Change

#### HIGHWAY SYSTEM

- 01. U. S. Highway
- 02. State Highway
- 03. State Loop or Spur
- 04. Park Roads
- 05. Farm or Ranch to Market
- 06. U. S. Alternate
- 07. State Alternate or Temporary Route METHOD OF OBTAINING SLOPE VARIANCE
- 08. Interstate Highway
- 09. Farm or Ranch to Market Spur
- 00. U. S. Highway Spur

#### MEDIAN TYPE

- O. No Median
- 1. Depressed-Paved
- 2. Raised-Paved
- 3. Raised-Paved, No Curb
- 4. Raised-Grassed, Curb
- 5. Raised-Grassed, No Curb
- 6. Flat-Paved
- 7. Flat-Grassed

#### SURFACE TYPE

- 1. Asphalt Concrete
- 2. Portland Cement Concrete
- 3. Surface Treatment
- 4. Gravel

#### BASE TYPE

- O. No Base
- 1. Granular, Untreated
- 2. Portland Cement Treated
- 3. Asphalt Treated
- 4. Lime Treated

#### SUBBASE TYPE

- O. No Subbase
- 1. Granular, Untreated
- 2. Portland Cement Treated
- 3. Asphalt Treated
- 4. Lime Treated

#### SUBGRADE SOIL TYPE

(AASHO Classification Numbers Used)

- 1. By CHLOE Profilometer
- 2. By Surface Dynamics Profilometer
- 3. By PCA Road Meter

#### GEOPHONE CODE

- 1. First Sensor From Load Wheel
- 2. Second Sensor From Load Wheel
- 3. Third Sensor From Load Wheel
- 4. Fourth Sensor From Load Wheel
- 5. Fifth Sensor From Load Wheel

#### TYPE OF OVERLAY OR SEAL COAT

- O. HMAC Overlay
- 1. Seal Coat
- 2. Two Course Surface Treatment
- 3. Three Course Surface Treatment
- 4. CRCP Overlay

#### GENERAL DRAINAGE

- O. Poor
- 1. Fair
- 2. Good

#### TOPOGRAPHY

# O. Flat

- 1. Rolling
- 2. Hilly
- 3. Mountainous

#### WEATHER CONDITIONS

- O. Clear
- 1. Partly Cloudy
- 2. Overcast
- 3. Rain

CONCRETE TYPE



# ADMIXTURE TYPE

- 1. Air Entraining Agent
- 2.
- 3.

#### CEMENT TYPE

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# AGGREGATE TYPE

### MARSHALL COMPACTION

### MINERAL FILLER TYPE

- 1. Portland Cement
- 2. Limestone
- 3.
- 4.

## BAR STEEL TYPE

(AASHO Classification Numbers Used)

# WIRE MESH STEEL TYPE

AASHO Classification Numbers Used)

## HMAC TYPE

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