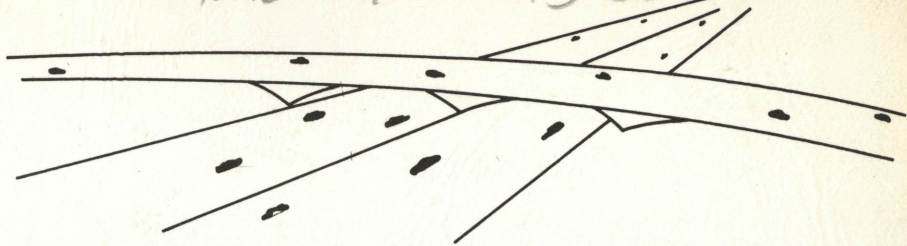


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February 1972

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. R. L. Lewis

FROM: John Nixon and Ken Hankins

SUBJECT: Skid Resistance of Trap Mix

Date February 29, 1972

Responsible

Desk D-8 R 720.33

In response to your recent request concerning Trap Mix, we have collected the following information. As you know Trap Mix is composed of Knippa Trap Rock and Limestone Rock Asphalt. It is placed cold and a laydown machine can be used. As closely as we can determine the Trap Mix has been placed in two Districts as follows:

District 15 - a. US 90 near Hondo
b. IH 410 near the District Office in San Antonio

District 20 - a. IH 10 near Pine Street in Beaumont
b. US 69 near Port Arthur

We will attempt to analyze the skid resistance of the material by first studying the two material components and second by indicating the skid resistance of the Trap Mix. FHWA is presently participating in safety overlays on interstate highways when the skid number is 35 or lower, therefore we have selected an SN = 35 as a friction value with which to compare materials.

I. Material Components

A. Limestone Rock Asphalt

Limestone Rock Asphalt has been used for years in seals and has been placed as a cold lay asphaltic concrete with both a machine and by blade. Recently it was used as a coarse aggregate in a hot mix asphaltic concrete near Brownwood. The Materials and Tests Division reports the following.

Polish Value - 50
Percent Insoluble - 4.0%
L. A. Abrasion - Data Unavailable

The "Percent Insoluble" is determined with the acid leaching Insoluble residue Test. It is unusual to find materials with high friction values where low insoluble residue contents are found (values above 40 to 50% generally produce lasting skid resistance). However, the Polish Value is rather high. This would indicate that the skid resistance is not developed from the same sized particles in the aggregate, but rather from the holes or blib structure left when the asphalt weathers away or leachs out with the heat of the sun. The same appears true in the field.

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The friction data for Limestone Rock Asphalt is attached and consists of the following:

1. All skid information collected in 1971 for Cold Mix Limestone Rock Asphalt (Blade On as versus Machine Laid cannot be separated). Fig. 1
2. All skid information collected in 1971 for Limestone Rock Asphalt used in a Seal Course. Fig. 2
3. Friction versus Traffic plots for five sections in District 19. Fig. 3

Please note that many other LRA sections are in place but complete skid resistance information was not available.

In items 1 and 2 above, based on greater than an SN of 35 or less than an SN of 35, the following was found:

	<u>Sites Equal to or Greater than 35</u>	<u>Sites Less Than 35</u>
Cold Mix Limestone Rock Asphalt	20	11
Limestone Rock Asphalt in Seals	10	1

Or approximately 31 percent of the Limestone Rock Asphalt surfaces available to the public in 1971 were less than an SN of 35. The Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete Section using LRA for the coarse aggregate was found to have an average SN of 47.

By studying the reduction in SN as traffic increases (or the polish) in Figures 1 and 2 it was found that only one section was above an SN of 35 after four million (Total) traffic applications. This was US 79 in Panola County which has an SN of 37 after 4.9 million (Total) traffic applications. Figure 3 indicates a four year skid resistance history of five highways in District 19 which have a Cold Mix Limestone Rock Asphalt Surface. Three of the sections were very low in skid resistance soon after placement. One has an SN of 31 after 9.9 million traffic applications and the fifth section is the US 79 section in Panola County mentioned above.

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B. Knippa Trap Rock

The Materials and Tests Division reports the following for Knippa Trap Rock:

Polish Value - 44
Percent Insoluble - Not Available
L. A. Abrasion - 14

Since the Trap Rock is a Basaltic Stone, the insoluble residue content would be very high or almost no loss in the acid leaching test. The Polish Value is mediocre. The material is very hard but it will polish. The friction life will depend largely on how long the aggregate can hold its small scale texture on the aggregate surface before polishing smooth and to some extent on how long the aggregate can hold its sharp angularity.

The Trap Rock materials is not used often in the field, however two experimental sections have been tested periodically and a blend of Trap Rock and Limestone coarse aggregate has been used in San Antonio which also has been tested periodically. Therefore, the field data is as follows:

1. Experimental Site near Buda, Texas on IH 35
Trap Rock was used in a seal. Figure 4
2. Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete Experimental Site
on IH 410 in San Antonio 35% of the Coarse
Aggregate (+10) was Trap Rock. Figure 5
3. Three sections were placed in San Antonio.
Each section was Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete
and contained approximately 35% Trap Rock in
the Coarse Aggregate (+10).
 - a. IH 35 - From IH 10 to Loop 13 - Fig. 6
 - b. IH 10 - From Fredricksburg Road to
Wonderland Dr. - Fig. 7
 - c. IH 35 - From Broadway St. to Rittiman
Road - Fig. 8

Figures 4 through 8 indicate Trap Rock polishes to an SN of 35 after around 2 to 4 million traffic applications.

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II. Trap Mix

In each occasion on our records, approximately 25% of the Trap Mix is composed of Knippa Trap Rock and 75% of the mix is Limestone Rock Asphalt. The field tests indicate the following:

- A. US 90 near Hondo - Figure 9
- B. IH 410 in San Antonio - Figure 10
- C. IH 10 in Beaumont - Figure 11
- D. US 69 in Port Arthur

Only one skid test was made on US 69 in Port Arthur and this test revealed an average SN of 38 after approximately 3 million traffic applications. The oldest of the sections is shown in Figure 11 and it appears to have polished to an SN of 35 after approximately 6 to 8 million traffic applications. Two of the sections are measuring 34 (IH 410 in San Antonio) and 38 (US 69 in Port Arthur) after approximately 3 million traffic applications and the fourth section (US 90 near Hondo) measured 42 after approximately one half million traffic applications. It should be noted that the skid number of the IH 410 section is the average of the inside and outside lanes. The outside lane presently has an average skid number of 31 with 37 on the inside.

It would appear from a study of the Trap Mix and of the two material components that the mix will polish to an SN of 35 at approximately 4 to 8 million traffic applications.

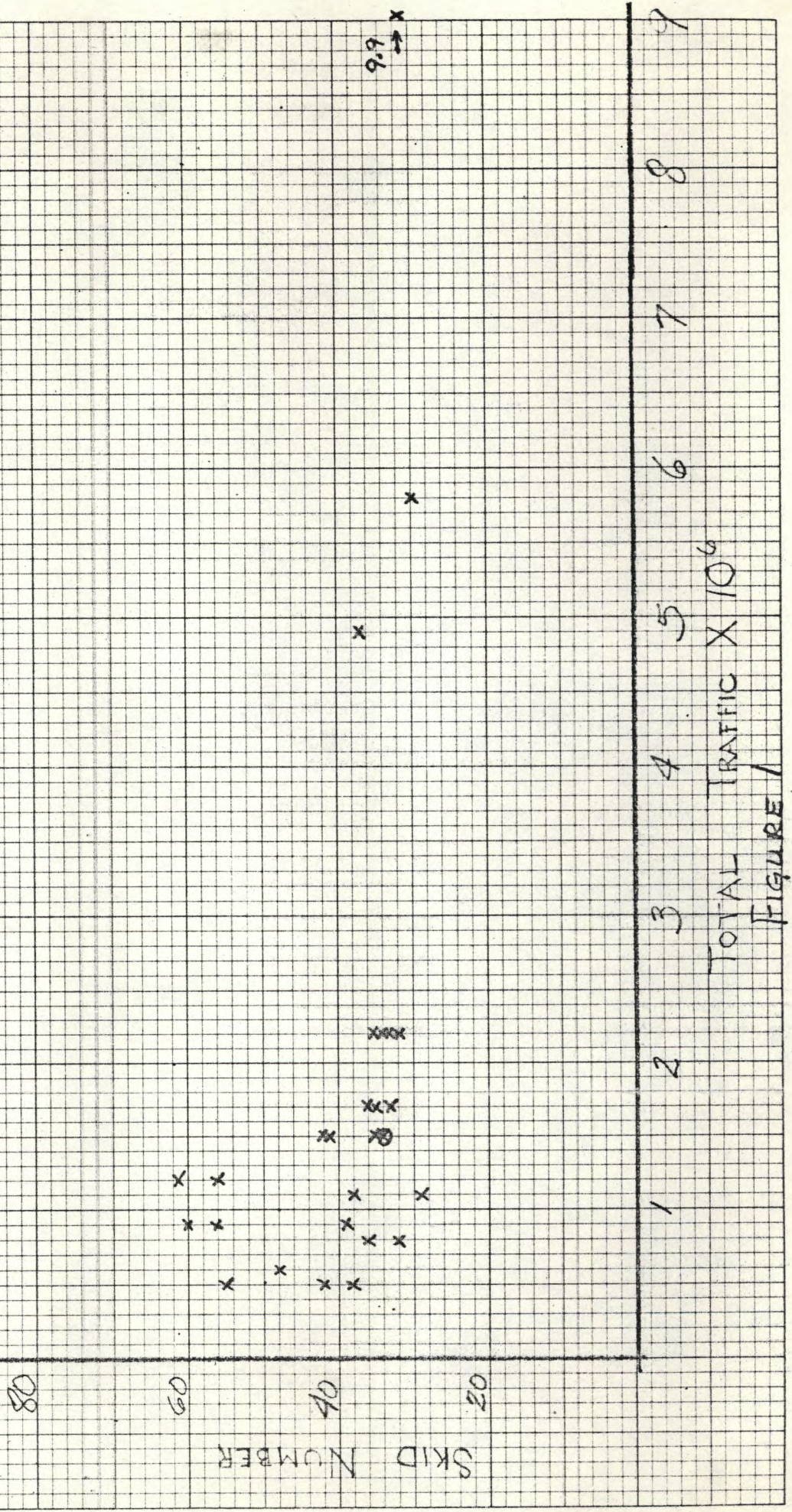
For your information the following table indicates the point at which Trap Mix would be expected to polish to an SN of 35 or lower considering a 4 to 8 million range.

<u>No. of Years in Place</u>	<u>4 Million Single Lane Traffic Applications</u>	<u>8 Million Single Lane Traffic Applications</u>
1 Year	10,990 veh. per lane per day	21,980 veh. per lane per day
2 Years	5,550 " " " " "	10,990 " " " " "
3 Years	3,660 " " " " "	7,330 " " " " "
4 Years	2,750 " " " " "	5,500 " " " " "
5 Years	2,200 " " " " "	4,400 " " " " "

We hope this will be of assistance to you. Thanks for your interest.

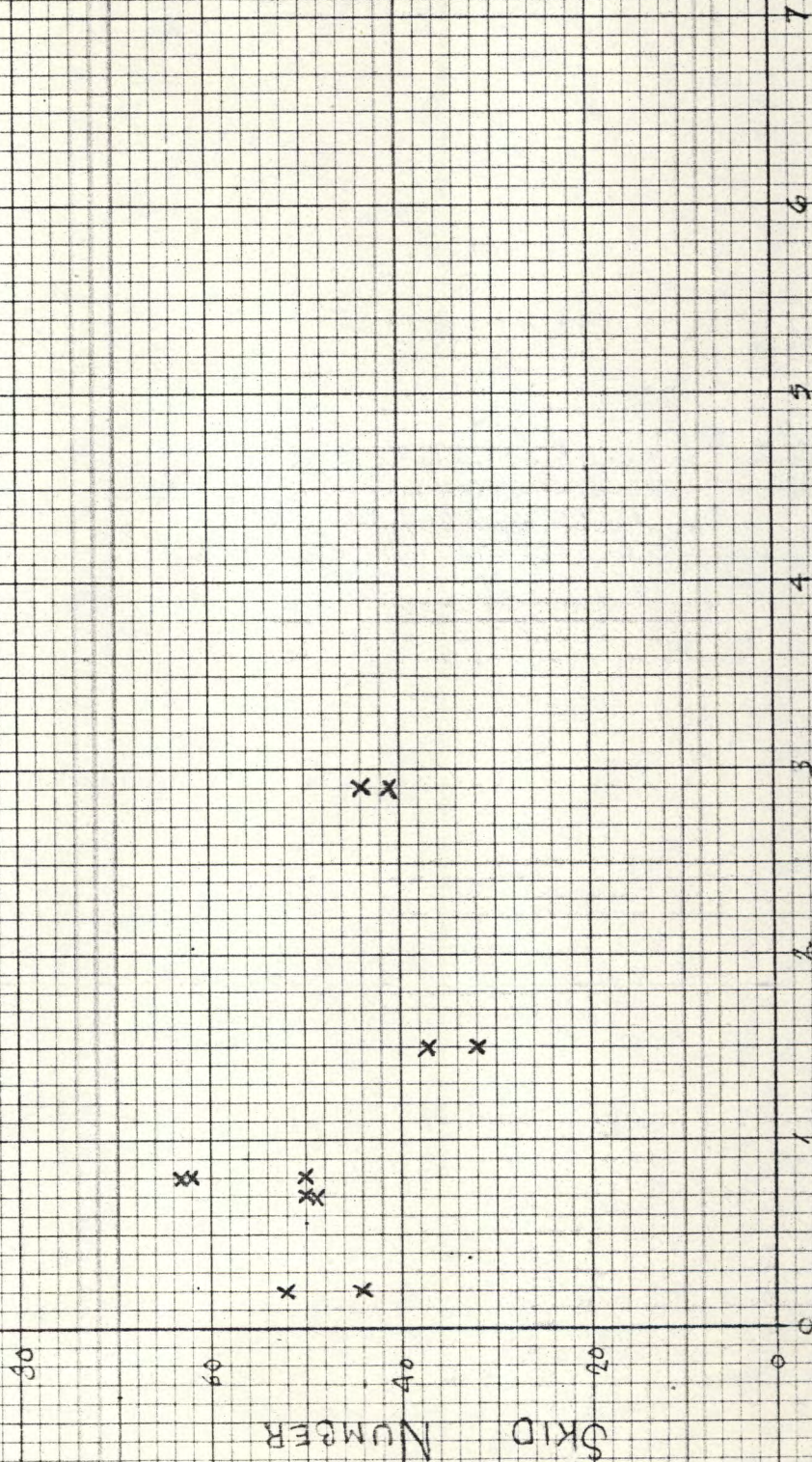
NOTE: The Total Traffic Figure Results from Multiplying ADT by the number of days the surface has been in place. All lanes are included.

COLD MIX LIMESTONE ROCK ASPHALT
ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED
IN 1971.



LIMESTONE ROCK ASPHALT USED
IN SEAL COURSES. ALL
INFORMATION COLLECTED
IN 1977.

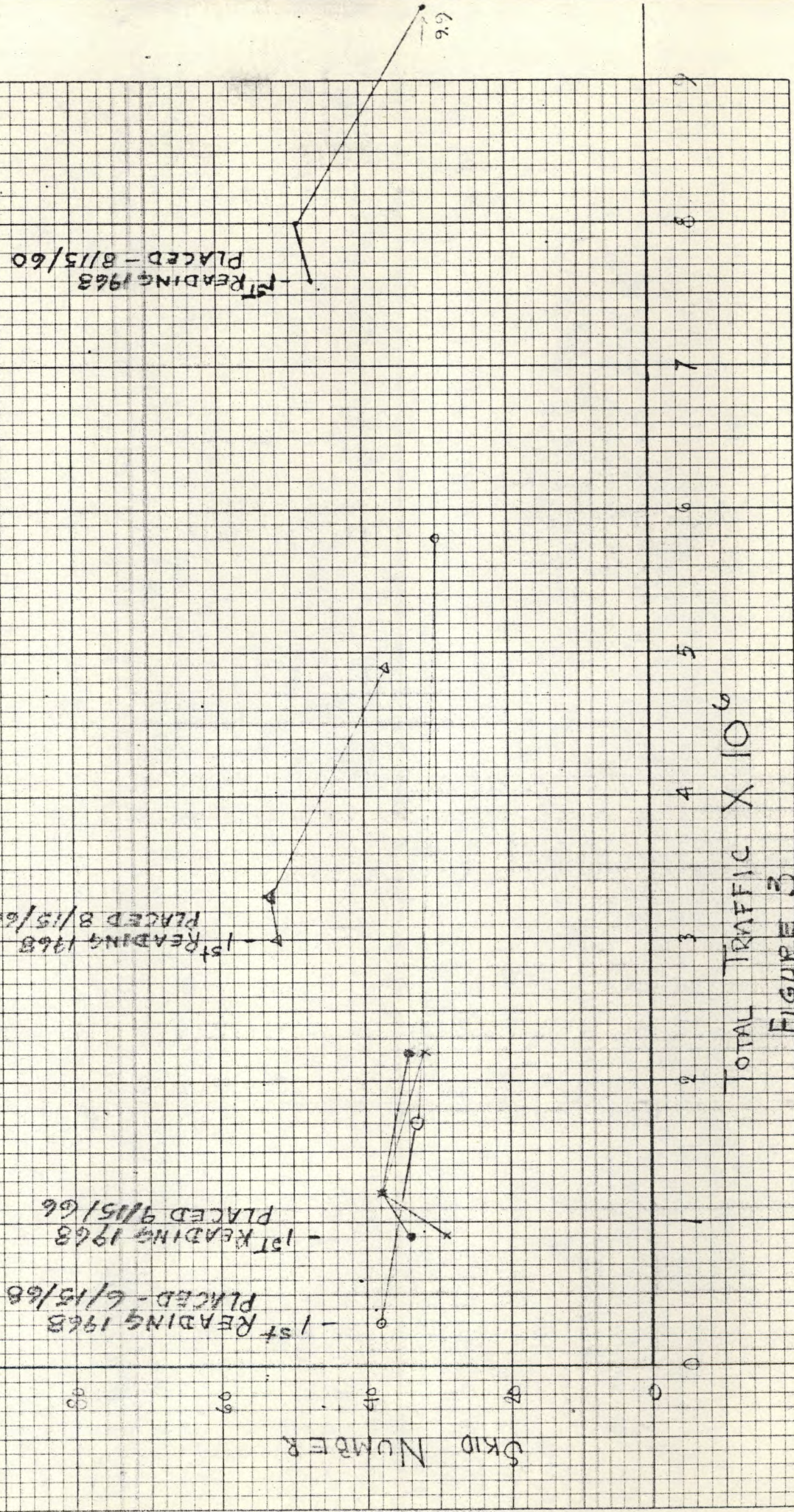
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TOTAL TRAFFIC X 10⁶
FIGURE 2

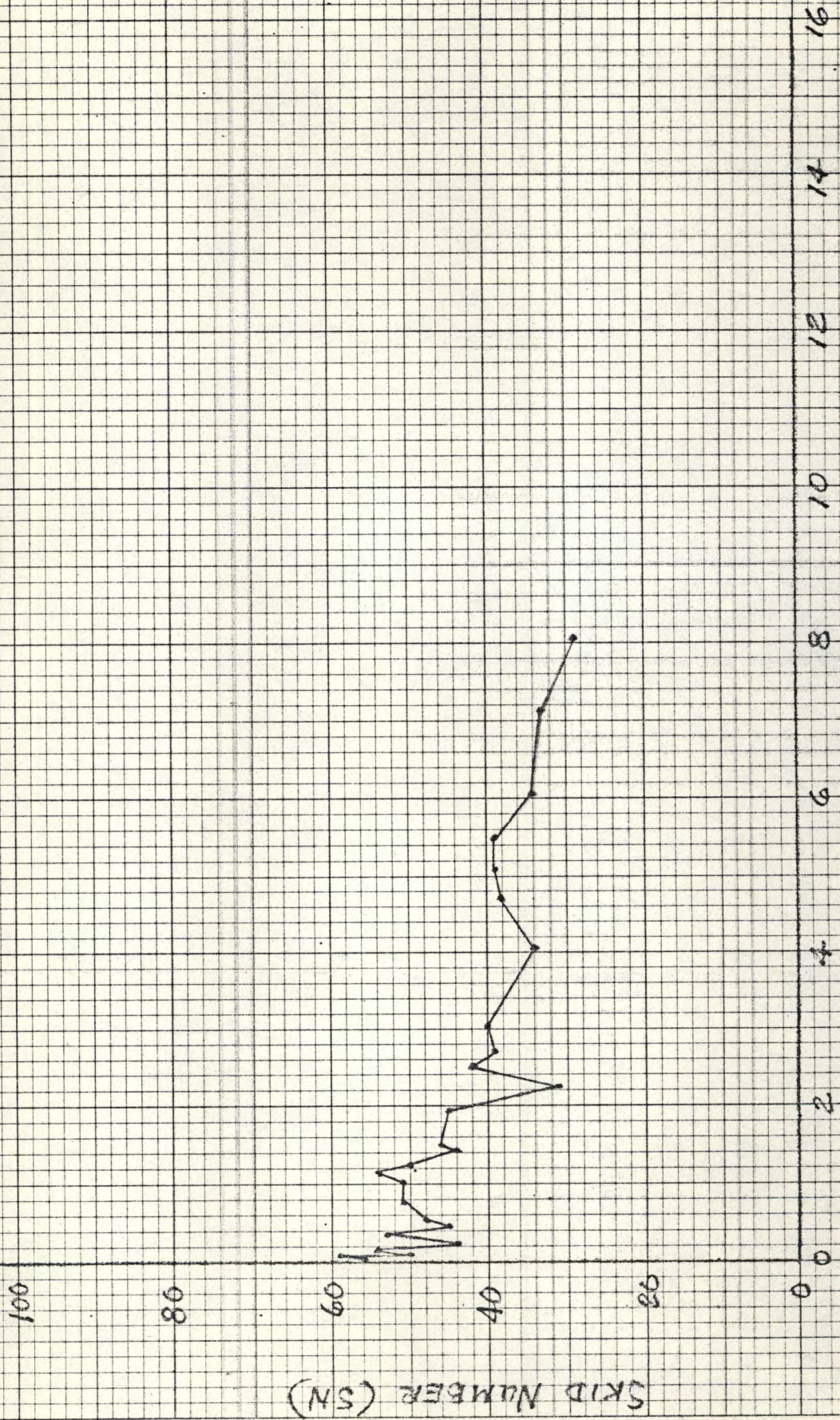
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FOUR YEAR HISTORY OF
COLD MIX LIMESTONE ROCK ASPHALT
FIVE HIGHWAYS IN DIST. 19



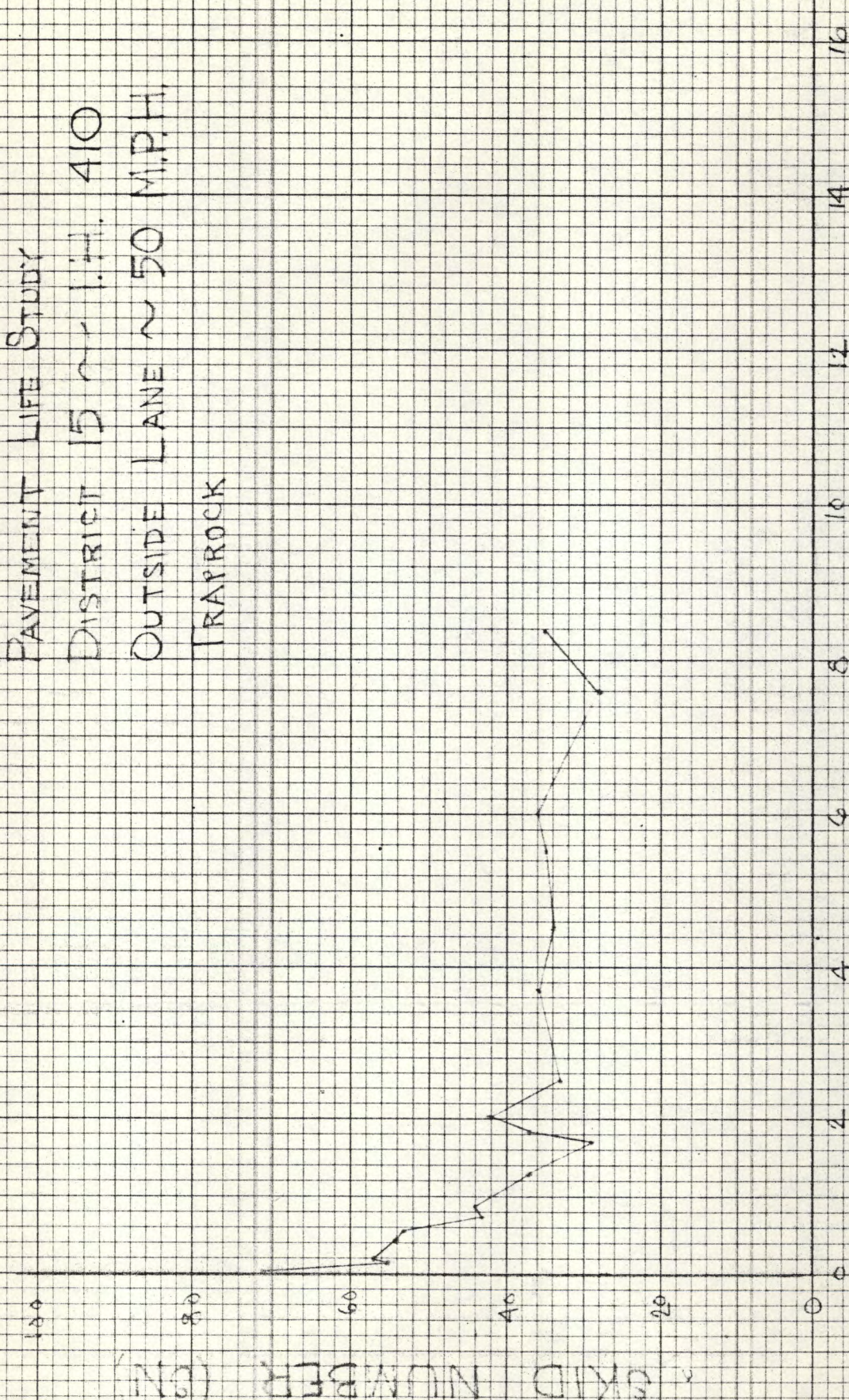
TOTAL TRAFFIC X 10⁶
FIGURE 3

KNIPPA TRAP ROCK USED IN A SEAL
IH-35 NEAR BILDA



SINGLE LANE TRAFFIC APPLICATIONS (X10⁶)
FIGURE 4

PAVEMENT LIFE STUDY
 DISTRICT 15 ~ I.H. 410
 OUTSIDE LANE ~ 50 M.P.H.
 TRAPROCK



SINGLE LANE TRAFFIC APPLICATIONS (X 10⁶)

FIGURE 5

HOT MIX ASPHALTIC CONCRETE
APPROXIMATELY 35% OF THE
COARSE AGG. (+10) IS KNIPPA
TRAP ROCK

I.H. 35
FROM I.H. 10
TO LOOP 13

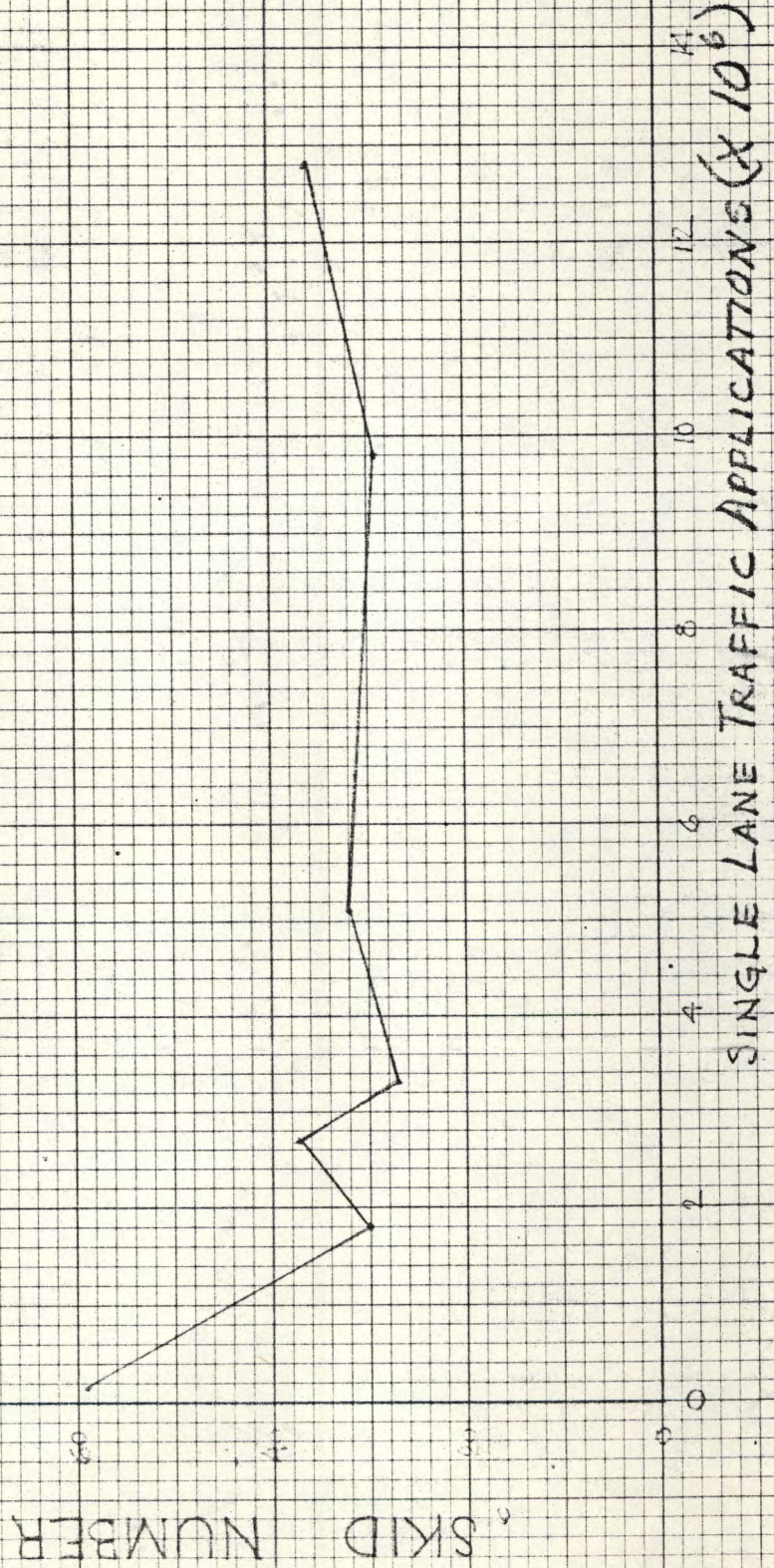
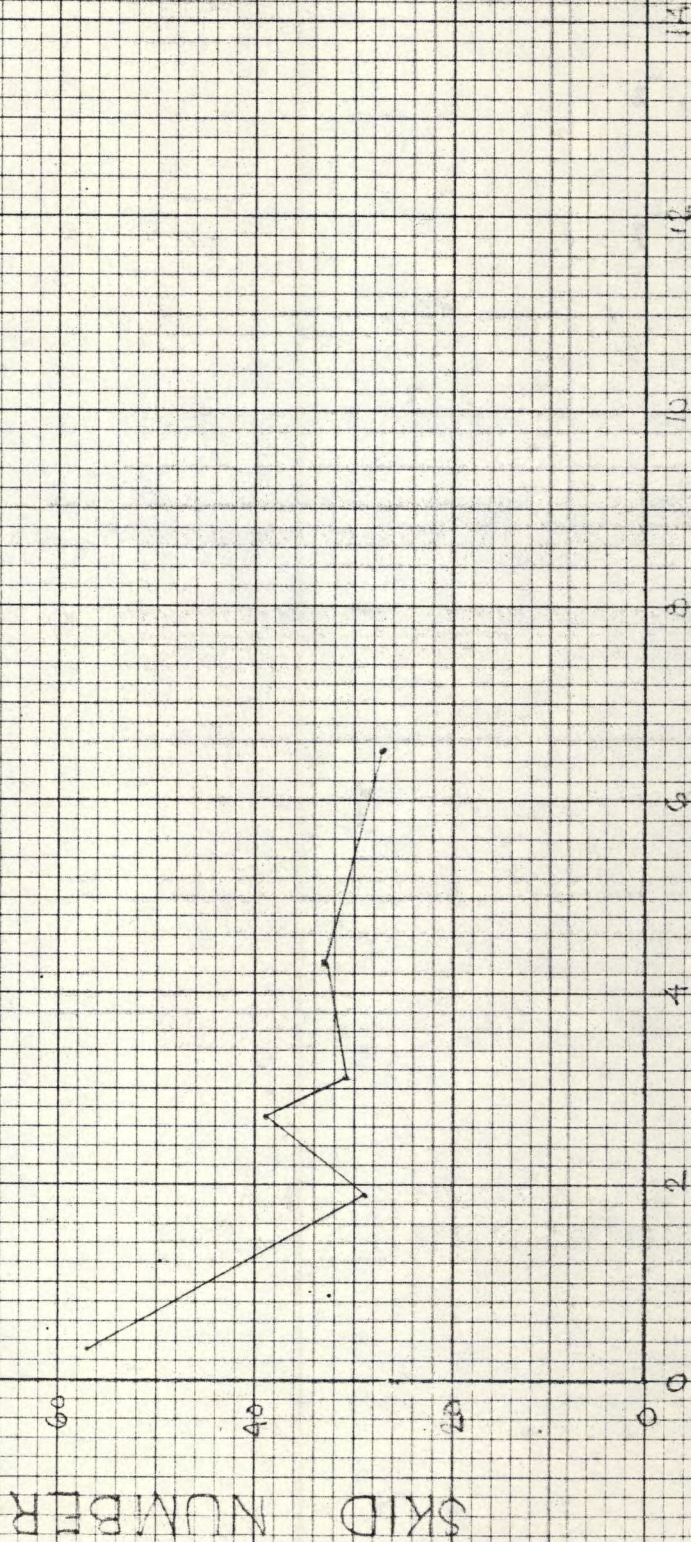


FIGURE 6

HOT MIX ASPHALTIC CONCRETE
APPROXIMATELY 35% OF THE
COARSE AGG. (P10) IS KNIPPA TRAP
ROCK

I.H. 10
FROM FREDRICKSBURG RD.
TO WONDERLAND DR.



SINGLE LANE TRAFFIC APPLICATIONS (X10⁶)

FIGURE 7

HOT MIX ASPHALTIC CONCRETE
APPROXIMATELY 35% OF THE
COARSE AGG. (+10) IS KNIPPA TRAP
ROCK

IH. 35
FROM BROADWAY
TO RITTIMAN

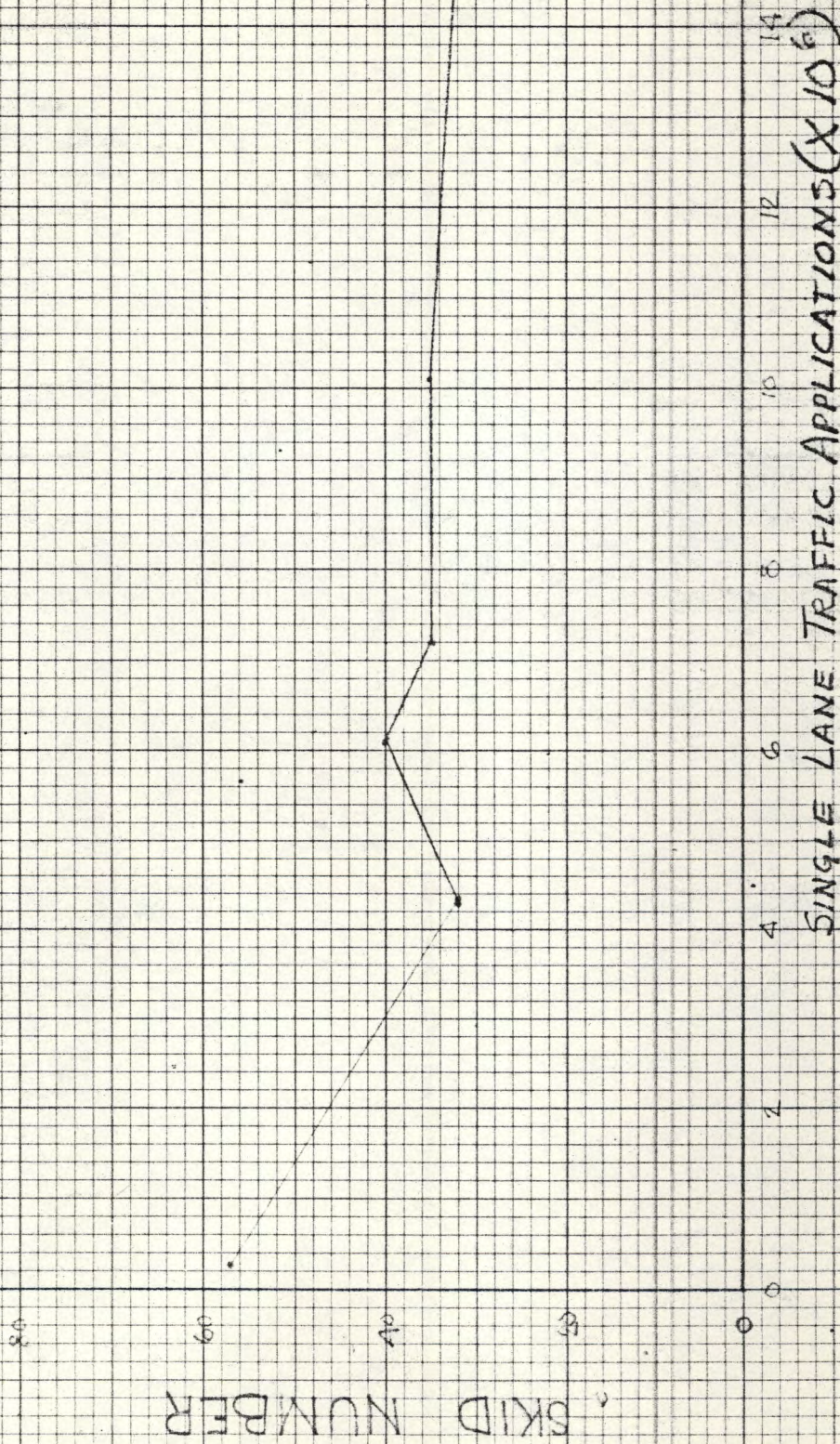


FIGURE 8

TRAP MIX
US-90 NEAR HONDO

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SKID NUMBER

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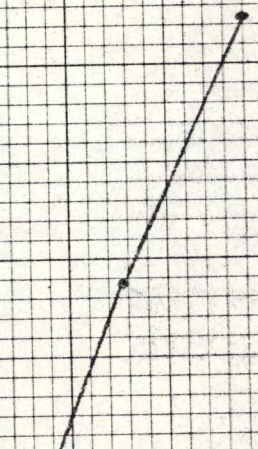
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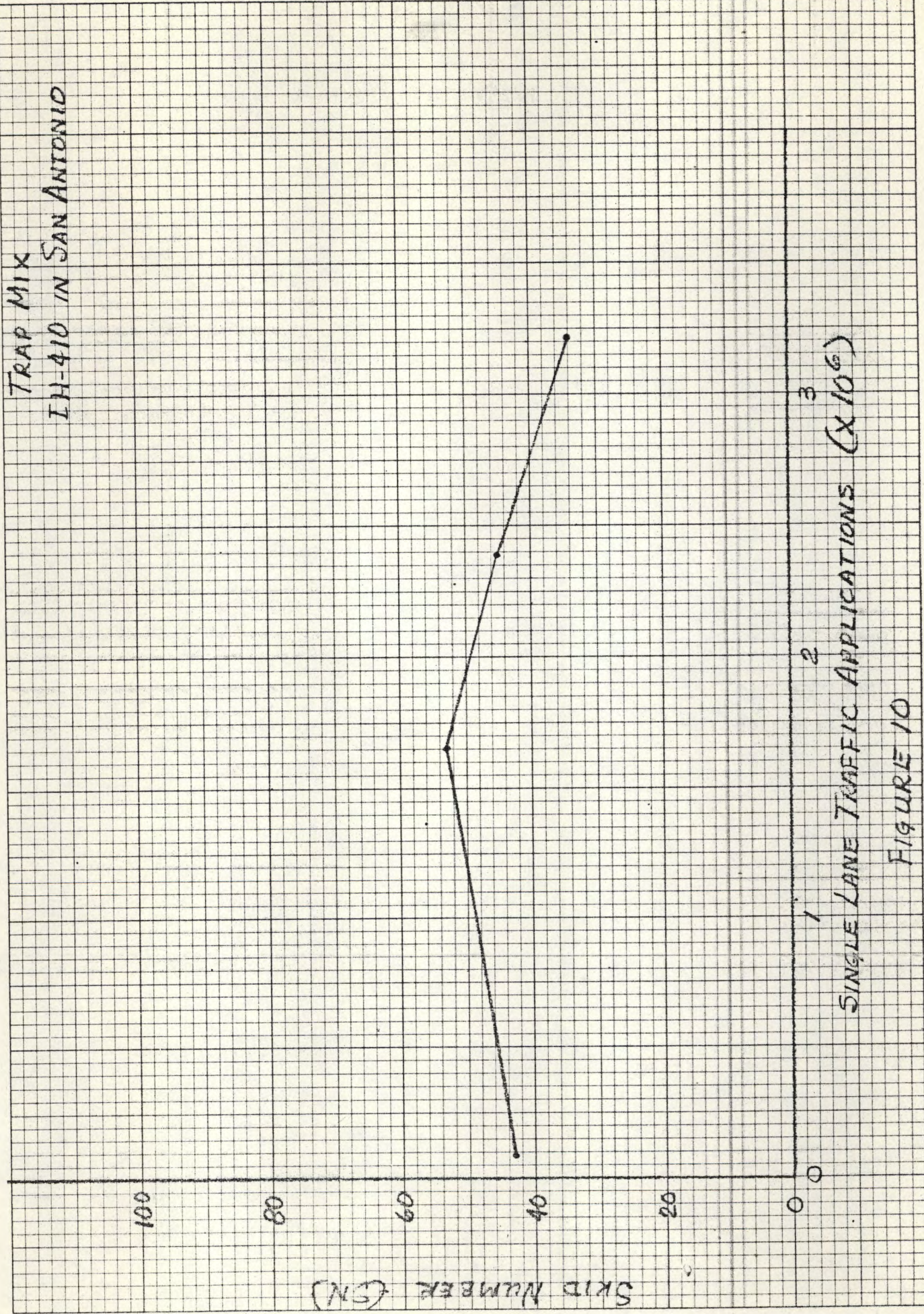
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SINGLE LANE TRAFFIC APPLICATIONS ($\times 10^5$)

FIGURE 9



TRAP MIX
IH-410 IN SAN ANTONIO

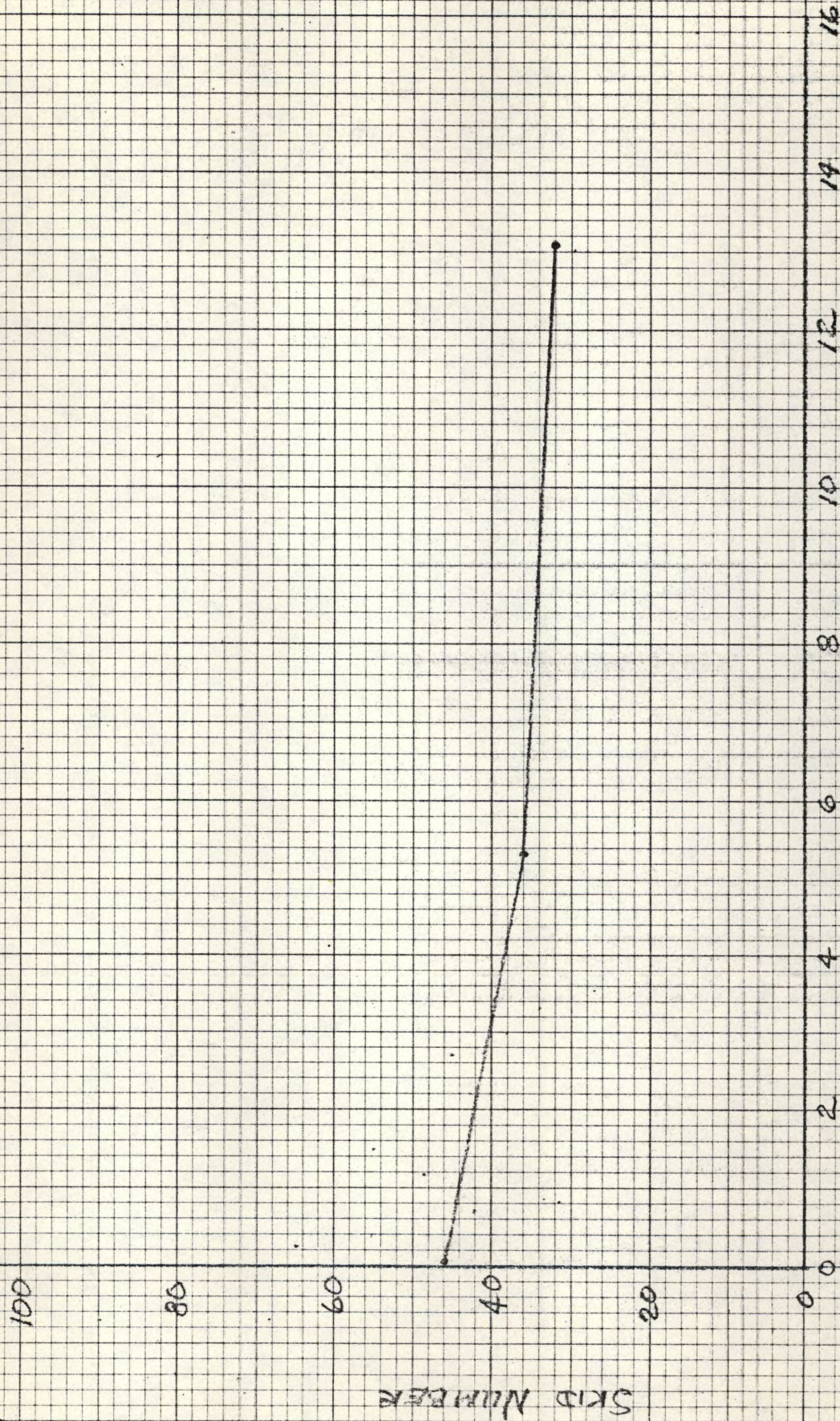


SINGLE LANE TRAFFIC APPLICATIONS (X 10⁶)

FIGURE 10

PLACED OCT., 1969

TRAP MIX
IH-10 NEAR PINEST IN
BEAUMONT



SINGLE LANE TRAFFIC APPLICATIONS (X10⁴)

FIGURE 11

APPENDIX A
 All Limestone Rock Asph.
 obtained in 1971

Skid Resistance Log

District _____

ADT # County	Highway No.	From **** To	DATE PLACED Date Tested	Skid Resist	Surface Type
2200 BROWN	SH 279	GANDYS C/L 50 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGN	11/5/70 6/17/71	45	HMAC
2200 BROWN	SH 279	BACK	11/5/70 6/17/71	49	HMAC
— GREGG	FM 18 45	21.251 NEAR PINTS TREE SCHOOL	— 6/29/71	28	CMLRA ✓
— GREGG	FM 1845	BACK	— 6/29/71	28	CMLRA ✓
2530 UPSHUR	U.S. 80	1.9 MI. EAST	5/15/60 5/3/71	31	CMLRA ✓
1300 CAMP	U.S. 271	NORTH END LP. 233 SOUTH END LP. 233	9/5/66 5/6/71	32	CMLRA ✓
1300 CAMP	U.S. 271	BACK	9/15/66 5/6/71	34	CMLRA ✓
5540 MORRIS	U.S. 259	SOUTH SIDE DANGERFIELD NORTH SIDE DANGERFIELD	6/15/68 5/5/71	30	CMLRA ✓
770 MARION	S.H. 43	R.R. OVER PASSES F.M. 805	3/15/69 5/13/71	48	CMLRA ✓
2060 PANOLA	U.S. 79	F.M. 31 LOUISIANA ST. LINE	11/15/64 5/13/71	37	CMLRA ✓
7100 BRAZORIA	SH 35	N. OF FM 523 1 MILE NORTH	— 6/22/71	47	CMLRA
3300 CALDWELL	US 183	S. CL. OF LOCKHART FM 142 IN LOCKHART	6/29/70 9/14/71	34	CMLRA ✓
3300 CALDWELL	U.S. 183	FM 142 IN LOCKHART N. CL. OF LOCKHART	6/29/70 9/14/71	41	CMLRA ✓
2770 LEE	U.S. 290	HILLS WEST C.L. OF GIDDINGS	7/15/70 9/16/71	56	CMLRA ✓
3000 LEE	U.S. 290	WEST C.L. OF GIDDINGS EAST C.L. OF GIDDINGS	6/15/70 9/16/71	34	CMLRA ✓
2200 LEE	U.S. 290	EAST C.L. OF GIDDINGS FAYETTE C/L	7/15/70 9/16/71	56	CMLRA ✓
2200 LEE	U.S. 290	BACK	7/15/70 9/16/71	60	CMLRA ✓

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APPENDIX A
Skid Resistance Log

District _____

County	Highway No.	From **** To	PLACED Date Tested	Skid Resist	Surface Type
LEE	U.S. 290	E. C.L. OF GIDDINGS U.S. 77	6/15/70 9/16/71	35	CMLRA ✓
LEE	U.S. 77	U.S. 290 IN GIDDINGS FM 448	6/11/70 9/16/71	32	CMLRA ✓
LEE	U.S. 77	FM 448 FM 2440	6/11/70 9/16/71	39	CMLRA ✓
LEE	U.S. 77	FM 2440 US 290 IN GIDDINGS	6/11/70 9/16/71	29	CMLRA ✓
LEE	U.S. 290	U.S. 77 W. C.L. OF GIDDINGS	6/15/70 9/16/71	42	CMLRA ✓
LEE	U.S. 290	W. C.L. OF GIDDINGS HILLS	7/15/70 9/16/71	61	CMLRA ✓
BURNET	U.S. 281	.8 MI. SOUTH S.H. 71 9.5 MI. NORTH S.H. 71	7/26/71 9/23/71	63	SEAL ✓
BURNET	U.S. 281	BACK	7/26/71 9/23/71	62	SEAL ✓
BASTROP	S.H. 71	E. C.L. OF FREDRICKSBURG	6/18/70 9/15/71	33	CMLRA ✓
BASTROP	S.H. 71	BACK	6/18/70 9/15/71	35	CMLRA ✓
GILLESPE	U.S. 290	FREDRICKSBURG EAST C.L. FREDRICKSBURG WEST C.L.	4/15/70 9/29/71	35	CMLRA ✓
GILLESPE	US 290	FREDRICKSBURG WEST C.L. U.S. 7 IN FREDRICKSBURG	4/15/70 3/29/71	38	CMLRA ✓
GILLESPE	US 290	U.S. 7 IN FREDRICKSBURG FREDRICKSBURG EAST C.L.	4/15/70 9/29/71	36	CMLRA ✓
LLANO	SH. 16	1.5 MI. NORTH LOCKHART 2 MI. SOUTH OXFORD	3/7/67 9/30/71	49	SEAL ✓
LLANO	SH. 16	SOUTH C.L. OF LLANO NORTH C.L. OF LLANO	5/8/70 9/30/71	38	CMLRA ✓
LLANO	SH. 16	NORTH C.L. OF LLANO S.H. 28 IN LLANO	5/8/70 9/30/71	55	CMLRA ✓
LLANO	S.H. 29	S.H. 16 IN LLANO R.M. 2241	6/20/64 9/30/71	32	SEAL ✓

APPENDIX B
 Data For Safety Overlays
 on IH-35 & IH-10 in San Antonio
 Skid Resistance Log

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District _____

County	Highway No.	From **** To	Date Tested	Skid Resist	Surface Type
25,210 BEXAR	I.H. 10	FREDSREKSBURG RD. WONDERLAND DR.	1/15/67 11/12/68	28	TRAP ROCK LIMESTONE
"	"	"	11/12/68	29	"
"	ASBL	"	11/12/68	32	"
"	CMBL	"	11/12/68	28	"
"	BWBL	"	11/12/68	27	"
"	AWBL	"	11/12/68	32	"
30,000	CWBL	"	7/15/69	29	"
"	CEBL	"	7/15/69	32	"
"	BEBL	"	7/15/69	29	"
"	AEBL	"	7/15/69	34	"
"	SWBL	"	7/15/69	28	"
"	AWBL	"	7/15/69	34	"
"	AEBL	"	4/14/69	41	"
"	KEBL	"	4/14/69	37	"
"	BWBL	"	4/14/69	38	"
"	AWBL	"	4/14/69	42	"
"	CEBL	"	4/14/69	39	"

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 APPENDIX B
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County	Highway No.	From **** To	Date Tested	Skid Resist	Surface Type
30,000 BEXAR	I.H. 10	FREDRICKSBURG RD WONDERLAND DR	8/15/67 4/14/69	36	TRAP ROCK LIMESTONE
30,870 "	CWBL "	"	2/16/70	33	"
"	BWBL "	"	2/16/70	32	"
"	AWBL "	"	2/16/70	34	"
"	CEBL "	"	2/16/70	33	"
"	BEBL "	"	2/16/70	33	"
"	AEBL "	"	2/16/70	34	"
35,800 "	AEBL "	"	2/23/71	29	"
"	BWBL "	"	2/23/71	27	"
"	BEBL "	"	2/23/71	26	"
"	BWBL "	"	2/23/71	26	"
"	CEBL "	"	2/23/71	27	"
"	CWBL "	"	2/23/71	25	"

Appendix B
Skid Resistance Log

District _____

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County	Highway No.	From **** To	Date Tested	Skid Resist	Surface Type
24,280 BEKAR	I.H. 35	I.H. 35 LOOP 13	3/15/67 11/12/68	30	TRAP ROCK LIMESTONE
"	ASBL	"	11/13/68	33	"
"	BSBL	"	11/13/68	31	"
"	CSBL	"	11/13/68	29	"
"	BNBL	"	11/13/68	28	"
"	CNBL	"	11/13/68	26	"
35,600	CNBL	"	7/16/69	29	"
"	CSBL	"	7/16/69	26	"
"	ANBL	"	4/14/69	38	"
"	BNBL	"	4/15/69	33	"
"	ASBL	"	4/14/69	44	"
"	BSBL	"	4/15/69	37	"
"	CSBL	"	4/15/69	35	"
"	CNBL	"	4/15/69	35	"
2440	ANBL	"	2/26/70	35	"
"	BNBL	"	2/26/70	30	"
"	CNBL	"	2/26/70	34	"

Appendix B
Skid Resistance Log

District _____

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County	Highway No.	From **** To	PLACED Date Tested	Skid Resist	Surface Type
57,250 BEXAR	ANBL IN. 35	BROADWAY RITTIMAN RD	8/15/67 11/12/68	32	TRAP ROCK LIMESTONE
"	ASBL "	"	11/13/68	32	"
"	BSBL "	"	11/13/68	31	"
"	CSBL "	"	11/13/68	32	"
"	BNBL "	"	11/13/68	32	"
"	CNBL "	"	11/13/68	34	"
69,710 "	CNBL "	"	7/16/69	35	"
"	CSBL "	"	7/16/69	35	"
"	BSBL "	"	7/16/69	32	"
"	ASBL "	"	7/15/69	38	"
"	BNBL "	"	7/16/69	30	"
"	ANBL "	"	7/15/69	38	"
"	BNBL "	"	4/14/69	42	"
"	BNBL "	"	4/15/69	38	"
"	ASBL "	"	4/14/69	43	"
"	BSBL "	"	4/15/69	38	"
"	CSBL "	"	4/15/69	38	"

