# RECYCLED ROADS: PLASTIC PAVEMENTS BASED ON C5 BINDER IN CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

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# INTRODUCTION







#### PROBLEM

Deterioration, inefficiency and lack of durability in road infrastructure

#### CHALLENGE

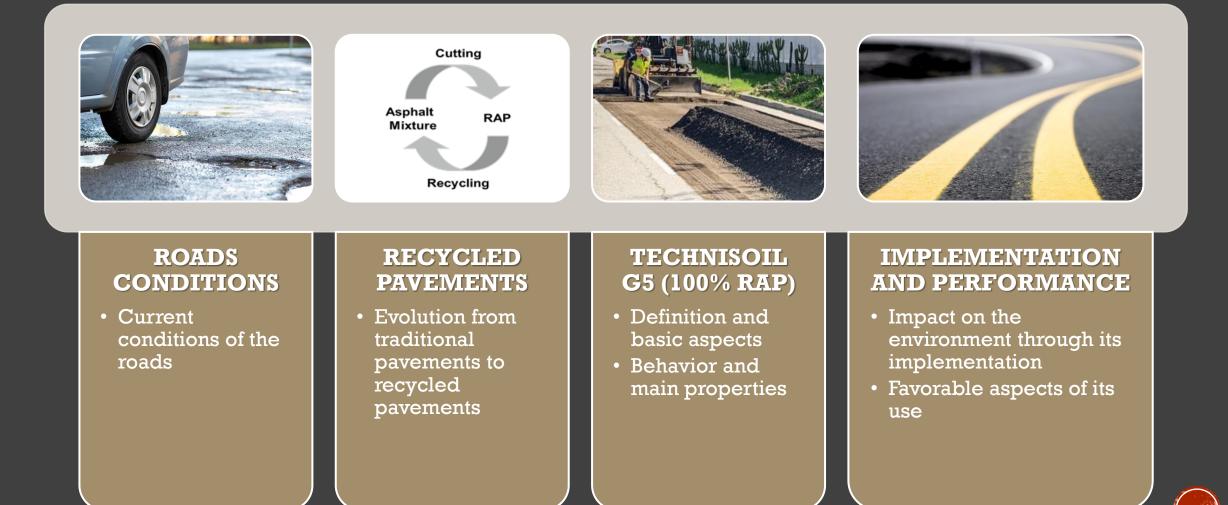
Restoration and improvements in urban infrastructure

### SOLUTION

Use of plastic pavements based on G5 binder to construct recycled roads



# MAP OF THE PRESENTATION



# **ROADS CONDITIONS**

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Progressive deterioration in recent years

"D" Rating Assigned, "Poor: At Risk"



End of their useful life and generation of a high risk of failure

Implementation of the 'Vision Zero' program Generation of large economic costs and dangers to the lives of their users

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Solution addressed to solve the problem of deterioration, inefficiency and lack of durability of road infrastructure

Control and maintenance of pavements from their execution

> Total reconstruction of roads with new materials



# **RECYCLED PAVEMENTS**

As of 2014, the use of pavements made with new materials and other recycled materials has been implemented.

Recycled Asphaltic Pavements (RAP)

Binder TechniSoil G5

RECYCLED PAVEMENTS



# TECHNISOIL G5 (100% RAP)

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## TechniSoil G5:

- Bio-based asphalt mix binder - RAP/ground/base components

- Network of polymers which are insoluble in water

## **100% stabilized RAP:**

- Old ground asphalt with a percentage of TechniSoil G5

- Centrifugation and evaporation of plastic bottles

# TESTS OF 100% STABILIZED RAP



**Dynamic modulus:** measures the overall quality of the mix.



## **Permanent deformation:** indicates volume

decrease, density increase and shear deformation under certain conditions.



**Fatigue cracking:** shows the ability of the mix to withstand repeated loads without cracking.



**Thermal cracking:** shows the behavior of the pavement against low temperatures.





# IMPLEMENTATION AND PERFORMANCE



# IMPLEMENTATION

- 90% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- Zero impact on water, air and soil
- Zero consumption of new materials and resources due to the reuse of existing asphalt
- Total energy reduction



# PERFORMANCE

The recycled pavements:

- Last 2 to 3 times longer than traditional asphalt.
- Have 5 times the tensile strength of ordinary asphalt with higher flexural properties.
- Have zero fluidity.
- Resist compression in a similar way to concrete.
- Eliminate the formation of potholes.
- Provide extremely high resistance to flex cracking.
- Offer at least 50% life cycle savings to taxpayers.

# CONCLUSION

The use of this type of recycled asphalt is highly beneficial for the development of road infrastructure.

Greater contribution in environmental terms

Greater efficiency than traditional asphalts

Civil engineers are those who have the knowledge and skills to make innovative changes possible, favoring future generations and contributing to the development of a better world

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