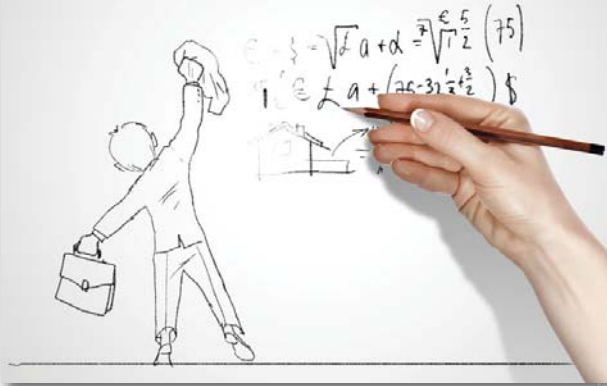


Forget Everything You Thought You Knew  
About Concrete vs. Asphalt Costs!



For years, asphalt pavement's main selling point was it cost less.

**But that is past history.**

On August 20, 2012, Pierce County let a resurfacing project pitting a six-inch PCC overlay against two asphalt overlays, both four-inches thick.

**The concrete came in at less cost than the asphalt!**

We'd like to share the details and just one more example of how **asphalt can no longer be considered the low-cost "solution."**



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Count on Concrete



**The Asphalt Folks Really Don't  
Want Us to Tell You About This**

**Six-Inch PCC  
Overlay Costs**

**LESS**

*than a Four-Inch  
Asphalt Overlay!*

The bid tabs for a three-mile segment of County Road 854 show the concrete option, with shouldering, earthwork, culvert extensions, subgrade preparation, some patching and mobilization bid at **\$868,741.55, or about \$289,581 per mile.**

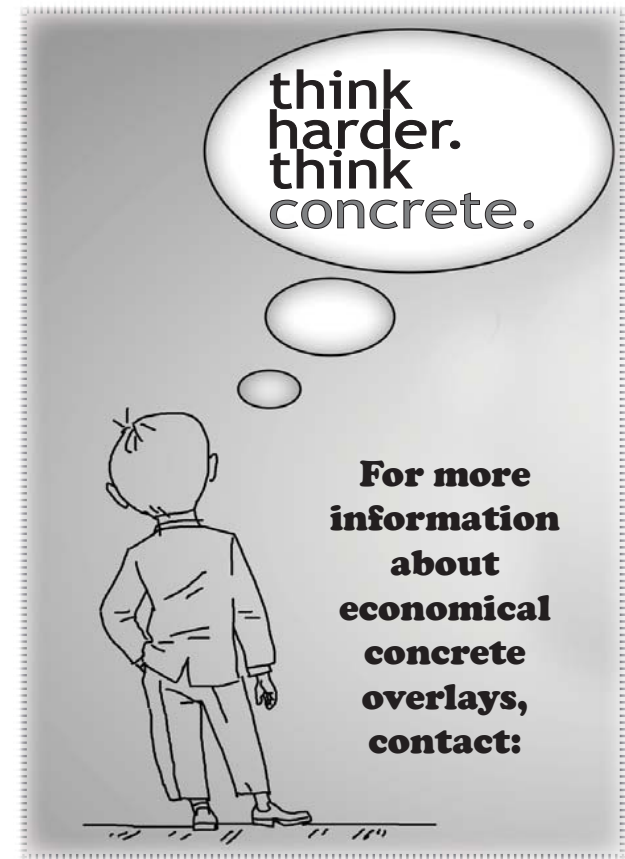
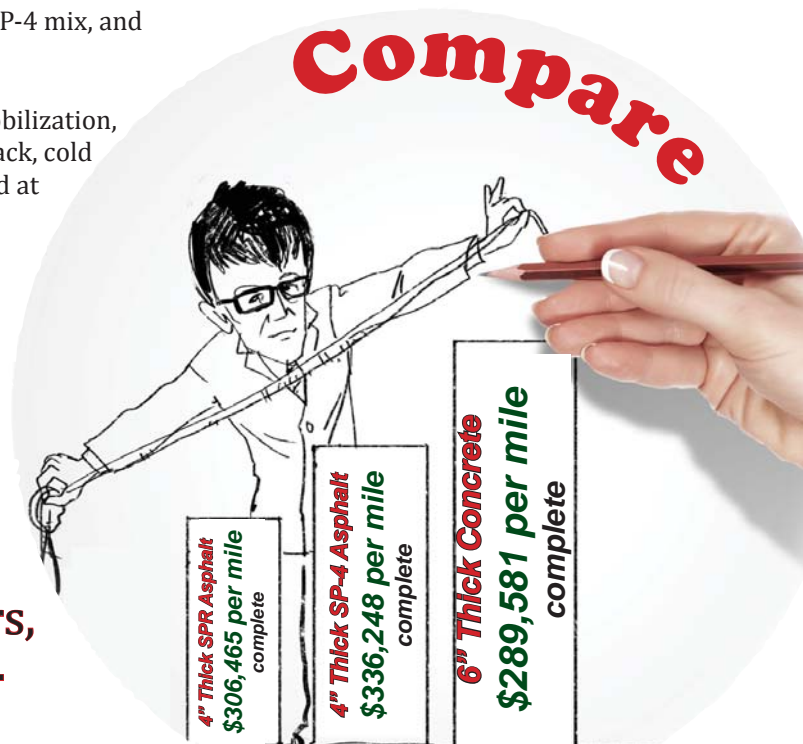
The two asphalt options included one using SP-4 mix, and one using SPR mix.

The SP-4 mix, with PG 64-22 oil, patching, mobilization, shouldering, earthwork, culvert extensions, tack, cold milling, striping and subgrade preparation bid at \$1,008,741.20, or about \$336,248 per mile.

The SPR mix, with patching, mobilization, shouldering, earthwork, culvert extensions, tack, cold milling, striping and subgrade preparation bid at \$919,397.20, or about \$306,465 per mile.

The Concrete bid did not include \$3,700 of Striping, but even adding that in, concrete cost less!

**Concrete will last 25 years, and the asphalt, 15 years.**



Congratulations to the Pierce County Board of Commissioners Dan Stark, James Maas, and Terry Wragge for selecting the longer lasting, lowest cost Concrete Option.

And congratulations to A & R Construction, successful bidder on this project.

Here is a picture of another section of County Road 854 paved earlier this year.



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