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.”

### 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.