### Sustainability of Concrete Roads

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- Sustainability is critical
- Means designing and constructing structures to last longer
- More energy efficient designs
- Less use of materials
- Recycling
- Need for assessment tools



#### ENVIRONMENT



### **Environmental Aspects**

Carbon footprint and LCA

Fuel consumption

• CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

• Other eco-benefits



#### Carbon footprint and LCA























#### **Fuel consumption**



### **Fuel Consumption**

- Number of studies
  - National research Council, Canada
  - TRL for Highways Agency
  - Sweden
  - Japan
  - Texas
- 0.8% to 3.9% saving
- Average 2.35%



### CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions



Cement type	Average emission values (kg CO <sub>2e</sub> /ton)
CEM I	985
CEM II A-L	840
CEM II A-S	815
CEM II A-V	790
CEM II B-L	720
CEM II B-S	730
CEM II B-V	690
CEM III A	560
CEM IV A	640
CEM IV B	570
CEM V A	590
CEM V B	415



Extender type	Average emission values (kg CO <sub>2e</sub> /ton)	
FA	2	
GGBS	130	



#### Model

- CEM I 985 kg  $CO_2$ e per ton
- CEM I Concrete 300-350 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e m<sup>3</sup>

   125 146 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e per ton

   50:50 Concrete 200-230 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e m<sup>3</sup>

   84 96 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e per ton



#### **Other Eco-benefits**



### **Environmental Aspects**

- Permeable pavements
- Pollution reduction
- CO<sub>2</sub> uptake
- No hazardous leachates
- Local material
- Recyclable
- Heat islands











#### ECONOMY



• Life-cycle cost analysis



	Asphalt	Concrete
Initial costs	R6 102 000	R7 547 000
Maintenance costs	R1 434 000	R 669 000
PWOC	R6 643 000	R7 856 000



	Asphalt	Concrete
1984 Predicted	R6 643 000	R7 856 000
1984 Actual	R8 160 000	R8 264 915



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#### SOCIETY



### **Social Aspects**

- Labour intensivity
- Less congestion
- Ride comfort
- Safety
- Noise



#### CONCLUSIONS



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