

GETTING THE SUBGRADE FIXED!

Road Stabilisation is a very efficient process. Insitu works allow the base material to be strengthened and improved using a range of binders to meet the specific pavement requirements with a significant cost reduction.

But what happens when the subgrade material is too weak to support the traffic? The RMS (NSW) and Queensland Main Roads, among others, are now utilising profilers and stabilisers to strengthen subgrades in a very simple insitu process.







The modified profiler removing existing base material and stockpiling material on adjacent roadway as an initial process before lime stabilising the subgrade.

THE STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION ARE:

- Close half road.
- Remove existing base material to up to 300mm depth using a profiler and stockpile material on closed road surface adjacent to excavation.
- Insitu stabilise subgrade using 2 to 6% quicklime to a depth of up to 300mm (depending on testing).
- Reinstate base materials on newly stabilised subgrade, compact and trim allowing traffic to run on the lane overnight.
- Carry out task on other section of carriage way.
- Swap road closure sides and complete other half of roadway.
- Seal road and complete line marking.

ADVANTAGES OF THIS PROCESS ARE:

- Existing levels of pavement can be maintained (desirable in flood plains or kerb and gutter).
- All existing materials are utilised no waste of valuable resources.
- between 3,000 to 5,000sq.m. can be treated in one day.
- Minimum costs and disruption compared to conventional methods of subgrade strengthening such as subgrade replacement.
- Modified profiler adds moisture when excavating existing pavement material to assist with the compaction of base materials allowing speedy reinstatement and compaction of the base materials.
- Traffic Management Implement construction milestones to evaluate progress and limit impacts of potential delays.

Lime stabilisation of the weak subgrade material.



Clay prior to treatment



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