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“This web-based publication is meant to be a 'one-stop shop' for pavement engineering. An in-depth discourse on the structural pavement design analysis for each pavement type, with particular attention paid to Mechanistic-Empirical techniques, is discussed in Chapters 2 through 5. The impact of surface properties on friction, ride, and safety are also thoroughly explained. Chapter 6 focuses on pavement type selection strategies, including life-cycle costs. Methods of construction for various pavement types are covered in Chapter 7. Then Chapters 8 through 11 discuss the testing and evaluation of existing pavements, detail treatments for existing pavements, and summarize performance expectations for each treatment. Chapter 12 outlines methods of analysis and data collection used to help optimize a pavement’s design life. Chapter 13 closes the Pavement Handbook with a thoughtful discussion of the pavement caretaker's role in selecting and re-using materials for environmentally sustainable design.”

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