## Full-Depth Repair

- Purpose
  - Restore structure
  - Restore ride
- Used for:
  - Joint deterioration
  - Transverse cracking
  - Longitudinal cracking
  - Broken slabs & corner breaks

## Uses of Full-Depth Repair

#### **Joint Deterioration**

## -Spalling (also below surface)

#### -Cracking



## Uses of Full-Depth Repair

#### Transverse Cracking

- "Working cracks" that function as joints develop from:
  - lock-up of dowels
  - rupture or corrosion of steel
  - poor joint spacing design
  - loss of aggregate interlock on crack face
  - excessive deflection from poor support
  - inadequate joint sawing
- May need repair when spalling, pumping, or faulting occurs

## Uses of Full-Depth Repair

#### Longitudinal Cracking

- Full-depth repair only necessary when:
  - crack >13mm wide
  - spalling extends > 150mm in from crack
  - faulting >13mm
- If conditions less severe:
  - partial-depth repair
  - cross-stitching
  - retrofit dowel bars
  - sawing and sealing



## Design of Full-Depth Repairs

#### **Considerations:**

- Pavement Type
- Patch Size
- Load Transfer
- Concrete Materials

## Sizing a Patch

- Go beyond deterioration
- Remember to check for below-surface spalling
- Minimum length 1.8m
- Adjust as necessary
- Combine closely spaced patches

## Field Adjustments to Patch Size

#### If Patch Boundary:

- Falls within 1.0m of transverse joint
  - Then extend to include joint
- Falls on or very near a doweled joint
  - Then extend beyond joint 300mm to remove the dowels
- Falls on a crack
  - Then extend beyond crack by 75mm

## Combine Patches!!



## Load Transfer

#### Jointed Pavements:

- Pavement thickness / 8
- At least 175mm of embedment on either side
- Corrosion resistance necessary if deicing chemicals will be used

## Patch Materials

- ASTM C 150 Types I, II, or III portland cement (CAN/CSA A5-M88)
- Target slump: 50 100 mm
- Entrained air: 4.5 7.5%
- Accelerators common for early strength gain
  - Non-chloride accelerators will cause early set time (within 30 minutes)
  - workability decreases with accelerators

## **Construction of Full-Depth Repairs**

#### 7 steps:

- Isolate deteriorated area
- Remove old concrete
- Remove any wet base materials
- Provide load transfer at joint faces
- Place & finish new concrete
- Cure & insulate concrete
- Saw & seal perimeters

# **Defining Repair Limits**



## Sawing Boundaries

- Use diamond bladed saws
- Saw full-depth through the joints so base of blade reaches boundary (except where aggregate interlock needed)
- Isolate transverse, longitudinal and shoulder
- Provide pressure-relief cut within patch if saws bind

# Sawing Boundaries





## Carbide-Tooth Wheel Saw

Only for:

- Pressure relief cuts
- Cuts along asphalt shoulder



## Pressure Relief Cuts



### Removal

- Method of removal up to contractor
- Liftout
  - Lift pin and chain
  - Forklifts
  - Torque claws
  - Lateral-pressure lifts

If contractor causes damage during removal he re-cuts beyond the limits of damage at his own expense



## Liftout

#### Pin and Chain

#### **Torque Claw**

#### Lateral Pressure



## Liftout Damage



### Preparing Patch Area

- Add and compact new base material if necessary (Contractors option)
- Use 17-27 kN vibratory plate compactors
- Drain rainwater as necessary

# Vibratory Plate Compactor



## **Drilling Dowel Holes**

Use gang-mounted drill rig

- Consistent holes
- Alignment jig
- Improved productivity
- Slab reference method
- Hydraulic or pneumatic drills O.K.

## **Drilling Dowel Holes**

Adjust location of hole for:

- Cracks
- Embedded steel
- Major spalling
- Size hole diameter for epoxy
  - Epoxy use DOWEL DIA. + 2 mm

## Self-Propelled Slab Reference



### **Boom-Mounted Slab Reference**



## **Cleaning Holes**

- Compressed air
- Insert air wand to back of hole
- Check compressor for moisture and oil contamination with clean cloth
- This is very important

## Installing Dowels

 Feed material to back of hole
Insert dowel properly - twist 1 full revolution to spread epoxy evenly on bar

Use retention disk, or trowel epoxy around bar if none available

## Installing Dowels



# Injecting Epoxy



## **Retention Disk**



## Troweling of Epoxy around Bar



### Placement of Bond-Breaking Board



## Placing Concrete

- Distribute evenly
- Avoid excessive shoveling
- Vibrate uniformly
  - Use vertical penetrations of vibrator
  - Do not drag!!

### Concrete Placement



## Finishing

- Vibratory screeds or 3m straight edges
- For short repairs (<3m), pull finishing tool along transverse boundary</p>
- For longer repairs, finish the concrete longitudinally using vibratory screed
- Tolerance with grinding 5mm if no grinding 3mm



# Finishing



## Texturing

- Texture soon after finishing
- Texture similar to surrounding concrete surface
  - burlap drag
  - tine (match spacing)
- Do not delay curing

# Texturing



# Curing

- Liquid-membrane-forming compound that meets ASTM C 309
- Apply evenly
- Pigment is helpful to see coverage
- Insulation mats useful for:
  - Accelerating strength gain
  - Cold temperatures
- Place polyethylene sheeting between patch and insulation

# Curing



## Joint Sealing

Form or saw joint sealant reservoirs at all patch boundaries

Sealed joints reduce spalling

# Opening to Traffic

- 2 methods:
  - Specified minimum strength
  - Maturity method (mix specific)
- Variations in air temperature influence strength development

## Summary

#### 7 steps for Constructing Full-Depth Repairs:

- Isolate deteriorated area
- Remove old concrete
- Repair base (if necessary)
- Provide load transfer and/or ties at joint faces
- Place & finish new concrete
- Cure & insulate concrete
- Saw & seal perimeters

## Payment

- Most agencies pay by square meter
- Contractors must account for:
  - Original construction thickness variation if specifications provide thickness tolerances
  - Loss of base materials during concrete removal
  - Extending patch length for damage caused by the contractor

## Questions ?

# Thank You