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**INFLUENCE OF COMPACTIVE  
EFFORT ON SULFUR MODIFIED  
SAND-BITUMINOUS PAVING MIXES**

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# Introduction

- Bituminous paving mix

- Bitumen
- Aggregate



- ◆ Coarse aggregate
- ◆ Fine aggregate
- ◆ Filler (optional)

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❑ **Modified Mixes: types of additives used**

- **Rubber-modified** bituminous mixture
  - ◆ SBS, Crumb rubber: recycled tires
- **Polymer-modified** bituminous mixture
  - ◆ Polymer
    - Ethyl vinyl acetate, LDPE
- **Sulfur-modified** bituminous mixture
  - ◆ Sulfur
    - Binder extender or mixture modifier

# Background

- ❑ Thermopave: Shell Canada (1963)
- ❑ Great deal of interest in 1970's and early 1980's
- ❑ Sulphur:

## Binder extender

- Conventional mixes
- Dense graded aggregates

## Mixture modifier

- Conventional mixes & bases
- Open graded (one bit) aggregates

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- ❑ Inexpensive and abundant availability of sand
- ❑ High availability and low demand of sulphur
- ❑ Sulphur's potential to enhance properties of construction materials
- ❑ Specifications for sand-sulfur-bitumen mix not clearly specified, Compaction characteristics varying
  - ✓ Shane and Burgess (1976): no compaction
  - ✓ Saylak and Gallaway (1975): two blows on each face
  - ✓ Mazumdar and Rao (1984): ten blows on each face, maximum stability at forty blows