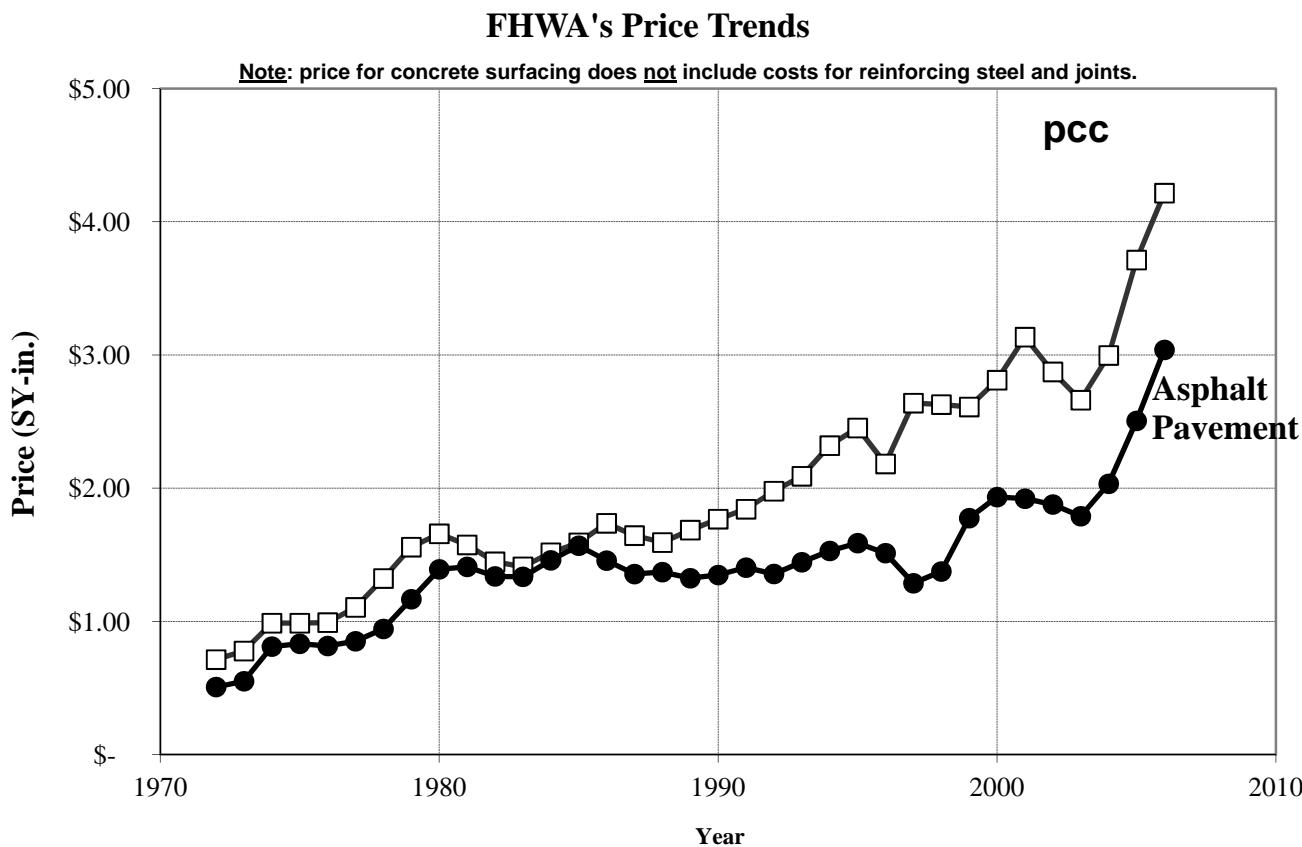


# Asphalt Pavement is Still the Best Value

Asphalt pavement has sustained Minnesota's traffic, environment, and economy by providing a strong, smooth, and quiet pavement surface for the traveling public. It continues to do so today as the best value for pavement type selection and rehabilitation.

In recent years, the price of materials has increased and has become the topic of many budgetary discussions. It is important to look to the facts to forecast the cost of materials for future projects. The Federal Highway Administration has a publication with the paving material costs over time from 1972 to today. Below is a graph that compares the cost of asphalt pavement to concrete on a square yard-inch basis. Note that prices for concrete surfacing do not include costs for reinforcing steel and joints.



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