| | | Traditional Soil Stabilization | Electrokinetic Soil Stabilization (EKKS) |
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| Costs | Removal of existing road surface | Complete removal of the road surface and bed is required | The existing road is left intact except for small boreholes for the insertion of electrodes |
| | Use of heavy equipment | Heavy equipment is required to remove roadbed, excavate soil, mix chemicals, place soil back, repave | Handheld drilling equipment only |
| | Pollution | High levels of noise and dust pollution are present throughout the life of the project. Harmful toxins potentially remain | Aside from brief initial drilling, there is no noise, dust, or other pollution |
| | Time | Years if removal of road surface and bed is required | 3-6 Months |
| | Traffic interruption | Complete traffic interruption. Traffic must be rerouted where possible | Light interruption during initial installation, then normal traffic flow for the remainder of the project |
| | Project footprint | In addition to the roadbed which is completely removed and inaccessible, room is required for the heavy equipment (earth movers, mixers etc.). May be infeasible in certain space- restrictive areas | Some small footprint is required for the ancillary electrical equipment and for tanks of hardening solution. |
| | Labour costs | High levels of manpower are required to operate equipment, survey the area, supervise activities etc. | Once initial installation is complete, the project can be remotely monitored with occasional local inspection. |
| | Efficacy in fine soils | Traditional injection techniques are unable to penetrate through fine soils such as clay | Electro-osmosis |
| | Financial cost | High, due to equipment, labour, time | Moderate to Low, due to low levels of equipment and personnel |
| | Local economy cost | Moderate, due to local traffic disruption | Low, due to low disruption |