What is pavement?
Pavement is a hard surface laid down on top of a roadbed on which vehicles and persons can travel. Pavement needs to do two things: (1) support the pressure of the vehicles going over it, and (2) provide a suitable, non-skid surface for those vehicles. There are two types of pavements:

- BITUMINOUS PAVEMENTS (often called asphalt), which are flexible;
- CONCRETE PAVEMENTS, which are rigid, and which are made up of a mixture of gravel and Portland cement. Concrete pavement is sometimes reinforced by steel mesh.