

PMPC Asphalt Task Group (TG+STG Chairs/Leads) Meeting Minutes
Date: November 3, 2021
Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Location: Webex

Facilitator: Ken Solak

Attendees: Marco Estrada, Kee Foo, Sarah Hartz (for Jacquelyn Wong), Pat Imhoff, Allen King, Steve Lee (for Tom Pyle), Tony Limas, Doug Mason, Dennis McElroy, Ken Solak, Todd Vargason, Kelly Lorah

Not in Attendance: Scott Dmytrow, Phil Reader, Chu Wei

1. Introductions/Review Agenda
2. Review Past Action Items (see action items at the bottom of the minutes)
3. Introductory Urgent/Emerging Issues
 - Tom was promoted to SPE. An actor will be identified for the next two weeks.
 - IC NSSP Discussion (Ken)
 - a. Ken – A meeting occurred to discuss the current nSSP and are looking to revise the nSSP. Another meeting will occur to determine what data needs to be collected. We may be reprioritizing the IC nSSP on the bin list.
 - SPF (Tony)
 - a. Tony – The WG has 2 milestones that need to be focused on. We're putting pilot projects out. We're working on the data collection plan. We will set up meetings to analyze the data collected.
 - b. Ken – Are there concerns about delays?
 - c. Tony – Not at this time.
 - d. Pilot Project Tracker sheet was discussed.
 - e. Tony – 7-day verification language of contractor's QC data requirement will be placed in Construction manual. Pete is working on this.
 - BMD (Tony)
 - a. Tony – I developed a short scoping document for BMD and was wondering what the status was.
 - b. Kee – I don't recall receiving it.
 - c. Sarah – Due to resourcing issues, METS will be unable to approve any new or recently developed scoping documents. We're hoping the hold will be lifted in March.
 - d. Ken – I have sent a note to the EC to request formal direction.

- Standard Spec Pay Table (Tony)
 - a. Tony – We've been working on this as a decision document, but there is not consensus. We're going to write a scoping document on this.
 - b. Kee – Can we get scoping documents ready for when resourcing is secure?
 - c. Ken – The dates will be difficult to determine.
- 4. Asphalt Subtask Group Work Products
 - A. Use RAP up to 40% in HMA
 - a. Kee – We are targeting 3-4 upcoming projects.
 - B. RAS up to 3%
 - a. Kee – We have 1 project in construction in D3. The test section should be done tomorrow.
 - C. Post Plant Gradation
 - a. Kee – We have 3 projects completed using CCO. There are 9-10 projects in project delivery development. The group is trying to collect the data in DIME. For now, it's being collected in forms.
 - b. Tony – There may be projects that do not require PPG. The data may be difficult to obtain a determination from.
 - c. A milestone extension may be necessary for milestone #6.
 - D. 10% RAP in RHMA-G
 - a. Kee – The nSSP for pilot project specs is under review. There is an issue. Industry would like to allow for 3% air voids in the nSSP, Caltrans would like to stay with 4%. A dispute resolution form will be created and routed up. When the dispute is resolved, we will include the resolution in the nSSP. We have targeted 5 pilot projects for 10% RAP. They're still be discussed with the districts.
- 5. Pavement Preservation Subtask Group Work Products
 - A. Section 37 Update
 - a. Steve – OCCS has sent out more revision requests. METS has comments on 2 items. FHWA is still reviewing. We may miss the milestone deadline and may need to request an extension.
 - B. 2021 Section 37 Fog Seals Update
 - a. Scoping document on hold with the ATG for resourcing until March 2022
- 6. In-Place Recycling Subtask Group Work Products
 - A. Write nSSPs and Pilot CCPR on Caltrans Projects
 - a. Dennis – There will be a milestone extension for 1 month.
 - B. Test for FDR-C and Update Specification for UCS and Terminology
 - a. Scoping document on hold with the EC for resourcing until March 2022

- b. Dennis – Could we move forward with the non-METS required milestones?
 - c. Ken – We will discuss with the EC to see how/if we can move forward.
 - C. Explore PDR as Surface Wearing Course
 - a. Scoping document on hold for resourcing until March 2022
 - 7. EC Updates for ATG
 - a. Doug – The workshop is December 10th. Tom is the new SPE so transitioning in the EC.
 - 8. Review bin lists
 - 9. Roundtable / Review Action Items / Next Meeting
 - a. Tony – I would like to meet with Saeed and Kee to review the data evaluation plan.
 - b. Sarah – We will wait and find out what the EC says about resourcing.
 - c. Ken – We understand the frustration, but hopefully will we be able to get scoping documents back on track soon. My last day is 12/30 and so is Pete's. Temp positions will be filled.
 - 10. Feedback
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Action Items from STG+STG Chairs/Leads on 11/03/21:

- 1. Ask EC whether scoping document milestones can be acted upon until METS can join – Ken

Action Items from TG 3+4 on 10/05/21:

- 1. Remove bin lists from TG 3+4 agendas and keep for TG+STG meetings - Kelly

Action Items from TG 3+4 on 09/01/21:

- 1. Schedule meeting for CTG & ATG in early December for SOP update (5 hours) – Kelly
 - Decision Document Guidance
 - Conflict Escalation Process
 - Pilot Project Tracker
 - Final Report ask for Scoping Documents
 - Short Scoping Documents
 - Milestone Extensions (justifications for dates; why the new date will be successful)
- 2. Send CT 306 recommendations feedback to the adhoc WG and revise the recommendation – Jackie

- a. 10/05/21 – Sarah – A draft memo of short- and long-term recommendations was sent out yesterday and will be sent out to the group.
- 3. Discuss with industry whether lab rejections are common and if they're not, then we move forward as normal – Pat/Phil
 - a. 10/05/21 – Phil – Industry had a meeting last week and needs more time (a month) to collect more feedback.
 - b. Ken – Will there be recommendations? Or specifics?
 - c. Phil – Yes. We're investigating whether this is a wide-spread issue.
- 4. Send the 3" box size issue back down to the adhoc CT 306 group – Jackie – **Complete**
- 5. Find industry members for Fog Seals scoping document – Scott – **Complete**
- 6. Get list of potential PMPC participants from industry to Doug for the PMPC presentation in fall – Pat/Phil - **Complete**
- 7. Caltrans to make a decision on whether a decision document is feasible for Pay Equations for Binder Content – Section 39 Quality Characteristics – Jackie/Tom/Ken
 - 10/05/21: Phil – Tony is putting together a strawman percentage list to Tom (aka Allen)
 - Ken – Does industry still want to do a decision document on this?
 - Phil – Yes. It should be a slam dunk. We're putting together percentages; it may make it clearer.
 - Ken – My staff has concerns about district resource impacts and developing a scoping document would be more beneficial. Caltrans is recommending a scoping document.
 - Phil – I will get on Tony to get a report to Caltrans members.
 - Ken – We will get together and make a decision and report back.
- 8. Add action item handling to the next meeting agenda – Kelly – **Complete**

Action Items from TG+STG Chairs & Leads on 08/04/21:

- 2. Add agenda item to the EC meeting for an update from Tom on the Division of Transportation Planning pavement recycling strategies incorporation into the Project Initiation Report – Doug/Kelly/Tom – ~~08/05/21~~ 11/18/21
 - a. Rescheduled for next EC meeting; Tom to get with Allen and figure out what this is

Action Items from TG 3+4 on 04/07/21:

1. ~~Recover~~ conflict escalation request form from ~~Cortney~~ and have industry review and submit for approval – Phil/Scott/Dennis/Pat/Kelly – ~~07/06/21~~ Postponed to December SOP meeting
 - 09/01/21: Conflict resolution form is okay; option 1 & 2 need to be clarified. Proposal to be proposed and routed for comments
 - 07/06/21: Industry still looking at this. Will be pushed to next meeting. Send out the conflict resolution form to all ATG – Kelly – 07/09/21
 - 06/02/21: More review from industry needed; Postponed to adhoc meeting with decision document vs scoping document guidance
2. Internally evaluate the impacts of pulling the IC nSSP and report the findings to the ATG; also pull a report of data from the IC database to give to industry; Information to be routed through Kelly – Ken – **In progress**
 - Phil to get Ken a list of industry participants for an IC meeting
 - Ken to set up an IC meeting to move forward with the IC nSSP (4 Industry, 4 CT)
 - 09/01/21: We're continuing to gather data.
Ken to discuss with Ragu on what jobs to collect data on – Ken
 - 07/29/21: IC data is report only and continuing to collect the data will provide valuable information regarding future evaluation of the IC spec.
 - The data files are too large to email, but the following fields are being collected:
 - Pass count
 - Temperature
 - ICMV – an indicator of the stiffness of the pavement
 - 07/06/21: Ken will provide the summary of why Caltrans wants to keep the nSSP and provide data from the IC database.
 - 06/02/21: More information needed from Ragu