

# PMPC Executive Committee/Asphalt Task Group Meeting Minutes

**Date: February 17, 2022**

**Time: 8:30 am-10:00am**

**Location: Webex Meeting**

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Facilitator: Tom Pyle

Attendees: Joseph Dongo, Tom Pyle, Cathrina Barros, Raymond Tritt, Brandon Milar, Dennis McElroy, Pat Imhoff, Tim Greutert, Gudmund Setberg, Charley Rea, Doug Mason, Phil Reader, Sarah Hartz, Kelly Lorah, Scott Dmytrow

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## 1. Introductions/Review Agenda

- I. Group went through introductions for new members to the Asphalt Task Group.
- II. Tim will be acting as the Division Chief for Construction for the next 6 to 12 months.
  - a. Keith Hoffman will be acting for the first two weeks, then Jeremy Peterson-Self for two weeks until a temporary assignment position can be filled.
- III. Industry is interested in who replaced Pete Spector in Construction. Mirak Mehari is acting in temporary assignment until a permanent backfill can be hired for Pete's position.

## 2. Action Items from 11/18/2021 EC meeting:

- I. ATG to look into whether Design Mix forms on Post Plant Gradation, Milestone 4, and Provisional Certification into the JTCP, Milestone will meet deadline created. Does it change final end date or push milestone #4 and #5 to end date of 7/2202? (ATG-Sarah) Completed.
  - a. In response to the "Update Design Mix forms and DIME Entry" milestone per the attached memo dated 11-18-2021 the milestone was extended until March 21, 2022. In speaking with Maged, the WG may be extending this to an additional 3 months dependent upon the request to have the information added to DIME. The current CMAS contract does not have the funding capacity to implement this change in DIME currently.
  - b. Regarding the "Provisional Certification or Incorporation in the JTCP" milestone the WG requested to change this to "Implementation Plan" based on the approved memo. You are correct regarding the need to adequately prepare the full implementation into the JTCP taking longer than the stated September 30, 2022 deadline. Maged does not want to push this milestone further until they start receiving data from the ongoing pilot projects (tentatively there are 12 in the works).
- II. Doug to send decision document guidelines to the EC. (Doug) Completed, Will be discussed in EC only meeting.

## 3. Introductory Urgent Issues (All):

- I. Is there an update on pilot project tracking sheet? EC has come to the agreement since the sheet will be posted on a public facing website, it does not give unfair advantage to contractors involved in the PMPC. EC is moving forward with posting the tracking sheet on the PMPC website.
- II. Charley: Important to separate out the PMPC pilots from non-PMPC pilots.
- III. **Action Item: Add column to tracking sheet to say whether a PMPC work product or other interests (non-PMPC).**
- IV. Tom would like to add older pilots onto the tracking sheet.

## 4. ATG Work Products

- I. RAP Up to 40% in HMA:
  - a. Cathrina: Met with District maintenance engineers recently to push pilot projects for the ATG work products.
  - b. District 10 has RTL'ed their high RAP pilot project on February 16. Tentative award date is 4/23/22.
- V. Recycled Asphalt Shingles (RAS) up to 3%:
  - a. We had one pilot project that is completed. University of California Pavement Research Center (UCPRC) is working on the report for the testing results.
  - b. Brandon: What is the status on getting more RAS pilot projects?

- i. Cathrina: It is a hard sell to the districts. Kee and Maged want a minimum 2-inch overlay. Working on some guidance for the Maintenance Engineers to decide.
  - c. Tom asked industry members if they have or know of any projects that are candidates and want to take on a pilot test section. Maintenance will support the change. If a FY 21/22 construction project, we will have to look for funding savings to cover the increase costs.
  - d. Brandon: If we knew what district is interested, we could target those districts for pilots.
- VI. Section 37 Update:
  - a. The specification revision made the April 2022 revision. FHWA had 64 comments on section 37. Sub task group looking to see if they can address FHWA's comments by a decision document.
- VII. Post Plant Gradation
  - a. Covered a lot already in the action items with the update. We have 13 pilots for this construction season with 3 being awarded already.
- VIII. RAP in RHMA:
  - a. ATG held an impasse meeting on February 7 concerning the issues of a specification with a 3% or 4% air voids and reviewed the issues from both sides. A resolution of a 3% void with a -1% to 1.5% range was given and the STG was told to fine tune the range when doing data collection and evaluation of the pilots. Recommended they keep the test sections on the smaller side.
  - b. Tom and Tim thanked the ATG for settling the impasse so quickly. It is never easy and can be very time consuming.
  - c. Tim: Do we anticipate a lot of changes in the mix design phase with the district materials engineers (DMEs)
    - i. Cathrina: The specifications are not ready for prime time yet.
    - ii. Tim: It would be nice to give the DMEs a hand or heads-up with the change to the nSSP with the 10% RAP in RHMA, so they are aware of it.
- IX. Write nSSPs for CCPR:
  - a. The nSSPs are under final review by the office of Construction Contract Standards (OCCS). Working group is close to completing this work product.
- 5. Review of Bin Lists:
  - I. Asphalt STG
    - a. Looking for a scoping document soon for section 39 quality characteristics (QC). STG had significant push back from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on pay tables for small projects or at all on projects greater than 2,250 tons. You may be seeing a decision document on the binder content for section 39 QC and a scoping document for all the other items that are more involved.
    - b. A short scoping document should be coming by next month for balanced mix design.
  - II. Recycling STG
    - a. Group is ready to get going on the next scoping documents that we submitted but are told are on hold for now. After CCPR is complete, the group will have nothing to continue to work on.
  - III. Pavement Preservation STG
    - a. This STG is in the same boat. Previous task is complete and scoping document on hold with nothing for group to work on.
- 6. Scoping Documents:
  - I. The EC needs to have a discussion on the scoping documents.
  - II. Tim: Hoping the STGs and task groups are reviewing the scoping document to make sure resources are there and can be completed. We want our groups to be successful and not set them up to fail.
  - III. Sarah: Guadalupe is in the process of hiring two people for her office and they should be ready to take on work by April. Scoping documents are on hold till April.
  - IV. Recommend updating milestones for submitted recycling scoping document and will plug people in later.
- 7. Open Discussion (All):
  - I. Phil: Any idea when the department will allow or have in-person meetings? Unknown currently.
  - II. Scott: FHWA is coming in hard with comments on items not in the scoping document after Caltrans and industry have come to an agreement, reviewed, and approved the specifications.

- III. Cathrina: FHWA gave a presentation to OCCS and Caltrans specification owners over their authority over the specifications and would be enlightening to the group.
- IV. **Action Item: Share FHWA presentation on their authority over specifications to the ATG and EC members.**
- V. Does FHWA know they are throwing a monkey wrench in our operations? Tom said he will talk with Chu and Chris Long from FHWA to see their stance.
- VI. **Action Item: Tom to report back on FHWA findings to ATG and EC.**

8. Roundtable / Review Action Items / Next Meeting

Decision Made

- I. None.

Action Items

- I. Add column to tracking sheet to say whether a PMPC work product or other interests (non-PMPC). (Kelly) **Completed**
- II. Share FHWA presentation on their authority over specifications to the ATG and EC members. (Doug/Cathrina) **Completed**
- III. Tom to report back on FHWA findings to ATG and EC. (Tom)

**Next Meeting: May 19, 2022**

**8:30 am – 10:00 pm**