What is the FHWA-UNR Coop doing on BMD?





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- Applied Research Associates (ARA)
- Balanced Mix Design (BMD)
- Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Job Mix Formula (JMF)
- National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT)
- Paragon Technical Services Inc. (PTSi)
- University of Nevada Reno (UNR)





Expected Outcomes

 Recognition of the various BMD-Related activities products from the FHWA-UNR cooperative agreement through December 2023

 Awareness of on-going and future planned BMD-related efforts associated with recently awarded FHWA-UNR cooperative agreement

- Knowing where to find:
 - Publications and recorded Webinars
 - Who to contact regarding BMD Workshops, Peer Exchanges, & Other

Outline



Introduction & Background

Activities to Date

Summary of Products

Where to Find Products

Who to Contact on Workshops, Peer Exchanges, ...

Wrap Up

Introduction



- DDIAPT Cooperative Agreement Established Fall 2017
- Team
 - FHWA
 - UNR
 - PTSi
 - ARA
- Agreement Structure
 - Six Innovation Areas
 - Tasks Under Innovation Areas SOW's Annually/Review/Approval/Do Work
 - Activities & Deliverables
 - Access & Communications





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Innovation Areas

- A. Materials
- B. Resource Responsible (RR) use of Materials for Flexible Pavement Systems
- C. Design, Specifications, and Practices (DS&P)
- D. Pavement Preservation (PP) Specifications and Practices
- E. Real-Time Pavement Production and Construction Controls
- F. Forensic Support and Asphalt Testing to Support Stakeholders
 - 6 Innovation Areas
 - 15 Work Plan Task Areas Total
 - 1 to 8 Subtask Areas Work Plan Tasks in Innovation Areas



Work Plan Tasks & Titles

	Work Plan			
Innovation Area	Task	Title		
A. Materials	A.1	Advancement of Innovative Binders for Asphalt Pavement Systems		
	A.2	Other New & Innovative Materials as Agreed Upon		
B. Resource	B.1	High Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) Mixtures		
Responsible	B.1.1	Document Field Performance and RAP Best Practices		
(RR) use of	B.1.2	Document Field Performance and Cold Asphalt Recycling Best Practices		
Materials for	B.2	Reclaimed Asphalt Shingles (RAS) Modified Binders and Mixtures		
Flexible	B.3	Asphalt Rubber-Modified Binders		
Pavement	B.3.1	Resource Responsible Use of Recycled Tire Rubber in Asphalt Pavements		
Systems	B.3.2	Effective use of GTR modified asphalt binder in asphalt mixtures		
	B.4	Other New & Innovative RR Systems		
	B.4.1	Responsible use of Re-refined Engine Oil Bottoms (REOB) and Polyphosphoric Acid (PPA)		
	B.4.2	Recycled Materials and Warm-Mix Asphalt Usage (2020)		
	B.4.3	Recycled Materials and Warm-Mix Asphalt Usage (2021)		
	B.4.4	Recycled Materials and Warm-Mix Asphalt Usage (2022)		

Work Plan Tasks & Titles



C. Design,
Specifications,
and Practices
(DS&P)

C.1	Asphalt Mixture Performance Based Design Technical Refinement and Deployment Support
C.1.1	AMPT and PRS Training
C.1.2	Barrier Analysis to AMPT and PRS
C.1.3	Informational Brief on Performance and Index Based Tests
C.1.4	Document Case Studies and Practices for Implementation of BMD
C.1.5	Asphalt Performance-Related Specifications (PRS) – A 2020 RoadMap for Moving Forward
C.1.6	Document Practices for Asphalt Mixture Adjustments to Meet Performance Test Requirements
C.1.7	Balanced Mix Design (BMD) Case Studies Virtual Workshop: Moving Forward with Implementation
C.1.8	Balanced Mixture Design Peer Exchange PART I & II
C.2	Deployment and Technical Support of Refined Superpave Binder Specification
C.2.1	Incorporate MSCR, ΔTc, etc. into the Specification
C.3	Technical Support of Refined Superpave Volumetric Mixture Design & Specification
C.4	Increased Pavement Density Initiative Support
C.4.1	Asphalt Density Educational Materials
C.4.2	Support Delayed Asphalt Density Efforts
C.4.3	Density Specification Focused Review
C.5	Deployment and Technical Support of MSCR Binder Specifications
C.6	Deployment and Technical Support of Delta Tc Binder Parameter and Specifications
C.7	Asphalt Materials Quality Assurance Practices
C.8	Other New and Innovative DS&P As Agreed Upon
C.8.1	Advances in the Design, Production, and Construction of Stone Matrix Asphalt (SMA)
C.8.2	National Asphalt Plant Quality Control Plan Template



Work Plan Tasks & Titles

D. Pavement	D.1	New and Innovative PP Specifications and Practices	
Preservation (PP)	D.1.2	Reduce Cutbacks in Pavement Maintenance and Preservation	
Specifications			
and Practices			
E. Real-Time	E.1	New and Innovative Real-Time Production and Construction Controls	
Pavement	E.1.1	Review of Paver-Mounted Thermal Profiler and Density Profile System Using Ground Penetrating	
Production and		Radar	
Construction	E.1.2	Intelligent Construction Equipment QA Data Validation	
Controls			
F. Forensic	F.1	Asphalt Pavement Analysis, Binder and Mixture Testing, and Data Analysis	
Support and	F.2	On-Site Field Investigations	
Asphalt Testing to			
Support			
Stakeholders			
		Marketing and Communication Plans	



BMD Related Activities & Products

- 2020 Workshop: A path forward including BMD.
- Collaborate with NCHRP Project 10-107 team for Consistent Tasks to BMD Implementation.
- Multiple Related Publications.
- BMD Lead States Site Visits.
- BMD Case Study Workshops (State DOTs).
- Peer Exchanges (Regional and Mega States).
- Webinars.
 - FHWA Leads: Tim Aschenbrener, Derek Nener-Plante
 - UNR Leads: Elie Hajj, Harold Von Quintus Tom Bennert, Don Christiansen



BMD Related Activities & Products

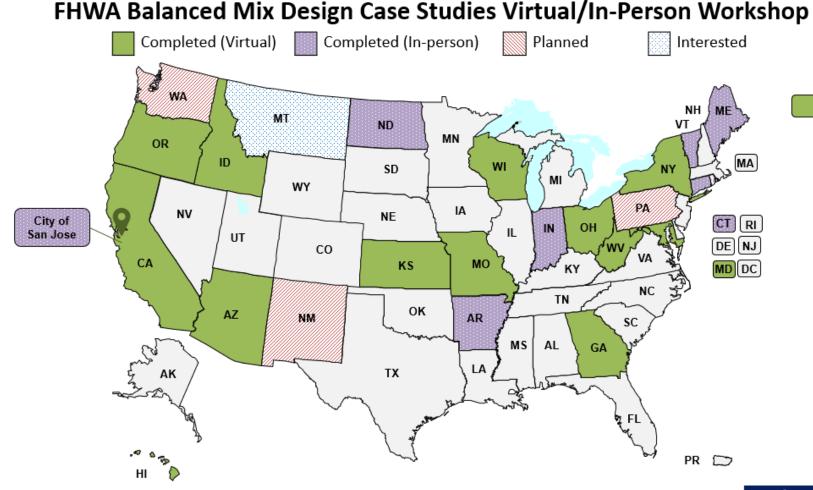
Multiple Related Publications

- Tech Brief: Balanced Asphalt Mix Design: Eight Tasks for Implementation (FHWA-HIF-22-048).
- Technical Report: <u>Index-based tests for performance engineered mixture designs for asphalt pavements</u> (FHWA-HIF-19-103).
- <u>Tech Brief: Adjustment of Asphalt Mix Design/Job Mix Formula to Satisfy Mechanical Test Properties</u> (WRSC-TB-22-01).
- Technical Report: <u>Positive Practices, Lessons Learned and Challenges When Implementing Balanced Design of Asphalt Mixtures: Site Visits</u> (WRSC-TR-22-11).
- 1-Pager: Adjustment of Asphalt Mix Design/ Job Mix Formula to Satisfy Mechanical Test Properties (WRSC-1P-23-01).
- <u>2023 Southeast Peer Exchange on Balanced Mix Design (BMD): Outcomes Summary</u> (FHWA-HIF-23-031).
- <u>2023 North Central Peer Exchange on Balanced Mix Design (BMD): Outcomes Summary</u> (FHWA-HIF-23-032).
- 2023 Northeast Peer Exchange on Balanced Mix Design (BMD): Outcomes Summary (FHWA-HIF-23-042).

FHWA Balanced Mix Design Case Studies Virtual and In-Person Workshops



- 14 Virtual
- 7 In-Person
- 3 Planned
- 2 Interested





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BMD Case Studies Workshop







Location

The free virtual workshop will be delivered using Microsoft Teams or any other virtual meeting platform accepted by a State Department of Transportation (DOT).

Length

The workshop is a total of six hours and will include multiple segments with a maximum of three hours per segment. The workshop can be delivered over the course of several days.

Target Audience

The successful implementation of BMD will need to be a team effort. Thus, the target audiences for the workshop are managers and practitioners interested in the implementation of BMD from State DOTs, industry, academia, and consultants. This involves participants from various offices of a State DOT, such as materials, pavement design, construction, and pavement management.

Description

This free Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) workshop will provide State DOTs with knowledge on how to get started and/or move forward with the implementation of BMD as learned from in-depth case studies of key State DOTs. It is **customized** to a State DOTs current situation with its BMD implementation program.

This unique workshop includes providing managers and practitioners with knowledge on:

- a. the overall BMD process and its benefits:
- the planning and activities needed for the selection, evaluation, and implementation of performance tests for routine uses in a BMD process; and
- c. positive practices and lessons learned by key State DOTs.

The workshop will focus on a BMD implementation process that was developed and conducted from in-depth case studies of key State DOTs.

Outcomes

Upon completion of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- Understand the overall benefits of BMD.
- Recognize the planning and coordination effort associate with the implementation process of BMD.
- Identify the tasks that need to be completed for the development and implementation of BMD.
- Recognize successful key State DOTs practices and experiences related to BMD.
- Recognize available external technical information and support.

Register Today

Contact **Derek-Nener-Plante** at derek.nenerplante@dot.gov for more information.

- FREE
- Customized to a State DOT current situation.

Modules	Title	Time	
Day 1			
General	Introduction	12:30 pm-1:15 pm	
Core 1	Benefits and Overall Planning	1:15 pm-2:00 pm	
Break		2:00 pm-2:15 pm	
Core 2	Performance Tests Selection and Equipment	2:15 pm-4:30 pm	
Day 2			
Core 3	Establishment of Baseline Data	8:00 am–9:45 am	
Break		9:45 am–10:00 am	
Core 4	Program Development & Initial Implementation	10:00 am–11:30 am	
General	Closing Discussion	11:30 am-12:00 pm	

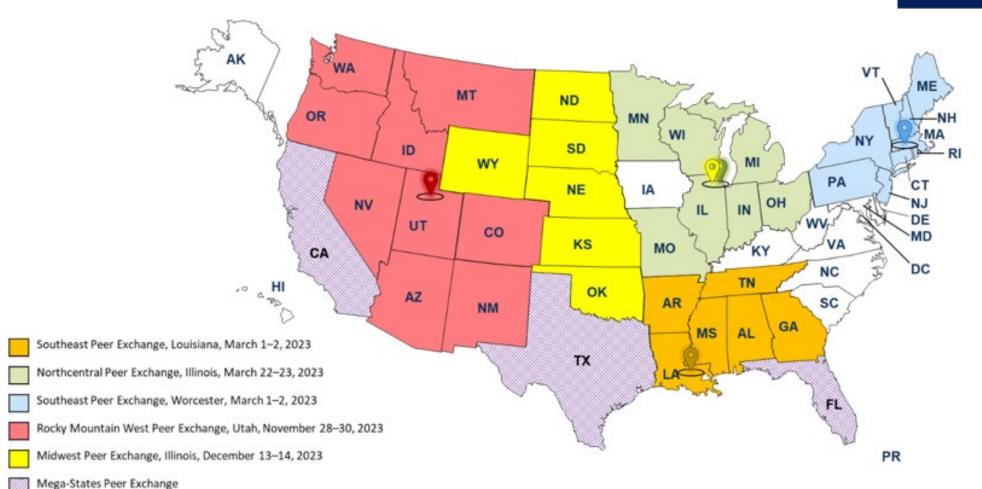


BMD Case Study Workshop Reports

- Case studies on the Implementation of BMD and performance tests for asphalt mixtures Technical Reports:
 - California DOT (WRSC-TR-21-02) (http://hdl.handle.net/11714/7981)
 - Illinois DOT (WRSC-TR-21-03) (http://hdl.handle.net/11714/7982)
 - Louisiana DOT (WRSC-TR-21-04) (http://hdl.handle.net/11714/7983)
 - Maine DOT (WRSC-TR-21-05) (http://hdl.handle.net/11714/7984)
 - New Jersey DOT (WRSC-TR-21-06) (http://hdl.handle.net/11714/7985)
 - Texas DOT (WRSC-TR-21-07) (http://hdl.handle.net/11714/7986)
 - Virginia DOT (WRSC-TR-21-08) (http://hdl.handle.net/11714/7987)
- Overall Summary Report:
 - Positive Practices, Lessons Learned and Challenges When Implementing Balanced Design of Asphalt Mixtures: Site Visits (WRSC-TR-22-11).

FHWA Peer Exchanges





Coming up in Fall 2024
PART III Mid-Atlantic
Peer Exchange

BMD peer exchanges Part I and Part II.



Balanced Mix Design Peer Exchange

Peer Exchanges Agenda



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DAY 1; NCAT NCHRP 10-107 WORKSHOP			
8:00-4:30 PM	Guide for Implementing Performance Specifications		
Day 2— BMD Peer Exchange Focus on Existing Efforts			
8:00-8:15 AM	Check-In		
8:15-8:30 AM	Welcome/Introductions (Facilitated by Jason Bittner, ARA)		
8:30-9:00 AM	Peer Exchange Meeting Primary Focus (Tim/Derek, FHWA)		
9:00–10:00 AM	Group Discussion/Round Table #1: BMD Status [Based on		
10.00 10.15 ANA	questionnaire sent to each participant]		
10:00–10:15 AM	BREAK Group Discussion/Round Table #2: BMD "Why", Scope, & Approach		
10:15–12:00 PM	LUNCH		
12:00-1:00 PM			
1:00-2:30 PM	Group Discussion/Round Table #3: Benchmarking		
2:30-2:45 PM	BREAK		
2:45-4:00 PM	Group Discussion/Round Table #4: Validation		
4:00-4:30 PM	Wrap Up and Review of Day 2 Agenda		

DAY 3—LOOKING TO THE FUTURE / FOCUS ON FUTURE EFFORTS			
8:00-8:15 AM	Opening Remarks		
8:15-10:00 AM	Group Discussion/Round Table #5: Role of		
	Sustainability		
10:00-10:15 AM	BREAK		
10:15-11:15 AM	Group Discussion/Round Table #6: Challenges		
	and Lessons Learned		
11:15-11:45	Summary: Next Steps towards Implementing		
	BMD within each Agency & Needs for Moving		
	Forward		
11:45-12:00 PM	Wrap Up Feedback		
	Adjourn – Thank You and Safe Travels		

Regional Peer Exchange Outcomes

- Networking contacts.
- Individual regional peer exchange reports.
 - Discussions.
 - Presentations.
 - CHALLENGES!
- One summary tech brief (under development).



Regional Peer Exchange Outcomes Challenges



Management Challenges

- Change Management.
- Cost-Benefit Analysis
- Specifications & Risk Management.
- Resource Allocation.
- Implementation Planning.
- Stakeholders Engagement.

- Integration with Existing Practices.
- Education, Training, & Skill Development.
- Information Sharing & Collaboration Among Peers

Technical Challenges

- BMD Tests Validation
- Testing Procedures & Protocols
- Variabilities
- Database Setup, Collection, Analysis, & Management.
- Pathway for Use in Field Quality Assurance (QA).
- Volumetrics Historical Usage

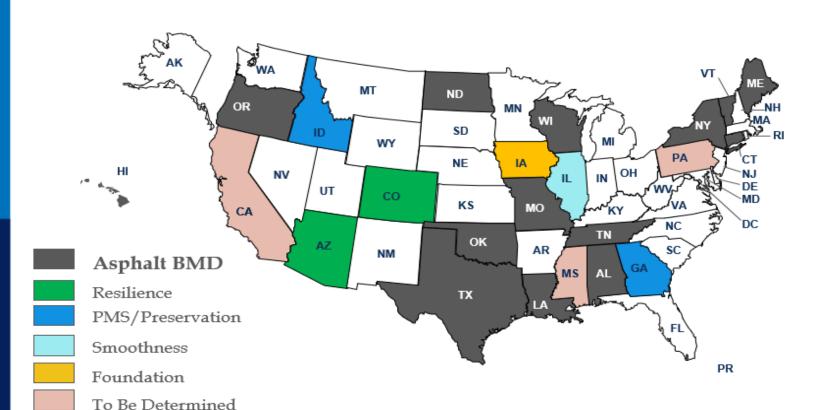


BMD Peer Exchange Reports

- Peer Exchange on Balanced Mix Design (BMD) Outcomes Summary Reports:
 - 2023 Southeast Peer Exchange on Balanced Mix Design (BMD): Outcomes Summary (FHWA-HIF-2023-031) (https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/pavement/pub_details.cfm?id=1163) & (http://hdl.handle.net/11714/10501)
 - 2023 North Central Peer Exchange on Balanced Mix Design (BMD): Outcomes Summary (FHWA-HIF-2023-032) (https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/pavement/pub_details.cfm?id=1163) & (http://hdl.handle.net/11714/10500)
 - 2023 Northeast Peer Exchange on Balanced Mix Design (BMD): Outcomes Summary (FHWA-HIF-2023-042) (https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/pavement/pub_details.cfm?id=1163) & (http://hdl.handle.net/11714/10502)
 - 2023 Rocky Mountain West (Under Review)
 - 2023 Midwest (Under Review)

FHWA AIDPT Pooled Fund Peer Exchange on BMD (March 12–14, 2024)





PAST:

- Site Visits: Identify 8 Tasks.
- Regional Peer Exchanges: Challenges.

THIS WEEK:

- AIDPT BMD Peer Exchange.
 - Purpose: for each challenge, what are:
 - Successes.
 - Current research/activities.
 - Research gaps.



Mapping BMD Implementation Effort to 8 Tasks for BMD (after Epps-Martin, A.)



Task	Description + Notes	Status	Completion
1 Providing Motivation	Benefits – Sustainability	Complete	2019
2 Overall Planning	Collaboration – TxDOT Industry WG	Ongoing	Semi-Annually
	Goals, Tasks, Timeline – IACs	Complete	2019, 2022
3 Selecting Performance Tests	Distress – Cracking, Rutting, Skid	Complete	2019
HWT, OT, CT, RT, (Texture/Friction)	Validation – Lab vs Field	Ongoing	Annually
4 Acquiring Equipment	Evaluation – Contractor Package	Complete	2023
	Inter-Lab Studies – CTIS, NCAT	In Progress	2022 +
5 Establishing Baseline Data	TX Benchmarking	Complete	2023
Typot DMD	WesTrack	In Progress	2024
TXDOT BMD	Shadow Projects	In Progress	2024 construction
Overview w/ FHWA 8	Variability	Ongoing	2022, 2025
Tasks (FHWA-HIF-22-048)	Strategies – AASHTO SP	In Progress	2024
6 Developing & Piloting Spec	Revised SS 3074	Ongoing	2023, 2025 +
	Lead District Projects	Not Started	2026
	Acceptance	Ongoing	2025 +
7 Training & Certification	Training & Accreditation	Not Started	2026
8 Initial Implementation		Not Started	2026





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Videos

- Asphalt Mixture Performance Tester (AMPT) Video Series
 - AMPT Video 1: Fabrication of Small and Large Specimens
 - AMPT Video 2: Dynamic Modulus Small Specimen Test
 - AMPT Video 3: Cyclic Fatigue Small Scale Specimen Test
 - AMPT Video 4: Stress Sweep Rutting Test
- BMD Asphalt Performance Testing Video Series
 - BMD Video 5: Semi-Circular Bend Test (SCB)
 - BMD Video 6: Indirect Tensile Cracking Test (IDEAL-CT)
 - BMD Video 7: Illinois Flexibility Index Test (I-FIT)
 - BMD Video 8: Hamburg Wheel-Track Test

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/pavement/asphalt/videos/
https://www.unr.edu/wrsc/tools/asphalt/dapt-publications

DAPT Webinars



DAPT webinars

- + Adjusting Asphalt Concrete Mix Designs to Optimize Laboratory Performance | Available on-demand
- + Eight Tasks Towards Implementation of Balanced Mix Design for Asphalt Mixtures | Available on-demand
- + Industry Practices and Suggestions for Adjusting Asphalt Mixtures to Meet Balanced Mix Design (BMD) Specifications | Available ondemand
- → BMD Peer-To-Peer Exchanges: Findings and Challenges to Implementation | Feb. 15, 2024
- → DDIAPT Products: Overall Review and Impact on Strategic Goals | March 7, 2024



The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has an ongoing Accelerated Implementation and Deployment of Pavement Technologies (AIDPT) Program, which includes the deployment of innovative technologies to improve pavement performance and reduce agency risk. A constant challenge in the transportation community is timely and efficient deployment of these new and innovative technologies.

FEATURED PRODUCTS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS

- Asphalt Binders
- Balanced Mix Design
- Recycled Asphalt Materials
- Asphalt Pavement Design and Construction
- Quality Assurance for Asphalt

TECHNICAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE:

- To stimulate, facilitate, and expedite the deployment and rapid adoption of new and innovative technology relating to the design, production, testing, control, construction, and investigation of asphalt pavements.
- To provide Congress and the U.S. Department of Transportation with valuable real-life data and feedback to inform future decision making.

VIEW COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT MATERIALS: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/pavement/asphalt/coopmaterials/

For more information or technical assistance, please contact: Tim Aschenbrener, FHWA, timothy.aschenbrener@dot.gov.

More information about the cooperative agreement is at: https://www.unr.edu/wrsc/hool/u/sphalt. This material is disseminated under the sponsonship of the U.S. Department of Transportation in the interest of information exchange under agreement number 693.1331850010 Development and Deployment of Innovative Asphalt Pavement Technologies.

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DEPLOYMENT OF ASPHALT PAVEMENT TECHNOLOGIES (DAPT) WEBINAR SERIES

WHAT IS IT? The Deployment of Asphalt Pavement Technologies (DAPT) webinar series is your gateway to the latest information and implementation aspects of various asphalt pavement technologies.

HOW? Hosted by the University of Nevada, Reno and moderated by the FHWA, these webinars cover several topics such as resource responsible use of materials, quality assurance, and balanced mix design of asphalt mixtures.

WHAT SETS APART THESE SESSIONS? Open access for all, active participation in Q&A sessions, and the added benefit of earning professional development hours/continuing education units (PDH/CEU).

ASPHALT BINDER

- Delta Tc (ΔTc) Binder Specification Parameter
- Multiple Stress Creep and Recovery (MSCR) Implementation and Transition
- Responsible Use of Re-refined Engine Oil Bottoms and Polyphosphoric Acid Modifications of Binders

BALANCED MIX DESIGN

- Adjusting Asphalt Concrete Mix Designs to Optimize Laboratory Performance
- ► Eight Tasks Toward Implementation of Balanced Mix Design for Asphalt Mixtures
- Industry Practices and Suggestions for Adjusting. Asphalt Mixtures to Meet Balanced Mix Design (BMD). Specifications
- BMD Peer-To-Peer Exchanges: Findings and Challenges to Implementation

PAVEMENT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

- Demonstration Projects, Related Specifications, and Techniques for Improving Density
- Overcoming Obstacles to Achieve Mat Density and Improve Joint Performance
- MA Mixtures: Advances in Design and Construction

QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR ASPHALT

- Asphalt Materials Quality Assurance Practices
- Intelligent Construction Equipment for Use in Quality
 Assurance Programs

RECYCLING

- Asphalt Mixture Considerations for Use of GTR Modified Asphalt Binders
- Resource Responsible Use of Recycled Tire Rubber in Asphalt Pavements
- Resource Responsible Use of High RAP (up to 50%) Asphalt Mixtures
- Successful Practices and Lessons Learned When Using Reclaimed Asphalt Shingles in Asphalt Mixtures
- Asphalt Pavement Recycling Technologies: Overview of Successful Practices

SUSTAINABILITY

Asphalt Pavement Carbon Footprint Reduction: Overview of Techniques, Needs and Opportunities

OTHER

DDIAPT Products: Overall Review and Impact on Strategic Goals

Visit the FHWA website for additional information and related publications at https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/pavement/asphalt/coopmaterials/.

For more information or technical assistance, please contact: **Tim Aschenbrener, FHWA, <u>timothy.aschenbrener@dot.gov.</u>**

IT'S NOT JUST A WEBINAR—IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH AND STAYING AT THE FOREFRONT OF ASPHALT PAVEMENT TECHNOLOGIES!

ALL WEBINARS ARE AVAILABLE ON-DEMAND

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- Year 1 SOWs
 - Submitted
 - Several Approved & Effort Started

- Significant BMD Efforts Included
 - Continuation of 2017 Coop Items (i.e. BMD)
 - Additional BMD Efforts Expanded





Want information?

Want to do a Workshop?

- Want other Support?
 - Specification Reviews
 - ...
 - Contact Tim Aschenbrener

 Input has been informative and helpful for others

Excited about future activities

Resources





SCAN ME FHWA CO-OP AGREEMENT SITE



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SCAN ME NAPA BMD RESOURCE GUIDE



SCAN ME TRB E-C280



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- FHWA
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 - ARA
 - PTSi
- Others: DOTs, Industry, NCAT
- Deliverables Have Been Impactful
- Thank you All for Your Contributions

Thank You!

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