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# High RAP Field Projects

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# Field Project Goals

- Documentation
- Mix design process, production, and construction
- Performance testing
- Develop information for future mix design and quality control procedures

# Data Collection

- 1) Project Summary
- 2) Material Properties
- 3) Production Information
- 4) Laydown Information
- 5) Testing

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
STATEMENT OF SOURCE OF MATERIALS AND JOB MIX FORMULA FOR BITUMINOUS CONCRETE  
SUBMIT TO THE STATE MATERIALS ENGINEER, CENTRAL BITUMINOUS LABORATORY, 5007 NORTHEAST 39TH AVENUE, GAINESVILLE, FLA. 32609


Contractor P & S Paving Address 3701 Olson Dr., Daytona, FL 32124  
 Phone No. (386) 258-5052 Fax No. (386) 258-3877 E-mail tcarter@bechtol.com  
 Submitted By Bechtol Engineering Type Mix SP-12.5 Intended Use of Mix Structural  
 Design Traffic Level C Gyration @ Ndes 75

TYPE MATERIAL	F.D.O.T. CODE	PRODUCER	PIT NO.	DATE SAMPLED
1. Fractionated R.A.P.	1-07	P&S Paving Daytona Beach	A0721	08 / 02 / 2007
2. Fractionated R.A.P.	2	P&S Paving Daytona Beach	A0721	08 / 02 / 2007
3. # 78 Stone	42	Conrad Yelvington Distributors, Inc.	GA-183	08 / 02 / 2007
4. # 89 Stone	51	Conrad Yelvington Distributors, Inc.	GA-183	08 / 02 / 2007
5. W-10 Screens		Conrad Yelvington Distributors, Inc.	GA-183	08 / 02 / 2007
6. Local Sand		P&S Paving Daytona Beach	A0721	08 / 02 / 2007
7. RA 800	918-RA			08 / 02 / 2007

Blend Number	PERCENTAGE BY WEIGHT OF AGGREGATE PASSING SIEVES						JOB MIX FORMULA	CONTROL POLYMER	CONTROL SIEVE
	20%	25%	15%	20%	22%	8%			
1	100	100	100	100	100	100			
2	100	100	100	100	100	100			
3	86	99	95	95	100	98		90	
4	50	91	15	52	93	100		69	
5	39	73	16	62	100	50		58	
6	34	61	5	38	100	40		39	
7	30	4	3	23	98				
8	24	39	3	14	87			25	
9	12	2	2	7	20			11	
10	6.9	1.2	1.0	1.2	4.5			5.6	
11	2.496	2.577	2.642	2.619	2.620			2.658	

The mix properties of the Job Mix Formula have been conditionally verified, pending successful final verification during production at the assigned plant, the mix design is approved subject to F.D.O.T. specifications.

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Director, Office of Materials   
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 Expiration Date 10 / 23 / 2010

Material Test Framework Information

# FHWA Mobile Asphalt Laboratory

- **Material Characterization**
- **Mix Design Replication**
- **Mix Production Sampling**
- **Volumetric Property Measurements**
- **Performance Testing**
- **Pavement Structure Evaluation**



# Laboratory Activities At NCAT

- Extraction and Recovery
- PG Classification
- Moisture Susceptibility
- Dynamic Modulus
- IDT Creep Compliance and Strength
- Beam Fatigue



# Field Projects

<b>State</b>	<b>RAP Percentage</b>	<b>Date</b>
North Carolina	40%	September 2007
South Carolina	30% and 50%	October 2007
Wisconsin	25%	November 2007
Florida	45%	December 2007

# North Carolina Summary

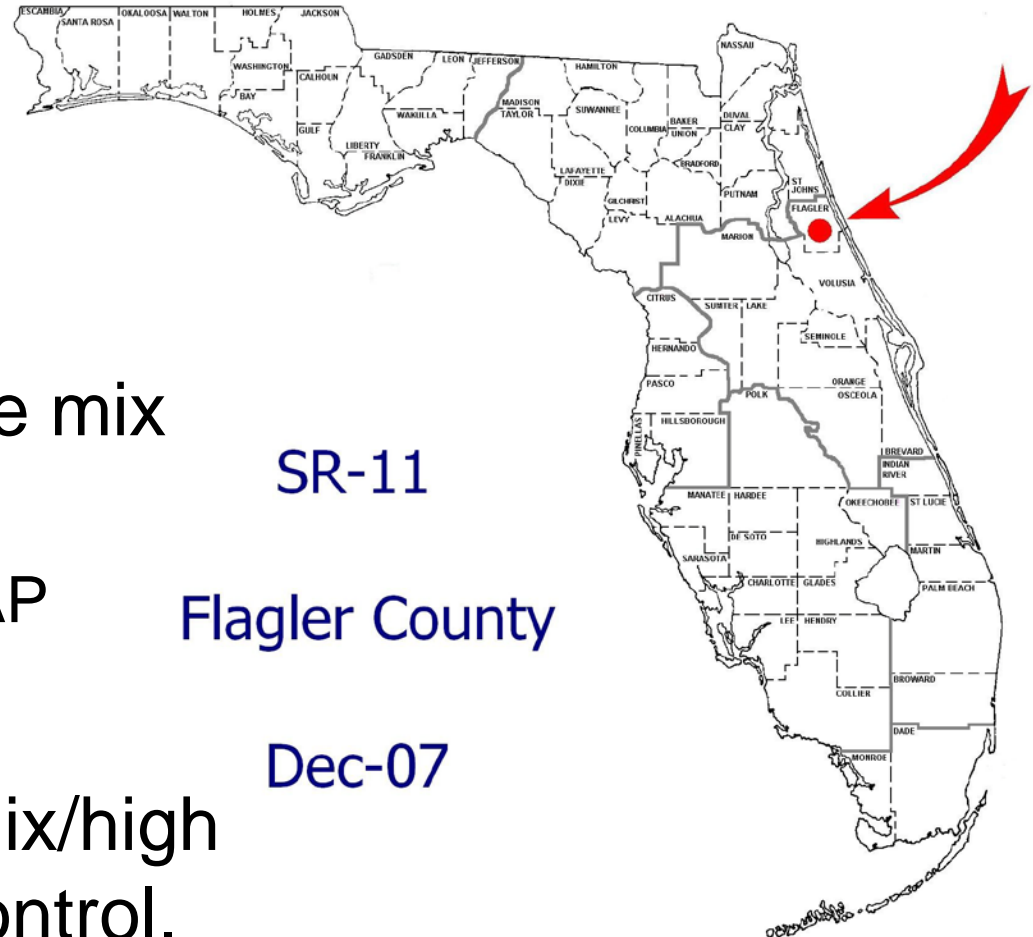
- Plant lot and driveway
- 40% RAP
- Astec Double Barrel Green
- Material sent to NCAT for extractions
- Gerry Huber and Audrey Copeland on site





# Florida Summary

- Two lane road
- RAP milled from top 2" of existing road.
- Superpave -12.5 fine mix
  - RA-800
  - 45% fractionated RAP
  - 1.5" structural layer
- 9.6 miles of warm mix/high RAP; 4.9 miles of control.





# Fractionated RAP





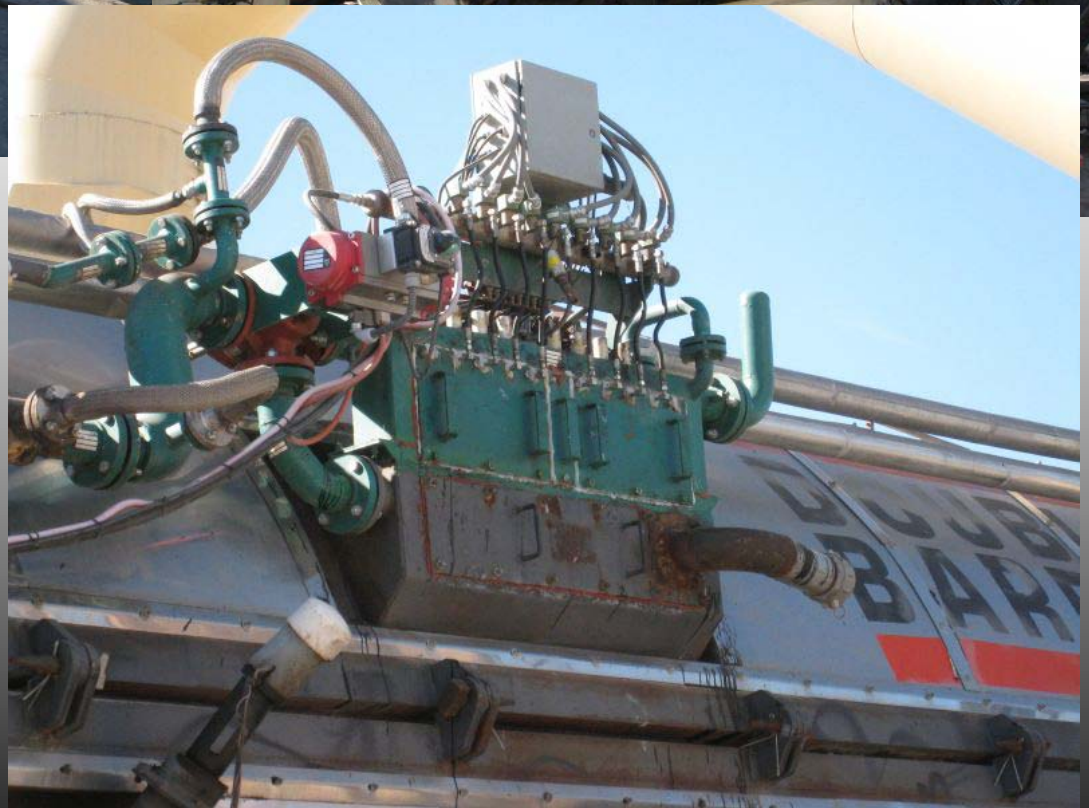


**Double Barrel Green Process  
- Water injection**



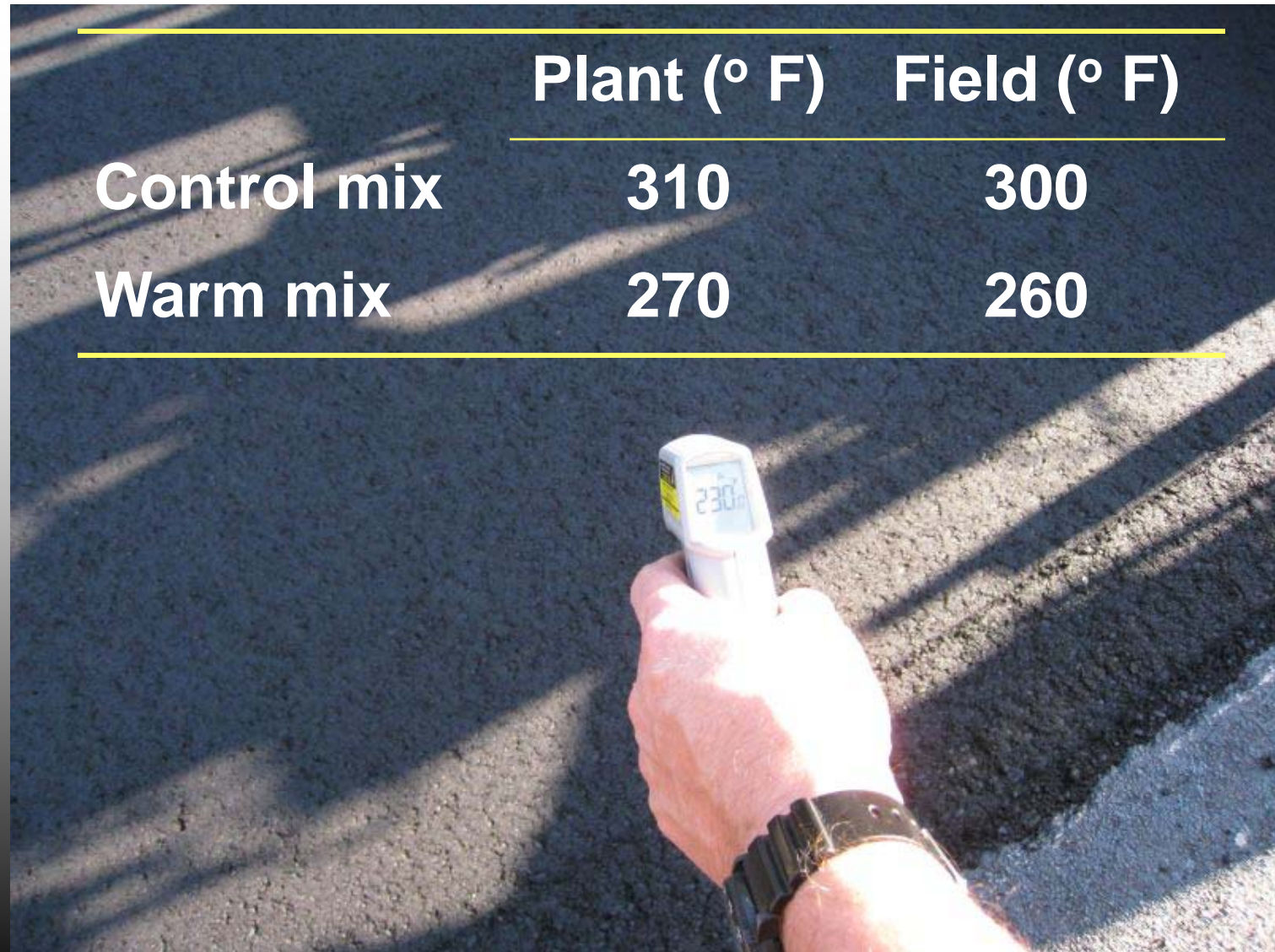


- Water added at 2% by weight of binder.





# Temperature Targets



	Plant (° F)	Field (° F)
Control mix	310	300
Warm mix	270	260





# Florida Project Performance



- State Materials Office Results:
  - All volumetric properties very good for control mix.
  - Low AV (1.8%) for warm mix due to high AC content (0.5% high, target was 5.6%).
  - Lab rut depths for both mixes were good, but warm mix was better (2.7 vs. 4.1 mm).
  - Moisture resistance TSR 3% less for warm mix (58 vs. 61%).

# Florida Project Performance (continued)



- State Materials Office Results:
  - Recovered viscosity (Poises):
    - Specification range: 4,000 to 12,000
    - PG 64-22 (warm mix) – **15,300**
    - RA-800 (warm mix) – 9,900
    - RA-800 (control mix) – 10,700





# Florida QC Test Results

- Average for project
- Gradation good for both mixtures.
- AC slightly high (0.2%) for warm mix and slightly low (0.3%) for control mix.
- Air voids: 3.0 for warm mix  
3.9 for control mix
- Density: 93.7% for warm  
and control mixes.



# South Carolina Summary

- Two lane road
- Four mixes
  - Two intermediate layers
    - 30% and 50% RAP
  - Two surface layers
    - 30% and 50% RAP
- Astec Double Barrel Green
- NCAT mobile laboratory on site

# Wisconsin Summary

- Business park streets
- 25% RAP
- Advera® WMA
- Material sent to NCAT for testing
- Jack Weigel and Andrea Kvasnak on site



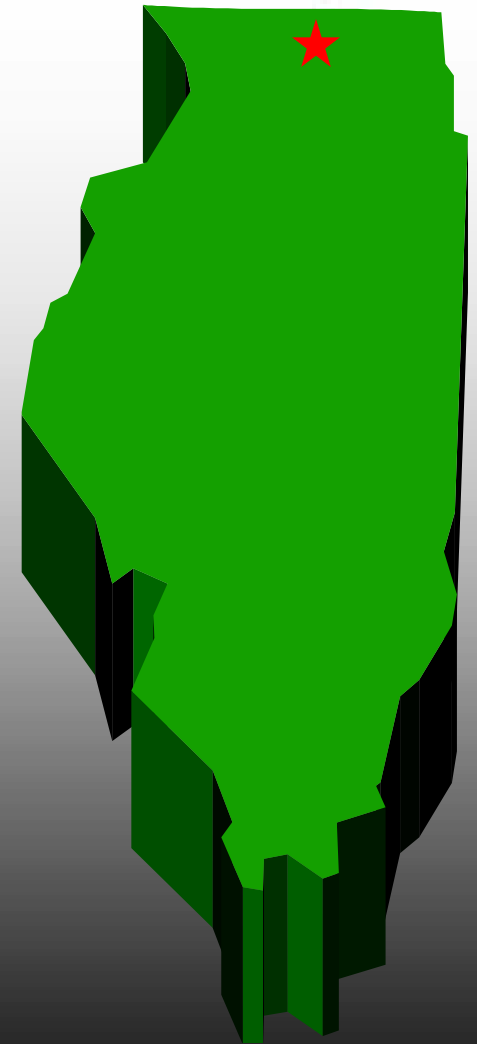
# Future Projects

- Illinois
- Minnesota
- Delaware



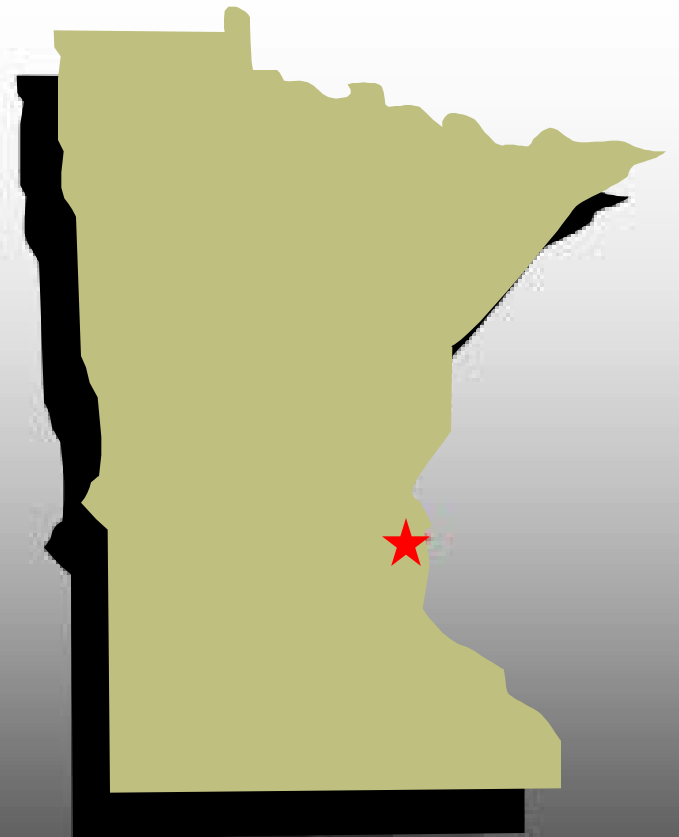
# Illinois

- Maximum allowable RAP 10-50%
- Overlay, shoulders, and temporary pavement
- 14 miles on Northwest Tollway I-90
  - Near Rockford



# Minnesota

- MnROAD
- 30% RAP
- Vary binder
- Vary processing  
(fractionated and non-fractionated)





# DeIDOT High RAP Project

- I-95 lane widening project - \$58 million
- DeIDOT specs limit RAP to 20%
- Contractor requested and **approved** up to 35% RAP
- 80,000 tons to be placed in 2008
  - Base, binder, surface
- Future interchange project
  - Shoulder (with high RAP surface) will become right lane in about three years.



# Contractor Experience

- Using RAP for 7 years
- Successful project at Port of Wilmington with 35% RAP
- Mill off roadway and re-use on roadway
- Acquired screens and crushing process
- Fractionate into 3 sizes
  - +  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}$ , and  $-\frac{1}{4}$
- 3 cold feed bins
- Tilman single drum

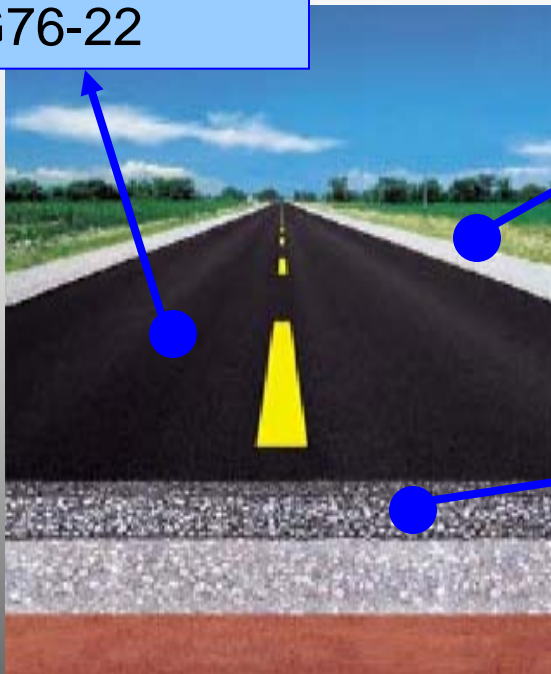
# Delaware I-95



## Mainline

SMA (No RAP)

PG76-22



• ~~Shoulder Mix~~ 200,000 vehicles/day  
30% RAP  
across 4 lanes  
PG64-28

• Superpave 8.5 mm  
• **ESALS: 3 million**  
Mainline right lane in @ 3 years

• Superpave Mixture  
Bituminous Concrete Base Course  
Design

Depth from surface: 50 mm

30% RAP  
• **PG 58-28 from Citgo**  
Superpave 19 mm

Paulsboro, NJ

# Initial Performance Test

## State Materials Office Results



- Asphalt Pavement Analyzer (APA)
  - Temperature 65° C (149° F) dry
- 19 mm base mix
  - Average Air Voids – 7.3 %
  - Average Rut Depth – 4.9 mm
- 9.5 mm shoulder mix
  - Average Air Voids – 7.3 %
  - Average Rut Depth – 7.1 mm

# Best Practices Learned

- Stockpile management
- Fractionation?
- Sample RAP sources regularly
- Plant processing
- Warm-mix technologies may facilitate high RAP
- Avoid production of mixtures at various temperatures - warm mix versus hot mix





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*Thank you! Questions?*