

PMPC Asphalt Task Group (TG+STG Chairs/Leads) Meeting Minutes

Date: March 3, 2021

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: Webex/Conference Call

Facilitator: Tom Pyle

Attendees: Scott Dmytrow, Pat Imhoff, Douglas Mason, Dennis McElroy, Jeremy Peterson-Self, Tom Pyle, Phil Reader, Ken Solak, Chu Wei, Kelly Lorah

Not in Attendance:

1. Introductions/Review Agenda
2. Review Past Action Items
 - a. Action Items from 02/03/21:
 2. Remove #6-#8 on the Asphalt Bin List and switch #3 and #4 – Kee – **Complete**
 4. Add Scott Dmytrow and Dennis McElroy to ATG meeting invites/materials and remove Tim Greutert from calendar invites – Kelly – **Complete**
 5. Update calendar invites from 3+2 to 3+4 – Kelly – **Complete**
 - b. Action Items from 01/05/21:
 1. Put together a GHG range for Hot Drops – Jackie/Phil – **Complete**
 - c. Action Items from 12/02/20:
 1. Provide official statement for the CalAPA newsletter about the change in RSS tack coats and when the change will occur – Tom/Ken – before the next ATG meeting – **Complete**
 - a. Notify industry through CalAPA about change in RSS for tack coats – Pat/Phil – **Complete**
 2. Request end of the year UCPRC update from Nick Burmas – Tom/Jeremy – 12/31/20 – **Scheduled for 03/18**
3. Introductory Urgent Issues
 - Quarterly meeting request to meet with UCPRC to update on STG deliverables and open research (Dennis)
 - a. Dennis – I would like to get updates quarterly from UCPRC to Industry and Caltrans on their related areas. UCPRC is not giving us information we need. We don't have a direct line of communication. ATG needs to be involved.
 - b. Tom – Most of the preservation work is done through Chico, but some is done through UCPRC. The ATG meetings are not in depth. Additional

meetings need to be set up to go more in depth. The STG is more than encouraged to set those meetings up.

- c. Dennis – If Allen were to request UCPRC updates, would he be supported?
- d. Tom – Yes.
- e. Phil – There may be funding issues, since UCPRC is under contract.
- f. Tom – There shouldn't be a problem, but we will look into it further.
- g. Jeremy – For the meeting on the 18th, this will be done at the ATG level. If there is to be follow-up, then we will contact the STGs.
- 2-year JMF and implementation of 2-year JMF (Phil)
 - a. Phil – It was communicated to me that a decision document is being put together. The language needs to be sent to OE by June/July for the October due date. We need to think about implementation. We need a CPD to tide us over until the October RSS.
 - b. Ken – So it would apply to any current/upcoming jobs?
 - c. Phil – Yes. We would use it on current projects to extend the JMF.
 - d. Ken – We can look into the implementation plan. We can have Kee/Tony adjust the decision document as needed, then a CPD can be created (in approximately April). When the decision document is done, we can determine when a JMF will be assigned based on the decision document. Do we need to rush this by sending it straight to Construction?
 - e. Phil – Yes, Industry really wants this.
 - f. Ken – I'll get the CPD proposal to Ray Tritt and see how fast we can get this through.
 - g. Tom – This is a win/win for Caltrans and Industry.
ACTION ITEM: Finalize the decision document including an implementation plan for 2-year JMF, create a CPD, pending October RSS – Phil/Ken/Kee/Tony/Pat
- IC and pilot projects (Phil)
ACTION ITEM: Find out how many pilot projects and when those jobs will be completed - Ken
- Tack Coats (Tom)
 - a. Tom – What do we do when we have a topic that we want to create a decision document? Last month, Brandon and Tim requested a decision document for Tack Coats. We need to make sure that we get clear and consistent guidance for recommendations as to what should be in these documents. Kee and Tony have recommended approval.
 - b. Phil – The Tack Coat was a Caltrans decision. We met internally and support the decision. Tony signed off. This is good for both parties. Any

- time there is a minor item, we can use decision documents to confirm our agreement. Is there implementation included?
- c. Tom – Not yet.
 - d. Phil – We should get that on there.
 - e. Jeremy – We also leave breadcrumbs for new ATG members. It's helpful for succession.
 - f. Tom – Please give Tony a heads up when you talk next.
4. Section 39 High RAP
 - a. Tom – Very little change. We need a pilot project. I've requested assistance from construction companies.
 5. Evaluate new HMA Pavement Smoothness
 - a. Ken – Everything is on schedule.
 6. RAS up to 3%
 - a. Tom – Very little change. We need a pilot project. I've requested assistance from construction companies.
 7. Section 37 Update
 - a. Tom – They have responded to all comments.
 - b. Scott – We didn't have any comments that impede our progress, so it's moving forward.
 8. PDR (CIR) FA & PDR (CIR) EA
 - a. Tom – This is almost completed.
 - b. Dennis – I would like to swap this with CCPR. We'd like to create a scoping document and get that started.
 - c. Kelly will remove this topic.
 9. Post Plant Gradation
 - a. Jeremy – NSSP send to spec owner for processing and will be sent to OE after his review. HQ Construction & Pavement groups are coordinating with the district for the pilot project. They have developed a fact sheet for the outreach. METS is working on the draft report to document the findings that we agree on so far as well as putting an implementation plan for the IA. A WG meeting will be scheduled in early April to go over the draft report with industry after they finish their internal review. If the industry has any suggestion about pilot projects that would be a good choice for PPG, please reach out the STG.
 10. RAP in RHMA-G
 - a. Jeremy – No update here. Still having trouble securing mixes.
 11. Review bin lists
 - a. Minor change to Recycling bin list to indicate CCPR is now going to have a scoping document created. Other numbers fixed.

b. ACTION ITEM: Send Jeremy information related to vacuum seal and core dry past projects – Phil

12. Roundtable / Review Action Items / Next Meeting

- a. Ken – As a result of the EC meeting action item, Caltrans will be moving forward with addressing the 1-hopper/2-hopper issue.
- b. Jeremy – There was a meeting that celebrated the use of plastic in a project. At the top of the organization, we're seeing more positive reinforcement of even failed activities; failing forward.

13. Feedback

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Action Items from 02/03/21:

1. Clarify/evaluate Section 39 and create short scoping documents for Section 39 Quality Characteristics and UCPRC Report on OGFC Mix Design – Kee/Tony
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3. Report SPF Projects that have been awarded on a quarterly basis – Ken – end of March (quarterly schedule)
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Action Items from 10/02/19:

1. Review and provide feedback on conflict escalation form – All ATG –
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