

## PMPC Asphalt Task Group (ATG Only) Meeting Minutes

**Date: June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Location: DOT Translab – OSM Room 514/Webex/Conference Call**

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Facilitator: Tim Greutert

Attendees: Tom Pyle, Tim Greutert, Blair Anderson, Tracy Zubek, Pat Imhoff, Kee Foo, Tony Limas, Cortney VanHook, Deepak Maskey

Not in Attendance: N/A

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### 1. Introductions/Review Agenda

- a. Tom – There have been issues where attendees on phone have not had an opportunity to speak up. Want to encourage phone attendees to feel free to speak up as needed
- b. Tony Limas and Kee Foo from the SPF working group were allowed to attend the first half of the meeting to discuss conflicts within the SPF working group.

### 2. Introductory Urgent Issues

#### a. SPF Issue

- i. Tim – Appreciate the 1 page document sent this morning detailing the issues. Need to have the details sooner so that ATG has time to review. In addition, want to make sure that these issues are moved through the STG prior to reaching the ATG
- ii. Tony – It is not an industry proposal to add HWT. This is a Caltrans proposal. Suggests Kee start by speaking to Caltrans position.
- iii. Kee – Two consecutive tests on non-pay factor item:
  1. Caltrans - Stop production, get fixed and move on.
  2. Industry – If there are passing tests after two failed consecutive then that should prove that the issue is fixed and should continue production. There should be no stop in production.
- iv. Tony – The frequency is dependent on the construction manual.
  1. Blair – Manual will need to be updated based on decisions based on this group?
  2. Tony - Need to understand that testing that is in the construction manual was not initially for QC/QA
- v. Tony – Industry's position is FHWA guidelines states engineer need to decide who does the QC testing. Why would engineer be

running tests on non quality related items? Doubling up on non pay factor testing is not per Industry standard. Caltrans should not be running these tests on non quality related tests. Caltrans would only focus on the five pay factor tests.

- vi. Pat – To follow up what Tony is saying, industry is focused on those five tests for production. No need to focus on the other tests.
- vii. Tim – All the characteristics that are important are tied into those five pay factor tests?
  - 1. Tracy – The other non pay factor tests are encapsulated in those five pay factor test results. If one of the other non pay factor tests fall out of specs then the main five pay factor tests will be affected and the issue will be caught.
- viii. Tracy - Why would Caltrans need to focus on the non quality tests?
  - 1. Tim - Seen mixes that are not making it because non quality tests are on the line or are out of tolerance of the JMF
- ix. Blair – Has the group looked at what other states are doing? Are other states only looking at these five tests?
- x. Tom – FHWA expectation is that the state will not accept tests that are not meeting the standards and that the state will only accept contractor quality control testing as long as quality assurance is done on top of it.
- xi. Tim – our quality assurance activities validate the contractor quality control. The states acceptance criteria is based on the pay factor tests.
- xii. Tony – Kee has brought information back from FHWA about what they want to do and Industry has no information on where that is coming from. Need to include industry partners on those discussions with FHWA.
- xiii. Tony – QC is a contractor function for both pay factor items and non pay factor items. If you are saying that verification needs to happen on QC tests then that is suggesting all tests.
  - 1. Tom – Not suggesting that all QC tests need to be verified
- xiv. Tom – Need to have document to clearly state Caltrans position and Industry position. Then if ATG doesn't come to an

agreement, ATG will add their comments and move to the next level.

1. Tony – agree, a more concise document needs to be created
  - xv. Blair – Why would we not want to bring together FHWA, Industry and Caltrans and work this out
    1. Tom – Not ready to bring FHWA as a national expert
  - xvi. Tony – In addition to the issue of doing the verification testing on top of QC testing, Caltrans is not testing every subplot. Two consecutive verification tests can be multiple sublots apart. FHWA – verification testing on non quality characteristic tests should not be used to cease production.
    1. Tom – We are not talking about subject to removal. It says demonstrate compliance.
  - xvii. Action – WG to go back and refine the position statements by both Industry and Caltrans and then resubmit to ATG.
3. Discuss ATG/EC meeting and planning for next joint meeting
- a. Tom – Sergio is constantly looking at dates. Sergio needs to speak to his sponsors. Prefers that when we do our updates that it is as if he is speaking to the sponsors. Dates are sometimes not reflected and up to date as to when they are presented to the sponsoring committee.
    - i. Need to determine a way to make sure Sergio has the most up to date status
4. Review of Work Products
- a. Statistical Pay Factors SD
    - i. Items #4 and #5 have been completed.
    - ii. Need to determine what “waiting for CT Construction management buy-in and implementation”
  - b. Section 39 RAP SD
    - i. Very close to completing literature review. Should have completed soon.
    - ii. Request by Industry to cancel meeting scheduled on 5/31/19
    - iii. Tom to meet Tony and Raghu to determine issue
  - c. Update Section 94 SD
    - i. Still waiting on comments back from mandatory stakeholders
    - ii. Doug still working on addressing comments. Tom will discuss with Doug on new due date for finalizing section 94
    - iii. Still no resolution on what will happen with Scott Dymtrow
  - d. CT 125 SD

- i. Current challenges with having a good product that everyone can meet around.
      - ii. Group needs to reorganize appendix B, Tim suggests that he may need to assist with moving this forward
      - iii. Need to get new dates for items #4, 5, and 6
      - iv. Tim – May need to stop working on appendix b and move forward with getting test out there in order to meet time constraints.
    - e. HWT for RHMA-G Mixes SD
      - i. HWT group finished the recommendation report and submitted to the ATG
      - ii. Final report was sent to the STG on 5/23 for their review by 5/31
      - iii. Final report was then forwarded to the ATG on 6/3
      - iv. PMPC SOP states that the final work product report has to be approved by the executive committee
    - f. Evaluate new HMA Pavement Smoothness SD
      - i. Blair – Group is not meeting. The groups should meet to discuss what they are doing. Suggests that Allen and Deborah meet to reconcile lists of active jobs
    - g. RAS Scoping Document
      - i. Group to review and provide comments on scoping document by end of week
      - ii. Scoping document was prepared as a duplicate to the RAP scoping document
      - iii. Hoping to have signatures in preparation by the next EC meeting on 6/20/19
  - 5. Review Bin List
    - a. Blair – We have a product completing soon. Are we expected to have another item off our bin list ready to go by the next EC meeting on 6/20/19 or can we use RAS for that
  - 6. Roundtable/Review Action Items/Next Meeting
  - 7. Feedback
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Action Items:

- 1. SPF - Refine position paper on Caltrans performing verification testing on QC non pay-factor tests – Kee/Tony – 6/12/19
- 2. SPF - Kee/Tony to explain what Caltrans construction management buy in is and what they are waiting for (4/26 update on monthly status) – Kee/Tony – 6/12/19

3. Section 94 – Need to obtain new date for item #4 – Tom – 6/7/19
4. CT 125 - Work with WG to update dates for #4, 5, 6 – Tim – 6/7/19
5. Provide comments on HWT final report – All ATG – 6/14/19
6. HWT – Revise date for submit changes to OE – Tim – 6/7/19
7. Provide comments on RAS scoping document – All ATG – 6/7/19

Action Items from 5/7/19:

8. Develop position papers for testing turn around issue to pass to ATG for review – SPF WPG – 5/10/19 - **Complete**
9. Forward SPF training schedule to ATG – Kee – 5/8/19 - **Complete**
10. Bring copies with “wet” signatures to obtain remaining signatures (RAP & Smoothness) – Tom – 5/16/19 - **Complete**