

## PMPC Asphalt Task Group (ATG + STG Chairs) Meeting Minutes

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

**Time: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

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

---

Facilitator: Tim Greutert

Attendees: Tom Pyle, Tim Greutert, Pat Imhoff, Kee Foo, Scott Dmtrow, Marco Estrada, Cortney VanHook

Not in Attendance: Blair Anderson, Tracy Zubek, Tony Limas, Raghubar Shrestha, Chu Wei, Allen King, Doug Mason

---

1. Introductions/Review Agenda
2. Review Past Action Items
  - a. Review DIME and provide comments
    - i. No comments received
    - ii. Tim working on putting together a feasibility study; additionally working on pushing all of the METS labs to utilize DIME on a regular basis
  - b. Review conflict escalation form
    - i. Tom – has been discussing with STG on how to avoid conflicts; hasn't had time to review conflict escalation form
      1. Need to ensure STG and working groups are rightfully staffed
    - ii. Tom - Needs to be clear as to what is written in the Standard operating Procedures (SOP)
    - iii. SOP states that Caltrans STG is supposed to resolve any issues dealing with specifications while keeping industry's concerns in consideration
    - iv. Cortney to resend out the form for review
  - c. Tom to check with John Harvey on status of test section with RHMA
    - i. Before this item (Bin list item #1) is to be worked on by ATG then need to received results from UCPRC testing. Approximately a year out.
  - d. Short scoping documents
    - i. STG reviewed post plant gradation scoping document. Kee Foo sent to Tom for distribution
    - ii. STG reviewed and developed scoping document for Section 37.

1. Pat - Update CRM to match section 39 but asphalt industry wants to change section 39 to match section 37
    - a. Scott – Section 37 and 39 to be consistent between each other. Whether section 37 matches 39 or vice versa.
    - b. Cortney to schedule a meeting between Pavement Preservation and ATG to discuss Section 94 and Section 37
  - e. One briquette vs three briquettes
    - i. Tom - Discussion needs to happen between METS and Pavement
    - ii. Tim - Would be an increase in workload. Need to discuss resources that would be needed
      1. Kee – New specs would require verification testing 1 for every 5 contractor testing
    - iii. Work product group to identify 5 projects statewide for evaluation.
  - f. Have NSSP ready to give to districts to start incorporating into projects by next meeting
3. Introductory Urgent Issues
    - a. Tom – Would like to have a follow up meeting to discuss membership of STG and working groups
      - i. Currently working on backfilling pavement preservation chair
      - ii. Tom to schedule meeting for discussion
      - iii. Tim - A Caltrans person from the STG should be leading the working group and should be the only duplication between the groups.
        1. Scott – would assume that there would also be that duplication on the Industry side to move that message along
    - b. SPF Conflict
      - i. Caltrans will continue to run non pay factor tests as they see risks as appropriate.
      - ii. EC decision should be distributed next week
      - iii. HWT testing will be performed off a risk based assessment
    - c. Al Vasquez retired 10/31/19; Dan Speer stated he would retire on 12/17/19. Will be some executive changes
    - d. Working on centralizing IA requests within METS. Should be rolled out by the end of this year.
  4. Review of Work Products

- a. Statistical Pay Factors
    - i. Discussed under action items and urgent issues
  - b. RAP up to 40%
    - i. Will have draft RAP spec by the end of this year
  - c. Update Section 94
    - i. Pavement Preservation STG and ATG to sit down and discuss Section 94 changes
  - d. CT 125
  - e. HWT for RHMA-G Mixes
  - f. Evaluate new HMA Pavement Smoothness
    - i. Tom – when PMPC was originally developed; was supposed to develop projects that would move fairly quickly.
      - 1. Propose evaluation gets separated to a different committee
      - 2. Tim – agrees; however in the past we have struggled with the continuity over the years so propose we set up some type of data evaluation plan to be followed
  - g. RAS Work Product
    - i. RAS has moved to be number one over RAP because of it's political nature
    - ii. Draft RAS spec by 11/15/19
5. Review Bin List
  6. Roundtable/Review Action Items/Next Meeting
  7. Feedback
- 

Action Items:

1. Schedule meeting between Pavement Preservation STG and ATG to discuss Section 94 changes – Cortney – 11/25/19
2. Provide list of 5 projects that can be used for pilots in the SPF. Ideal projects start spring of 2020 and complete by end of 2020 (20 – 50k tons). Confirm funding from PM on project list (5% increase supplemental fund for HMA pay factor) – Tom/Kee – 11/20/19

Action Items from 10/2/19:

1. Review DIME and provide comments for improvements to functionality – All ATG – 10/18/19 - **Complete**
2. Review and provide feedback on conflict escalation form – All ATG – 10/11/19

3. Follow up with: Tom to check with John Harvey on status of test section with RHMA and RAP – Tom – 10/11/19 - **Complete**
4. Develop short scoping documents for submission to EC on: Post Plant Gradation (Kee Foo), Section 37 (Doug Mason), TBD – Tom – 10/30/19

Action Items from 9/4/19:

1. Invite UCPRC to give update on current status of research efforts (separate meeting; Dec/Jan) – Tim – 10/2/19

Action Items from 8/13/19:

1. Develop draft section 37 scoping document for submission to ATG – Tom – 9/15/19 – **Complete**
2. Include an assessment of the one briquette vs 3 briquettes testing for air voids in the SPF data evaluation plan – Tom/Kee – 10/30/19 – **Complete**

Action Items from 7/3/19:

1. The ATG would like the STG/WPG to proceed with the SPF specification as an NSSP to be used on 5-20 projects and articulate their plan to do this in writing. The WPG will develop a list of proposed projects based on ability to deliver. – SPF WPG – 8/12/19 – **Complete**
2. Develop powerpoint presentation demonstrating capabilities of DIME as it relates to SPF – Tim – 8/20/19 - **Complete**