

PMPC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 25, 2019

Time: 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Location: Quad-2, 5900 Folsom Blvd, Sacramento

Facilitator: Sergio Aceves

Attendees: Dan Speer, Ray Hopkins, Charlie Rea, Russ Snyder, Deepak Maskey

Meeting started with agenda review, and the followings were discussed:

1. Action Items from 2/25/2019 EC meeting:
 - I. All action items have been accomplished.
 - II. EC members agreed to keep unified bin list with priority, and priority could be changed depending on the importance and availability of resources.
 - III. Under ATG, the scoping document for use of reclaimed asphalt shingles (RAS) in HMA will be developed.
2. ATG Monthly Status Reports:
 - I. EC members reviewed ATG Monthly Status reports of Work Products and found all the projects on schedule.
 - II. EC members suggested to clean up milestone due dates for WP "Hamburg Wheel Track Test for RHMA-G Mixes."
3. New Scoping Document:
 - I. EC members agree to sign revised scoping document "CT 523 Method of Test for Flexural Strength of Concrete" provided delivery due dates are revised and consistency maintained.
4. Test Turnaround Time Issue:
 - I. Caltrans HQ-Construction has not received any issue pertaining to the test turnaround time.
5. Reschedule EC Meeting:
 - I. EC members discussed on the impacts of rescheduling meetings particularly for quarterly meetings with CTG and ATG as members may have other scheduled commitments and difficult to rebook rooms and rearrange travelling.
 - II. EC members committed to attend scheduled meetings, and not to practice substituting which affects continuity of meetings.
 - III. EC members made decision not to reschedule meeting as far as following EC members are present:
 - a. Minimum 2 members from Caltrans, and
 - b. Minimum 1 member from Industry
6. Open Discussion:
 - I. Russ Snyder shared following information:
 - a. An asphalt industry-only meeting was held on March 14, 2019, that included many who participate in PMPC activities. Overall, the meeting was productive and there was a good discussion about how industry representatives achieve industry consensus on technical matters, how industry communicate to a broader group of interested parties to ensure industry is seeking their input and incorporating their suggestions.
 - b. Industry strongly supported the notion of working within the PMPC process to identify and resolve technical issues, and to discourage those who circumvent the process by going to favored legislators or others. This position was also adopted at the recent CalAPA Board of Directors meeting held on March 12, 2019.
 - c. The asphalt industry participants expressed interest and proposing adding an additional representative to the PMPC Executive Committee. There was a lengthy discussion about this, the pros and cons. EC members expressed reservations about the idea but said that under the current PMPC process a written proposal should be developed and elevated by the ATG to the EC for consideration.

- d. Russ Snyder expressed interest in stepping aside from PMPC activities and handing the baton to Brandon Milar, who has both executive management experience and is a materials engineer. The industry group was supportive of this idea. EC members agreed and decided to invite Brandon Milar.
 - e. CalAPA held annual state Capitol “Fly-in” last week, had meetings with legislators, and reported the progress CalAPA have made in resolving issues in the PMPC. Assemblyman Jim Frazier, chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee, was particularly interested and asked to keep him updated on CalAPA’s progress.
 - f. CalAPA has nominated Caltrans for a California Transportation Foundation award for the Joint Training & Certification Program. It is a strong application and hoping the department earns the recognition in this area.
- II. EC members discussed on the meeting invitation list from Steve Takigawa and recommended to include once in a year and not in every quarterly meeting.
 - III. EC members suggested to involve FHWA from the beginning in development of specifications which will smoothen the process to get concurrence from FHWA, a mandatory stakeholder. Caltrans Construction shares PMPC in quarterly partnering meetings with FHWA.
 - IV. Re smoothness, reviewed why a CPD on change orders was not developed for concrete as it was for asphalt. The basic reason is because one was not needed; there were more issues with asphalt that needed to be addressed through a CPD. However, a CPD will be developed for concrete, too. The issue with concrete pavement smoothness is not having disincentives which has created difficulty in developing CPD. Industry representatives reiterated that industry is pleased with the collaboration that took place on the smoothness issue, as well as the final outcome, and that Caltrans deserves some sort of industry recognition in this regard.
 - V. Russ Snyder informed that Asphalt Industry is surveying for prioritizing ATG bin list.
 - VI. The current FHWA representative to Caltrans will be replaced by a new representative on April 1, 2019.
7. Action Items:
- I. Clean up milestone delivery due dates for WP “Hamburg Wheel Track Test for RHMA-G Mixes” (Sergio Aceves).
 - II. Make decision on meeting invitation list from Steve Takigawa, either include in annual meeting or every quarterly meeting (Sergio Aceves will talk to Steve Takigawa/Karla Sutliff).
 - III. Invite Brandon Milar to next EC meeting (Deepak Maskey).