

## **D3 Asphalt Contractors Meeting**

**Tue, Apr 1, 2025**

### **Quality Control Roadway Report Training Overview**

Matt Cook and Rich Hewitt outlined the plans for Quality Control Roadway report training, which will take place in multiple districts starting May 12<sup>th</sup> in D1/7. D3 training classes will be offered June 3 and 4, 2025. The training aims to provide practical experience with the roadway report, focusing on data entry, pay items, and common issues. Limited seating will be available, and registration details will be communicated via email. There will be courses at various times and dates to accommodate day and night shifts, as well as FDOT and contracting staffs.

\* Upcoming training sessions for the Quality Control Roadway report.

### **Discussion on Turn Lane Length Measurement and Density Testing**

Hays brought up a topic on turn lane lengths and density testing. He shared a diagram with a couple examples and clarified that if a turn lane pull is 500 feet or more from the end of a taper/beginning of full width to the end of the pull, density testing will be required as is standard. If the 500' pull extends past the stop bar, density testing will still be standard; however, no cores will be taken after the stop bar and those that randomly fall after the bar will be moved.

### **Inverse Condemnation Lawsuits and Property Access Concerns**

D3-HQ highlighted a trend of inverse condemnation lawsuits arising from contractors parking on private properties, with multiple cases reported in the Pensacola and Tallahassee areas. Contractors are urged to secure written permission from property owners to mitigate risks, as issues often arise long after the job is completed.

### **Discussion on Pre-Pavement Meeting Agendas and Spec Changes**

Kevin initiated a discussion about the pre-pave meeting, acknowledging the help received from the contractors. Rich proposed that discussing recent specification changes during these meetings could improve communication, suggesting that such topics could be included in the agenda if they are definite changes.

## **Upcoming Events and Safety Innovations**

Amy Miller highlighted the July 24<sup>th</sup> Flexible Pavement Committee Meeting that will be held at the Turnpikes HQ – Turkey Lake Facility and the ACAF summer convention in Bonita Springs from June 19th-21st. A focus was placed on the SWIFTT event, happening on June 19th, which encourages companies to present innovative safety products for potential specification in DOT projects.

## **Discussion on Specifications and Material Availability**

Rich highlighted the need for strict adherence to specifications related to density testing and rolling patterns, questioning the necessity of certain language in the specifications. Participants, including Darren Phillips, reported that material availability has improved, with no recent issues in sourcing aggregates. The discussion also touched on the importance of keeping updated on material and construction changes.

## **CTQP Training and Certification Challenges**

The group addressed the challenges of managing CTQP training and certification renewals, noting that many classes fill up quickly, making it hard to schedule in advance. There was a suggestion for a reminder system to help track certification statuses, as well as a need for a centralized database to monitor individual qualifications. Participants also discussed the importance of having administrative support to manage these certifications effectively.

## **Discussion on Fall Meeting and Certifications**

Greg Sholar addressed the scheduling of the fall meeting, considering the impact of snow days and recent weather anomalies. He expressed appreciation for the strong relationships with asphalt contractors, especially during snow events, and acknowledged the progress in completing construction jobs on time.

## **Separate Certification Course in Florida**

David with ACAF mentioned an upcoming Airfield Asphalt Lab Tech Certification taught by the National Center for Asphalt Technology which will be held in Orlando, emphasizing its

relevance for FAA and military airbase work. The course will be held on April 22-25<sup>th</sup> and is open to ACAF members and non-members. See the ACAF website for details.