

D3 Asphalt Contractors Meeting Notes

Thurs, Oct 2, 2025

General Updates and Meeting Format

Kerrie Harrell opened the meeting and welcome meeting attendees. Contractors were encouraged to reach out to District 3 directly for any specification concerns or clarifications. Jason Peters reported that District 3 currently has \$2B in active contracts, the highest level to date.

CTQP Training and Spec Refreshers

Hays Griffin raised concerns about outdated CTQP specifications and suggested a half-day spec refresher course. Jonathon Upfold noted many specifications are multiple years old. Gene Strickland proposed ACAF could run CTQP spec refresher courses in the future to allow participants to earn PDHs without retesting for their CTQP certifications. Tracey Boggs highlighted that concrete certifications are nationally recognized, whereas asphalt certifications are FL DOT only. Rich Hewitt suggested teaching testing methods and MAC entry and to address pavement performance issues. Kerrie Harrell mentioned that easy changes would soon be shared with Tim Lattner as ideas for improvement to the certification program.

*District 3 will compile feedback on CTQP updates and provide suggestions to all stakeholders.

Supply Chain and Plan Review

Hays Griffin asked about supply chain issues; the group reported that materials availability has been consistent with no problems. Mike Long noted concerns with designs including unconstructable pavements. Rich Hewitt encouraged sending those concerns to him and discussed the upcoming Design Constructability trainings across the state, aimed at addressing similar issues with multiple FDOT and consulting engineers. Gene Strickland and Hays Griffin discussed multiple milling depths in typical sections, noting this is often a cost-saving measure. Contractors were encouraged to submit bid questions on milling depths, as these questions frequently arise.

RSE Tolerance and Correction Questions

Tracey Boggs mentioned RSE structural deficiencies and suggested expanding tolerances on a case-by-case basis, with friction improvements as a potential solution.

Aggregate and Other Considerations

David Allain stated that FC-7 will be included in the July 2026 Standard Specifications. Greg Sholar clarified that FC-5 will remain for limited access roads, while other swaps to FC-7 are at the discretion of each district, with minor pay factor adjustments. Pilot projects have already started. Gene Strickland and Bryan Turner raised concerns about potential choke points with #89 stone. Contractors indicated a preference for FC-12.5 over FC-9.5 for dense mixes due to better rutting performance, while FC-9.5 is smoother. Hays Griffin discussed geosynthetic mats on milled surfaces, with contractors agreeing that polymer binder should be used instead of emulsion to prevent material pickup.

*ACAF will survey aggregate suppliers statewide to identify potential choke points with FC-7 implementation in July 2027.