Flexible Pavement Committee Meeting 2023

State of Pavement Construction

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Additional Asphalt

- July 2022 Workbook Changes
 - Base Elevation Checks
 - Base Cross Slope Requirement
 - Curb & Gutter Cross Slope Requirement
 - Asphalt Quantity Paid Up to 110% of Adjusted Plan Quantity
- FY 2023-24 Workbook Change
 - Made Spreadrate Tolerances Consistent with July 2022 Pay Quantity Tolerances



Tack Coverage

- Seeing Much Better Coverage with the New, Increased, & Simplified, Tack Rates
- Full Coverage Much More Common
- Please Ensure Full Coverage it is Vital to Pavement Performance



Milled Surface Cleanliness

- Best Tack Materials, Best Tack Spread Rate, & Best Tack Coverage Accomplish Little, if Milling Dust Remains
- Milling Dust = Poor Bond = Slippage
- Some Slippage Issues

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• Not Widespread, But Has Occurred

Minimizing Remove & Replace

Especially with Current Challenges

- Materials Supply, Trucking, etc.
- July 2022 Straightedge Specs
 - Allow More Non-R&R Correction Methods
- For Smoothness Issues (RN & IRI)
 - Have District Pavement Materials Staff Ride Project
- Consider Leave in Place Option

Minimizing Remove & Replace

- However, Will Still Be Some R&R
- Typically, for Issues Detrimental to Pavement Performance/Life
 - Poor Ride/Smoothness
 - Segregation & Other Surface Issues
 - Significant Materials Failures
 - etc.



No Pay?

- If Material is Outside Acceptance Criteria, But Expected to Perform Well or Reasonably Well
 - We Derive Value From It, <u>Some</u> Level of Pay is Appropriate
- If Material So Bad, Not Expected to Last Long (i.e. Worthless)
 - Why Is It Being Left in Place?
- Key Factors in Determining Pay Reduction
 - Proximity to Acceptance Criteria (Target +/- Tolerance)
 - Anticipated Pavement Performance/Life
 - Likelihood of Premature Performance Issue/Failure

Pavement Smoothness

- LA & Non-LA IRI Smoothness Specs
 - Incentivizing Paving Smoother &
 - Disincentivizing Paving Rougher
- Overall, Still Paving Very Smooth
- Keep Up the Outstanding Work!
- Pilot Non-LA Smoothness Specs
 - 3 Projects Completed So Far
 - All Achieved Incentives

2021 – Limited Access IRI Project Overview

- 9 Projects
 - Lowest Average Project IRI = 25
 - Highest Average Project IRI = 55
 - (Average) Average Project IRI = 42
- 6 Projects Received Incentive
 - Average Incentive/Disincentive = \$793 per lane mile
 - Highest Incentive = \$2,515 per lane mile
 - Greatest Disincentive = -\$674 per lane mile
- 2 Project Received 3% Consistency Bonus
 - All LOTs \leq 55 in/mile

2022 – Limited Access IRI Project Overview

- 18 Projects
 - Lowest Average Project IRI = 31
 - Highest Average Project IRI = 66
 - (Average) Average Project IRI = 43
- 14 Projects Received Incentive
 - Average Incentive/Disincentive = \$575 per lane mile
 - Highest Incentive = \$2,187 per lane mile
 - Greatest Disincentive = -\$2,344 per lane mile
- No Project Received 3% Consistency Bonus
 - All LOTs ≤ 55

<u>Non-Limited</u> Access IRI Smoothness Pilot Projects

- 30 Projects Planned Statewide
- 5 Smoothness Classes
 - Appropriate IRI Values, Incentives & Disincentives
- 4 Projects Completed So Far
 - Average Incentive/Disincentive = \$1,711 per lane mile

<u>Non-Limited</u> Access IRI Smoothness Pilot Projects Tested

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3	44290615201	5	400	P & S Paving	38	26	54	\$11,614	6.23	\$1,864	
3	44381515201	5	40	Halifax Paving	38	24	66	\$45,970	24.50	\$1,877	
4	44609715201	4	710	J. W. Cheatham	59	44	85	\$4,823	5.08	\$950	

New QCRR on Forms Office Website

- Handles Projects with 105% & <u>110%</u> Pay Quantity Maximum
 - <u>"Letting Date"</u> Entry in "Project Information" Window, Determines 105% vs 110%
 - 110% July 1, 2022 & After
 - 105% Before July 1. 2022
 - New QCRR Requires "Letting Date" to Access "Pay Quantities" Sheet
 - Older versions limit ay Adjustments to
 - Lowest value for project type
 - ENTER THE LETTING DATE

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QCRR Training

- Starting to Provide QCRR Training Around the State
 - Tried initial test run in D3 with a larger class Tuesday in D6
- For CEI's, FDOT, & Contractors
- Will offer more classes around the State
- Next Class will likely be at Turnpike Turkey Lake Office

QCRR Training

- Primarily for PA's PM's, & CSS's
- Importing QCRR file into a Blank QCRR form
- Exporting QCRR data to a separate Spreadsheet
- Review Pay Quantity Sheet (and the Pay Quantity Adjustments)
- Review some of the many Automated Reports available within the QCRR
 - Project Tons by date and Intended Use/Pay Item
 - Tons by Mix Design, Tons by Date

New VT Roadway Report (VTRR)

- Piloting New Version of VTRR in D2 Same Format as QCRR
- One Excel File for Entire Project
 - Existing VT Form Requires at least One File/Day

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New Ideas, Methods, & Technologies





Longitudinal Grooving

- Improves Friction & Reduces Hydroplaning
 - 35% Increase in Friction Numbers on I-95 Concrete Grooving Project
- Reduces Wet Weather Crashes
- Target Zero



Longitudinal Grooving - Pavement Friction Improvement

- Pre-Grooving Friction Numbers Mostly 30's
- Post-Grooving Friction Numbers Now 40's & 50's!
- 35% Increase in Friction



Longitudinal Grooving - Ribbed Tire vs Smooth Tire Friction

- Similar Results (Ribbed Tire vs Smooth Tire Friction)
 - Indicates Good Macro Texture & Hydroplaning Resistance



Longitudinal Grooving - Macrotexture

- Longitudinal Grooving Significantly Increased Macrotexture
 - Almost Doubled In Most Cases
- Indicates Good Hydroplaning Resistance



Longitudinal Grooving

- Traditionally Used on Concrete Pavement
- Other States Have Longitudinally Grooved Asphalt
 - Missouri, NY, Ohio
 - Reduced Crash Rates
 - Especially Wet Weather Crashes
- Florida???
 - Transverse Grooving on Florida Airport Runways & Taxiways
 - Photo of Orlando International Airport Runway



Longitudinal Grooving of Asphalt - Possible Uses

- Groove Dense-Graded Asphalt to Reduce High Wet Weather Crash Rates
 - Increase Friction & Hydroplaning Resistance
- Potential Option Instead of FC-5?
 - FC-5 Life About 5 to 7 Years Less Than Dense-Graded FC
 - Pave Dense-Graded FC & Groove Longitudinally
 - Use on Projects Where FC-5 Ravels/Likely to Ravel Prior to End of Design Life
 - We've had FC-5 projects ravel within a year after construction (Krome Ave)
- Longitudinal Grooving Dense-Graded FC Could Provide Hydroplaning Reduction Without Loss of Pavement Life Seen with OGFC
 - With OGFC We Trade Durability to Gain Permeability, but do we need to?

Paving-Related Technologies

- Keep Evaluating Technologies That Improve Asphalt Pavement Quality
- "Use For Good, Not Evil"
 - Reduce Coring & EAR/Delineation Testing
 - Reduce/Eliminate Removal & Replacement
 - Roller Coverage Mapping
 - Continuous Mix Temperature at Auger
 - Thermal Profiling of Mat Immediately After Paving
 - Mat Temperature During Compaction
 - More Exact Material Placement Locations
 - Partially/Fully Automated Construction Data Collection Cross Slopes, Spread Rates, etc.

OnStation

- Construction Inspection & Location Application
- Upload Design Files
- Using Phone's GPS & Design File info, app places you on the alignment and Aerials
- Provides Real-Time Location Info
 - Station & Offset, Mile Post, GPS



OnStation

• Add Photos - Location, Date, & Time Stamped



OnStation

- View Design Features on the Aerials
- View Plan Sheets



OnStation - Paving Forms

- I suggested they create Paving Forms
 - like Cross Slope & Straightedge
- Cross Slope Form Created
 - Piloting in D2 with Anderson Columbia
- Meet next week to work on Straightedge Form
 - Also Suggested Automated Upload to MAC



Paving Info from Paving Equipment

- Future Plans of Collecting Data from Miller, Paver, Rollers to provide cross slopes, spread rates
- Automate QC Inspection & Data Collection
- Provide QC &VT Real-Time Info During the Milling, Paving, & Compaction Operations
- Started Discussing with Roger Croft of Dobbs Equipment & Some Contractors

Thank You!!!

- Anderson Columbia, Ajax Paving, CWR, Halley Engineering Contractors, General Asphalt for providing Asphalt Plant & Lab Tours for FDOT's Construction Academy & District Construction Offices
- Contractors & ACAF Spec Committee for Specification Discussions, Suggestions, & Working to Improve Construction Specifications
 - 110% Pay Quantity Max
 - Simplified Tack Rates
 - Additional Non-Remove & Replace Straightedge Correction Methods

Questions?

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