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Specifications Committee Meeting Agenda

July 28th, 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm, Ranger Construction Office: 1200 Elboc Way
Winter Garden, FL 34787

1. **Call to Order**
    - Recognition of Anti-Trust and Conflict of Interest Policies – Chair McReynolds All attendees signed the signin sheet and agreed to follow the Anti-Trust and Conflict of Interest Policies.
2. **General Information Updates**
    - Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – Chair McReynolds No comments from committee. Allain noted his travels and presentation at engineering firms, FACERS, University ASCE General Body Meetings.
    - District Contractors Meeting - Asphalt Producers & Paving Contractors - Tech Dir
        i. Highlight specific results from recent meetings Items included pavement marking removal, binder testing and results.
3. **Specifications Committee Introductions**
    - In attendance: Jeremy Black, Richard Fort, Julio Leganoa, Steve McReynolds, Joe Meier, Jonathan Andrade. Guest – Trey Jordan. Staff Liaison – David Allain
4. **Task Group Updates**
5. **Review of FDOT Specification Changes and Proposed Changes for 26/27 & 27/28**
    - Chair McReynolds mention active FY26/27 Specifications. No comments
    - Technical Director Allain to update on 27/28 proposed specifications. Julio L. asked if ACAF and Spec Comm would look at updating the LAP spec alongside FDOT. It was expressed during the added binder sampling frequency spec being considered for the 27/28 year that variability can be an issue in terms of sampling methods, placement of material on the silicone mold, cleaning equipment prior to use, etc. Concerns over the testing are expressed during this discussion on the knowledge on the process of recovery. Additionally, expressed concern on the comparison of QC and IV samples was stated. When the contractors' results fall within the allowed limits, the DOTs samples fall outside the allowed limits, but the samples both compare, we are expected to have a failing sample.
6. **Current Industry Challenges**
    - Discussion of key issues facing our industry.
        i. HMA base for concrete pavement, concern for density as acceptance. Not discussed
        ii. Incentive/Disincentive Smoothness Classifications – Determination for upcoming project letting. – *See Appendix **A*** Steve M. shared his concern with projects using classification from the post construction IRI that could be a decade or more old. What if utility patches or other distresses occurred during the life of the pavement. ACAF to bring this up at the FPCM the following day.
        iii. Asphalt Binder Research Proposal & Problem Statement Review – Attached Documents Discussed heavily. Committee comments on the

draft proposal and problem statement and agree that we should move forward with the research proposal idea but through a task group.

iv. FDOT Pavement Design Manual Verbiage on PG 67-22 binder – *See Appendix **B*** Committee agreed that there need to be clarification on this section, either referencing the specification, or just clarified to express that PG 67-22 is not the standard binder for use in Florida, but the typical grade Florida roads would need not including RAP. ACAF will revisit and submit clarification verbiage to Spec Comm and ask for feedback.

v. SWIFTT Challenge Product Implementation Status Not discussed

vi. FDOT Mix Design Verification Status No comments from the committee

vii. Mix Temperature Master Range Tolerance. Table 320-2 Not Discussed

- Open Forum David A asked the committee to provide ideas for Expo presentations or other presentation topics that they would like to see. Topics included: Achieving smoothness, Binders (specifically PMA), VT Testing (Plant/Roadway and how to best perform tests), Plant Maintenance (Best Practices), Variability of test results and their effects, Smoothness/Binders, and Safety.

7. Task Force/Working Groups Formation

- Propose any new task groups to address specific topics Committee voted (Steve Motion, Julio seconded, and the committee unanimously approved) to form the Task Group focused on addressing the asphalt binder testing and failures occurring often in Florida. The group would be comprised of engineers and other binder knowledgeable individuals from the industry and Asphalt Institute and would work on a research proposal to submit to the FDOT by the end of the calendar year. This task group will be submitted to the BOD for consideration to be formed. Pending task group members: Tim Carter – Chair, Trey Jordan (PMI), Tanya Nash (ATS), Alfredo Castro (Ajax), Wes Cooper (AI), David Allain (ACAF – Liaison)

8. Planning Scheduling of Next Meeting

- Set date, time, and location of the next meeting.
  i. 2026 Florida Asphalt Expo. Committee agreed that Monday prior to the Expo would be preferred. If conflicting with the golf tournament, schedule it virtual the week prior.
  ii. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair at Next Meeting David A noted that a vote will be made on Chair and Vice Chair at the next meeting. Please submit your name if you would like to be considered.

9. Adjournment Adjourned at 4:00PM