

Minutes
MAPA/MoDOT QUARTERLY MEETING
February 5, 2013
1:00 – 3:00 P.M.
1617 Missouri Blvd.
MoDOT Central Lab

The quarterly meeting of the Missouri Asphalt Pavement Association (MAPA) and Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) was held Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at the MoDOT Central Laboratory in Jefferson City, MO. A list of those attending is attached. Dave Ahlvers called the meeting to order followed by introductions.

1. Missouri On the Move

Dave Ahlvers described the initiative which involves listening posts for public input and efforts to get transportation system funding. Dale Williams informed the group of a press conference attended earlier in the day in which Senator Mike Kehoe announced introduction of legislation for a sales tax dedicated to highways. Additional information may be found at missourionthemove.org

2. Liquidated Damages team update

Natalie Roark explained the new specification for liquidated damages. Liquidated damages will now have administrative and road user cost components, which will be assessed separately.

3. Ideas for more incentive/disincentive on overlay projects

Dave asked that anyone send Natalie or him suggestions for incentives on the overlay projects in order to reduce the number going into liquidated damages. An example offered was having a bonus if a project is completed by a certain date even though additional time remains on the contract.

4. Ideas for improving timely submittal of final project documents for close-out

Dave also asked for ideas that would enable MoDOT to receive the final documents quicker after completion of the work. The crux of the problem is that MoDOT has millions of dollars that have been paid to the contractors but cannot get Federal reimbursement until the paperwork for close-out has been received.

5. MAPA/MoDOT Regional Quality Management Training

Dale said the industry just wants to make sure the expectations of Quality Management are conveyed during the training sessions. Tim Schulte suggested that the training needs to be consistent statewide by possibly including everyone at the same time or at least in the same location. Dave commented that it might not be practical to do that but efforts would be made to keep the training consistent from region to region.

6. Temporary striping on CLC projects

Dave began the discussion by stating that we have to do something different in the way temporary striping is being handled for the contract leveling course (CLC) projects. Discussion centered on safety of workers removing temporary tabs after placement of permanent striping, environmental and safety issues with leaving the tabs in place and the number of striping companies going out of business creating scheduling problems. Dennis Brucks showed examples of the Type I and II tabs and discussed associated problems with their use. Striping quality specifications and enforcement were included in the discussion.

7. Chip Seals – Gr. A aggregates, precoating aggregates

Contractors expressed concerns over inconsistency of aggregate quality requirements and gradations in the JSP's for seal coat projects especially on projects within the same contract. Natalie explained that part of that goes back to an effort to allow the districts to customize the seal coat to the project. Dave said MoDOT would get together a team to have another look at this and pull in industry for a look at the whole seal coat specification.

Action Item: MoDOT discuss seal coat specification requirements and form team with industry.

8. Report from technical work group

The statewide bituminous quality circle, a technical subgroup, met in the morning prior to the cooperative meeting. The major topics of discussion were:

Vicki Woods, Physical Lab director, asked for help in reviewing a draft of the Quality Management, Inspection and Testing Plan (ITP) for Sec 400. A sub-team was put together for this review.

Sub-team updates were given for temperatures and mat density. The temperature sub-team had not made any conclusions but found cutoff dates to be unacceptable and discussed possible change in mixture requirements for cooler weather paving. The mat density sub-team didn't have a consensus on any items other than taking a look at tack coats.

Specification revisions upcoming proposed increase to the rate of tack required with no dilution allowed, the AASHTO T 166 option of paraffin-coated specimens will be disallowed and a draft JSP for permeability testing of CLC projects was introduced. The latter stirred the waters for further discussion.

9. Items for next meeting

*Mike McGee would like to discuss bidding disparities in Tack Coat.
Look at Life Cycle Cost Analysis – PCCP vs. Asphalt*

Next meeting – Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 201 at the Central Laboratory located at 1617 Missouri Blvd., Jefferson City.