

## PMPC Asphalt Task Group (TG 3+4) Meeting Minutes

Date: October 5, 2021

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: Webex

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Facilitator: Ken Solak

Attendees: Scott Dmytrow, Pat Imhoff, Douglas Mason, Sarah Hartz (acting for Jacquelyn Wong), Allen King (acting for Tom Pyle), Phil Reader, Ken Solak, Kelly Lorah

Not in Attendance: Dennis McElroy, Chu Wei

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1. Introductions/Review Agenda
2. Review Past Action Items (see action items at the bottom of the minutes)
3. Introductory Urgent/Emerging Issues
  - Action Item Handling
    - a. TG 3+4 action items will be discussed at TG 3+4 meetings and same is true for STG+TG Chairs/Leads meetings.
  - Central Region Penalties (Phil)
    - a. Ken – We're working to get the SPF turn around time to 1-3 days.
    - b. Phil – An industry producer provided asphalt for a temporary bypass and they were out of binder content on the spec and were penalized (remove and replace or percent back). It seems to be centered around asphalt rubber. There may be a testing issue in Districts 5 & 6. We may want to open the spec a little to allow for standard deviation.
    - c. Ken – Ray is starting a Materials Board to discuss Caltrans deductions including the temporary placement issues. They do know the concern and are discussing it.
4. Asphalt Subtask Group Work Products
  - A. Use RAP up to 40% in HMA
    - a. Allen – We're looking for projects.
    - b. Ken – Construction recently had another meeting to plug pilot projects.
    - c. Phil – It would cost a contractor an additional \$300k to change order to a pilot project.
    - d. Allen – We don't have money for this fiscal year to supplement projects. This might be a challenge. This year, we did not get the \$8 million for this fiscal year for pilot project supplementation.
  - B. RAS up to 3%
    - a. See A.
  - C. Post Plant Gradation

- a. See A.
- D. 10% RAP in RHMA-G
  - a. See A.
- 5. Pavement Preservation Subtask Group Work Products
  - A. Section 37 Update
    - a. Scott – It is under stakeholder review.
  - B. 2021 Section 37 Fog Seals Update
    - a. Kelly – We're still waiting on 1 ATG signature.
- 6. In-Place Recycling Subtask Group Work Products
  - A. Write nSSPs and Pilot CCPR on Caltrans Projects
    - a. Sarah – We have the nSSPs sent out to the WG for review. We will review comments on the 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be a wider review by stakeholders. The CTM will be developed. After this is done, we will reach out for pilot projects.
  - B. Test for FDR-C and Update Specification for UCS and Terminology
    - a. Kelly – This is being held by Tim due to METS resourcing (missing expertise) and wants to wait a couple of METS.
  - C. Explore PDR as Surface Wearing Course
    - a. Kelly – There is no METS person assigned to the WG, so I anticipate this will be rejected by Tim. We will go ahead and route normally.
- 7. EC Updates for ATG
  - a. Doug – Tim wanted to know if there are any comments on the Winter Workshop by Thursday.
  - b. Phil – Will this be virtual or in person?
  - c. Doug – Virtual.
- 8. Review bin lists
  - a. Phil – We can have impromptu bin list reviews if necessary.
- 9. Roundtable / Review Action Items / Next Meeting
  - a. Phil – Last year, we did the meetings earlier in the day. This year, we're doing the afternoon. Could we move it back to the mornings?
    - ATG – No.
- 10. Feedback

**Action Items from TG 3+4 on 10/05/21:**

- 1. Remove bin lists from TG 3+4 agendas and keep for TG+STG meetings - Kelly

**Action Items from TG 3+4 on 09/01/21:**

1. Schedule meeting for CTG & ATG in early December for SOP update (5 hours) – Kelly
  - Decision Document Guidance
  - Conflict Escalation Process
  - Pilot Project Tracker
  - Final Report ask for Scoping Documents
  - Short Scoping Documents
  - Milestone Extensions (justifications for dates; why the new date will be successful)
2. Send CT 306 recommendations feedback to the adhoc WG and revise the recommendation – Jackie
  - a. 10/05/21 – Sarah – A draft memo of short- and long-term recommendations was sent out yesterday and will be sent out to the group.
3. Discuss with industry whether lab rejections are common and if they're not, then we move forward as normal – Pat/Phil
  - a. 10/05/21 – Phil – Industry had a meeting last week and needs more time (a month) to collect more feedback.
  - b. Ken – Will there be recommendations? Or specifics?
  - c. Phil – Yes. We're investigating whether this is a wide-spread issue.
4. Send the 3" box size issue back down to the adhoc CT 306 group – Jackie – **Complete**
5. Find industry members for Fog Seals scoping document – Scott – **Complete**
6. Get list of potential PMPC participants from industry to Doug for the PMPC presentation in fall – Pat/Phil - **Complete**
7. Caltrans to make a decision on whether a decision document is feasible for Pay Equations for Binder Content – Section 39 Quality Characteristics – Jackie/Tom/Ken
  - 10/05/21: Phil – Tony is putting together a strawman percentage list to Tom (aka Allen)
    - Ken – Does industry still want to do a decision document on this?
    - Phil – Yes. It should be a slam dunk. We're putting together percentages; it may make it clearer.
    - Ken – My staff has concerns about district resource impacts and developing a scoping document would be more beneficial. Caltrans is recommending a scoping document.
    - Phil – I will get on Tony to get a report to Caltrans members.
    - Ken – We will get together and make a decision and report back.

8. Add action item handling to the next meeting agenda – Kelly – **Complete**

**Action Items from TG+STG Chairs & Leads on 08/04/21:**

2. Add agenda item to the EC meeting for an update from Tom on the Division of Transportation Planning pavement recycling strategies incorporation into the Project Initiation Report – Doug/Kelly/Tom – ~~08/05/21~~ 11/18/21
  - a. Rescheduled for next EC meeting; Tom to get with Allen and figure out what this is

**Action Items from TG 3+4 on 04/07/21:**

1. ~~Recover~~ conflict escalation request form ~~from Courtney~~ and have industry review and submit for approval – Phil/Scott/Dennis/Pat/Kelly – ~~07/06/21~~ Postponed to December SOP meeting
  - 09/01/21: Conflict resolution form is okay; option 1 & 2 need to be clarified. Proposal to be proposed and routed for comments
  - 07/06/21: Industry still looking at this. Will be pushed to next meeting. Send out the conflict resolution form to all ATG – Kelly – 07/09/21
  - 06/02/21: More review from industry needed; Postponed to adhoc meeting with decision document vs scoping document guidance
2. Internally evaluate the impacts of pulling the IC nSSP and report the findings to the ATG; also pull a report of data from the IC database to give to industry; Information to be routed through Kelly – Ken – **In progress**
  - Phil to get Ken a list of industry participants for an IC meeting
  - Ken to set up an IC meeting to move forward with the IC nSSP (4 Industry, 4 CT)
  - 09/01/21: We're continuing to gather data.  
**Ken to discuss with Ragu on what jobs to collect data on – Ken**
  - 07/29/21: IC data is report only and continuing to collect the data will provide valuable information regarding future evaluation of the IC spec.
    - The data files are too large to email, but the following fields are being collected:
      - Pass count
      - Temperature
      - ICMV – an indicator of the stiffness of the pavement
  - 07/06/21: Ken will provide the summary of why Caltrans wants to keep the nSSP and provide data from the IC database.
  - 06/02/21: More information needed from Ragu