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Update: Warm Mix Asphalt A Hot Item In Colorado

Use of Warm Mix Asphalt continues to grow in Colorado. Many more demonstration projects were done for local agencies in 2011, resulting in several local agencies allowing the use of WMA in their paving programs as a standard procedure with a submittal from the paving contractors requesting the use of WMA. While CDOT is always a leader in product or technology advancements, use of WMA to date has been driven primarily by Local Agencies. Local Agencies have found the technology to be very easy to adapt to their current specification requirements by adding a simple specification change statement which states, "Warm mix asphalt (WMA) is allowed as an alternate to hot mix asphalt (HMA) provided that all material requirements and specification standards are met and as approved by the Agency."

CAPA, along with Brannan Sand and Gravel Co. and City of Centennial, held an open house in June that was attended by 30 people from many agencies. Some other localities where demonstrations were done in 2011 include cities of Denver, Colorado Springs, Loveland, Fort Collins, Grand Junction and Aurora. WMA demonstrations were also heald at Arapahoe, Boulder and Larimer counties.

City of Lakewood allowed APC Construction Co. to place a percentage of the City's CIP paving program in

Lakewood

2010 to be WMA. Based on successful results from 2010, in 2011 the City again allowed APC, at the contractor's discretion, to place WMA for the entire CIP program. As a result, more than 60,000 tons of WMA were placed as part of Lakewood's 2011 overlay program. Representatives from APC indicated that being able to utilize WMA provided some flexibility in certain overlay locations. When paving in residential areas, using WMA is a benefit because it cools at a much slower rate than HMA, which means is stays workable for a much longer time. Cul-de-sacs are perfect for WMA, as trucks generally sit for a longer period of time while the paver is maneuvered around the bubble. APC did not alter its paving train for placement of WMA, but the compactive effort was altered slightly due to the fact that WMA requires

Co. LLC; and Chris Jacobsen, Infrastructure Maintenance Engineer, City of Lakewood.

Warm Mix Asphalt placement by APC Construction Co., hosted by the City of Lakewood during the Sustainable Asphalt tour as part of the 2011 APWA National Congress. Pictured in the inset, left to right, are Ed McClure, Inspector, City of Lakewood; Keary Brown, Project Manager, APC Construction

Contractor	Technology Name	Approval Date	Re- evaluation Date	Contact Name	Contact Phone
A & S Construction Company	Evotherm 3G (J1 and M1)	3/9/11	3/9/14	Chuck Reavis	719-429- 3825
APC Construction	Gencor Ultrafoam GX2	9/2/11	9/2/14	Stan Opperman	303-279- 6611
B&B Excavating	Gencor Ultrafoam GX2	9/29/11	9/29/14	Chip Bair	970-328- 1734
Brannan Sand and Gravel	Evotherm 3G (J1 and M1)	9/2/11	9/2/14	Jarrett Welch	303-455- 8873
Brannan Sand and Gravel	Gencor Ultrafoam GX2	9/2/11	9/2/14	Jarrett Welch	303-455- 8873
Coulson Excavating	Evotherm 3G (J1 and M1)	5/27/11	5/27/14	Ken Coulson	970-667- 2179
Everist Materials	Evotherm 3G (J1 and M1)	5/27/11	5/27/14	John O'Hara	970-468- 3697
Lafarge West, Inc	AquaBlack Solutions	4/14/11	4/14/14	Todd Genovese	303-210- 3804
Premier Paving Inc	Evotherm 3G (J1 and M1)	9/2/11	9/2/14	Lyman Wilkinsen	303-940- 3668
Rocky Mountain Materials & Asphalt	AquaBlack Solutions	4/14/11	4/14/14	Alan Trzyna	719-492- 0858
Rocky Mountain Materials & Asphalt	Evotherm 3G (J1 and M1)	4/14/11	4/14/14	Alan Trzyna	719-492- 0858
Schmidt Construction	Evotherm 3G (J1 and M1)	5/27/11	5/27/14	Rueben Roberts	719-392- 4207

fewer passes to achieve the specified compaction than HMA requires. With the WMA placed, APC generally achieved compaction quicker than HMA, and that allowed the street to be opened sooner to minimize delays for citizens. All in all, the paving crews felt the use of WMA was a benefit to the project and did not result in any significant differences in their work.

During the 2010 paving season, the City was provided substantial amounts of laboratory and field testing results which showed the WMA materials being placed were the same as the HMA materials. Mr. Jacobsen indicated that

allowing the contractor to utilize WMA was an easy decision based on the field and lab test results and the workability of the materials placed in 2010.

Technology Name	Technology Type	Supplier	Approv al Date	Re-Eval Date	Contact Name	Contact Phone	Notes/ Restrictions
Advera	Warm Mix Asphalt	PQ Corporatio n	4/14/11	4/14/14	Annette Smith	610- 989- 0563	
AquaBlack Solutions	Warm Mix Asphalt (Foam)	Maxam	4/14/11	4/14/14	Ron Murphy	800- 292- 6070	< 5,000 tons/project
<u>Cecabase RT</u> 945	Warm Mix Asphalt	Arkema Group	9/2/11	9/2/14	Erik Jordan	610- 205- 7245	< 10,000 tons/project
Evotherm 3G (J1 and M1)	Warm Mix Asphalt	Mead Westvaco	12/8/10	12/8/13	Everett Crews	843- 697- 5509	
Evotherm DAT (F6 and H5)	Warm Mix Asphalt	Mead Westvaco	12/8/10	12/8/13	Everett Crews	843- 697- 5509	
Evotherm ET (asphalt emulsion)	Warm Mix Asphalt	Mead Westvaco	12/8/10	12/8/13	Everett Crews	843- 697- 5509	
<u>Green</u> System	Warm Mix Asphalt (Foam)	Astec, Inc	4/14/11	4/14/14	Daniel Edwards	423- 240- 6379	< 5,000 tons/projec
<u>Ultrafoam</u> GX2	Warm Mix Asphalt (Foam)	Gencor Industries	5/27/11	5/27/14	Dennis Hunt	407- 970- 2600	< 5,000 tons/projec

CDOT has continued to approve more contractors to place WMA on CDOT projects around the State, and more technologies have been approved as well. CDOT will allow the use of additive technologies without restriction as to tonnage on projects, while continuing to monitor the use of foaming technologies (allowing this technology only in 5000 ton or less quantities). CDOT Region 2 Maintenance placed WMA utilizing the foaming process on Wilkerson Pass, hauling the materials for 90-120 minutes out of Colorado Springs to the top of the pass at Elevation 10,000 feet. A few other CDOT projects were also completed in whole or part using WMA technologies for asphalt paving in 2011.

The list of approved contractors and technologies in

the CDOT system is an ever changing list and continues to grow. The current lists of approved technologies and contractors are shown above.



Warm Mix Asphalt Open House hosted by the City of Centennial and Brannan Sand and Gravel Co. This event was attended by more than 50 people representing cities, counties, DIA, contractors and consultants. The attendees were given a tour of the production facility, observing the load out procedure where they could view the WMA temperatures in the trucks as they were being loaded. Many then visited the paving site to observe placement of WMA to get a first-hand view of the temperatures of placement and during compaction.

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Asphalt Paving Leading To Smoother Roads

Contractors Exceeding Specification Requirements

CDOT has summarized HRI smoothness data from 2011 CDOT paving projects. The good news is that for the fourth of the last five years, asphalt paving projects have achieved over 40% average of incentive earned for Category I smoothness. Nineteen projects were included in the analysis in 2011 and 18 projects in 2010. For 2011, the average % Incentive for asphalt projects using Category I is 54% and the average % Incentive for Category II is 15.4%. Concrete paving, on the other hand, has a combined HRI Category I & II disincentive of -18.31%. This is the second year in a row that the average % Incentive achieved for concrete paving has been a negative (disincentive) value.

"I'm not surprised by the results," stated Tom Clayton, Director of Training, CAPA."We routinely see paving best practices being followed in the field. This includes



2010 "Best in Colorado" Smoothest Pavement, New or Reconstruction, State Highway 14, Muddy Pass. Contractor: Lafarge West Inc, Owner/Agency: CDOT Region 3.

equipment operation, equipment maintenance, and keeping a steady even speed of paving. One quality control check we now see regularly is contractors keeping a constant head of material at the spreading augers. Constant changes in the head of material impact roadway smoothness and make waves in the mat. It is important to maintain a constant head of material in the paver and we are seeing that by more and more contractors."

Contractors appear to be focused on achieving the smoothness requirements and exceeding them to achieve the incentive payments. According to Eric Prieve with CDOT, "Overall, the asphalt contractors are doing well. There are some asphalt contractors that regularly do very, very well. The incentive payment rewards the quality contractor who focuses on paving smooth."

The CDOT 2011 HRI Smoothness Summary Report



2010 "Best in Colorado" Smoothest Pavement, Resurfacing, I-70 Overlay, Steele Street to Dahlia Street. Contractor: Brannan Sand & Gravel, Co. Owner Agency: CDOT Region 6.



2011 Project Smoothness Data

Hot Mix Asphalt HRI Category I

19 projects • Earned Incentive: \$1,485,489.86 • Available Incentive: \$2,757,856.13 Average Percent Earned: 53.86%

Hot Mix Asphalt HRI Category II

10 projects • Earned Incentive: \$101,194.37 • Available Incentive: \$663,824.02 Average Percent Earned: 15.24%

Portland Cement Concrete HRI Category II

7 projects • Earned Incentive: -\$63,345.09 (disincentive) • Available Incentive: \$345,986.01 Average Percent Earned: -18.31% (disincentive) is available from the CAPA website. For more information on the CDOT roadway smoothness requirements contact Eric Prieve at Eric.Prieve@dot.state.co.us or 303-398-6542.

Smoothness Matters!

Smooth Pavements Save Fuel – And Even Small Changes Can Make A Big Difference

Pavement Smoothness affects rolling resistance by influencing friction between tire and pavement. The most thorough investigation of this issue was a full-scale field study conducted by the Federal Highway Administration at the WesTrack pavement test track in Nevada. This study indicated that trucks running on slightly smoother pavement could reduce fuel consumption by 4.5%. Other studies show similar or sometimes greater fuel savings with cars running on smoother pavements. The savings are even greater when one compares the roughest pavements in a highway network with the smoothest. Some experts estimate that it is possible to reduce fuel consumption by as much as 10% by rehabilitating the roughest pavements. Simply stated, the smoother the pavement, the less fuel consumed by the vehicle. For more information, visit www.asphaltroads.org.



Paving on State Highway 91, north of Leadville in CDOT Region 3, above, by contractor APC Southern Construction Co. LLC. Below, Coulson Excavating paves a smooth asphalt runway at Fort Collins - Loveland Municipal Airport.





Suggested Best Practices For Pavement Smoothness

PAVER OPERATIONS – BEST PRACTICES and INNOVATIONS

Keep the hopper full: If you are not using a hopper insert leave as much surge as possible between truck exchanges and do not run the hopper empty. This will minimize "truck fans" by allowing hot, uniform material from the next truck to blend with mix from the previous dump. Keeping your mat as thermally uniform as possible will result in better densities.

Controlled hopper wing cycling: The wings are where the large, cooler stone tends to collect if not properly reintroduced back to the mix. Regular cycling, where allowed by spec, will reduce large buildups of this segregated material. Don't wait until you are "out of material" to cycle the wings.

Use a hopper insert

If you are using pick up machines and windrow paving use a hopper insert. It will reduce or eliminate segregation

Keep a constant head of material at the spreading augers: A consistent flow of material to the spreading augers will prevent them from spinning too fast or too slow, which can cause longitudinal segregation. As a rule of thumb a proper head of material is ½ up the spreading auger. Constant changes in the head of material make waves in the mat. If allowed to rotate too fast, longitudinal stripes will occur in line with the reversing augers; too low a rate and the larger stone will drop and collect at the bearing support

Time the conveying and spreading systems: Ensure the ratio pots or flow gates are set to deliver enough material to the spreading augers to keep them running continuously. Set your sonic feeds and leave them there.

Keep your paver speed steady: Drag race paving may be entertaining but stops and starts cause the head of material to rise and fall changing the mat thickness. This not only affects ride but can detrimentally affect density

Correct lead crown setting and proper strike off adjustment: Equipment fine-tuning issues will help eliminate longitudinal segregation. String line your screed before every job and introduce the correct amount of lead crown; usually 1/8 - 1/4 inches. Make sure your strike offs are correctly aligned. Refer to your owner's manual for the recommended procedure

Correct spread auger length: Once you have the job planned out if you need to build up the spreading augers then DO IT. Trying to compensate for spreading augers that are too short by running them faster will only result in segregation. This only gets worse with more gap graded mixes. If you have a 20' screed and the job calls for wide paving then BUILD UP THE SCREED; use the auger extensions, wide mat grade supports and the outboard bearing supports. The finished jobs will more then compensate for the time involved in the huild up. Then plan the lawer to expression to the grade of the built up screed. build up. Then plan the layout so you can maximize the use of the built up screed.

Use Thermal guns: Equip your paver operator and roller hands with thermal (infrared) handheld thermometers and use them to monitor changes in the mat temperature.

Establishment of a thermal range during the test strip process gives you a working range to be used through out the paying project

Don't broadcast material across the mat: This just gives the appearance of a segregation problem. Don't rake material off the joint onto the new mat. Don't walk on the fresh mat.

Train your personnel: not only in the operation of the equipment but in the art of reading mat defects. The sooner these defects are identified the sconer remedial action can be taken. Remember when the only tool you have is a hammer every problem looks like a nail.

JOB SET UP - BEST PRACTICES

Partnering

All personnel involved in the construction planning and design need to meet before the job so we can all "be on the same page" and resolve possible problems before they arise.

Pre Paving Planning Meeting

Meet with your crew every day to review the plan for the days construction and expectations

Plan the truck route, plan the job layout, assign people to required tasks Communication

Constant communication with all the elements of the paving process from design engineers to the lute man. This keeps all phases of the job on schedule and free of "Uh Ohs"

Mix Selection

Insure the mix is of an adequate design for both strength and workability Mind your temperatures

Machine Maintenance

Not only does well maintained iron contribute to a more pleasant work environment it shows your people that you care enough about them to give them the best tools. It provides for a safer work environment and a more productive and profitable organization

Smoothness-Thickness-Yield

The inspectors and field personnel need to be aware of the paving fundamental that yield, minimum thickness, and smoothness can not be obtained at the same time. Crew Training

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Know the Consequences

of improperly operating the machines

Improper principles and techniques of paving, rolling and trucking of poor safety awareness, designate a "job site safety man" know the way to emergency medical care



Castle Rock: From White...

Street improvements in Town of Castle Rock this year has involved complete reconstruction of three different roadway sections constructed of concrete in the mid-1980s. Asphalt was the pavement material specified and delivered on these improvement projects as the old concrete was nearing the end of its expected life cycle.

"We were spending quite a bit of time and money on maintenance," explains Aaron Monks, Senior Construction Inspector for Castle Rock, "replacing concrete panels that have sunken and cracked. These roads were constructed while the Town was experiencing unprecedented growth, so I'm sure some short cuts were taken. Pavement thickness varied from $5 - 7 \frac{1}{2}$ inches. Still, the concrete performed well but was now ready for replacement."

These roads also suffered from dips in the pavement panels caused by the naturally-poor existing soils that exhibit movement – compounded in some spots by settling of utility trenches due to improper backfilling. The rigid concrete pavement was unable to flex, resulting in cracking and water infiltration resulting in even further sinking. Again, after all these years, rapid population growth and minimal construction specifications from the 1980s was catching up with the Town.

Approximately 2400 feet of the two eastbound Plum Creek Parkway lanes was reconstructed with the help of Federal grant money administered through CDOT. Asphalt was paved to a full depth of 12 inches, with 20 percent RAP allowed in the mix. The concrete parkway had been widened with asphalt in 2000 in this reconstruction area. Woodlands Boulevard, a 4-lane arterial, was reconstructed at a length of 3000 feet with a composite pavement section of 6 inches of aggregate base and 6 inches of HMA. And approximately 1700 feet of Cherry Plum Way, a 2-lane residential street, was reconstructed with 4 inches of asphalt over an 8-inch aggregate base.

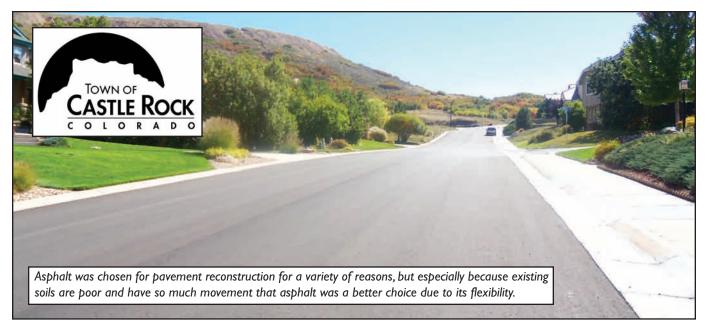
"We chose asphalt pavement on these projects for



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A portion of Cherry Plum Way, left, a two-lane residential street, and a portion of Plum Creek Parkway, right, a four-lane arterial, were both completely reconstructed with asphalt in 2011 in Town of Castle Rock. Original concrete pavement, top of page, was removed and recycled to make way for a base/asphalt composite section and full-depth asphalt section, respectively.



several reasons," Monks says. "The Town has miles of asphalt pavement, and we're better equipped to provide regular maintenance on asphalt. We also benefit from the fact that snow melts more quickly on asphalt pavements. And asphalt always has a competitive initial cost, especially on smaller projects like these three. On these projects, asphalt was also a better choice due to its ability to flex with the natural movement of the soils."

CAPA members Schmidt Construction Co. and Brannan Sand & Gravel Co. performed the work for Castle Rock, with Schmidt reconstructing Cherry Plum Way and Woodlands Blvd. and Brannan reconstructing Plum Creek Parkway.



A Case Study of Success: End Result Focus On Urban Roadway Resurfacing

The I.1-mile long section of Belleview Avenue – SH 88 – between Broadway and Santa Fe Drive in Englewood is characterized by one long dip. Driving west from Broadway, Belleview drops over 80 feet before rising back another 50. The asphalt pavement through this stretch, a primary regional arterial that supports about 32,000 vehicle trips per average day, had outlived its service life and appeared in need of a simple "mill and fill."

Field inspections conducted by Design, Construction and CM engineers prior to commencing construction told a different story, however, bringing to light a problem sometimes seen in urban resurfacing – the roadway simply did not drain. Standing water and/or sediment deposits with resulting potholes and dislodged asphalt was prevalent throughout the project. Maintenance of the roadway over the years had resulted in over paving, with the asphalt in many areas as much as 2.5 inches higher than the elevation of the curb pans. The team of engineers concurred that the roadway cross-slopes had been compromised, creating these drainage issues.

Correction of cross slope and resulting drainage issues is not part of a typical mill/fill plan, nor was it in CDOT's budget for major street reconstruction, so plans in the RFP reflected a standard resurfacing project. The engineers could not turn their backs on the problem, of course, so they set out to cooperatively solve the problem.

"The engineer, Jacobs, and the contractor, Aggregate Industries, figured out how to reintroduce a crown into the new pavement profile," says CDOT Region 6 Resident Engineer, Rick Erjavec, PE. "Their cooperation is why this project was successful. They did an excellent job with the money available."

"The first accolade is that this team recognized cross slope and drainage issues," stated Paul Reinsma, PE, Projects Engineer for consultant Jacobs. "The crew followed through by carefully monitoring milling depth to assure that subsequent resurfacing would restore appropriate cross slopes. The roadway now drains great and the standing water problems have been solved."

Ponding issues were no so much a matter of safety as they were pavement deterioration. There are sufficient storm inlets along this stretch of Belleview, but the pavement was not allowing an effective flow of stormwater to reach them.

Milling, performed by subcontractor Alpha Milling Co., was critical to not just create a crown, but to remain within the HMA tonnage quantity specified. CDOT's estimated required tonnage was 6861; actual use was 6177. To reduce cold joints in the mat, Aggregate Industries paved each half of the pavement width, two of the avenue's four lanes, in echelon without interruption between project limits – all while handling the heavy traffic of this busy corridor. What was expected to require 12 days of lane closures under a normal production rate was reduced to a mere four.

All incentives on the project were with respect to materials, not to time or smoothness. Obviously though, lessening impacts to the public by speeding the project was a primary objective; and while smoothness is always a goal, it was resigned that restoring cross slopes would likely skew any apples-to-apples comparison between pre- and post-construction high-speed profiles. A careful



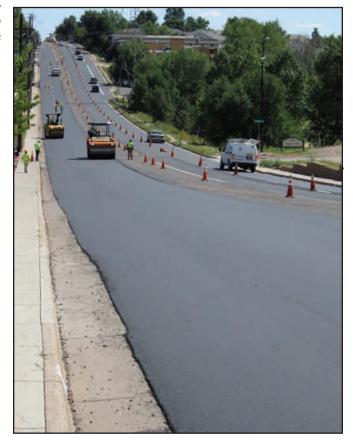


Echelon paving without interruption between project extremes minimized cold joints on CDOT's Belleview resurfacing project between Broadway and Santa Fe in Englewood. Contractor Aggregate Industries earned 100 percent of the available incentive on the project.

walking inspection, however, indicated no pavement errors resulting in must-grinds.

"Aggregate Industries is very proud that we achieved 100 percent on the incentive/disincentive criteria," explains John Cheever, Agg Industries QC Manager for Asphalt and Aggregates. "CDOT has tight QC standards and we were able to maximize the pay factor for all QC aspects of the project."

"CDOT typically contracts on a end-oriented results basis," Erjavec says, "as we did on the Belleview project. We don't specify means and method, we specify results. This is a perfect example of letting the contractor and engineer do their jobs and has resulted in an example of excellence in urban highway resurfacing."









21 Organizations Welcomed Into CAPA Membership In 2011

Even in these tough economic times, organizations see the value of being a member of the Colorado Asphalt Pavement Association. We are pleased to welcome 21 organizations to CAPA membership in 2011, including the City of Pueblo Public Works Department as our newest Affiliate Agency Member organization. Our Affiliate Agency member list now includes 63 cities, towns and counties from throughout Colorado.



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CAPA and the APWA Colorado Chapter would like to thank all who attended and supported the 20th annual CAPA CUP Scholarship Fund Raising Golf Tournament. We have once again, because of all of your support, been successful in raising funds to send recipients to the NCAT Technology Program at Auburn University early in 2012 as well as supporting other educational opportunities locally, such as at CSU and Colorado Mesa University.

CAPA and APWA are excited and thankful to be able to continue to participate in helping promote increased knowledge in asphalt technologies. Your continued support is what makes this possible and in these times we congratulate you and acknowledge your sacrifice for continuing to contribute to this program.

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Congratulations, Team Brannan!

Congratulations to the Cup Champions for 2011, Team Brannan: Dean Rossi, Bob Allison, Robb Moss and Fred Marvel. This team has now won the Cup in back to back years. Pictured, L-R: Robb Moss, Dean Rossi and Bob Allison.





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2011 scholarship recipients listed below will be attending the week-long Short Course in Alabama.



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2011 APWA/CAPA Asphalt Technology Scholarship Recipients

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To apply, visit the Resources section of the CAPA website: www.co-asphalt.com

Warm Mix Asphalt From Around The State



A&S Construction paves WMA on Highway 50, left. CDOT Region 2 Maintenance, right, placing warm mix asphalt on US24 on Wilkerson Pass.WMA was supplied by Lafarge West Inc. in Colorado Springs.



McAtee Construction placing warm mix asphalt on streets in the City of Sterling. All mixes contained 20% RAP.

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Asphalt Lab At CSU Getting Plenty Of Use

Undergraduate asphalt technology education continues at CSU – CM. CON 370 Principles of Asphalt Materials and Construction is taught in both the fall and the spring semesters. Professor Scott Shuler and Instructor Kevin Jones have developed a course that routinely has 45 students per semester.

"The Asphalt Lab provides an opportunity to combine the classroom lecture with the hands laboratory instruction of materials engineering, stated Scott Shuler. "It all comes together for the students when they can work with the material in the lab."

ASPHALT The Sustainable Pavement



Tyler Newland, a recent CSU – CM graduate, shown at left with Larry Schneider, City of Ft. Collins Streets Superintendent, is working as a Project Inspector for the city. He was involved in the paving work on both Horsetooth Rd. and S. Shields Road this summer.

Cam McNair New CSU CM Heavy Civil Endowed Chair

After finally achieving the first phase of its fundraising

goal, the Colorado State University Construction Management department has hired Champney "Cam" McNair to fill the position of Endowed Heavy Civil Chair. The appointment will support the CM Department's goal of establishing a heavy civil focus in the curriculum. Prior to coming to CSU, Cam spent 20 years with the Army Corps of Engineers and was City Engineer for Peachtree City, Georgia, Ft. Collins and the last five years in Colorado Springs.

"I am extremely pleased and fortunate to be embarking on a third career as the Heavy Civil Endowed Chair at CSU," said McNair.

"With years of experience and numerous contacts in the construction industry in Colorado, I am looking forward to the challenge of helping to train the next generation of heavy civil construction managers. I hope to bring to CSU the public agency perspective of the heavy construction business, and to pass along some of the keys to successful project management that I have learned in my previous two careers."

McNair can be contacted by email at cam.mcnair@colostae.edu.

Industry Joins Forces For CM Program At Colorado Mesa

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Holly Martinez receives \$1500 Scholarship Award from Charlie Gains, Director, CMU CM Program as United Companies of Mesa County's Kyle Alpha, left, and Bob Eckstrom look on.



Tyler Schnell receives \$1500 Scholarship Award from Todd Bauer, left, Elam Construction Inc. and Charlie Gains, Director, CMU CM Program.



CAGE Presents New Asphalt Pavement Design Guidelines

With the AASHTO Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Method being implemented in the next several years by CDOT, local municipalities will still be using the current AASHTO pavement design procedures for years to come. In 2009, the Colorado Association of Geotechnical Engineers was approached by industry stakeholders to develop a general guide to the procedural processes used in Colorado when designing flexible pavement sections. At the time the committee was formed and the document was being developed, several municipalities were considering revising their current pavement design standards. One purpose of the document was to assist municipalities in developing a standard that is consistent with the philosophy and practice recommended by geotechnical engineers practicing in this area. The draft document has already been used by the Town of Castle Rock to revise its current standards. The revised standards are in draft form and are under Town review.

A few key guidelines included in the DRAFT document are the following:

• Pavement Section Alternatives: Full-depth asphalt pavement sections may be problematic on cohesive subgrade materials without additional design considerations. Thickness of full depth asphalt will generally range from 5 to 10 inches. If additional structural capacity is needed above 10 inches, considerations should be taken for the structural requirement to be achieved by the addition of a base layer.

• Flexible Composite: Thickness of a composite base material may range from 6 to 12 inches. The minimum general guideline for thickness of aggregate base course to asphalt pavement is on a ratio of 2:1 to 2.5:1.

• Asphalt Mix Selection: Modified asphalt binders are generally restricted to top mat of paving. PG 64-22 is the most common asphalt binder for most applications. The



Jim Noll, Kumar & Associates.

mediate lifts of paving with 20 percent RAP allowed in the top mat of paving. Warm mix asphalt is an acceptable alternative to hot mix asphalt provided that all material requirements and specification standards are met and as approved by the governing agency.



most common gyration level is 75 gyrations. 25 percent recycled asphalt pavement (RAP) is normally allowed in the bottom and inter-

Members of the CAGE/CAPA Asphalt Pavement Design Guide Work Group include, from left, Tom Peterson, CAPA; CAGE President Mark Vessely, Shannon & Wilson; Matt Best, Kumar & Associates; Tom Hastings, A.G. Waasenaar Inc.; and Jim Noll, Kumar & Associates.



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Reducing Expenses: Why Deferred Maintenance May Not Be The Best Option

by: Dave Zelenok, Director of Public Works, City of Centennial

With the recent downturn in the economy, many Colorado municipalities are under increasing pressure to reduce spending to meet the new realities of revenue shortfalls and declining budgets. Not surprisingly, there is often political will and community support to continue to fully fund emergency services (primarily police and fire) and at the expense of other services — often thought to be "discretionary."

Unfortunately for the managers of those "discretionary" programs, citywide budget reductions seldom are done "peanut butter style." That is, cuts often are not spread evenly over the full spectrum of the municipal government, and the "hits" are imposed on what many believe to be "deferrable" spending – which often includes public works and other departments' maintenance programs.

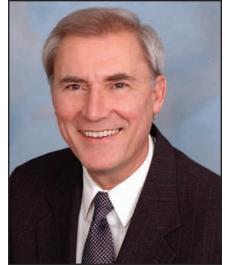
Simple math, though, reveals the impact of budget reductions on "discretionary" maintenance programs can be difficult, if not impossible, to absorb without long-term consequences. For example, in a municipality with a \$10 million annual budget in which police and fire services consume half, a 10 percent citywide cut might mean a disproportionate 20 percent cut in the remaining half of the city's services, and those hits may in turn be disproportionately assigned to impact maintenance programs – in some cases, completely eliminating them.

Difficult decisions

Some financially strapped cities have dealt with this problem by virtually obliterating some entire departments, and often parks and recreation and community service-related budgets are viewed as an "easy take." After all, it is true that some of these programs (read, "adult softball") can generate revenue by increasing fees to offset their expenses. Better yet, in some cases, they can even be removed from the balance sheet if they are converted to enterprises – following the lead that many public works' utilities have taken – under a true "user pay" philosophy.

Other approaches to reducing budgets are related to a perception that certain services that are related to aesthetics (read, "fresh flowers and irrigated parks") and maintenance (e.g., street resurfacing) are less important and thus can be eliminated or at least deferred. Many municipalities have imposed their cuts in a targeted fashion and have opted to defer maintenance, a practice commonly known as "pushing the wreck down the track."

As a result, some street department managers have had their paving and maintenance budgets zeroed out or left with enough money to adequately repair only a few streets per year. If one of those streets is Main Street, running through the heart of the central business district, and needs a full reconstruction (probably



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due to a lack of recurring annual maintenance), it will probably get repaired, while other streets will have their problems and maintenance deferred.

Unfortunately, the consequence of deferring maintenance to the point where a reconstruction is required means it is probably too late to avoid the much more costly repair, and by that point, the dilemma leaves the city's leadership with few options – and some huge expenses.

Pavement management programs

All street maintenance managers engage in a decisionmaking process to best assign their limited resources. Some managers prepare a short list of streets by hand detailing an annual list of streets needing repaving; other (usually larger) cities contract a detailed and sophisticated inspection of every mile of their streets. Those "pavement condition" surveys are usually done every few years, since the conditions do not change much from year to year. The surveys in turn will generate a number of maintenance options for every street in the city and can even predict the cost in future years of deferring maintenance.

Usually, pavement condition surveys evaluate surface conditions, such as rutting, oxidation, smoothness, and crack propagation patterns, to establish a maintenance strategy. Unfortunately, experience often shows that pavement condition surveys do not penetrate beyond the pavement surface. As a result, problems with a pavement's load bearing capacity - often resulting from a pavement "mat" that is too thin to support the weight of heavy trucks – may be hidden from the surface inspection. Subsequently, the survey's results may be somewhat skewed, often leading to a more conservative prediction, but at other times overestimating the problems, urgency, and cost of repairs.

Deferred maintenance

Another point of agreement among pavement managers is that much maintenance, in fact, can be deferred for a year or two, often with virtually no significant consequences, unless a "bad spring thaw" hits. Under the right freeze/thaw, moisture, and weather conditions, a seemingly "smooth as silk" street that was not built properly or has not had much preventative maintenance for years can be reduced to a sea of potholes in a single springtime pothole season.

To address this problem, most pavement managers will agree that something - a preventative maintenance technique, perhaps an overlay, a surface treatment, and/or complete reconstruction - should be done to about 10 percent of the city's street system every year. What that goal equates to is, for example, in a city of 25,000 people with 100 "centerline" miles of streets, an annual program should treat about 10 miles of streets - every year.

So, the questions are: What is proper maintenance technique? What are the consequences of deferring that maintenance? And what will it cost - this year and in the future – if we don't?

Greeley Constructs Sustainable Asphalt Test Strip

Lafarge West in conjunction with City of Greeley constructed a Sustainable Asphalt pavement test strip over two days in early November. The materials were placed on 10th Avenue between 10 and 16th streets in downtown Greeley. This roadway section is a high profile area as it is in the main parade route for each year's Greeley Independence Stampede parade as it progresses through downtown.

Pavement placement began after minor preparation of the existing roadway was completed by milling the existing asphalt $2-2\frac{1}{2}$ inches and placing a layer of paving fabric over the entire area. Once the installation of the paving fabric was complete, a leveling course was placed so the wearing course, when placed, will be a uniform 2 inches over the entire project limits.

The wearing course consists of four different mix de-

signs, including Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP), Ground Tire Rubber (GTR), and Recycled Asphalt Shingles (RAS). The four mix designs utilized a base stock binder so the final binder grade would be equal to a PG 64-28 as required by specification.

Lafarge designed the mixtures using the aggregates available at their Greeley plant. The base stock binder





was supplied by Suncor Energy USA. The mix designs used both 75 and 100 gyration levels to allow for comparison during the evaluation period of three years.

The first mixture placed was a S-100 design with 20% RAP. The following designed mixture consisted of a S-75 mix with 20% RAP and 3% RAS. The next day, Lafarge started with another S-100 mixture with 20% RAP and GTR. The final mix placed was a S-75 mix with 20% RAP, GTR and 3% RAS. Each of the constructed test sections is approximately 600-700 tons, estimated at 1500 feet long.

The binder blend which contained the GTR was blended locally eliminating the need for trucking from a isolated terminal.

Dr. Scott Shuler from Colorado State University will be doing evaluations of the four sustainable paving sec-

> tions over the three year period. Dr. Shuler performed an initial evaluation of the existing street surface prior to the milling for rutting, cracking and other defects. He and several CSU students were present during the placement of the subsequent layers, documenting the installation so they have accurate data during the evaluation period.



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