Warm Mix Asphalt

“The Path Forward”

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WMA Technologies Available in U.S.

In 2005
In 2011, WMA Technologies Available in U.S.
WMA Technologies Available in U.S. ... and beyond

- Stockpile Moisture Management
- Burner Adjustments and Efficiency
- Aggregate Drying and Baghouse Temperatures
- Drum Slope and Flighting
- Combustion Air
- RAP usage
- Placement Changes
1st International Conference
• November 11-13, 2008 in Nashville, TN
  – Processes, Mix Production & Placement,
    Energy consumption, Mix Design, Material Properties

2nd International Conference
• October 11-13, 2011 in St. Louis, MO
  – Lab & Field Properties, Design & Performance, Health & Environment, RAP w/ WMA, Binder & Mix Properties,
    Moisture Susceptibility, Construction, etc.
Stakeholder Engagement:
WMA Technical Working Group

Established 2005

Co-Chairs:
Matthew Corrigan
Ron White
National Research Initiatives

- NCHRP 9-43 “Mix Design Practices for Warm Mix Asphalt” $500,000
NCHRP Project 09-43

• Products:
  – Appendix to AASHTO R35 with commentary “Special Mixture Design Considerations and Methods for Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA)”
  – WMA Mix Design Workshop/Training Module
    • Being converted to web based training thru NHI
  – Chapter on WMA Mix Design for the NCHRP Project 09-33 Mix Design Manual
  – “Standard Practice For Measuring Properties of Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA) for Performance Analysis Using the AASHTO MEPDG” (AASHTO Darwin ME Software)
www.ct.gov/dot/AASHTO-R35

Special Mixture Design Considerations and Methods for Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA)

An Appendix to AASHTO R35 Standard Practice for Superpave Volumetric Design for Hot-Mix Asphalt (HMA)

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Appendix to AASHTO R35 with commentary “Special Mixture Design Considerations and Methods for Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA)”

Course Description

Special Mixture Design Considerations and Methods for Warm Mix Asphalt
- WEB-BASED

PROGRAM AREA: Pavements and Materials
COURSE NUMBER: FHWA-NHI-131137

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TRAINING LEVEL: Basic

CLASS SIZE: Minimum: 1; Maximum: 1

DESCRIPTION:

Highway transportation agencies are exploring the use of warm mix asphalt (WMA) for pavement projects. One of their main questions, particularly for agency mixture design technicians and engineers, is how WMA design differs from hot mix asphalt (HMA) design. "Mixture Design for Warm Mix Asphalt" is a Web-based training that presents the modifications to the current Superpave volumetric design procedure, as described in AASHTO R35, that are needed to complete a WMA mixture design. The training highlights key differences in WMA and HMA design procedures, and provides an opportunity to apply the AASHTO R35 standard practice to a WMA design modification.

OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:
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- NCHRP 9-43 “Mix Design Practices for Warm Mix Asphalt” $500,000
- NCHRP 9-47A “Engineering Properties, Emissions, and Field Performance” $900,000
- NCHRP 9-49 “Performance of WMA Technologies: Stage I - Moisture Susceptibility” $450,000
- NCHRP 9-49A “Performance of WMA Technologies: Stage II - Long-Term Field Performance” $900,000
National Research Initiatives

• WMA TWG Task Force 08-02 “National Program for WMA Technologies”
  – To utilize AASHTO National Transportation Product Evaluation Program (NTPEP)

• Resulted in... NCHRP 20-07 Task 311 “Development of a Warm Mix Asphalt Technology Evaluation Program”
  – ... to develop a standardized evaluation program compatible with AASHTO NTPEP’s centralized system of testing, evaluation, and data reporting of engineering materials for the state DOTs.
Two WMA focused NCHRP projects for 2012:

- **NCHRP 9-52** “Short-Term Laboratory Conditioning of Asphalt Mixtures” $800,000
  - includes short-term laboratory conditioning of WMA mixtures for mix design and performance testing

- **NCHRP 9-53** “Asphalt Foaming Characteristics for Warm Mix Asphalt Applications” $700,000
National Research Initiatives

Proposed WMA focused NCHRP project for 2013:

• “Recycled Asphalt Shingles (RAS) and Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) in HMA/WMA Mixtures”

• Endorsement by:
  – AASHTO SOM TS2c Asphalt-Aggregate Mixtures
  – FHWA WMA Technical Working Group
  – FHWA RAP Expert Task Group
  – TRB Committee AFK10 General Issues in Asphalt Technology
WMA Usage

Percentage of Total Asphalt Production in US

source: National Asphalt Pavement Association

2009: 19.2 million tons (5.4%)
2010: 47.6 million tons (13.2%)
2011:

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The Every Day Counts Initiative

Accelerating Technology Deployment

Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA)

www.fhwa.dot.gov/everydaycounts
1. By December 2011, 40 State DOTs and all Federal Lands Divisions will have a specification &/or contractual language that allows WMA on Federal-aid or Federal Lands projects.

2. By December 2012, at least 30 State DOTs will have achieved set targets for WMA usage.
The Givens

- WMA will continue to gain market share
- New innovations will occur
- Research will be challenged to keep up
- The demand for knowledge and training will grow

- Change is certain!!
Where do we go from here?

- Implementation of standardized mixture design procedure (AASHTO R35 Appendix)
- Emphasize performance testing of WMA
  - Asphalt Mixture Performance Performance Tester (AMPT)
    - Dynamic Modulus, Flow Number, Fatigue
  - Lab conditioning of WMA mixtures for mechanical testing
Where do we go from here?

- Evaluation processes ... AASHTO NTPEP
  - Rigorous but not burdensome
    - Demonstrate successful projects
    - Document test results
    - Successful field trials
  - Not too time-consuming
Where do we go from here?

• Research
  – Short term performance is very promising
  – Document long term performance
    • Fatigue and cold temperature properties
  – WMA pavement ageing progression in the field
  – Lubricating phenomenon within mixture
  – Lab performance vs. field performance
FHWA will...

• Continue to work in partnership
  – WMA TWG & other Asphalt ETG’s
  – AASHTO Subcommittee on Materials
  – Asphalt User-Producer Groups

• Continue to provide technical support
  – Mobile Asphalt Testing Laboratory Program
  – HQ/Resource Center

• Continue to explore
  – Turner-Fairbank Highway Research Center
FHWA will...

• Continue to support investigation, research, and training
  – Cooperative agreements with...
    • National Center for Asphalt Technology
    • Asphalt Institute
  – Focus on
    • Mixture design & performance testing
    • Binder ageing impacts
    • Production & lay-down
    • Forensics
Thank You!