

WAQTC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AND AASHTO PROPOSAL UPDATE

**Executive Committee Meeting
Biloxi, Mississippi
5:00 – 6:00 PM
August 6, 2012**

Facilitator: Desna Bergold; DB Consulting

Committee Members: Garth Newman, ITD
Scott Andrus, UDOT
Cole Mullis, ODOT
Bryce Simons, NMDOT

Absent:
Richard Duval, CFLHD
Mike Santi, ITD
Tom Baker, WsDOT
Mike San Angelo, AKDOT & PF
Howe Crockett, WFLHD
Patrick Kropp, CDOT

Agenda Items/Objectives

AASHTO proposals

Tracking AASHTO Proposals – how can I assist in determining where in the process AASHTO revisions are and disseminating responses to the QAC Desna

Proposed long term goal – ‘establishing task groups to try to resolve some of the nagging issues we all seem to be dealing with as far as standardization of a specification for geogrids, CIR, etc.’ (email dated 4/24/12) Scott Andrus

Adding US parenthetically to all AASHTO standards that have metric only – Spring meeting Matt Strizich

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ISSUE	DISCUSSION / DECISION	ACTION REQUIRED BY:
AASHTO Proposals	<p>There was an error on the Tracking form: AASHTO T 23 is actually in Tech Section 3c instead of 3b. This will be corrected.</p> <p>Scott Andrus, UDOT, has been in contact with Amy Starr, vice-chair of 3b concerning T 119 and T 152 proposed changes.</p> <p>Discussed the changes to T 2.</p> <p><i>Scott will champion T 119 in Tech Section 3b.</i></p> <p><i>Bryce Simons, NMDOT will champion T 23 and T 231 in Tech Section 3C.</i></p>	<p>Scott Andrus</p> <p>Bryce Simons</p>
	Note for next year . . . Garth Newman, ITD, cannot leave the meeting until Friday.	
T 84 & T 85	<p>These are on the agenda for 1C. Cole may not make it to this working session, but he will try to make it. Bryce believes the maximum soaking time should be deleted; he intends to discuss it in the session so he cannot champion the WAQTC changes.</p> <p><i>It was decided later to ask Mike Santi, ITD, to champion this.</i></p>	Mike Santi
T 335	Scott Seiter, Chair of Tech Section 1c, has put this on the agenda as editorial.	
T 166	<p>Cole Mullis, ODOT, believes this is on the agenda but T 329 is not on the agenda. Cole said that he would cover T 166 since he was going to be there.</p> <p>Later it was determined that both are on the agenda.</p> <p><i>Cole will champion this and will need to follow up with Tom.</i></p>	Cole Mullis
T 329	<p>Cole had sent T 329 to Tom Baker, WsDOT and thought it should be on the agenda. Tom was going to get the opinion of the Tech Section to determine if this was editorial. No one has heard a response.</p> <p><i>Garth will follow up with Tom</i></p>	Garth Newman
T 231	<p>This is not on the agenda but it will be brought up as additional business.</p> <p><i>Bryce will champion.</i></p>	Bryce Simons

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AASHTO Proposals	<p>Cole requested that in the future the Tech Section information be included in the minutes of the meeting when assignments are given.</p> <p><i>Desna will start including this information.</i></p>	Desna Bergold
T 312	<p>The agenda for this working session is not in the drop box for the meeting so we could not determine if this was included on the agenda.</p> <p><i>Garth will follow up with Rick Harvey.</i></p>	Garth Newman
Adding US parenthetic ally	<p>Matt had sent a letter to Greta Smith, AASHTO Program Manager for Construction and Materials, and she was going to discuss this with the Executive Committee. Cole says this is not on the agenda for this meeting.</p> <p><i>Garth will follow up with Greta.</i></p>	Garth Newman
Establish a task group for nagging issues	<p>Scott asked if WAQTC would be able to adopt a process that collectively addresses issues that all the states are faced with, i.e. geogrid, CIR, etc. He is concerned that the states are duplicating effort and there is no way to share information.</p> <p>All agree that this would be a great idea to share information and lessons learned. A place to start would be having this as a regular agenda item for Executive Committee meeting.</p> <p><i>Desna will include a request for agenda items specifically asking if any members have issues in their state that they would like to discuss with the group and disseminate any documents and information available in advance.</i></p>	Desna Bergold
Other business	<p>Garth was asked by Mike SanAngelo to follow up with Scott Andrus to verify UDOT received the funds that were transferred for the pooled fund.</p> <p><i>Scott will verify this and get back to Mike</i></p>	Scott Andrus
Other business	<p>Scott showed the group a new device that UDOT has developed to check sieves for size opening. This is a set of tools machined such that the point is the correct size for the opening and above it is a section that is slightly larger that should not be able to go into the opening. This set of tools (called 'Go. NoGo.') allows quick sieve</p>	

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	<p>checking (1/4" and larger). AMRL has at times approved the use of the tool and at times has not because there is no standard for the use of this tool. This is a quick and easy procedure that could prove very useful.</p> <p>Scott wondered if the WAQTC would like to pursue developing a standard for the use of this tool.</p> <p><i>EC members will think about the possibilities of this device. Desna will put this on the agenda for the next meeting.</i></p>	Desna Bergold
Tracking AASHTO proposals	<p>How can Desna help track proposals made to AASHTO? Cole suggested that the EC have a fall teleconference or email follow up. The group discussed the AASHTO approval process.</p> <p><i>Desna will follow up with the Champions of each proposal in October/November and if necessary the Champion will provide the minutes of the working session.</i></p>	Desna Bergold and EC Members

Test Method	Champion	2012 revisions status after AASHTO Tech section meetings
T 23	Bryce Simons	Approved for concurrent ballot.
T 84	Mike Santi	This was considered editorial and will be fixed.
T 85	Mike Santi	Most of this was considered editorial and will be fixed. The resoak was considered significant and will be sent out on concurrent ballot but there is a project that is looking at these methods that might change that plan.
T 119	Scott Andrus	Approved for concurrent ballot.
T 152	Scott Andrus	Approved for concurrent ballot.
T 166	Cole Mullis	Changes were considered editorial and will be included in the 2013 edition.
T 231	Bryce Simons	Approved for concurrent ballot.
T 312	Garth Newman, et al	Revisions from 2011's QAC submittal were discussed as they were approved but there were many comments. A task Force was put together to deal with the concerns specifically length of time for reheating samples to the required temperature. See attached comments from TS 2d members. This Task Force is the ETG. We must find out who the membership is and get a WAQTC engineer involved. 2012 revisions to include mention of AASHTO T 311 and the mold diameter (120.20) were considered editorial and will be revised. WAQTC 2112 revisions to Section 9 will be handed off to the ETG.
T 329	Cole Mullis	Approved for concurrent ballot.
T 335	Matt Strizich	Changes were considered editorial and will be included in the 2013 edition.
All		Inserting English units into metric only methods. Cole spoke with Greta from AASHTO and a Task Force (Cole and Bill Ahearn, VT) was assigned to review all the test methods and determine if English is required and what methods need dual units. Some methods may only need to partially dual units. Cole has tasked the QAC and Desna to determine this.

Item Number:	30
Description:	Concurrent ballot item to revise T 312 – “Preparing and Determining the Density of Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Specimens by Means of the Superpave Gyrotory Compactor” – WAQTC recommended changes to Section 8 – see pages 5, and 55-57 of TS 2d minutes.
Decisions:	Affirmative: 48 of 52 Negative: 1 of 52 No Vote: 3 of 52
Alabama Department of Transportation (Bernard (Buddy) Cox) (coxb@dot.state.al.us) Negative	Relative to AASHTO 312, if including the end plates with the mold is most practical, then include them; there is no pressing technical reason to do so.
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (Allen H Myers) (allen.myers@ky.gov)	In Section 8.1.6, change "30 minutes" to "30 min". In the second sentence of Section 8.1.7, change "30 minutes)" to "30 min)". In Section 8.2.1, add "(Section 8.1.7.1)" between "required compaction temperature" and the period at the end of the sentence. In Section 8.2.3, change "per" to "in accordance with". In Section 8.2.4, change "Place the sample..." to "If necessary due to a loss of temperature, place the sample...". Also in Section 8.2.4, change "to a uniform" to "at a uniform". Finally in Section 8.2.4, add "of 25 to 50 mm" between "thickness" and the period at the end of the sentence. In Section 8.2.5, add "(Section 8.1.7.1)" between "compaction temperature range" and "by careful,". Also in Section 8.2.5, add "for a maximum of 30 min" between "in an oven" and "immediately".
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Timothy L Ramirez) (tramirez@pa.gov)	In Section 8.1, revise from "Laboratory Prepared" to "Laboratory-Mixed". In Section 8.2, revise from "Plant Produced" to "Plant-Mixed". In Section 8.2.3, revise from "sample per R 47" to "sample in accordance with R 47" for consistency in language of other sections within M 312. In Section 8.2.5, this should be somewhat similar to the language in Section 8.1.7. It should reference Section 9 and it should reference the maximum 30 minute time to bring mix to the compaction temperature if mixing temperature was different than the compaction temperature. Also, there should be some language here in regards to short-term conditioning. R 30, short-term conditioning is to simulate the plant mixing and construction effects. However, depending on the location of the sample collected in Section 8.2.2, the assumed short-term conditioning may not be fully represented by the collected sample in Section 8.2.2. This is especially true if mixture is sampled before being stored in a storage silo or the mixture is subjected to a long-haul time where additional asphalt binder absorption could be occurring but may not be fully represented by the sample in Section 8.2.2 due to the sample location. To minimize the additional short-term conditioning, the mixture in Section 8.2.2 should be Sampling from Truck Transports (ASTM D 979) which should then include plant mixing and any silo storage conditioning before being shipped to the project; however, this would not include any haul time conditioning. Better and more information is needed here to properly address the short-term conditioning of plant-mixed samples.