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### Introduction

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### **Overview**

- AASHTOWare Spec. Reorg.
- Manual of Test Procedures (MOTP)
- Stone Matrix Asphalt (SMA)
- Longitudinal Joints
- HMA (PWL/LJD) Data Summary
- BMD Overview
- Perpetual Pavement
- In-Place Nuclear Density Testing
- Successful Testing Protocols
- E-ticketing/Onstation

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### **Future Specifications - AASHTOWare**

AASHTOWare Materials program to help with acceptance process.

- Multi-year effort.
- Pilot projects for 2025
- Will simplify specification organization and reduce the occurrence of contradictions due to existing fragmentation.

### Specification "rewrite/reorg" in progress.

Most of 460 will be moved into 705.

Other parts (construction related) will end up in SS 450, etc. as appropriate. Quality Assurance Program and materials-related specifications. Integrates PWL and LJD STSPs.

### **Future Specifications - AASHTOWare**

Manual of Test Procedures (complete for 2024 Construction).

- Manual of Test Procedures (MOTP) will replace all WisDOT Modified procedures in CMM.
- All references in Standard Spec will reference either the AASHTO (if unmodified) or the MOTP (for WisDOT modified procedures and methods).
- Remainder of CMM to be guidance only.

# **New HMA QAP Programs**

Normal PWL for higher tonnages

Contracts with bid item 9,750 tons or greater

Lower tonnages

PWL Lite (contractor data used)

Replacement for QMP

- Department Acceptance (no contractor data used)
- Small tonnage (500 tons or less)
  - Visual Inspection

### Disclaimer

The concepts presented herein are still works in progress and are subject to change before the final rollout of the new AWP reorganized specifications.

# Mixture / Volumetric Testing

### **Existing QMP**



### **New QAPs**



### **Existing QMP QV Testing Breakdown**



### **New QAP QV Testing Breakdown**



Density Testing

### **Density / Correlation Test Strips**

### Future will either be Correlated Gauges or Cores

**ONLY** required for correlation purposes **when** using a nuclear gauge.

Density Correlation/Test Strips to be either 2 density sublots (3,000 LF) or 750 tons.

Use 750 tons when performing combined volumetric/density test strip. Use 2 sublots otherwise.

### **Existing QMP**



### **QMP Density Testing Breakdown**



### **New Density Testing Breakdown**



Cores: ? Test / 1,500 LF

# **PWL for SMA**

Volumetric and Density Data is currently being analyzed Review F&t analysis

Review potential for additional dispute resolution
Review air void targets

+/-1.3 from 4.5% target? (3.2 – 5.7%)

### **Mixture Use Table**

FDM 19-21 Quality Management Program

Table 5.3 HMA PWL Mixture Acceptance

#### PWL Mixture Use Table

The following acceptance criteria are applicable for this project:

Location	Station	Mixture	Underlying	Bid Item	Tons	Thickness	Quality Management Program to be used for:		
		Use:	Surface				Mixture Acceptance	Density Acceptance	
12 foot	1+00 to	Upper	3 MT 58-34H	4 MT 58-	12,000	1 ¾ "	PWL Incentive Air Voids	Incentive Density PWL HMA	
Driving Lane	20+39	Layer		34H			HMA Pavement 460.2010	Pavement 460.2005	
12 foot	1+00 to	Lower	Milled Existing	3 MT 58-	15,400	2 ¾″	PWL Incentive Air Voids	Incentive Density PWL HMA	
Driving Lane	20+39	Layer	HMA Surface	34H			HMA Pavement 460.2010	Pavement 460.2005	
3 foot	1+00 to	Upper	3 MT 58-34H	4 MT 58-	2,450	1 ¾ "	PWL Incentive Air Voids	Acceptance testing by the	
shoulder	20+39	Layer		34H			HMA Pavement 460.2010	department; Not eligible for	
								incentive or disincentive	
3 foot	1+00 to	Lower	Milled Existing	3 MT 58-	3,850	2 ¾″	PWL Incentive Air Voids	Acceptance testing by the	
shoulder	20+39	Layer	HMA Surface	34H			HMA Pavement 460.2010	department; Not eligible for	
								incentive or disincentive	
Various		Culvert	Base Aggregate	Asphaltic	550	6" total	QMP as per SS 465.	Acceptance by ordinary	
		patches		Surface				compaction	
12 foot	20+39	Upper	3 MT 58-34H	4 MT 58-	1000	1 ¾ "	QMP as per SS 460.	Incentive Density HMA	
Driving Lane	to	Layer		34H				Pavement 460.2000	
	23+00								
12 foot	20+39	Lower	Existing Concrete	3 MT 58-	1,570	2 ¾"	QMP as per SS 460.	Incentive Density HMA	
Driving Lane	to	Layer	Pavement	34H				Pavement 460.2000	
	23+00								
10 foot	20+39	Upper	3 MT 58-34H	4 MT 58-	830	1 ¾ "	QMP as per SS 460.	Incentive Density HMA	
shoulder	to	Layer		34H				Pavement 460.2000	
	23+00								
10 foot	20+39	Lower	Existing Concrete	3 MT 58-	1,310	2 ¾″	QMP as per SS 460.	Incentive Density HMA	
shoulder	to	Layer	Pavement	34H				Pavement 460.2000	
	23+00								

- Currently required for all PWL contracts
  - See FDM 19-21
- Future will be required for all HMA contracts
  - Clearly shows in plans which QAP will be used for acceptance

### **SMA (Stone Matrix Asphalt)**

Consider on important corridor (backbone) routes with heavy truck traffic (HT)

Can be used on new construction or resurfaces Performs very well on the rutting and cracking torture tests Performs well where reflective cracking is expected

# **SMA Spec. highlights**

### Cellulose fiber stabilizing additive required Asphalt binder content testing required SMA minimum density

- 93.0% for mainline
- 92.0% for shoulders and appurtenances (offsets applied to all)

### SMA test strip approval criteria

- Correlate nuclear gauge to cores to develop offset
- Department will test one of the two mixture split samples for volumetrics
- QV test fails Va or QV / QC test results exceed testing tolerances (0.015 for Gmm or Gmb), dispute resolution by BTS

### **Additional Guidance for Selection of SMA**

- Only use as an upper layer
- Should be considered for divided highways, freeways and interstates (i.e. backbone projects)
- In addition to ESAL recommendations
  - Consider especially when lower maintenance is beneficial (high-traffic areas)

# Implementation of Longitudinal Joint Construction

### • Started with the May 2020 Lettings

- Notched wedge joint on all mainline HMA layers  $\geq 1.75^{\circ}$
- Wedge only milled out for SMA and when joint is damaged by traffic as directed by the engineer
  - Statewide STSP 204-045 used for wedge removal (rarely)
- Longitudinal Joint Density (LJD) STSP included on all PWL contracts
- Discontinue use of longitudinal joint heater STSP



### **Notched Wedge Joint detail**





# Background

A PWL value is calculated using lower limits for density (usually 93%) and lower and upper limits (2.0 and 4.3 respectively) for Air Voids.

The PWL value is used in a pay equation to determine the Pay Factor (PF).

Incentives and disincentives are calculated using 65/ton with the ability to get up to 4% in incentives (PF = 104).

- PF > 100: Incentive
- PF = 100: No incentive or disincentive
- PF < 100: Disincentive</p>
- PF = 50: Contract unit price is used instead of \$65/ton and paid at 50% or remove and replace.
- Max possible incentive per ton is \$2.60 (\$65/ton \* 0.04) or \$1.30 each for density and air voids.

### **Average Annual Pay Factors - Density**



### **Average Annual Pay Factors – Air Voids**



### **Annual Density Distribution Comparison**



### **Incentive / Ton**





### Longitudinal Joint Density

### **The Laws of Confinement**

Unconfined < Confined < Mainline



### **Tables**

Longitudinal Joint Density												
Joint Type	Number of Projects	Total Possible Incentive	Incentive Paid	Joint Length	Incentive/LF	%Max Incentive						
Butt	19	\$430,642.80	\$255,468.40	1,005,669.0	\$0.25	59.3%						
Notched Wedge (left in place)	74	\$2,649,926.35	\$2,109,929.81	6,035,502.7	\$0.35	79.6%						
Notched Wedge (milled out)	0	\$-	\$-	0.0	N/A	N/A						
Mill and Inlay (one lane at a time)	19	\$700,089.60	\$521,493.60	1,449,354.0	\$0.36	74.5%						
Over-pave/Mill Excess	7	\$207,097.20	\$160,259.60	519,743.0	\$0.31	77.4%						
Combined	119	\$3,987,755.95	\$3,047,151.41	9,010,268.7	\$0.34	76.4%						

# **Gauge offsets**



### **PWL - Percent Within Limits**


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	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of PWL Contracts	3	19	25	35	56	62	76
Tons	91K	811K	701K	1,423K	1,673K ~55% of program	2,278K ~65% of program	2,994K ~63% of program

# BMD: a method for increasing the durability of asphalt mixtures in WI

### BMD concept

A balance between cracking and rutting resistance



Buchanan, 2017



Buchanan, 2017

### **BMD Performance Tests Used in WI**

There are many different types of performance tests WisDOT uses:

- Hamburg wheel tracking test (HWTT)
- Indirect tensile asphalt cracking Test (IDEAL-CT)





IDEAL-CT @ 25° C

HWTT @ 46° C



# Lab Equipment Rutting Cracking

#### Hamburg Wheel Tracker

Shows moisture damage potential (Stripping potential)



# **BMD Pilot Projects in WI**

#### SPV used for pilot BMD projects since 2020

HMA Pavement Balanced Mix Design

A Description

Conform to standard specification 450 and 460 except as modified in this special provision.

This special provision incorporates balanced mix design (BMD) into the mix design procedures specified in standard specification 460. This specification applies to the primary upper layer mixture under the following bid item: Enter Bid Item #. Mix designs will be tested by the Hamburg Wheel-Track Test (HWT) according to AASHTO T 324 as modified by CMM <u>836.6.10.1</u> and the Indirect Tensile Cracking Test at Intermediate Temperature (CT-Index) according to ASTM D8225 as modified by CMM <u>836.6.10.2</u>.

- BMD is incorporated at the mix design stage for certain PWL projects
- Applies to upper layer mixtures
- Mix designs are tested using HWTT and IDEAL-CT methods

## **BMD Pilot Projects in WI**

#### SPV used for pilot BMD projects since 2020

Mix design testing criteria from 2021 to 2023



Mix design testing criteria from 2023 to present

	Mixture Type	LT	MT	HT	SMA	
	Hamburg Wheel Tracking (WTM T324) Corrected Rut Depth @ 20,000 Passes (mm) Stripping Number (LC <sub>SN</sub> )	≤ 12.0 ≥ 3,000	≤ 7.5 ≥ 3,000	≤ 5.0 ≥ 3,000	≤ 4.0 ≥ 3,000	To ensure rutting and moisture damage resistance
I	IDEAL-CT (ASTM D8225 as modified in CMM 836.6.10.2) CT-Index	≥ 30	≥ 30	≥ 30	≥ 80	To ensure cracking

### What Does It All Mean?

- Each of the improvements to the specification over the last decade have been instrumental in building better asphalt pavements.
  - Increased density = longer lasting pavements.
  - Additional asphalt = reduced cracking and aging.
  - PWL = more consistent, quality material.
  - Joint density testing = better performing joints.



- Overall: longer lasting pavements = greater return on investment
- Good stewards of the taxpayer's dollars

# Overview

- Perpetual Pavement
- In-Place Nuclear Density Testing
  - Non-nuclear Options
- Successful Testing Protocols
  - Round Robin Testing
  - Independent Assurance Program/HTCP
  - Nuclear Gauges/Blocks
  - Random Sampling, Custody/witness, Splitting
- E-ticketing/OnStation

### **Perpetual Pavement**

#### Definition

Perpetual Pavement is a term coined to describe a specific type of long-lasting asphalt pavement designed to endure for more than 50 years without requiring major structural rehabilitation or reconstruction. It is engineered to sustain its structural integrity over an extended period while only needing periodic surface renewal to address any distresses that are confined to the top layer of the pavement.



### **Goal of Perpetual Pavement Design**



Bottom-up fatigue cracking

• Structural rutting



Design against deep, structural distress

### **Characteristics of Perpetual Pavement**

- 1. Layered Structure: Perpetual Pavements are constructed with multiple layers that each serve specific functions, such as distributing loads, resisting deformation, and providing a smooth driving surface.
- 2. Maintenance Strategy: The maintenance for Perpetual Pavements typically involves milling the top layer and applying a new overlay. This process allows the base to remain intact, thus significantly reducing the cost and environmental impact associated with complete pavement reconstruction.
- **3. Sustainability**: The design and maintenance approach of Perpetual Pavements reduces the use of virgin raw materials and minimizes greenhouse gas emissions over the pavement's lifecycle.

### **Characteristics of Perpetual Pavement**

- 4. Economic Efficiency: They offer a lower life-cycle cost compared to traditional pavements by avoiding deep repairs or reconstruction and by reducing user-delay costs associated with maintenance.
- 5. Environmental Benefits: The reduced frequency of rehabilitation, combined with the practice of recycling the milled material, leads to a decrease in the environmental footprint of the roadway.
- 6. Performance: Perpetual Pavements are designed to minimize the occurrence of common distresses like bottom-up fatigue cracking and rutting, ensuring that the pavement remains smooth and functional for the long term.

### **Summary/Conclusions**

- Perpetual pavements are widely recognized across the U.S.
- Perpetual pavements don't have deep structural problems
  - Surface remedies make them an attractive option
  - Maintains ride quality
  - Minimal rutting
- Perpetual pavements can be designed using mechanistic principles
- Cost effective

### **New Perpetual Pavement Projects in WI**

Project 1 of 2

Highway Name	IH 94
Roadway Name	Northfield to Osseo
Duciest Termini	Bridge on South Fork Buffalo River - Near West
Project Termini	County Line
Region	NW
County	Jackson
<b>Functional Classification</b>	Interstate/Freeway

There is a pavement section in Trempealeau County on interstate 94 near Osseo Wisconsin where a deep strength hot mix asphalt (HMA) pavement was placed in the Fall of 2023 (Figure 1). WisDOT instrumented this pavement as part of a National Road Research Alliance (NRRA) in cooperation with MNDOT to develop a fatigue transfer function that can be used in the PerRoad software for perpetual pavement design. Phase II of the NRRA research project is under development and expected to be advertised this spring. This would take data collected to develop equations or transfer functions best representing current Wisconsin HMA mixes.

### **New Perpetual Pavement Projects in WI**

#### Project 2 of 2:

Project <u>I.D</u>	1130-68-71
Region	NE
Roadway	Appleton - DePere
Termini	STH 96 - CTH F
Highway Number or indicate if local road	IH 41
County	Brown & Outagamie

NER had agreed to pilot a section of the IH 41 corridor expansion project. A <u>one mile</u> segment on both sides of Interstate 41 will be constructed as a perpetual pavement. The letting date for this section is 11/9/27, potentially advanceable to May 2027. This will be 10.5 inches of HMA over 7 inches of a dense graded base. The typical concrete pavement in this section was to be 10.5 inches over a <u>6 inch</u> dense graded base.

# **Compaction Operations**

### Why is density so important

- Less oxidation of the asphalt binder, a slower rate of pavement deterioration
- Minimizes the permeability of the pavement, which reduces the potential for moisture damage
- Increased resistance to deformation such as rutting
- Enhances fatigue resistance, reducing the likelihood of cracking under repeated traffic loading
- Lower maintenance and rehabilitation costs over the pavement's life cycle, making it more cost-effective
- 1% density increase = 10% more pavement longevity

### **Nuclear Density Gauges**

Nuclear density gauges operate based on the principles of nuclear physics, where a source of radioactive material is used to emit particles, and a detector measures the scattering or absorption of these particles by the tested material to determine in place density



### **Pavement Cores**

- Pavement coring for density is a destructive testing method used to obtain direct, accurate density measurements of asphalt pavement in the field.
- Cylindrical samples of existing pavement layers are removed using a core drill to calculate the in-place air void content.



### **Non-Nuclear Density Gauges**

 Non-nuclear density gauges are used to measure the density of asphalt pavement materials without the use of a radioactive source, including electromagnetic, electrical, and mechanical methods.



### **Non-Nuclear Density Gauges**

- 1. Electromagnetic Gauges: These gauges send electromagnetic waves into the pavement and measure the response. The dielectric constant of the material, which is related to its density, affects the propagation of these waves. By measuring parameters such as the wave's velocity, reflection, or transmission, the gauge can estimate the density of the pavement.
- 2. Electrical Property Gauges: These devices measure the electrical properties of the asphalt, such as capacitance or resistance, which correlate with the material's density. The gauge applies an electrical current or signal to the pavement and measures the response, which depends on the density and composition of the material.

### **Non-Nuclear Density Gauges**

Benefits:

Simple, easy to use

- Little to no training needed
   No licensing requirements with no radioactive source
   Real time results in seconds
   Coming to a project near you
- Comparison data is being collected for evaluation

Drawbacks:

Requires calibration against known density values (using cores) Often requires more frequent calibration Accuracy may be affected by factors such as moisture content, material composition, and temperature

### **Dielectric Profile Systems (DPS)**

**Dielectric Profiling Systems (DPS)** • work based on the principle that materials have a characteristic dielectric constant which is indicative of their electric permeability. In the context of asphalt pavements, DPS uses Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) technology to measure the dielectric constant of the asphalt mat.



## **Dielectric Profile Systems (DPS)**

- Correlated dielectric values PRIOR to project start
- Much more data than cores, nuke gauge, or non-nuke gauge
- Mapping visual aids makes trouble shooting density issues easier
- Forensic investigation
- Improve quality/consistency
  - Can lead to additional more incentives
- Monitor paving operations
- Training tools
  - Constant improvement
- Drawbacks
  - Traffic & Traffic Control
  - Weather
  - GPS Connectivity/Sensor Connectivity
  - Other Equipment Nuisances
  - Data Management
  - Training
  - Fatigue



### **Successful Testing Protocols for WisDOT**

- 1. We know variability exists within laboratories
- 2. We know variability exists within technicians
- 3. We know variability exists within testing procedures
- 4. We know variability exists with equipment
- 5. We know variability exists within materials

So what do we do...limit that variability

- For labs...Lab Qualification Program
- For technicians...Highway Technician Certification Program (HTCP), Independent Assurance Program (IAP)
- For testing procedures...Manual of Test Procedures (MOTP)
- For equipment...Approved Products List (APL), Profiler Rodeo for IRI Ride
- For materials...Round Robin Program

## Limit Nuclear Density Gauge Variability

- Gauges must be calibrated annually by the manufacturer, placed on the APL
- Gauges are checked on the DOT blocks in Green Bay and adjusted accordingly
- Reference Blocks used daily when testing is done
   Project or Laboratory
- Percent Within Limits (PWL)
  - Gauges are correlated with a Test Strip (offsets)
  - Project startup:10 QV locations following QC
  - Footprint testing daily
- Quality Management Program (QMP)
  - MOTP QC/QV Gauge Comparison



# **Limiting Mixture Variability**

Over 100 individual labs participate (HMA) • Gmm & Gmb is tested and analyzed Outliers are identified from the statistical analysis • Independently as Gmb and Gmm Corrective action is documented, retesting of the outliers is performed until resolved

Same process is followed for the following:

- Asphalt content-asphalt analyzer
- Performance testing-Hamburg Wheel Tracker & IDEAL-CT

### **Random Sampling**

- Mixture sample is taken at the plant from the truck box
- Both QC/QV samples (independent samples unless PWL)
- QC Contractor sample
  - Tested at the plant lab
- QV Department sample
  - Tested at the department lab
- Must be HTCP certified (sampler & observer)



- There are minimum amounts of material required for each QC/QV testing requirements and their retained split sample (MOTP)
- Samples must be placed in an 10" x 8" x 8" box (such as Uline S-19062)
  - Samples must be labelled with the 12 requirements per MOTP

### **Mixture Sample Security**

- QC-Retained Samples
  - Implemented in 2018
  - Contractor must sample, split and label mixtures
  - Contractor will provide the Department with retained samples in a designated storage area, on a pallet or rack
  - Department representative will secure retained samples when they come to the plant to collect a QV sample
  - Sample security video can be found on the WisDOT QMP webpage



Wrap tape completely around box extending over the sticky-side-up portion and on to the next adjacent side.



### **WisDOT E-Ticketing Team**

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- NE Jesse Hanson & Rebecca Rooyakkers
- SE Eric Hanson
- SW Cody Kammerzelt & Adam Kopp
- BTS Erik Lyngdal & Barry Paye
- BPD Brandon Lamers, Wayne Chase, David Castleberg, Drew Kottke
- OBOEC Teresa Rademacher
- FHWA –Nick Perna

Friday morning's General Session:

Emerging Technology in Construction Management and E-Ticketing

### **Standard Specifications**

In 2024 Design Standard Specifications

- 109.1.4.3 Add option for electronic load tickets.
- (1) Electronic load tickets may be provided as a substitute for printed tickets. Include the information as specified in 109.1.4.2 on each electronic ticket.
- (2) Automatically generate electronic tickets using a system that is fully integrated with the load-out scale system being used to weigh the material. Ensure data input cannot be altered and provide offline capabilities to prevent data loss.
- (3) Provide electronic tickets in real-time by allowing the department access to the tickets utilizing a web based or app-based system compatible with iOS and Android.
- (4) Provide the capability to record information and comments on each ticket.
- (5) For each project ID and bid item, submit an electronic daily summary of the individual tickets daily as work is completed. In the daily summary, include the unique information for each individual load ticket. Provide the daily summary data in an importable format, such as comma separated values (.csv).

### **E-Ticketing Takeaways**

- Safer projects and shorter work zone traffic impacts
- Improve efficiency and accuracy in recording and sharing material ticket
  information
- Seamless project collaboration through digital communication across plants, job sites, and transportation agencies
- Enhance data integrity and reduced risk of errors and disputes with audited secure permissions for every teammate
- Real-time access to ticket data for better project management

### **OnStation Mobile App**

### **Digital Station Tool**

- Utilizes phone-based GPS to give real time on project location
- Compatible with any type of Apple or Android mobile device iPhone, iPad, Samsung, Motorola, Google


## **OnStation Mobile App**

## Collaboration

- Tags can be shared between all users
  - Traffic Control Modifications
  - Photos of issues
  - Punchlist locations
- Improved Communication
  - Reduces redundant data collection by sharing data across team



## **WisDOT Feedback**

- What does WisDOT use OnStation for:
  - Project location (General Location Only)
  - Collaboration
  - Photos
- Benefits
  - Finding where you are on the project
  - Time savings
  - Better communication
  - Less costly alternative to determine estimated location
- WisDOT concerns with use of OnStation
  - Accuracy
  - Consistency of Accuracy
  - Wi-Fi Connection
  - Blurry Images



## THANK YOU!!!!