SMA in PA

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Pavement Materials CMD



History

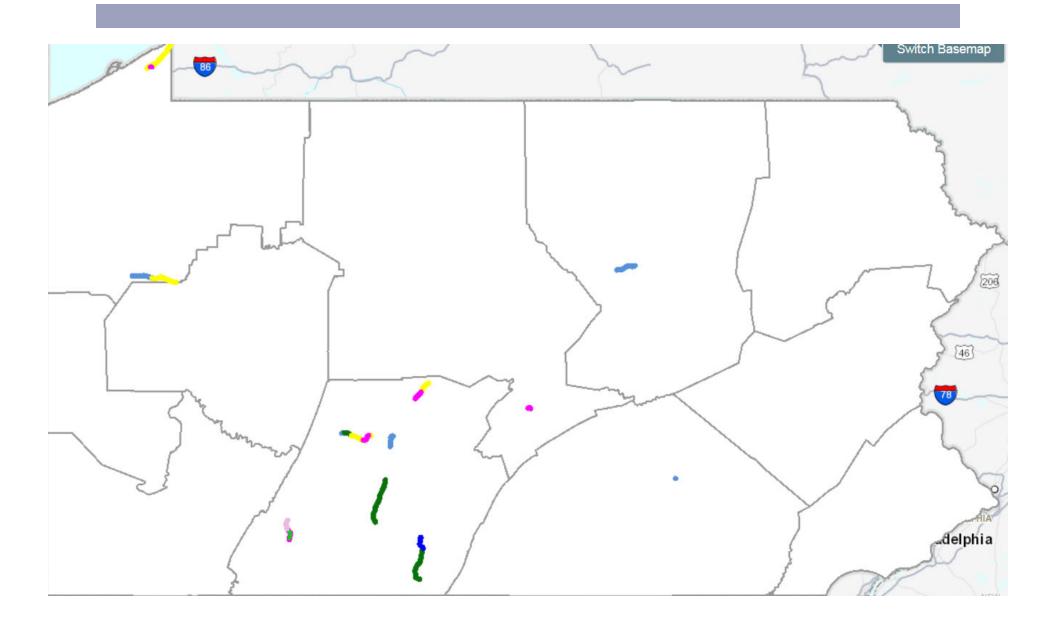
- First SMA project placed in 1994 in PA in District 8. (Harrisburg area)
 - Did not perform well
- 1997 District 9 placed their first SMA project.
- 2001 District 9 placed 2 projects

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 2003 - 1 project
 2004 - 1 project
 2005 - 1 project
 2006 - 2 projects
 2007 - 3 projects (6 state wide)
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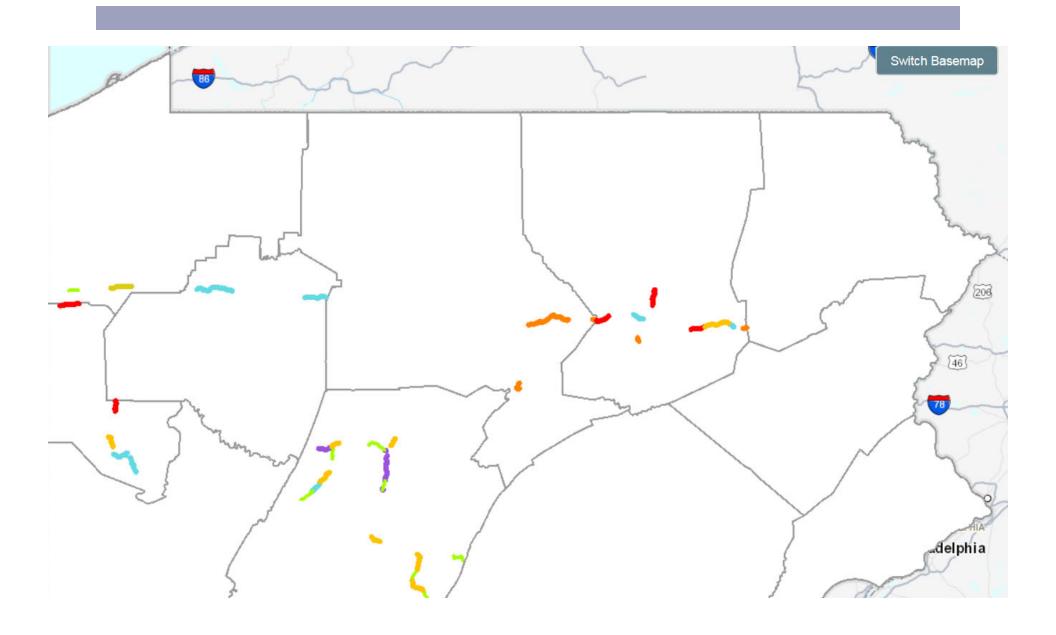
• SMA Specification - Effective in PA specifications 10/1/2009.

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2003 to 2009



2009 to 2016



Long Life Asphalt Projects

- 5 Projects paved in 2018
- 6 Projects to be paved 2019 thru 2022



WMA SMA in 2017

- WMA SMA specification change approved Feb. 24, 2017.
- WMA technology at hot mix temperatures.
 - Compaction aid



Current Initiatives

- SMA on Interstates.
 - Most Districts have switched to SMA wearing courses on Interstate and high value routes.
- RAP use in SMA
 - Dist. 11 initiated a research project to evaluate the inclusion of 10% RAP in SMA for roadways with lower traffic. (collectors, some arterials)
 - The ability of Districts to specify NO RAP SMA on any road will be preserved.
 - Work Plan is being revised to include a more diverse materials sample.
 - Aggregates
 - Binder



RAP in SMA - Other States

- Illinois DOT allows the use of up to 15% of FRAP in SMA mixes.
- Illinois Tollways allows up to 20% of FRAP in SMA mixes.
- Virginia DOT allows up to 20% of RAP in wearing courses.
- Maryland State Highway Administration allows up to 20% of RAP in SMA.
- Texas DOT allows up to 15% of FRAP in wearing courses.

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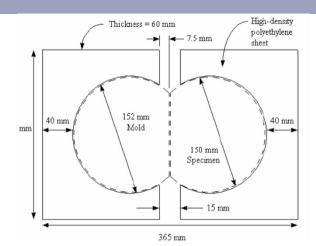
• Alabama DOT allows up to 20% of RAP in SMA.

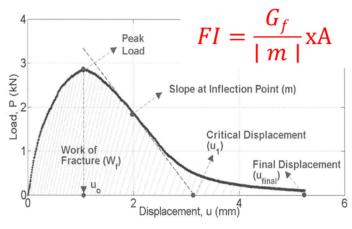


RAP in SMA research projects

Work Plan Testing

- Asphalt Binder Testing
 - Base binder true grade
 - $-\Delta T_{c}$
 - RAP binder true grade
 - $-\Delta T_c$
 - Combined binder true grade
 - $-\Delta T_c$
- Completed mix testing
 - Hamburg Wheel Tracking test
 AASHTO T 324
 - Flexibility Index Test –
 AASHTO TP 124







RAP in SMA research projects

- District 11, Allegheny Co.
 - ECMS 91790 Let 2/28/2019
 - SR 0885 (Boulevard of the Allies)
 - Mill, scratch, and overlay with 1.5" 9.5mm SMA
 - 28,000 ADT, 9% Trucks
 - Experimental section east bound lanes
 - Control section West bound lanes





RAP in SMA research projects

- District 4, Allegheny Co.
 - ECMS 91790 Let 2/28/2019
 - SR 0885, Mill, scratch and overlay with 9.5mm SMA



Questions?

