INNOVATIONS AND BEST PRACTICES IN PENNDOT DISTRICT 9-0

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DISTRICT 9-0 PAPA BUS TOUR

- Roadway Committee
- Hands on Local Acceptance
- New Products
- General Pavement Strategies
- Success Stories and Lessons Learned



- 9-0 Roadway Committee
 - 5 members includes Design, Construction and Maintenance
 - Chair Ed Steinbugl, P.E., Maintenance Services Engineer
 - John Ciprich, P.E., Design Services Engineer
 - Garth Bridenbaugh, P.E., Construction Services Engineer
 - Larry Riggleman, District Materials Manager
 - Doug Bagley, District Pavement Manager



- Goal provide ranking for pavement project selection
- Three primary sources of information
 County maintenance input
 - Field reviews by the roadway management committee
 - Data from BOMO's roadway inventory

& testing





• "The List"

SR's broken into logical segments Info. e.g. ADT, ADTT, BPN, last year resurfaced BOMO's roadway inventory and testing info. entered into "The List" (IRI, OPI, OOC)

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 Roadway Committee solicits input from each County Maintenance org for their priority routes (all networks)





- Roadway Committee performs field reviews
- Data scoring/county maintenance input considered
- Meets to determine final rankings
- Final rankings sent to planning and programming for updating the TIP
- Final rankings sent to maintenance for planning their funding of projects

HANDS ON LOCAL ACCEPTANCE

- District 9-0 has been doing hands on local acceptance for over a decade
- Most contractors/producers
 request use of HOLA
- AASHTO re:source On-Site Laboratory Assessments





HANDS ON LOCAL ACCEPTANCE

Tons Accepted by Year

YEAR	HOLA	LTS
2023*	71,956	22,510
2022	68,379	120,523
2021	31,362	160,938
2020	40,932	55,782
2019	57,066	30,372
2018	292,390	46,045
2017	67,420	79,347





* As of 7/18/2023

HANDS ON LOCAL ACCEPTANCE

Benefits of HOLA

- Quick turnaround time (avg. 48 hours from box delivery to CAMMS report)
- Producer sees samples (any sampling issues can be quickly addressed)
- Lab assessments by independent party on a regular basis
- Workforce development inspector stays sharp on lab procedures





Void Reducing Asphalt Membrane (VRAM)





 VRAM (J-Band has been provided) >ECMS 22816 I-70 36,628 LF @ \$4.85 (added to experimental work plan) >ECMS 91536 I-70 76,417 LF @ \$3.00 (half widths one lane a time milling) **ECMS 91537 I-70 129,294** LF @ \$3.25 (half widths one lane a time milling)



Half width J-Band on I-70



- VRAM We plan to use this product on our composite pavement interstates and look-alikes at the centerline. Our goals:
 - Improved performance/service life
 - Reduced/delayed crack sealing
 - Less interference with durable pavement markings





- Mastic for Centerline Joint Repairs
 - ➢ First 9-0 use on US 22 Cambria County in 2023
 - Effective application
 - Durable repair option for large scale centerline joint distresses with wide cracking/raveling





GENERAL PAVEMENT STRATEGIES

Asphalt Pavements

- Common past overlays 120 lbs/SY 9.5 mm leveling, 180 lbs/SY 9.5 mm wearing course
- Interstates/expressways Mostly SMA with some 6.3 mm thin lift in recent years
- Starting more 180 lbs/SY 9.5
 wearing overlays
- Full Depth Reclamation on select roadways with base, subgrade issues (high cost)
- Seal coat network 6-year cycle



GENERAL PAVEMENT STRATEGIES

Concrete Pavements

- CPR/Next Generation Concrete Surface
- CPR and Asphalt Overlay
- Crack and Seat/Break and Seat





Lessons Learned

- 6.3 mm thin lift directly on concrete 9-0 has experienced some bonding issues in some cases but not others
- Potential issues: hard tack grade, milling texture at underpasses, new concrete difficult to achieve bond





Lessons Learned

- 6.3 mm thin lift overlay on composite pavement with heavy CPR patching
- Difficulty achieving smooth ride due to numerous patches and no milling item for the pavement length





Lessons Learned

- 6.3 mm thin lift overlay at 1" depth at underpasses with clearance requirements
- Texture too deep from standard milling machine
- Delamination occurred
- Learned that thin lifts require micro-mill to achieve a much less aggressive profile
- Stopped the practice of placing thin lift at these underpasses





Success Stories

- 6.3 mm thin lift on asphalt pavements
- Smooth surface, nice alternative to mill and overlay



Success Stories

- Full depth reclamation has been successful on low volume routes with significant base/subgrade issues
- Slot milling edges has helped keep profile down





Success Stories

- District 9 let three base repair projects for 2023
- Projects are to prep roads for seal coat program
- Total of 54,968 tons, \$7.06 million all inclusive



