



Executive Committee Conference Call (7/14/04)

Jim Grove, Center for PCC Pavement Technology

TPF-5(066) Material and Construction Optimization for Prevention of Premature Pavement Distress in PCC Pavements

Purpose of Project: To develop optimal mix design and test methods for monitoring Key performance parameters and conduct demonstration tests in participating states.
<http://www.ctre.iastate.edu/pccpoolfund/>

Present:

Tom Cackler
Jim Grove
Sandra Larson
Doug Schwartz
George Woolstrum

Absent:

Dan DeGraaf
Max Grogg
Todd Hanson
Marcia Simon
Jerry Voigt
John Volker

Project Status:

Jim reported that all out-of state visits are completed. He will travel across town to make Iowa's visit shortly. Indiana and Ohio were the last states visited. Ohio has a large project next summer where they are planning to pave a section, one side asphalt, one side concrete. Ohio University will be involved in research on this project and we will try to coordinate schedules with them.

Suite of Tests:

ISU team is working on a test result form so data from each state will be clear and concise. Gary Fick has drafted summaries to each test suitable for field personnel.

Lab Trailer:

The trailer arrived on June 26th with a ribbon-cutting on July 6th. Over a hundred people toured the lab and helped us celebrate with Culver's "concretes". The lab techs found some small problems and Featherlite hauled the trailer back to get these things fixed. The truck will be arriving soon and the plan is to be on the road the first week of August.

Demo Projects:

At the moment the following site visits are planned:

- Missouri - early August
- Michigan – September, to include TAC meeting date
- Wisconsin – later September
- Georgia/North Carolina – October/November?

IMCP Manual:

Peter Taylor, CTL, reports the authors are all writing sections with their first draft due at the end of July. A more detailed report will be presented at the MCO TAC in September

TAC Meeting/MC² Conference:

The fall TAC meeting/ MC² conference will be September 21-23, at the Detroit metro airport, Doubletree Hotel. PCC Center secretary, Denise Wagner, will send out a preliminary agenda and travel information to the TAC. Some general information is available on the MC2 website although a registration form has not yet been posted. The preliminary agenda looks very interesting with surface characteristics as one of the main topics. The agenda includes: a report on the European scan, auto industry representation, field trip to see the European section of the freeway, and mobile concrete lab site visit.

There was a discussion on whether states who were unable to send a representative to a prior TAC meeting would be eligible to send more than one to this fall's meeting. The executive committee authorized paying for one representative per state and after discussion it was agreed to not change that policy. The committee expressed sympathy for scheduling difficulties but pointed out the value of attending and participating in each TAC meeting was an important aspect of being part of the TAC. If a TAC member is unable to attend, he/she may elect to send another representative from their agency.

States that have shown interest in the MCO project should be invited to attend the Fall meeting. Project funds will pay for one representative from any state intending to participate in the pooled fund study but who might need to delay their contribution until next year.

Budget:

Tom Cackler presented the need for a budget revision. Four site visits were originally planned for this year; however, six may be possible. With a clearer picture of the projects budgetary needs, it appears the project's needs will be greater this year and next year and then taper off. This year's budget was re-examined and approval for a budget reallocation as well as additional funding is requested for the additional research tech, consultant Gary Fick and additional site visits. This is really a matter of moving money into this current calendar year budget that had been programmed for future years. The cash flow is sufficient to cover this increased budget request. Members present approved. Tom will contact executive members not present for their concurrence.

Future Conference Calls

Next conference call scheduled for Wednesday, August 11th, 8:30 a.m.