

METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT PAVEMENT ENGINEERS COUNCIL
Thursday, October 2, 2008

Agenda

Chairman Pat Kennedy called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Introductions were made. Those in attendance were Mike Fairbairn (Premier Paving Inc.), Carl Armijo (Town of Castle Rock), Don Clem (Rocky Mountain Cement Council), Bob Locander (CDOT), Michelle Reynolds (Reynolds & Associates), Don Peach (Reynolds & Associates), Richard Hess (CST), Steve Mueller (FHWA), Dave Potter (City & County of Denver), Pat Kennedy (City & County of Denver), Jim Katzer (Arapahoe County), Jamie Johnson (Rocky Mountain Cement Council), Randy Carri (Terracon Consultants), Bob Olivier (Merrick & Co.), Russ Higgins (City of Wheat Ridge), Tom Pieters (City of Aurora) Julie Christensen (Tensar), and Pamela Weimer (MGPEC).

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at the City of Castle Rock Town Hall located at 100 N. Wilcox, Castle Rock, Colorado.

Meeting Minutes

Carl Armijo made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Tom Pieters seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Katzer presented the Treasurer's Report. The balance of the checking account is \$6923.86. The savings account has a balance of \$3352.22 for a total of \$10276.08. Russ Higgins made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Carl Armijo seconded and the Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

Asphalt Thickness Design Equations Issue

Dave Potter sent a letter to the original programmer asking him to respond to MGPEC's request for revisions to the software within one week. Pat Kennedy asked Jim Katzer to get all the information needed from Dave Potter in order to receive a quote from his contact that is a programmer. Tom Pieters also suggested addressing the printing issues that occur with server printers.

Smoothness Task Force

Frank Marbury has worked on putting a group together to ride the streets that data had been collected for but that had to be cancelled. The District of Columbia has recently passed a smoothness specification. The group thought it would be beneficial to use data from 2008 instead of 2007 so that information is the most current. Contact Dave Potter (dave.potter@denvergov.org) or Frank Marbury (fmarbury@littletongov.org) if you have information that you can share with the task force.

Item 9

Tom Pieters presented the completed version. It was voted unanimously by the steering committee in an e-mail vote to approve this version last week. Tom and Dave Potter will draft a cover letter highlighting the changes made to Item 9 that will be issued with the new specification. The letter will also remind manual holders to not edit the specification but rather issue a cover letter with the specification used in a bid stating changes to the MGPEC specification being used. At this point all specifications will still be issued in hard copy to registered manual holders.

Steering Committee Vacancies

The Committee will look at how to fill the positions in order to get the most local agency representation on the committee. Pat Kennedy will send letters to member agencies asking if anyone is interested in serving on the committee. Jim Katzer mentioned that Brian Love (Arapahoe County) would be interested. The group would also like to look at increasing the number of steering committee positions. The group will discuss the progress of this issue at the November meeting.

2008/2009 Goals

The group briefly discussed the goals that were discussed at the July meeting; resilient modulus, increasing MGPEC attendance and participation, pavement design, ESAL calculator, marketing, potential training and pavement management. The group discussed having MGPEC formulate their own method for calculating ESALs and post that on the website.

Pat Kennedy needed to leave for another meeting so Russ Higgins took over for the rest of the meeting.

Discussion of a timeline for specifications revisions occurred. The group can discuss details at the November meeting.

Potential training topics were discussed. Jamie Johnson brought up the issue of number of dowels for concrete currently in the specifications. Russ Higgins asked Jamie to head up a Task Force addressing this. Jamie will send out an e-mail asking for participation.

Training on the specifications manual was discussed. The group decided that it might be a good idea to hold that training in the afternoon of the Annual Meeting since the building is already reserved and other training takes place in the morning.

Jamie Johnson mentioned that RMCC, ACPA and CRMCA have joined resources and are all based out of the same building. He also mentioned a training opportunity on December 16, 2008 on concrete management. For more information contact Jamie at jjohnson@cementcouncil.org.

Steve Mueller spoke to the group about pavement management. There is a need for high quality collection and uniform analysis of information in a major metropolitan area. Systems need to be utilized in an efficient manner. He gave some history on how the San Francisco area is managing their metro area including the use of Streetsaver software. MGPEC could take a lead in partner

sharing of information. A structural capacity number needs to be obtained; most likely by a Task Force. An inventory of pavement management systems would be step one. What data is being collected? A letter could be sent to local agencies asking for needed information. Steve Mueller will send to Pamela the survey that has been used by other organizations.

FHWA Regulations Concerning Worker Visibility

Steve Mueller discussed the changes in the regulations in order to protect the workers. There are 1200 workers killed in work zones annually. Pam will e-mail Steve's information as well as information from CAPA about a class they are holding addressing this issue. We will also post it on the website.

Open Discussion

Jamie Johnson discussed two handouts concerning differences between asphalt and concrete in price and noise. If anyone is interested in having an alternative bid or help with design, contact Jamie (jjohnson@cementcouncil.org). They have four engineers on staff now that would be available to assist.

Adjournment

Russ Higgins adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.