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Welcome to Concrete Matters, the monthly newsletter from the Southwest Concrete Pavement Association. This monthly newsletter contains the latest news and information of interest to the concrete pavement industry in California and Nevada. Please feel free to distribute this newsletter to others who may be interested in long lasting pavements.



SWCPA Members Meet with Caltrans Director

After the March 11th Board of Directors meeting in Sacramento, SWCPA met with Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. Budgets, infrastructure spending, the poor current condition of the state roads, and the need for more long lasting pavements were all of the agenda with the Director. Greg Bartholomew, Teichert Construction, and George Butorovich, Flatiron Construction, spoke about their companies' commitment to building long term infrastructure in California.

Upcoming Events:

April 8-9: Annual Nevada Transportation Conference

8 - 5 p.m.
Texas Station Hotel/Casino
Las Vegas, NV
Agenda and registration are
available [here](#).

April 10: Concrete Task Group Meeting

10 a.m.
Translab - Sacramento

April 23: Quality Pavement Committee Meeting

1:30 p.m.
3rd floor conference room at
NDOT, 1263 South Stewart
Street, Carson City
Contact Dick Moore to
suggest topics for the
agenda.

Apr 23: 15th Annual Complete Streets and Technology Conference

Carson, Calif.
Register [here](#).

April 22-24: Spring 2014 National Concrete Consortium

Crowne Plaza Jacksonville
Riverfront
Jacksonville, FL
Click [here](#) to register.

Apr. 30: Cement & Concrete Day on the Hill

Washington, DC
Sponsored by PCA and open
to all SWCPA members.
Register [here](#).



From left to right: Craig Hennings, George Butorovich, Malcolm Dougherty, and Greg Bartholomew

New Diamond Grind Texture is Promoted to Cities, Counties

A new diamond ground surface texture with a finer surface than conventional diamond grinding is being promoted to the cities of Newport Beach and Long Beach. Engineers David Akers of Aztec Concrete and Matt Stepien of AndersonPenna Partners, Inc., along with Craig Hennings, have been promoting Concrete Pavement Restoration (CPR) to local agencies.



SWCPA has proposed this texture as a way to smooth out old, faulted pavements in the Los Angeles Hancock Park neighborhood area. The new texture is achieved with diamond grinding equipment that will level the surface of existing concrete pavements while providing a surface with fine grooves that yield a slip-resistant surface. The surface is designed for low speed roads and the smooth, fine-groove surface makes it ideal for bicycles and skateboards.

ACI Spring Convention Big Success in Reno

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The ACI 2014 Spring Convention was held in Reno March 23-26. The Convention featured committee meetings and two days of sessions from experts in the field. More than 1,400 guests attended the Convention from around the country and over 30 exhibitors were on hand in the exhibit hall. Topics covered included: hydraulic of cement, optimizing concrete mixes for pavements, concrete repair, seismic and structural design of concrete, cold weather concreting, bridges that endure, pavements that endure, and more.

May 14-15:
**ACPA National Pavement
Design Workshop**
Rosemont, Ill.

June 18:
**CALTRANS Concrete
Pavement Repair**
10 a.m.
Translab - Sacramento

June 18:
**CALTRANS Concrete Cast
In Place Pavement meeting**

1 p.m.
Translab - Sacramento

Sessions, handouts, and presentations can be downloaded [here](#).

The next convention is being planned for Fall 2014 - Spanning the Globe, on October 26-30, at Hilton Washington, in Washington, DC.

[Transportation Advocates Back Half-Cent Sales Tax Hike](#)

Hoping to garner voter and political support across Los Angeles County for a possible half-cent sales tax increase, transportation advocates gathered downtown Friday to unveil a proposal for a 2016 ballot measure that could fund a range of new transit projects, including a toll highway and rail line through the Sepulveda Pass.

The tax proposal, announced by the advocacy group Move L.A., could raise an estimated \$90 billion over 45 years and cost the average resident 25 to 30 cents per day, proponents said. It would also boost the countywide sales tax to 9 1/2 cents on each \$1 spent - though shoppers in cities with their own sales tax would pay higher rates. Read more on this increase [here](#).

[Congress Faces Gas Tax Dilemma](#)

The Hill --
If not the gas tax, then what?

That's the dilemma facing Congress as it seeks to plug a growing hole in transportation funding that state and local governments say is reaching crisis proportions. While the gas tax has long been the bedrock of the transportation trust fund, the revenue is drying up as cars become more fuel-efficient and people spend less time on the roadways. House Republicans have ruled out an increase in the tax, leaving lawmakers to search for an alternative method of funding.

But some of the ideas circulating in Washington, such as an expansion of toll roads, would likely be unpopular with the public, leaving lawmakers without an easy solution. For more details, click [here](#).

Sincerely,

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