



Concrete Matters

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Dear Christy,



Welcome to Concrete Matters, the monthly publication of the American Concrete Pavement Association - Southwest Chapter. We appreciate your involvement and support of our mission to keep

and expand the use of concrete in our roadways. Each year brings new challenges, but we are always excited to see the many accomplishments by our members. We, at ACPA-SW, continue to work on behalf of the concrete paving industry in California and Nevada. Remember to keep in touch with us - we're the ones promoting your workmanship or products to keep our concrete pavements concrete.

Remember to support member companies of ACPA!

Interesting in joining our Association? Contact Craig Hennings.

ACPA-SW Looks Ahead

2012 has been a busy year so far and we hit the ground running. Already it's been constant workshops, seminars, and meetings, not to mention the World of Concrete. What is encouraging is the continued interest in our message. The ACPA mission is to encourage the use of concrete pavements and to educate the industry on best practices. It's a message that is well received. More and more roads are being rehabilitated, rather than torn out or receiving an asphalt overlay. But along with the increased interest in concrete, there is a slight buzz of activity in the industry.

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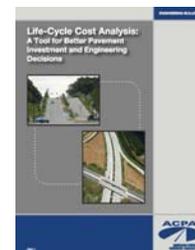
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Announcements

ACPA offers new publication on Life-Cycle Cost Analysis



Life-Cycle Cost Analysis ([EB011|PDF](#)) is a 128-page

World of Concrete has always been a great indicator of the health of the industry. This year, with more exhibitors and attendees than last year at the show, perhaps it is a sign that a turnaround for our industry is around the corner? Let me know what you're seeing, I'd like to hear what our members are experiencing.

ACPA-SW Happenings

January 10: A group of presenters and Craig Hennings held a concrete workshop for Caltrans District 7 in Los Angeles. It was a full day and covered long life concrete pavement, concrete pavement repair and maintenance, continuously reinforced concrete pavement, pervious pavement, roller compacted and precast pavements. More than 50 participants attended.

January 11: Craig Hennings and Dick Moore held the quarterly concrete pavement meeting with the Nevada Department of Transportation (DOT) in Carson City, Nevada. Meeting minutes and agenda are available by request from Craig or Dick.

January 17: In Caltrans District 8 in San Bernardino, the same workshop held on January 10 in Los Angeles was repeated. Again, long life concrete pavement, concrete pavement repair and maintenance, continuously reinforced concrete pavement, pervious pavement, roller compacted and precast pavements were covered. About 60 participants attended this workshop.

January 18: Caltrans and industry representatives held a Rock Products Committee meeting in Sacramento, Calif.

January 19: The planning committee for the Nevada Infrastructure Concrete Conference 2012 met and is already beginning to organize and plan the event.

January 24 - 26: Craig attended the World of Concrete in Las Vegas and found a very optimistic buzz on the show floor. The show was bigger than last year, with 52,088 total professional registrants and just over 1,200 indoor/outdoor exhibitors in more than 552,500 net square feet of exhibit space. This was an increase of 40,000 net square feet over the 2011 show.

January 24: The Seal/No Seal joint sealant contractor clinic was held at the World of Concrete. The group educated the gathering on Concrete Pavement Joint and Crack Sealing - Market Trends, Current Research and Best Practices.

publication that begins by discussing LCCA in general terms and then providing detailed steps for conducting a single-project LCCA. Examples with detailed analyses are provided for LCCAs of a local road, highway, and airport pavement. The document also covers some applications and extensions of LCCA, such as the "mix of fixes" concept, sustainability in the context of LCCA, the role of LCCA in pavement type selection, the impact of material quantity specifications on LCCA results, and total ownership cost.

Upcoming Events

February 14: At 10 a.m. in Sacramento, members of the industry and Caltrans are holding a kickoff meeting on developing a long life pavement and roller compacted pavement usage guide, application guidelines, and specifications. Contact Craig Hennings to register.

February 22: At 8 a.m., Caltrans Fresno will hold a Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement workshop. Sponsored by FHWA, ACPA-SW, and CRSI. Professionals from concrete industry are invited, but must register in advance. Contact Craig Hennings to register.

February 28: From 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., a Pervious Concrete workshop will be held in Caltrans District 7 in Los Angeles. Professionals from concrete industry are invited, but must register in advance. Contact Craig Hennings to register.

February 29: Craig Hennings is teaching a basic concrete pavement class to Wiss Janney Elster, Associates, in Emeryville, Calif.

March 1: Craig will teach a

January 25: Craig Hennings spoke to the mobile mixer operator community on the topic of pavement preservation.

concrete pavement construction and inspection class for NDOT in Reno.

Sincerely,

Craig Hennings
ACPA-Southwest



March 6: Sierra Nevada Concrete Associates annual Concrete Expo in Reno.

Register online at
<http://sierranevadaconcrete.com>

March 8: At 9 a.m. Caltrans is holding a quarterly quality concrete pavement meeting in Sacramento. Professionals from concrete industry are invited, but must register in advance. Contact Craig Hennings to register.

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