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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.



[World of Concrete Review](#)

[IGGA Reports on Agencies Specifying Saw Cut Textures](#)

As transportation authority specifiers place more emphasis on smoother, quieter and safer roadways and fewer construction delays, diamond saw cut textures are being used to reduce roughness and noise and increase friction of pavements, bridges and runways, John Roberts, executive director of the International Grooving and Grinding Association (IGGA) told editors during a World of Concrete 2014 press conference.

In line with this focus, he explained, the Next Generation Concrete Surfaces (NGCS) diamond saw-cut texture technique has been adopted as a long-lasting, economical noise-reducing surface developed for concrete pavement.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has developed the

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Upcoming Events:

March 6: Caltrans/Industry Cast in Place Concrete Meeting

9 a.m. at Translab,
Sacramento, CA

March 11: SWCPA Board of Directors Meeting

9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sacramento, CA

March 12: Caltrans Concrete Pavement Repair Committee Meeting

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Translab, Sacramento

March 13: Nevada DOT Inspector Training Class

7 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Carson City, NV

March 23-27: ACI Spring Convention

Reno, NV.
Register [here](#). Agenda and session schedules are now posted online.

April 22-24: Spring 2014 National Concrete Consortium

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

NGCS Standard Spec in 2013, making it the second state (Arizona was the first) to initiate a quiet pavement program. Caltrans currently has seven NGCS locations in the Sacramento and San Diego areas.

To see more of Robert's presentation and learn more about Caltrans' NGCS Standard Spec, click [here](#).



NGCS on US50 in California

Seal/No Seal Group Meets at WOC

Seal / No Seal GROUP

The Seal/No Group met at the World of Concrete to provide a state of the industry report. The Group continues to fund research and testing, which is showing a direct link between the preparation of the joint, the material used, and the resulting life of the joint. The Seal/No Seal Group has been asked to make a presentation at the upcoming Wisconsin ACPA Chapter State Workshop on February 12th regarding Control Joint Sawing Basics and Joint & Crack Sealing Basics. For information or a copy of the two workshop presentations for your area, contact Scott Eilken at (708) 728-1895.

Two Large Freeway Projects for the Sacramento Area

Caltrans will repair and resurface the US50 elevated freeway through Central Sac starting in mid-May and lasting through June. Several lanes will close on the W-X freeway between 14th and 26th streets during this time. This project is the biggest repair for the busy crosstown freeway, which is now 46 years old. Currently, the road surface on the bridge section is cracking, and the falsework is going up.

In an additional project, a new interchange will be built in El Dorado County on Highway 50 at Silva Valley Parkway. For more information on both projects, click [here](#).

Educating Lawmakers on Transportation Funding

The chairman of the House Transportation Committee said recently that lawmakers in both parties needed to be "educated" on what needs to be included in a new road and transit funding bill. Rep. Bill Shuster (R-Pa.) said he needed the help of municipal leaders to convince lawmakers to make compromises that will be necessary to approve a new surface transportation bill. The current surface transportation funding bill is scheduled to expire in September.

Lawmakers have begun holding hearings about crafting a new bill, but Shuster said it was very early in the process. Lawmakers are grappling with a shortfall between the approximately \$35 billion per year that is brought in by the 18.4 cents-per-gallon gas tax and the \$54 billion per year that is currently being



spent on transportation projects in the United States. For more information, click [here](#).

Save the date: ACI Spring 2014 Convention Reno, NV



On behalf of the American Concrete Institute, the ACI Western Nevada and Northern California Chapter and the SWCPA, you are invited to attend the ACI Spring 2014 Convention, March 23-27, 2014, at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, NV.

At the convention, you will have the opportunity to participate in the development of industry codes and standards during over 300 committee meetings; network with many of the world's leading concrete professionals at events such as the Opening Reception, Women in ACI Reception, and Concrete Mixer; and learn about the latest in concrete technology from industry experts while fulfilling your continuing education requirements. Featured presentations include speakers from Caltrans and Nevada DOT in the pavement track.

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