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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.



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[MIT Releases Report on Pavement/Vehicle Interaction](#)

The MIT Concrete Sustainability Hub released a new report in April, "*Model Based Pavement-Vehicle Interaction Simulation for Life Cycle Assessment of Pavements*." The work is one of the recent concentrations of the Hub. The results show "that rigid pavements within the Network behave better than flexible ones in regard to PVI due to higher stiffness." These findings reinforce what we have always known, that better fuel economy and thus reduced emissions through the use phase of the roadway are achieved when rigid pavements are used. This new report reinforces what we had previously learned in the Canadian report, "*Effects of Pavement Structure on Vehicle Fuel Consumption*."

The full MIT report can be found [here](#).

[Upcoming Events:](#)

June 6: SWCPA Board of Directors meeting

[FHWA Pavement Preservation Expert Task Group Continues Its Work](#)

June 7: Caltrans Industry Cast-in-Place Concrete Pavement meeting,

Translab, Sacramento, 9:00 a.m. Contact Craig Hennings to register.

June 12: Specification meeting with Washoe County

Regional Transportation Committee, Washoe RTC officer, Reno, 2:00 p.m. PCC pavements will be discussed. Contact Craig Hennings to register.

June 13: Caltrans Industry Concrete Pavement Repair Task Group Meeting,

Translab, Sacramento, 10:00 a.m. Contact Craig Hennings to register.

June 14: Caltrans Industry Rock Products Committee Charter review meeting,

Translab, Sacramento, 9:00 a.m. Contact Craig Hennings to register.

June 18 - 29: SWCPA offices will be closed. Craig Hennings will be on vacation.

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The FHWA Pavement Preservation Expert Task Group (ETG) is continuing under the new leadership of Thomas Van at the Washington, D.C. office. Tom is organizing a conference call with the leaders of the various subcommittees to discuss the next ETG meeting date and location. Craig Hennings continues to be the Chairman of the Rigid subcommittee of the Pavement Preservation ETG. Craig holds monthly conference calls to discuss rigid pavement preservation issues, goals, and strategies.

The purpose of the Pavement Preservation ETG is to provide expertise to advance pavement preservation through acceptance and implementation, supporting research programs and identifying and addressing customer needs. Additionally, the task group works to support the pavement preservation Centers for Excellence and Regional and State organizations, as well as integrating preventive maintenance into pavement management systems.

Representatives from Caltrans, NDOT, other state DOTs, FHWA and industry area members of the Rigid subcommittee. The next conference call is June 6.

SW Happenings

May 2: LA County Public Works presentation on Pervious Concrete. Craig Hennings, David Akers (consultant,) and Neil Lynch (Cemex Ready Mix) gave a presentation on the design and use of pervious concrete pavement.

May 10: Caltrans Industry Cast-in-Place concrete meeting was held. Meeting minutes are available from Craig Hennings.

May 16: Nevada Infrastructure Concrete Conference (NICC) kick-off planning meeting was held in Carson City. The committee announced the location and dates for the fall NICC. The fall conference will be held at the University of Nevada/Reno (UNR) on October 30 and at the University of Nevada/Las Vegas (UNLV) on November 1. General session speakers and breakout sessions were identified.

May 16: NDOT/Industry Quality Pavement Committee meeting was held in Carson City. Meeting minutes are available from Craig Hennings.

May 23: Caltrans Pavement Preservation Task Group general meeting was held. All members were invited. The Charter and organization were discussed. The various task groups gave updates on their respective tasks, issues and progress. Plans for the Caltrans year starting July 1 were made.



The audience listens to a presentation hosted by the LA County Public Works on the design and use of pervious concrete pavement.

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Chuck Suszko, Bill Farnbach & Tony Tavares meet at the Caltrans Pavement Preservation Task Group general meeting

Sincerely,

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