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Upcoming Events:

August 13-17: 2012 American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Subcommittee on Construction, San Francisco, CA. Caltrans is hosting. Wyndham Hotel.

August 15: Meeting is rescheduled to September 25. Quarterly NDOT/Industry Quality Pavement Committee Meeting.

August 27-30: First

Dear Craig,

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.



Concrete Pavement Takes Center Stage in Nevada I-580 freeway extension opens to traffic in August 2012

July 28 marked an important day in Nevada DOT history. NDOT provided an exclusive day for the public to walk, run or ride bikes on the new bridges and pavement of the new I-580 extension between Reno and Carson City before the freeway opens to high speed vehicular traffic in August. Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval was on hand riding an antique car through the project, signaling the opening of the roadway to the public.



National Pavement Preservation Conference, Renaissance Nashville Hotel Nashville, TN. Craig Hennings will be presenting and holding a meeting with the Rigid Pavement Preservation Expert Task Group. [More information.](#)

August 28: Concrete Pavement Specification Review with Washoe County Regional Transportation Committee, Washoe RTC offices, Reno, NV. 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Contact Craig Hennings or Michelle Dennis at RTC for more information.

September 3: Labor Day. Offices closed.

September 5: Meeting with Industry and Caltrans regarding stainless steel usage in pavement, 10:30 a.m., Translab, Sacramento, Contact Craig Hennings for more information.

September 6: Quarterly Caltrans/Industry Cast-in-Place/Quality Pavement Committee Meeting, 9:00 a.m. - noon, Translab, Sacramento. Contact Craig Hennings or Mehdi Parvini for more information or to submit agenda topics.

September 18: National Concrete Consortium Meeting, Sheraton Seattle Hotel, Seattle, WA. [More information.](#)

September 18-21: International Conference on Long-Life Concrete Pavement, Sheraton Seattle Hotel, Seattle, WA. [More information.](#)

Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval takes a ride on the new concrete.

The extension of I-580 from the Mt. Rose Highway to Bowers Mansion cutoff will connect Reno and Carson City, effectively completing I-580 in Washoe County. The \$400 million I-580 project, awarded to Fisher Industries, involved constructing nine bridges and an eight-and-a-half-mile concrete freeway from the Mount Rose Highway in Reno to the north end of Washoe Valley. This is the final section of the I-580/US-395 freeway that upon completion will connect the state's capital city to the Interstate Highway System (I-80) and improve safety along US-395 through Pleasant Valley. The decision to change from HMA pavement to PCCP was made in 2010.



New concrete pavement and Galena Creek Bridge.

[Concrete Overlay Open House in Wyoming Attended by Caltrans, High Success](#)



Concrete overlay open house in Wyoming.

On July 19, 55 engineers, contractors, and others traveled to western Wyoming to learn about concrete overlays over existing asphalt highways (whitertopping). The event was co-sponsored by ACPA Colorado-Wyoming, Utah, and Northwest Chapters, the Wyoming Department of Transportation, the National Concrete Pavement Technology Center, Federal Highway Administration, and PCA Rocky Mountain and Northwest

Regions. Representatives from 12 DOTs (CO, WY, NM, ID, UT, CA, AZ, AL, FL, SC, GA, and AL) and three representatives from FHWA were in attendance (total of 32 engineers). Presentations were provided by WYDOT, Concrete Works of Colorado, and the National Concrete Pavement Technology Center. Attendees were shuttled to the project site on a tour bus to review the nine mile long US-30 concrete overlay project.Á

**September 25: Quarterly
NDOT/Industry Quality
Pavement Committee
Meeting**, 1:30 p.m., Carson
City, NV. Contact Craig
Hennings or Dick Moore for
more information.

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[Case Study: Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, TN.](#)

Learn how diamond grinding was implemented to reduce the degree of banking in the upper track groove.

SW Happenings

July 12: Caltrans/Industry Concrete Task Group meeting, Sacramento. Minutes available from Dan Spear (Caltrans) or Craig Hennings.

July 18: Industry-only preparation meeting for Rock Products Committee meeting (morning); Caltrans/Industry Rock Products Committee meeting (afternoon). Minutes available from Caltrans or Craig Hennings.

July 28: Nevada's New Concrete I-580 Freeway Ribbon Cutting/Bike Ride/Run/Walk.

Sincerely,

Craig Hennings

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