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Concrete Conference 2011

Education and promotion go hand in hand when entities like the Maryland Ready Mix Concrete Association (MRMCA), the American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Maryland State Highway Administration (MSHA) work together in planning, developing and executing a one-day conference filled with information about concrete paving and highway structures. The individuals on the planning team receive ideas from and are influenced by many advisors throughout the highway design, construction and maintenance industry. Topics are selected and the search for dynamic speakers begins.

This year's event drew an audience of nearly 250 people from the cement, concrete and admixture industry, all MSHA Districts, the MDTA, several County and Municipal DPW's, the FHWA, the Pre-Cast industry and the concrete contracting industry.

Tim Smith, MSHA's Chief of Materials gave the Key Note address and was firm on his delivery of using current statistics to make good decisions rather than simply doing the same old things just because that's the way it's always been done. He encouraged everyone, especially the decision-makers in the crowd to seriously consider concrete pavements for their system preservation projects this year. Tim also noted the "asphalt culture" that exists across the state and how that influences the decision making process. He challenged the audience to move away from that kind of process and to get back to sound engineering and good statistics.

Other general session topics included the FHWA's Everyday Counts program, an update on EPA Regulations concerning the use of flyash in concrete and wrapped up with a Back to Basics session on Materials and Quality Control. The afternoon concurrent sessions on Pavements and Structures involved several speakers covering subjects like, MSHA's Pavement Preservation Guide, Two Lift Paving, and several sessions on Fast Track Bridge Repair and Deck and Girder Crack Mitigation.

Early reviews and feedback suggest that this conference was exceptional. The focus was clearly on education and moving the concrete pavement and bridge design community forward. Exhibitors, sponsors and attendees spent the day at a worthwhile event and everyone took away some valuable information.

We would also like to send a Thank You to our Sponsors and Exhibitors

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Promotion News

The following bulleted list describes a number of events and calls focused on concrete promotion during the month of July. These items are now reported to the PCA SouthEast office on a monthly basis. If you are involved in any promotion activity in Maryland and want to provide some details to me, I will be sure to include your efforts in the next Maryland Promotion Activity Report.

- Coordinated with the chairmen of the Highway Operations Sub-Committee of the Maryland Quality Initiative Conference (Dave Coyne, Dist 7 Engineer and Bob Harrison, AMT) to include a Concrete Technologies topic in the Technical Sessions portion of the agenda for the February 1 & 2, 2012 conference.
- Participated in a conference call meeting with the State Highway District 4 Office including people from Pavement Design, Traffic, Environment and Hydrology to discuss an future concrete paving repair project, I-795 north of Baltimore. Most of the discussion involved early strength limits, construction production and maintaining traffic closures.
- Working with Paul Kahl, Allegheny County Dept. of Public Works and Conference Chairman; confirmed a spot on the agenda of the County Engineers Association of Maryland annual conference scheduled for September 21-23, 2011 to talk about our concrete overlay demo project at Benfield Blvd with State Highway and to talk in general about concrete pavement design. Rod Meyers and I will be speaking.
- Confirmed Phil Kresge, NRMCA to speak about Concrete Pavement Design at the September 13, 2011 Architects

and Engineers Outing.

- Spoke with Dale Hill, Executive Director of WV Builders Supply Association about his efforts to sway WV Dept of Highways to allow Alternate Design / Alternate Bid.
- Hank Keiper with The SEFA Group presented the many recycle aspects of the concrete industry during a State Highway Recycle Materials Task Force meeting.
- Attended the first Annual Maryland Department of the Environment's Clean Water Trade Show and met the Deputy Director of Public Works for Harford County who presented me with a local street project that is designed in asphalt. He will consider a concrete option if we can provide him a design that's comparable.
- Met with key players in the Harford County Public Schools Sustainable Schools Workshop team to coordinate efforts regarding speakers, all donors, demo site details, etc.
- Met with ACI Certifications Committee to discuss Flatwork training protocol.
- Met with MRMCA Membership Committee Chairman, Art Nettle to develop tools and to identify current MRMCA members who can help educate potential members about the value of our association.
- Met with MRMCA Promotion Council Chairman, Jim Munro to discuss current agenda items of the Council including the details of our Promotion Awards Banquet schedule for October 21, 2011 in Baltimore. Also discussed the status of our communication with State Highway Districts.
- Spoke with Northern Virginia Director, Hessam Nabavi to discuss efforts to promote Local Streets and Roads including sharing feedback from our visits and calls to various highway officials.
- Spoke with Tim Almany, ACPA to discuss status of various concrete paving projects in Maryland (Central Ave. in Baltimore, I-795 Repairs, Intersection Whitetopping at 355 & 27).
- Registered the HCPS Sustainable Workshop on-line with the AIA for 5.5 CEU's.
- Met with Art Nettle to follow-up regarding the list of problematic pavement areas across the state.
- Wrote a letter with registration form and mailed to our Official Members to announce the Promotion Awards Banquet for October 21, 2011 and to gain their support of the event.
- Assisted Todd Gillespie with questions Caroline County had regarding the use of pervious concrete while staying within the current storm water regulations of the Maryland Dept of the Environment.
- The following producer members stepped up to the plate to supply concrete for the Harford County Schools sustainable building demonstration: Lafarge, Rowen, Schuster, and Vulcan.
- Coordinated efforts with the National Capital Chapter ACI to include Maryland Chapter ACI as a "Co-Sponsor" of the 2014 Fall Convention; scheduled to be held in Washington, DC.
- Working with Stu Schwartz at UMBC regarding a pervious concrete workshop with Maryland State Highway.

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Paving News

The Paving Committee Meeting is scheduled for August 24 and the following items will be discussed:

- Design Assistance Program follow-up
- Locations of Problematic Pavements that have been identified
- MD Quality Initiative Conference (MdQI) Technical Workshop topic on Concrete Technology
- County Engineers Association of MD Conference in OC where Rod Meyers and Tom Evans are speaking about Concrete Paving on September 23
- ACI and ASCE Dinner is scheduled for September 14 in Baltimore where Rod Meyers is speaking about StreetPave and PervPave concrete paving design software
- The A&E Outing is scheduled for September 13 where Phil Kresge will be speaking about Concrete Pavement Design
- SHA District follow-up
- City of Frederick and the status of their intent to try concrete paving for intersection repair
- Montgomery County Follow-up
- Harford County Street Project (Cedarday Lane) and the proposal to flip pavement design
- Recent projects that have been awarded (I-795 contracts, 355 & 27 Whitetopping and Central Avenue in Baltimore)

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The MRMCA remains a member of the MD Chapter USGBC and encourages members to attend their local events. We are trying to get an MRMCA member to attend something each month but we still need to have a bigger presence at the State level. Our focus still remains with the USGBC Northern Chesapeake (NC) Branch and Harford County Public Schools as we continue helping develop the County's annual Sustainable Schools Workshop. The architect on the project is the USGBC NC Branch Chairman. The event is scheduled for September 29, 2011 and is registered with AIA for 5.5 CEU's. The workshop will also be registered with the USGBC for continuing education. You can visit <http://www.hcps.org/departments/operations/HarfordEnvironmentalLeadershipProgram.aspx> to see the registration and details. Concrete products will be featured during the workshop with a tour and live demonstration of ICF, Pervious, Architectural Form Liner, Polished Floors and Counters and a Green Concrete Roof. All products, materials and labor for the Ticket Booth / Concession Stand are being donated by MRMCA Members and affiliates.

Additional activities in the "green building" arena include Frank Glorioso's involvement with the Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability. Frank was appointed by County Executive, Jim Smith to serve on the Sustainability Network which is an advisory committee of citizens, private sector and County representatives tasked to develop recommendations for a sustainability strategy for Baltimore County.

Also, Stephen Tripp with Chaney Enterprises exhibited at the first annual Storm Water Tradeshow hosted by the Maryland Department of the Environment where he displayed pervious concrete and the sustainable benefits of concrete paving and concrete buildings. Tom Evans assisted with staffing the booth and met Hudson Myers, the Deputy Director of Public Works with Harford County who is planning a local street project involving super pave and porous asphalt. Tom asked him to send pdf files of the project so we could offer a concrete alternative for both sections. Tom received the files and forwarded them to themed-Atlantic ACPA, the Ohio RMCA and to Brian Killingsworth with NRMCA. At this time we are waiting for a design. We also have local MRMCA member, Rod Meyers with BASF looking at the project to run the PervPave software.

We know that it is important to have a presence within the USGBC Chapter and Branches but we also want to stay ahead of the "green building" movement with regard to infrastructure and all engineering and design.

ACI News

Maryland Chapter ACI Newsletter:

<http://www.marylandconcrete.com/files/ACI%20Newsletter%20Spring%202011.pdf>

Certification Programs / Schedule / Application:

<http://www.marylandconcrete.com/files/ACI%20Field%20Test%20Cert%20App%202011%20with%20Directions%20Revised%208-3-11.pdf>

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