



Hot Mix News

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TxAPA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REMINDER

The 2007 Annual Membership Meeting will be held on January 8, 2007 at the Radisson Hotel located at 111 E. Cesar Chavez Street, Austin Texas. Registration and informational forms can be found on our web page or please contact Kari Stafford at the TxAPA office for assistance. Highlights for the event will be Mr. Mike Behrens and Mr. Amadeo Saenz as guest speakers, Associate and Major Associate Meetings along with Committee meetings. Reception will begin at 6:00 PM and at 7:00 PM we will start our general session. We look forward to visiting with all our members and hope you join us to welcome in all new members.

NEW HOT MIX ASPHALT CENTER MANAGER

Many changes are taking place going into the New Year at the HMAAC. Among those include the appointment of a new HMAAC Manager. Gene Betts has been selected to fill this position. Gene has been an instructor/evaluator here at the HMAAC since May of 2003. Before coming to the Hot Mix Center as an evaluator, he was a senior lab technician at Fugro South in Austin. Prior to, Gene was with the University of Texas College of Engineering. He worked in the Asphalt Research lab, where he was very much involved in the SHRP program and Superpave research. Gene will be coordinating the evaluator's day to day activities for the Center. Please help us welcome Gene in his new position.

BALLOTS

Ballots were sent out to all TxAPA regular members for the 2007 Board of Directors. All ballots must be returned by January 2, 2007.

WORLD OF ASPHALT SHOW & CONFERENCE

The North America's leading international exposition and education resource for the asphalt, highway maintenance and traffic safety industries. This year's conference will be held March 19 – 22, 2007 in Atlanta, Georgia. The World of Asphalt will offer a unique combination of exhibits and industry focused education. We will have the registration forms available to you at our 2007 annual Membership Meeting or you may go online to register at: www.worldofasphalt.com

HOT MIX ASPHALT CENTER LEVEL 1A CHANGES

As of January 1, 2007, Level 1A certified technicians who have been certified for the last 9 or more consecutive years, will be exempt from hands on demonstration and the written examination recertification courses held at the Hot Mix Asphalt Center.

This is optional and recertification courses are available for those that prefer to recertify every three years. Those that qualify must notify us and will be issued a Level 1A-E Exempt certificate with an annual renewal date. The renewal date will be the same as the current anniversary date. There is no fee for becoming a Level 1A-E Exempt status if you meet all the requirements.

You will not be exempt from certification, but will now be certified through successful completion of performing the required annual proficiency test. Failure to successfully complete the annual proficiency test will terminate your Level 1A-E and you will be required to attend the full Level 1A training course and begin your 9 consecutive years from the new training course date. If you hold a Level 2 certification and for any reason lose your Level 1A, your Level 2 certification will also be terminated.

Level 1A Recertification courses will now be one day. There will be no instruction to the recertification. Each Level 1A technician must demonstrate the ability to perform each test satisfactorily and successfully complete the written exam to remain a certified Level 1A Technician. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Pagitt at the Hot Mix Asphalt Center, (512) 312-2099.

2007 TxAPA STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

TxAPA Board of Directors and Committee Chairmen will take part in the 2007 Strategic Planning Session scheduled for January 17 – 19, 2007. If anyone has any topics they would like to be placed on the agenda for discussion during the planning sessions you will need to forward your items to any of the Board of Directors or to Harold Mullen at the TxAPA office prior to January 15, 2007.

NAPA NEWS

NAPA's 52nd Annual Meeting, February 17 – 21, 2007 in San Francisco will be filled with the power packed educational programs and great networking events you have come to expect in an exciting new format. For registration information or to view the exciting twelve educational sessions please visit them online at www.hotmix.org.

SEASONS GREETINGS!

We, the staff of TxAPA would like to take this opportunity to say *THANK YOU* to all our members. Working here at the association is not just a job to all of us. We appreciate the opportunities we have in getting to know each of you. We have developed many great friendships in the past years and appreciate the honor of making new ones. With this holiday season we would like to wish all our friends, their families and loved ones the warmest holidays and a truly wonderful New Year. So again, thank you for your interest, support and membership in the Texas Asphalt Pavement Association.

TxAPA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January, 2007

1	Closed	New Year Holiday	Buda
8	1:30 PM	Associate Member Meeting	Austin- Radisson Hotel
8	1:30 PM	Major Associate Meeting	Austin- Radisson Hotel
8	2:30 PM	Annual Meeting Committee	Austin- Radisson Hotel
8	2:30 PM	Marketing Committee	Austin- Radisson Hotel
8	6:00 PM	Annual Membership Reception	Austin- Radisson Hotel
8	7:00 PM	Annual Membership General Session	Austin- Radisson Hotel
9-10	1:00 PM	TxDOT Highway Letting	Austin
17-19	8 - 5 PM	Strategic Planning Session	Kerrville
24	11:30 AM	Houston Partners in Quality Meeting	Houstonian Golf Club

February, 2007

7	3:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting	Buda
7	4:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Buda
8-9	1:00 PM	TxDOT Highway Letting	Austin
13	8 - 5 PM	Atlanta District HMA Pavement Seminar	Atlanta
15	8 - 5 PM	Paris District HMA Pavement Seminar	Paris
22	8 - 5 PM	Childress District HMA Pavement Seminar	Childress

REMINDER:

THE TxAPA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS FOR THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25th
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26th

MONDAY, JANUARY 1st

JANUARY 2007 HIGHWAY LETTING - SCHEDULED PROJECTS

#	COUNTY	HWY	DESCRIPTION	TONNAGE
	BASTROP	HWY 290	LEVEL-UP, SEAL, & PFC 2.31 MI	38,179
	BRAZORIA	FM 518	INST RAISE MEDN, CEM TRT BS	19,475
	BRISCOE	SH 86	BASE, SURFACE TREAT, HOTMIX	29,428
	CROCKETT	US 290	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	430
	DALLAS	CS	WIDEN 2 LANE FACILITY TO 4 LANE	23,105
	EL PASO	VA	INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM	169
	ELLIS	IH 35 E	REHABILITATE FREEWAY MAINLANES	97,304
	ERATH	CR	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	99
	FRIO	SH 581	MILLING AND ACP SURFACE TREATMENT	968
	HARDIN	US 96	SEAL COAT	4,436
	HARRISON	IH 20	PAVEMENT REPAIR,MICROSURFACING	5,125
	HILDAGO	US 281	DISTRICT WIDE OVERLAY	68,060
	HUTCHINSON	SH 207	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	2,030
	JEFFERSON	US 69	TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION AND REPAIR	40
	KIMBLE	IH 10	UNDERSEAL, HMACP, AND PFC OVERLAY	70,317
	LUBBOCK	US 84	MILL, CRCP, TREAT BASE, HOT MIX	104,963
	POLK	FM 350	SEAL COAT	2,155
	RANDALL	FM 1151	SAFTEY LIGHTING AND RELOCATE RAMP	3,858
	REEVES	IH 20	PLANE,HMAC,PVM MARKINGS	35,272
	SAN AUGSTINE	FM 2558	SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS	451
	SAN JACINTO	SH 150	INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNALS,MODIFY ALIGNMENT	1,792
	SAN JACINTO	FM 222	WIDEN RDWY 3' ON EACH SIDE, HMA LEVEL-UP	13,595
	SHELBY	US 59	SEAL COAT	4,759
	TRAVIS	CS	REHABILITATE BRIDGE & APPROACHES	188
	WASHINGTON	US 290	MILLING & HMA INLAY	1,750
	WHARTON	BU 59	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	3,182
	WHEELER	US 83	REHABILITATION OF ROADWAY	66,798
			TOTAL	597,928