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NCAT TEST TRACK CONFERENCE

SEVENTH RESEARCH CYCLE





- To design, produce and pave asphalt mixes with biobased materials on Test Track
- To compare their field performance with that of conventional asphalt mixtures





Collaborative Aggregates Study





















Performance from 5/12/2016



Lift 2

Lift 1

2.25

1.50

Both designed as Superpave mixtures to meet volumetric requirements with performance verification

Laboratory Performance Testing

Mixture	Extracted	
	PG	ΔΤ _c
N1 20% RAP	88.6–16.6	-9.4
N7 35% RAP + Delta S	94.5–16.4	-10.1

Mixture	Texas OT (Nf)	I-FIT (FI)
N1 20% RAP	25 (A)	3.58(A)
N7 35% RAP + Delta S	10 (A)	3.43(A)



Bottom-up cracking due to rapid reconstruction in 2016











- Some reaction time needed when using Delta S with southeastern postconsumer RAS
- Lab cracking tests suggest N7 and N1 having similar performance
- Section N7 failed due to bottom-up cracking, possibly caused by rapid reconstruction in 2016
- Middle section repaired after about 14 MESALs in May 2020; the other last to the end of research cycle in March 2021 (17.5 MESALs)
- Lessons learned from N7 have led to other implementation efforts: <u>https://youtu.be/TKFYk1NIB-Q</u>

United Soybean Board Study



Two Surface Mixtures



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Construction

Section	In-place Density		N.C.
E5A	93.6%		
W10	93.3%		
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W10 and E5A mixes were designed to meet the volumetric requirements

■ Both mixes were compacted to achieve similar density (~ 93.5%)

Two mixes have relatively low lab cracking test results with E5A showing slightly better results

Initial cracking observed in E5A while no cracking seen in W10 after 10 MESALs

Questions and Answers



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