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PANEL DISCUSSION ALTERNATE BINDER MODIFIERS



BACKGROUND

- I figured all of us would be reduced to discussing similar materials
- Decided to take a different approach
- I am going to discuss alternate methodologies for evaluating how to evaluate these alternate modification techniques affect mix behavior and how we might be better able to ascertain mix performance
- After all just throwing something into asphalt doesn't mean that we have beneficiated the mix



SOME ALTERNATE TYPES OF MODIFIERS

- POLYMERS OR OTHER ADDITIVES OTHER THAN SBS OR SB
 a) PPA in addition to SBS or SB modification
 b) Elvaloy + PPA
 c) PPA
 CRUMB RUBBER MIXES
 2 SUIL EUR CONTAINING MIXES
- 3. SULFUR CONTAINING MIXES



SOME ALTERNATE TYPES OF MODIFIERS

- 4. HIGH RAP CONTENT MIXES
 - a) When the RAP content reaches 30+% I submit the RAP binder is a modifier to both the binder and the mix
- 5. SHINGLE CONTAINING MIXES
 - a) Virgin Shingle scrap
 - b) Tear off Shingle material
- **6. WARM MIXES**
 - a) Reduced Temperatures effectively modify binder & mix performance
 - b) High RAP levels (40% and higher) in warm mixes



SOME TYPES OF TESTS

STRESS TESTS ON BINDER

- a) Mix performance appears to be directly related to the stress sensitivity of the binder, especially for high temperature performance.
- 2. ASPHALT MIX PERFORMANCE TESTER TO DETERMINE STRENGTH & FLOWNUMBER PROPERTIES OF MIXTURES
- 3. Mix repeated creep tests at varying temperatures and stress levels
 - a) We use torsion bars in DSR—advantage is that many tests can be performed quickly to get an idea of mix performance

4. Mix cylinder tests to evaluate mix modulus and fatigue performance

- a) Sieve mix on #4 sieve and fabricate small cylindrical samples of mix that we then can evaluate for modulus and fatigue performance.
- b) We are finding this useful to evaluate RAP mixes and warm mixes without having to extract binders



BINDER STRESS SWEEP RESULT









Comparision of Stiffness between RAP Amounts at 20°C



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1/SLOPE OF DSR CREEP TEST IN STEADY FLOW REGION

Flow

Mix cylinders are molded from plant mix material that has been sieved through A #4 (4.76 mm) sieve. Dimensions are 12 mm diameter and 30 mm in length. Aluminum ends are glued to the specimen

We use these samples to evaluate RAP and warm mixes to determine the mix complex shear modulus as well as fatigue analysis of the mix

MIX CYLINDER FATIGUE TEST RESULTS PLANT 83 WARM MIX AT 30% AND 40% RAP CONTENT

MIX CYLINDER FATIGUE TEST RESULTS PLANT 83 & ARCADIA WARM MIX AT 30% AND 40% RAP CONTENT

Low temperature mix creep

Low temperature mix Creep test on Instron At -30° to -10° C Similar to work being performed by **Professors Bahia and** Marasteanu using BBR except that we use specimens that $\sim 25 \text{ mm}$ by 25 mm by 130 mm

OUR GOALS

- RAPIDLY EVALUATE THE PERFORMANCE POTENTIAL OF MIXTURES BASED ON
 - KNOWLEDGE OF UNIQUE BINDER PROPERTIES
 - THE PROPERTIES OF MIXES AS CLOSE TO THE CONDITION OF MANUFACTURE AS POSSIBLE
 - TRY NOT TO ARTIFICIALLY CAUSE ANY ENHANCEMENT TO MIX PROPERTIES BY HEATING RAP MIXES OR WARM MIXES BEYOND THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM NEEDED TO FABRICATE SPECIMENS
- ULTIMATELY WE WOULD LIKE TO ELIMINATE THE NEED TO EXTRACT AND RECOVER BINDERS FROM MIXES AND YET HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE BINDER PROPERTIES BASED ON THESE AND OTHER TESTS WE ARE DEVELOPING

THANKS

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