



KENTUCKY CONCRETE ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER



KYTC Preps For New Overlay Project

Several members of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s Pavement Design team and a few engineers joined the KCA for a site visit to an Indiana concrete overlay project.

The project on SR161 (about an hour west of Louisville) was a 3 phase project that showed the durability of concrete overlays over the last 7 years, as well as the construction process for a phase being completed during

the visit. The project was a good overview of concrete overlays of asphalt pavements as it showed various design parameters (fiber vs non-reinforced, varied depths, etc.) for the consideration of those in attendance. ACPA’s Indiana Chapter representatives, Mike Beyers, and Patrick Long were in attendance to guide the tour and answer questions as well as provide insights.

The Cabinet employees and consulting engineers in attendance are part of the lead design team for the upcoming 5 mile concrete overlay on the Bluegrass Parkway in Elizabethtown, KY. They were very intrigued by the process and spent a significant amount of time discussing best practices with the contractors on site and the ACPA staff. The success of the Bluegrass Parkway Concrete Overlay could spell out a shift in the paving market for the state.

Of particular note to the Ready Mixed industry was the focus and promotion of the concrete overlay for local streets and roads during the trip. Another short visit to a local overlay project being completed showcased the concrete overlay as a versatile solution to many different paving needs.

EC&S Committee Makes a Plan

The call to send representatives to the Environmental Control & Safety Committee meeting was not particularly well met by the industry. Only 3 companys were represented at the August 16th meeting. However, the small size fostered strategic planning that will hopefully

AT A GLANCE

LEGISLATION UPDATES

KCA held a meeting with Transportation Cabinet Representatives to discuss the current disparity in pavement marketshare.

MARKETING PUSHES

The KCA is developing & redesigning lunch & learn presentations to focus on reaching the engineering/architecture community in Kentucky.

IN THE PIPELINE

10 Libraries in Kentucky have received grants for new construction and are in the design phase. ICF has been suggested to each location.

NATIONAL HEADLINES

The RMC Caucus has been formed and the NRMCA is urging members to reach out to their representatives to join. <https://goo.gl/xBi7Lp>

benefit the entirety of the KCA membership.

In discussing the future of the Environmental Control & Safety Committee, it was unanimously agreed that the responsibilities of the committee were too important to the industry to suggest dissolving. In light of this, the discussion focused on determining how to best bring value to not only those in attendance of future meetings but to the industry as a whole.

The committee determined that the best way to bring value would be to establish a set agenda and goals for each committee meeting. In addition to developing a new agenda for the EC&S Committee meetings, it was also suggested to have set meetings in November & March.

Though some amount of work still remains to be done on the proposed agenda for future meetings, in general each meeting will cover 4 main areas:

- New/Upcoming changes to Legislation as it relates regulations regarding to Environment, OSHA/Workplace Safety & the Department of Transportation.
- A discussion & "Case study" surrounding recent incidents reported by the Ready Mix Industry.
- A discussion regarding best practices currently being employed across the state in regards to safety and environmental control
- A discussion of the training topics needed by KCA members and where upcoming training opportunities are happening throughout the state.

Mark Your Calendar...

SEPTEMBER 11

NKYCEC Meeting at Barleycorn's in Cold Spring at 11:30AM

SEPTEMBER 13

ACI Level I Certification Class

SEPTEMBER 19

Bluegrass CEC Meeting (Location TBD)

SEPTEMBER 27 - 29

KY Aviation Association Conference & Exhibit at Lexington Hilton Downtown

The committee members decided that following each bi-annual meeting, the "Case Study" performed during the meeting would be published and distributed to all members in order to reduce incidents and make the industry safer. The next proposed EC&S Committee Meeting (and the first to follow this proposed agenda change) will be on November 15th at the KCA Office.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

PROMOTION

The Promotion Committee meeting on August 18th was well attended and ended with a few clear goals for regional CECs. The general consensus of the committee was to focus the marketing efforts of the Association on resilient concrete building construction including both ICF and Tilt-Up. Each CEC was also commissioned to schedule a regional meeting before the end of September which was primarily aimed at "jump-starting" those regional CECs who had previously been somewhat inactive.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL & SAFETY

The August 16th committee meeting had low turnout - however, those in attendance worked hard to develop a strategy to bring the committee's relevance up as well as offer value to the KCA Membership. More information

can be found in the article above.

QUALITY & SPECIFICATIONS

The August 22nd meeting of the Quality & Spec Committee was well attended and productive. Dates for KCA Level II and KCA Level III (Potentially to be renamed "KCA Technical Concrete Academy") were set and the Level III agenda was discussed and approved. Most of the instructors for the course have been secured, but some are still being contacted by the KCA.

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