

*San Diego County*



**BUILDING  
BETTER ROADS**

JUNE 4, 2024

WORKING GROUP MEETING

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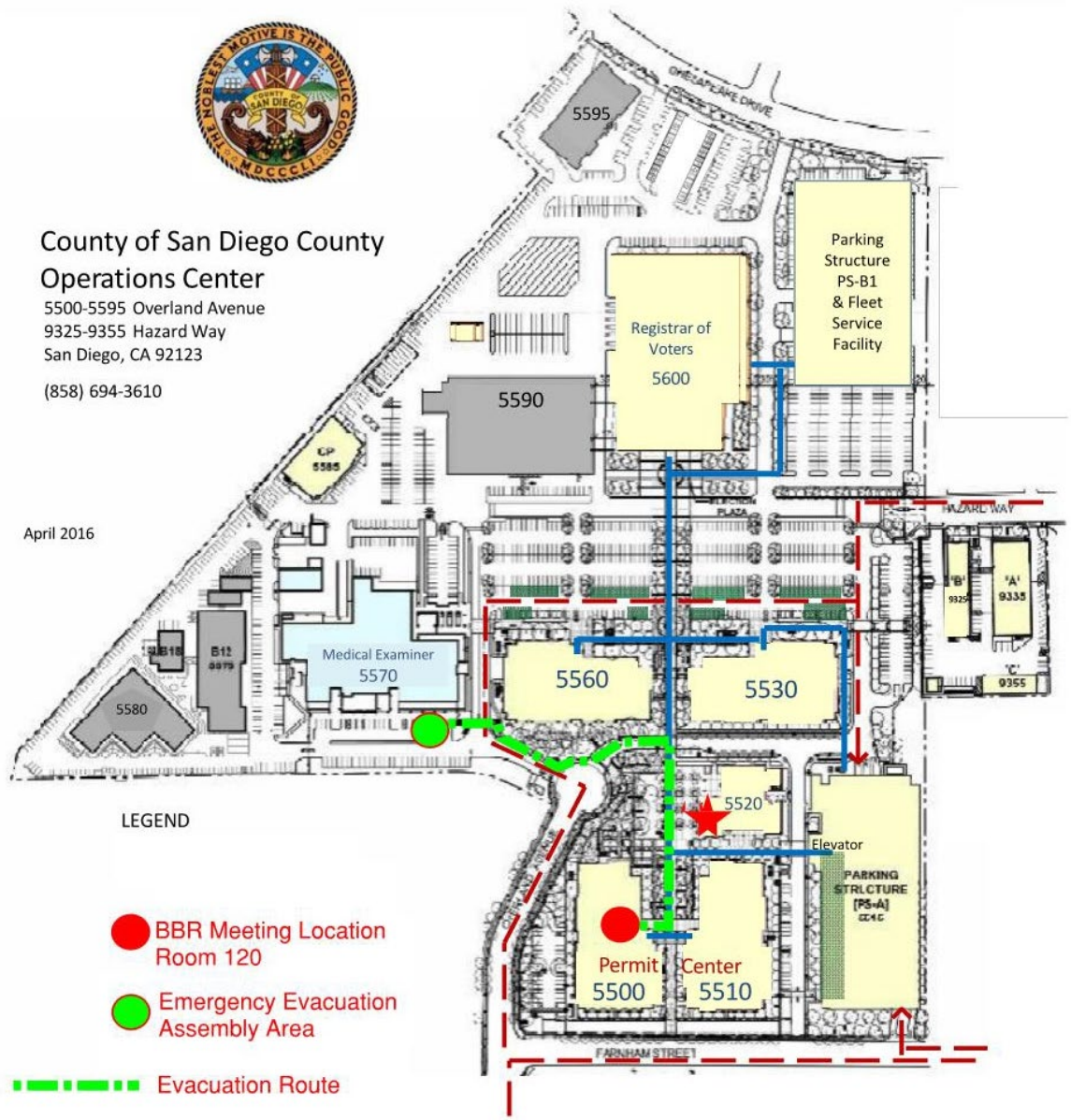


# BUILDING LOGISTICS AND SAFETY



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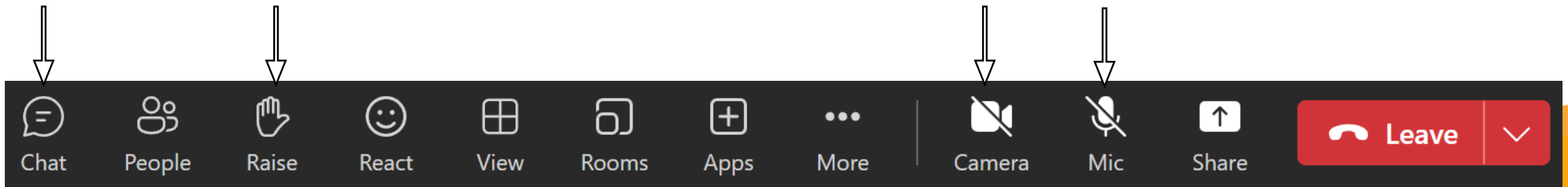
## LEGEND

- BBR Meeting Location Room 120
- Emergency Evacuation Assembly Area
- Evacuation Route

- Room and Building Exits
- Restroom Location
- Evacuation Plan

# TEAMS MEETING ETIQUETTE/ SIGN IN

-  Mute Microphone unless presenting
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-  Use Chat window or Raise Hand for questions
-  Please enter your Name, Company/Agency, E-mail in Chat



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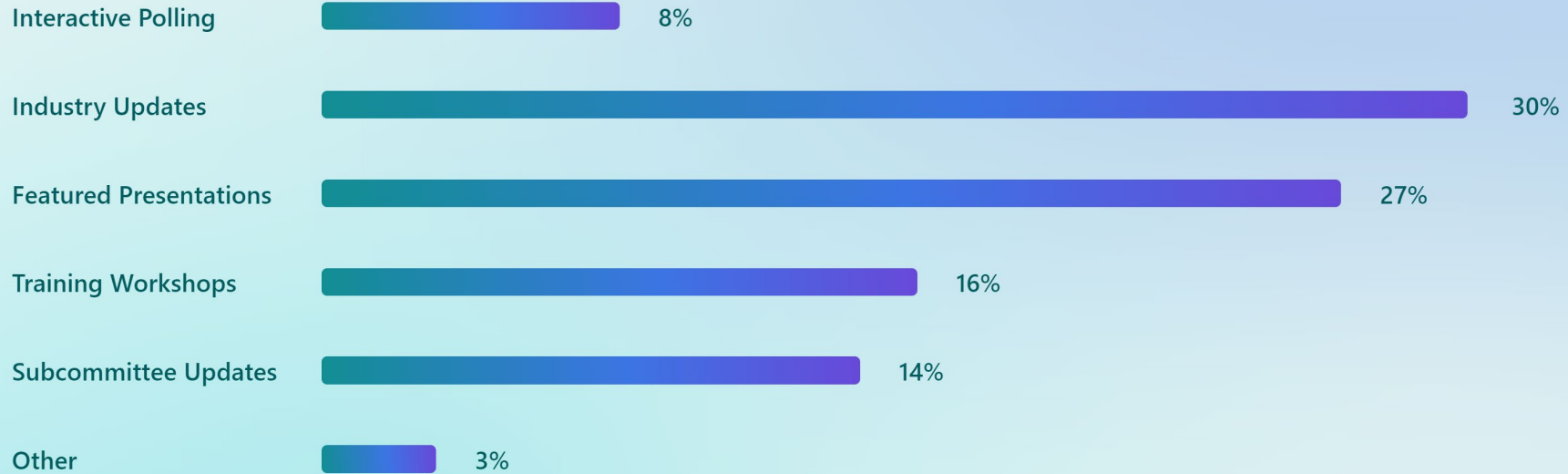
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# INTERACTIVE POLL RECAP

40 responses submitted

Which meeting segments covered in 2023 did you find most beneficial?



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Currently, the BBR Meetings are scheduled to run for 90 minutes. Which statement below best summarizes your opinion on meeting length?



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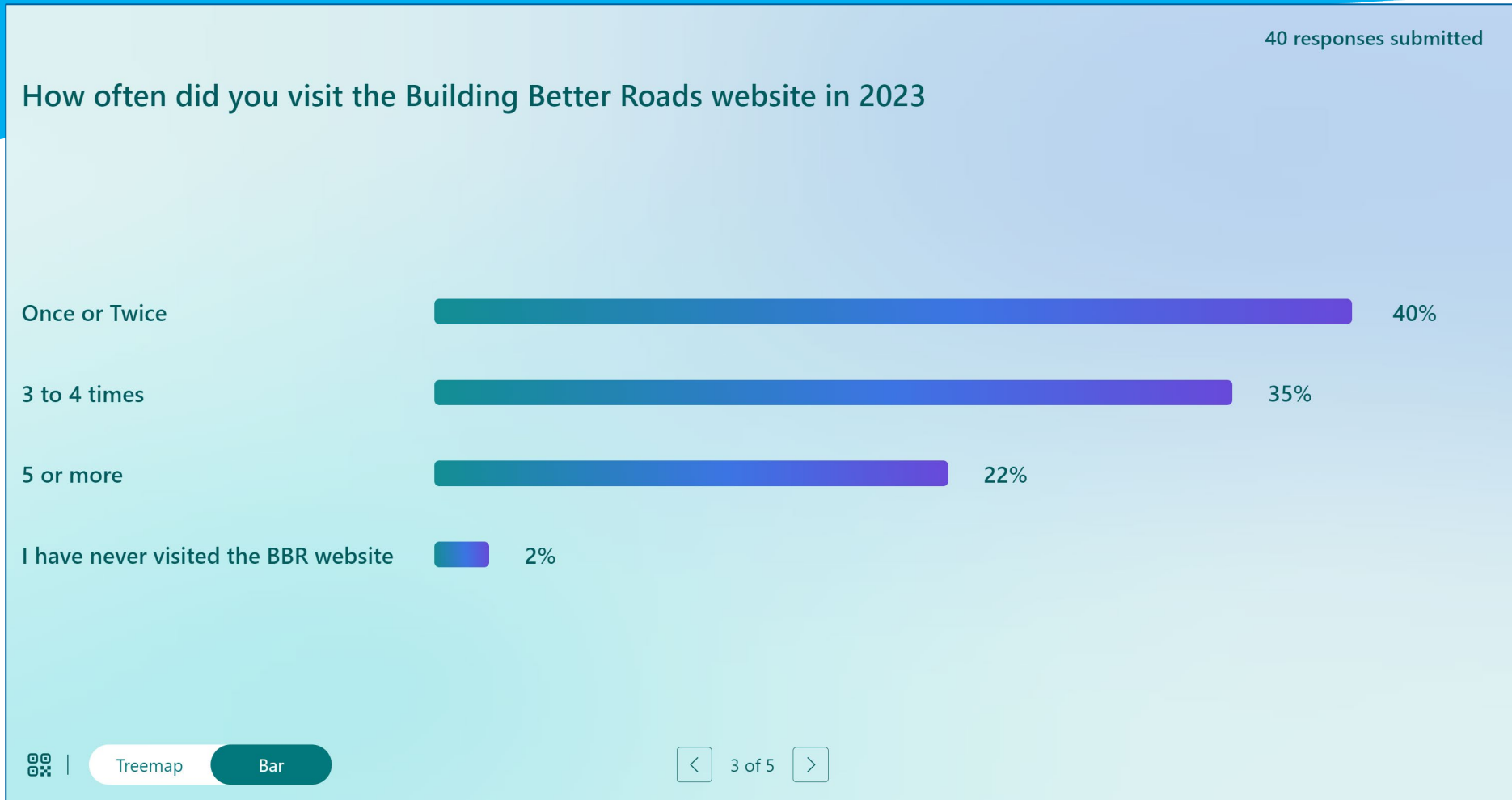
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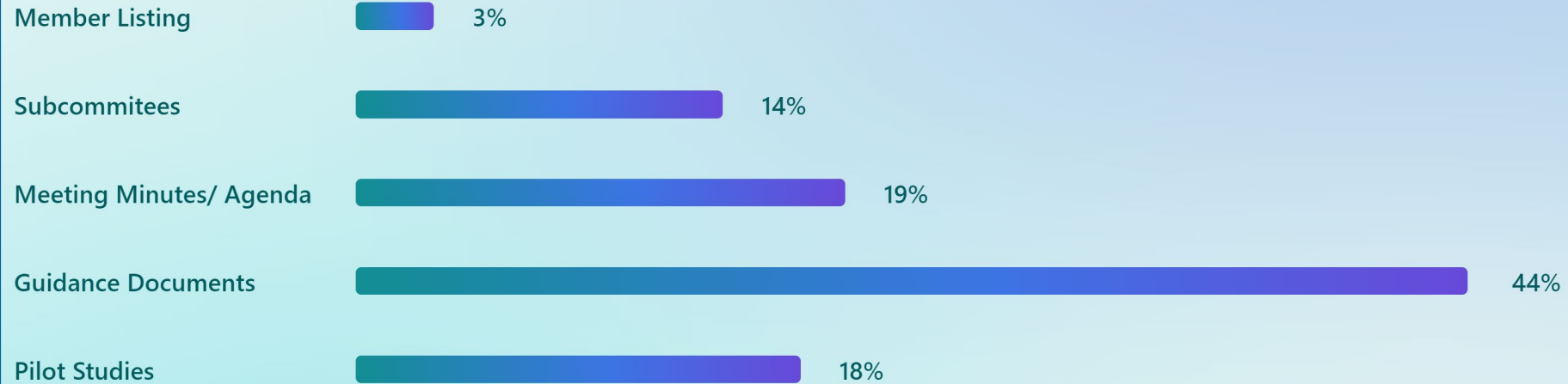
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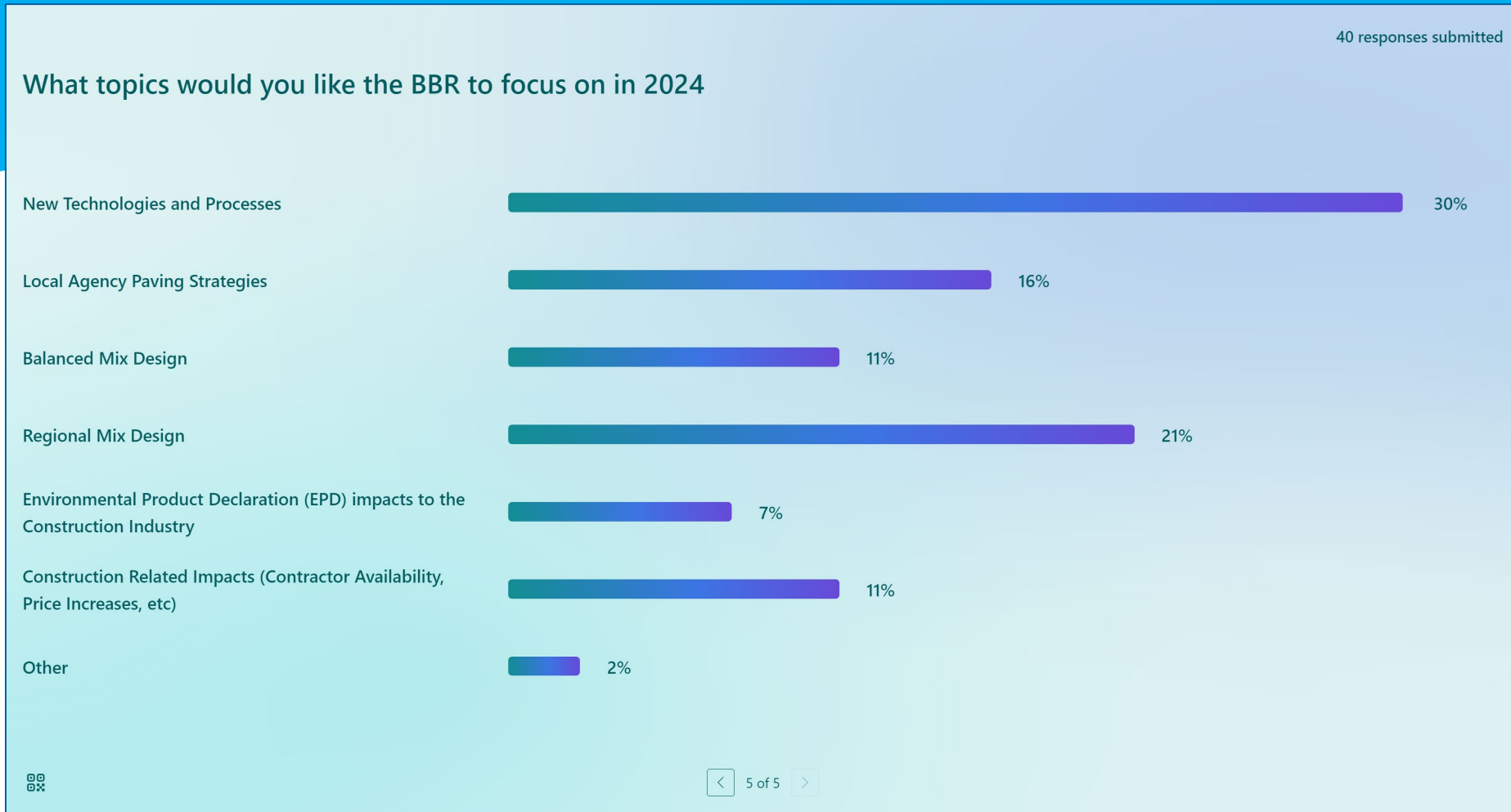
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## Which BBR website features do you find most beneficial?



# INTERACTIVE POLL RECAP





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The California Asphalt Pavement Association  
**Asphalt Industry Update**

June 4, 2024  
Building Better Roads Working Group Meeting



## NAPA RAP & WMA Annual Usage Report

- 2022 Construction Season
  - RAP Totals: 98.1 million tons
    - 26.9 million barrels of liquid asphalt binder
    - 93 million tons of aggregate
    - \$4.6 billion value
  - RAP Avg Usage: 22% (CA Avg Usage: 17%)



Asphalt Pavement  
Industry Survey on  
Recycled Materials and  
Warm-Mix Asphalt Usage  
2022

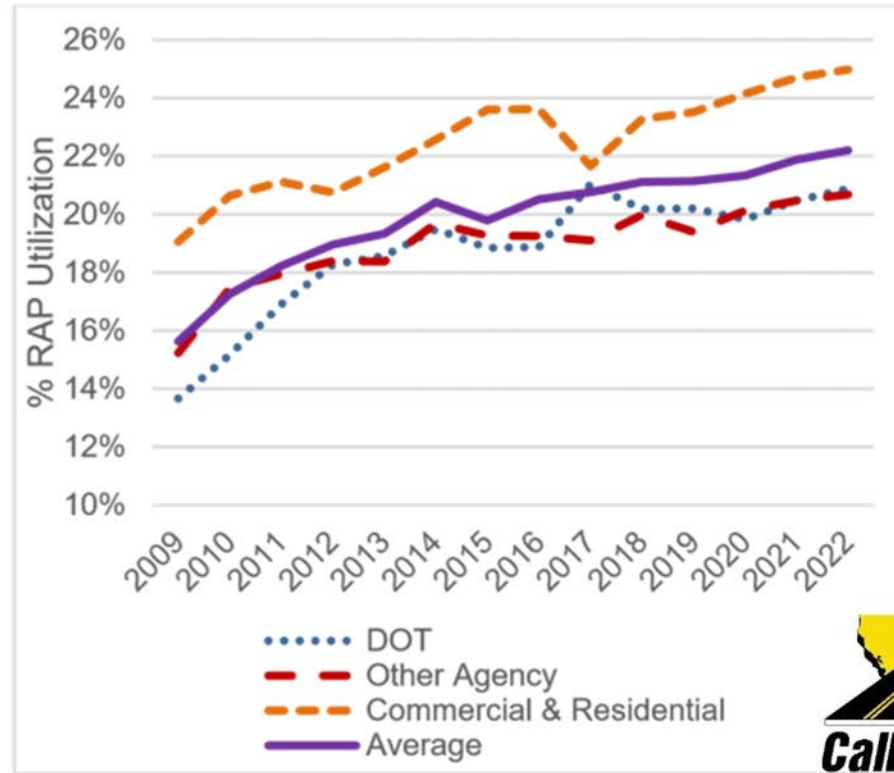
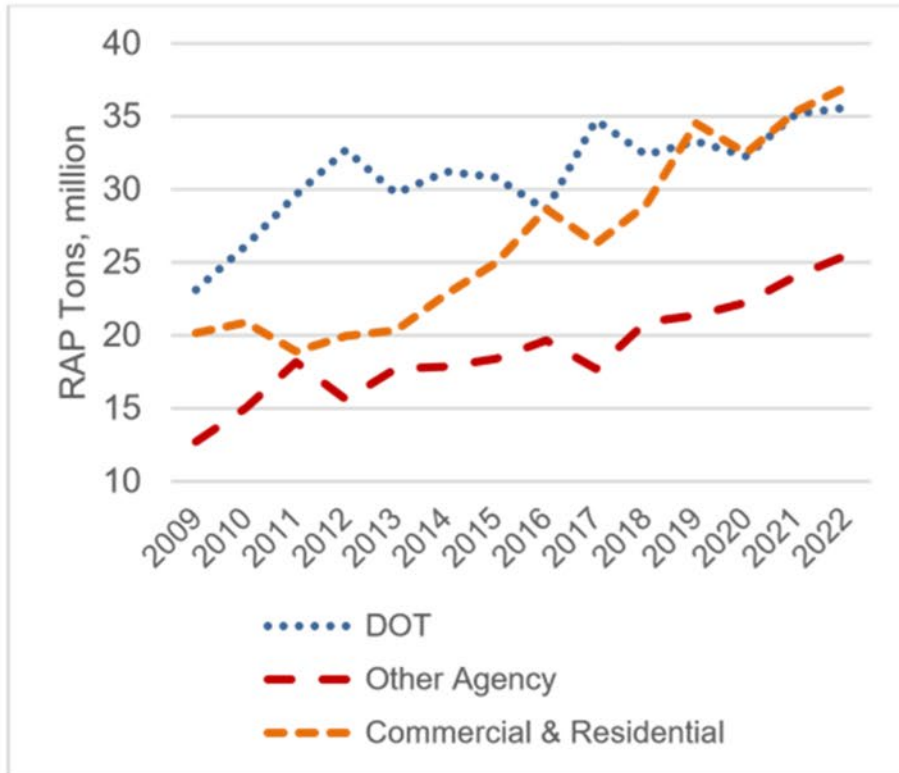
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## How Much RAP Do We Use?

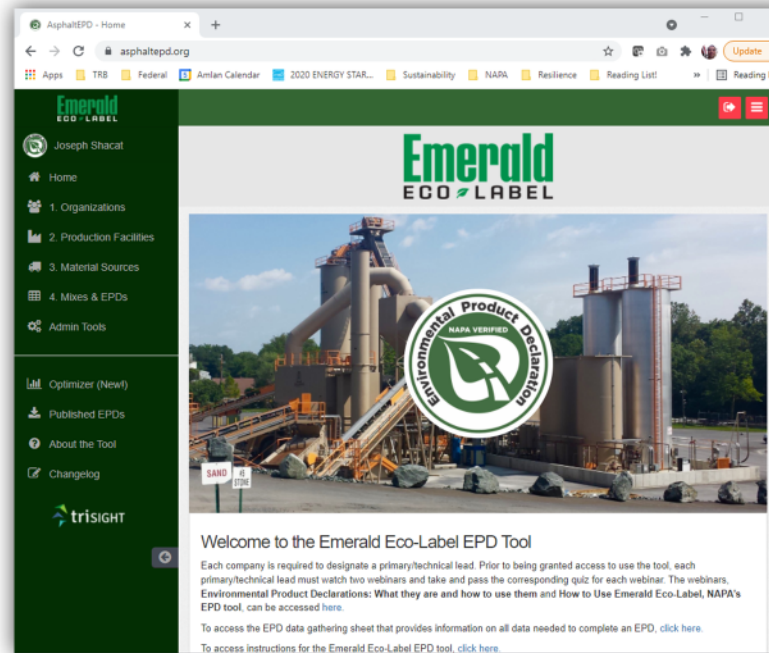


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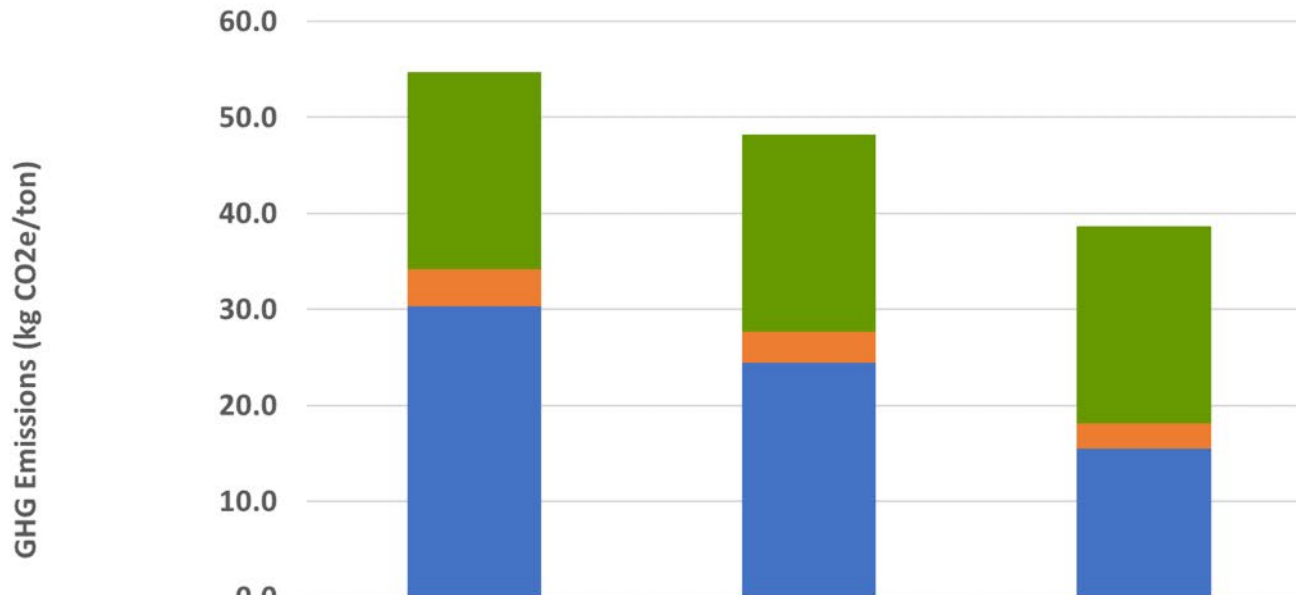
## Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs)

- *Providing quantified environmental data using predetermined parameters and, where relevant, additional environmental information (ISO 14025)*
- Caltrans submission requirement by 2026.

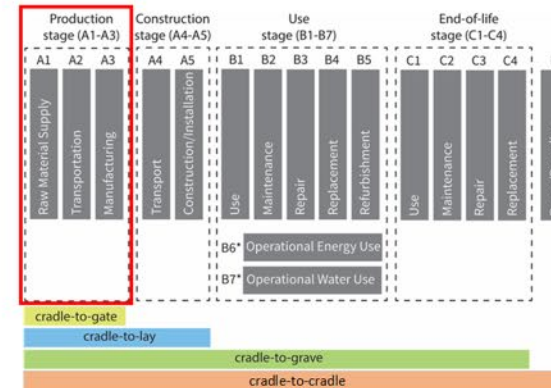




## What we have learned: RAP in HMA

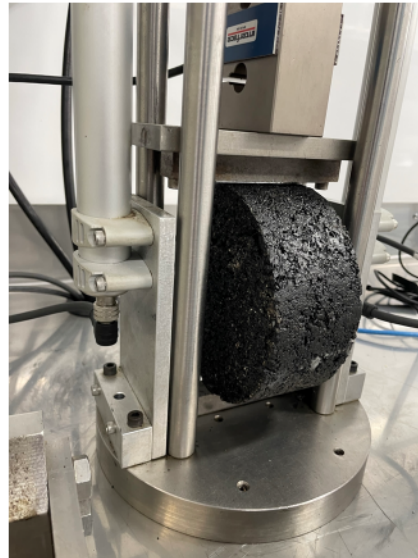


	No RAP	20% RAP	50% RAP
Total (A1-A3)	54.7	48.2	38.6
Plant Operations (A3)	20.5	20.5	20.5
Transportation (A2)	3.8	3.3	2.6
Materials (A1)	30.3	24.4	15.5



## Caltrans – Emerging Initiatives

- Balanced Mix Design
  - Working Group formed
  - 5-7 year workplan
  - Design mixes to meet project mix criteria for rutting and cracking potential.
  - New Test methods and requirements



- Continuing Efforts:
  - High RAP Usage in mixes
  - Acceptance Change: Post-Plant Gradation
  - Fog seals re-introduced into Caltrans specifications
  - 100% RAP in slurry seals and chip seals



## Specification Updates

- 2023 Caltrans Standards Available Online
  - <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/july-2023-ccs-standard-plans-and-standard-specifications>
- 2024 Greenbook Available to Order
  - <https://greenbookspecs.org/>
- City and County Pavement Improvement Center (CCPIC)
  - <http://www.ucprc.ucdavis.edu/ccpic/>



## Greenbook Asphalt Task Force

- 1:00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month
- Specification development efforts:
  - HMA mix design with gyratory compactor (Sponsor: Orange County)
  - RAP content verification in HMA
  - Fiber use in HMA
  - Emulsions specification updates



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## CalRecycle 2024 Tire Conference

- June 19-20, 2024
- Holiday Inn Downtown Arena – Sacramento, CA
- <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/>

2024 CALIFORNIA  
TIRE CONFERENCE  
DRIVING TOWARD A CIRCULAR ECONOMY





# Building Better Roads

## CaLCIMA Updates

Cameron Richardson & Tony Limas

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
County of San Diego Operations Center



## Major Updates

- **CalCIMA New Hire Cameron Richardson – Director of Technical Affairs**
- **Greenbook: AB 2953 Implementation and Agency Adoption**
- **Caltrans High RAP/RAS Pilot Projects & NSSP**
- **RAP in RHMA-G**
- **Caltrans Standard Specifications Process**
- **Section 39 Test Method Version Review**
- **Greenbook Committee – RAP update and Superpave**
- **Caltrans: Low-Carbon Transportation Materials (LCTM) Grants Program**

**CALCIMA**  
California Construction and Industrial Materials Association

## CaCIMA Events



*Top Golf – Happy Hours*

July 18<sup>th</sup> 4-6pm

Northern California: Roseville

Southern California: Ontario

*2024 Education Conference*

Meritage Resort and Spa – Napa, CA

October 28th-31<sup>st</sup>

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# REGIONAL PAVING FORECAST CITY OF SAN DIEGO

- FY budget of \$5.65 Billion
- Includes \$104.6 Million for resurfacing
- 25 % increases in milage
- Includes design and planning for FY 2026 (105 Miles)
- FY 24 Project included:
  - 2, \$30M Paving JOCs
  - 7 Slurry Seal projects ranging from \$4.7M - \$7.2M ( \$46M Total)
  - 4 Overlay Projects ranging from \$6.4M to \$12.6M ( \$30M Total)



# REGIONAL PAVING FORECAST COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## In Construction

- FY 22-23- 71.91 Miles \$30.0M
  - ACO North – 25.30 Miles, \$13.6M
  - ACO South- 16.01 Miles, \$9.6M
  - Pavement Seal- 30.60 Miles, \$6.8M

## Advertisement/ Award

- FY 23-24 ( Opened 5/30/24- Award Pending)
  - Pavement Seal- 22.16 Miles, \$6.2M
- FY 22-23 ( Advertisement Late June 2024)
  - ACO East – 19.74 Miles, \$13.2M
- Total- 41.90 Miles, \$19.4M

## Planned

- FY 23-24
  - AC Overlay( 3 Projects) – 95.96 Miles, \$55M
- FY 24-25
  - AC Overlay (3 Projects)- 84.27 Miles, \$42M
  - Pavement Seal- 17.61 Miles, \$6M
- Total- 197.84 Miles, \$103M



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# BBR SUBCOMMITTEES

## SUSTAINABILITY



AB 2953 Compliance

High RAP HMA

Waste Plastic Use in HMA

## INNOVATION



Non-Destructive Testing of HMA

Regional Mix Designs

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/BBR>



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Subcommittee:  
High RAP

# County of San Diego Building Better Roads Subcommittee: High RAP

## Introduction

1880: Simple radio waves discovered.

2019: 5G is deployed worldwide

~ 140-year progression from simple radio waves to being able to work entirely remote.

~1900's: Use of RAP is implemented in HMA mixes.

~1930's: Marshall Mix Design Method was invented

~1950's: Hveem Mix Design Method was implemented

~1980's: SuperPave Mix Design Method was invented. Implemented by FHWA in the 90's.

- Technology in our space moves relatively slow.
- Some agencies still requiring the use of virgin mixes and mix designs utilizing Marshall/Hveem.
- Technology has progressed in our space to allow to produce quality materials through alternate methods.



# County of San Diego Building Better Roads Subcommittee: High RAP

## **What is our goal?**

To produce sustainable, long lasting, high performing pavements with elevated\* levels of RAP which meet current County Section 39 Standards.

## **What is the RAP target?**

Increase RAP content utilized in HMA mixtures from 25% to 40% (by aggregate replacement)

## **How are we going to get there?**

Mix trials, verification testing, pilot programs

*\*High RAP/RAM is a relative term. Various agencies use elevated RAP contents ranging from 40-100% recycled asphalt pavement.*

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## The Plan

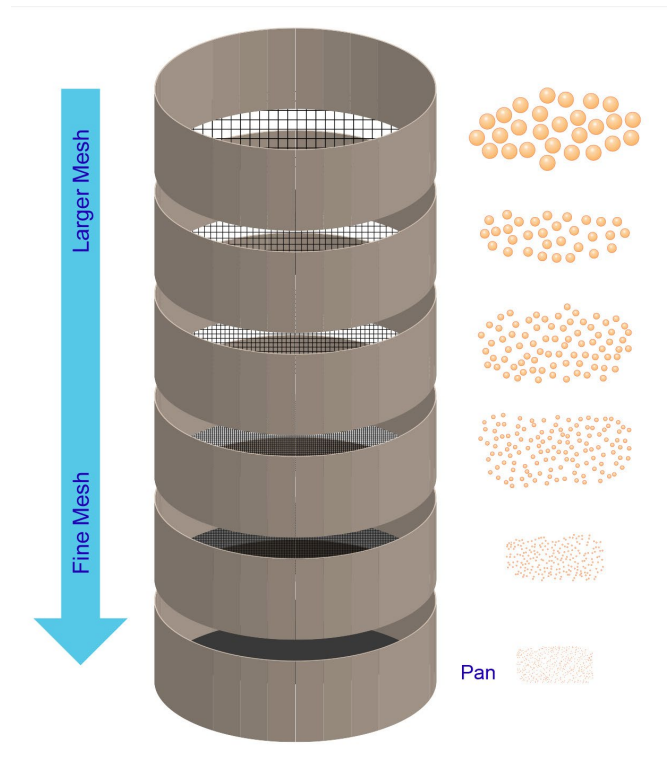
### Research!

- Met with industry experts.
- What was learned:
  - This is doable! City/Agencies use elevated RAP/RAM every day! City of LA uses 50% RAP.
  - Fractionating RAP helps, but not necessary.
  - Know your RAP – gradation, average AC%, binder grade of recovered binder
  - Recycling agents or rejuvenators are a must.
  - NAPA Recycling Agents in High RAM Mixtures Guidance Document – available for all to use.

### Make Mix and Test!

- Chose plant produced mix. High production temperatures are crucial for accurate test data of binder.

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## The Fun Stuff! Test Data! Gradation of Recovered Aggregate

Mix ID		53417195			
Mix Type		3/4" SP - 40% RAP*			
Base Binder		64-16			
Target Binder Grade		70-10			
Target Gradation (Cold Feed)					
Sieve	Target Value	Post Plant Gradation w/ recycling agent	Post Plant Gradation w/o recycling agent	Specification Range	
1"	100	100	100	100	
3/4"	95	93	91	90-100	
1/2"	75	77	77	69-81	
3/8"	66	70	70	--	
No. 4	49	46	45	44-54	
No. 8	35	31	31	30-40	
No. 16	24	23	22	--	
No. 30	17	17	16	13-21	
No. 50	12	13	12	--	
No. 100	8	9	9	--	
No. 200	5.7	7	7	3.7-7.7	

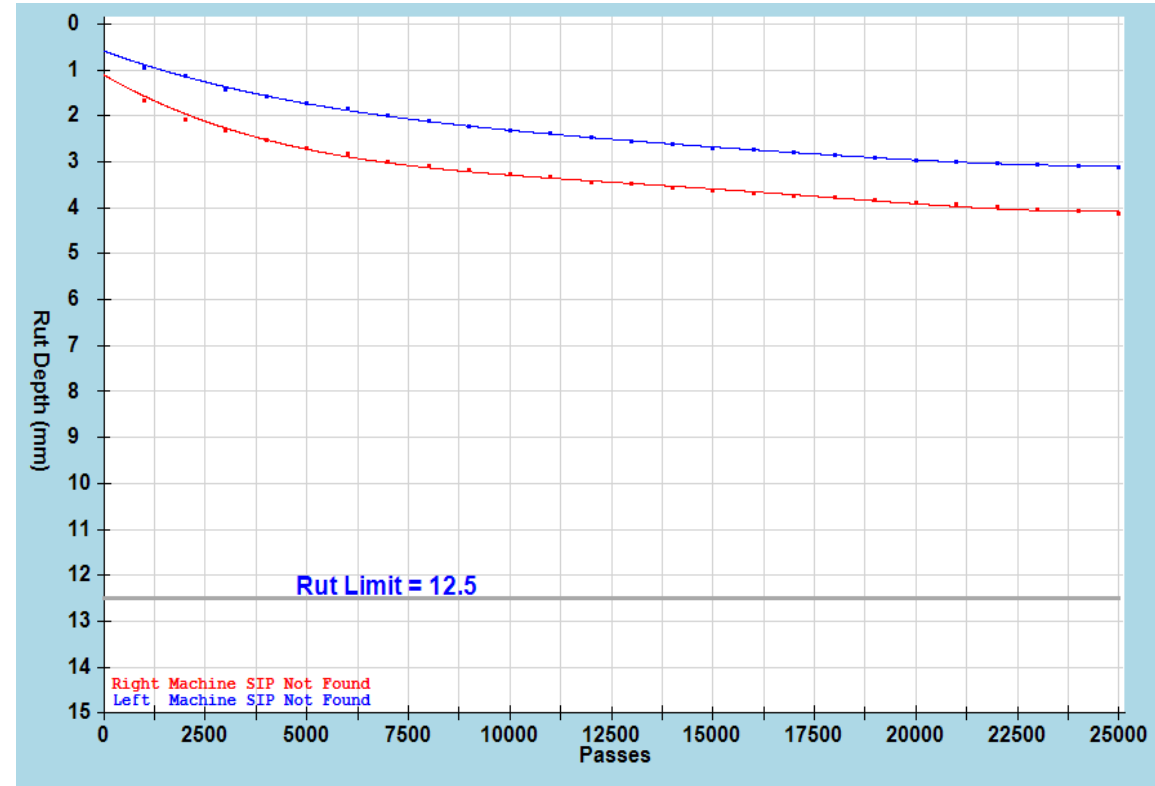
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## The Fun Stuff! Test Data!

### Volumetrics and Asphalt Content

Asphalt Content		
Target AC% (TWM)	5.0% TWM	Specification Range - 4.7 - 5.5% TWM
RAP AC% (TWM)	5.25% TWM	
AC% mix w/ recycling agent	5.03% TWM	
AC% mix w/o recycling agent	4.83% TWM	
Air Voids and Volumetrics		
Target Air Voids	4.0%	Specification Range - 2.5 - 5.5%
AV's w/ recycling agent	3.9%	
AV's w/o recycling agent	4.2%	
VMA w/ Recycling Agent	13.5%	Specification Range - 12.5 - 15.5
VMA w/o Recycling Agent	13.3%	





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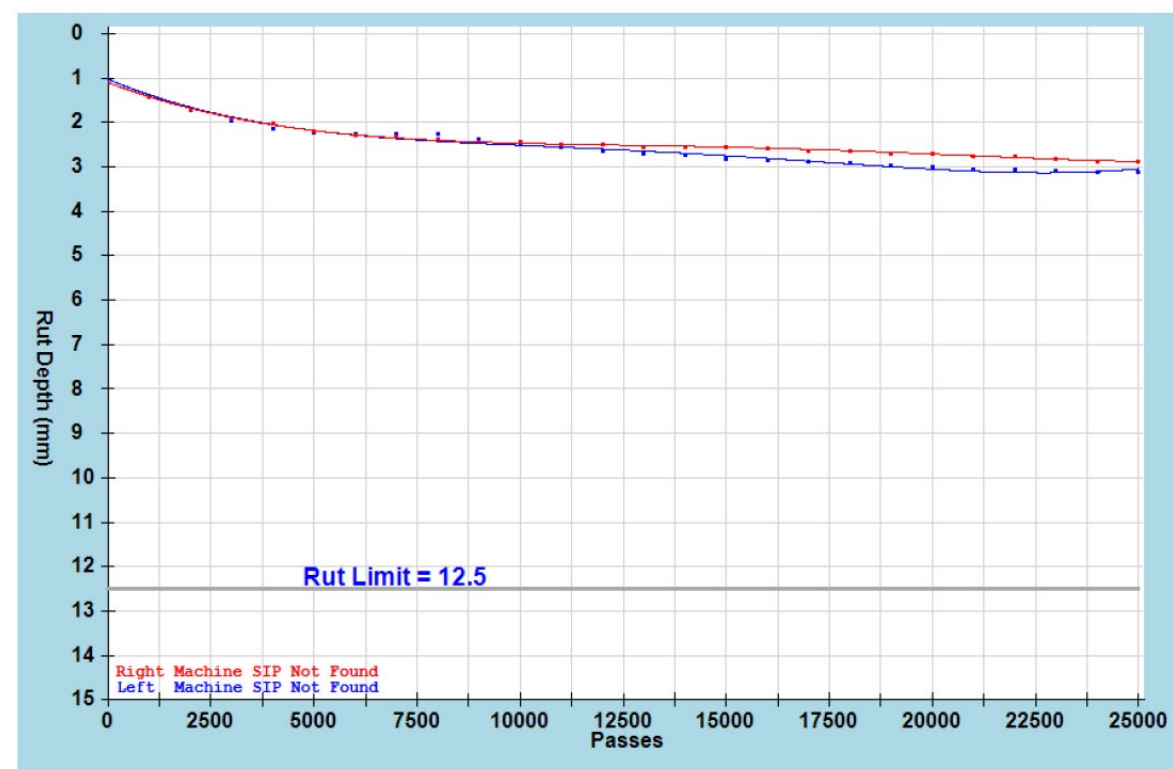
The Fun Stuff! Test Data!  
HWT- with Recycling Agent

4.14mm at 25k passes

Specification 12.5mm max @ 20k passes

\*X axis: No of passes

Y axis: Rut depth in mm.



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**The Fun Stuff! Test Data!**  
**HWT- without Recycling Agent**

**2.82mm at 25k passes**

**Specification 12.5mm max @ 20k passes**

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**The Fun Stuff! Test Data!**  
**Tensile Strength Ratio**

With Recycling Agent	Without Recycling Agent	Specification
Dry Strength – 202 psi	Dry Strength – 229 psi	Dry Strength – 100 – 300
Wet Strength 138 psi	Wet Strength – 152 psi	Wet Strength – 70 Min

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## Understanding Testing Parameters

- Binder grade testing is important.
- Evaluation criteria utilized amongst various DOT's: Delta Tc ( $\Delta T_c$ ).

### **Definition**

Delta Tc is a thermal cracking test (TC). It simulates thermal stress. The delta T -c ( $\Delta T_c$ ) value is used to assess the performance and susceptibility of asphalt binders to thermal cracking. Binder is tested in a Pressure Aged Vessel (PAV) from 20-40 hours. Simulating "some time" of aging on the road.

Defined as the difference between the temperature at which the asphalt binder exhibits a certain stiffness (S value, typically measured in Megapascal MPa) and the temperature at which it reaches a certain relaxation time.

### **Lower Negative $\Delta T_c$**

Indicates larger difference between the two temperatures, suggesting that the binder has a greater discrepancy between stiffness and relaxation properties and is typically associated with poorer performance in resisting thermal cracking.

### **Higher Negative $\Delta T_c$**

Indicates a smaller difference between to two temperatures, suggesting that the binder's stiffness and relaxation properties are more balanced and is typically associated with better performance and resisting thermal cracking. Being closer to zero (0) suggest the binder is more capable of maintaining flexibility and resisting cracking at low temperatures.



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Agency	$\Delta T_c$ Requirement, °C	PAV Aging Duration, hrs.	Status
Florida DOT	$\geq -5.0$	20	Current
Utah DOT	$\geq -2.0$	20	Current <sup>2</sup>
PANYNJ	$\geq -5.0$	40	Current
Vermont DOT	$\geq -5.0$	40	Current
Maryland DOT	$\geq -5.0$	40	Current
Kansas DOT	$\geq -5.0$	40	Current
Ontario MTO	$\geq -5.0$	20	Current
Texas DOT	$\geq -6.0^4$	20	Current <sup>4</sup>
Oklahoma DOT	$\geq -6.0$	20	2020 <sup>3</sup>
Delaware DOT	$\geq -5.0$	40	2020 <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Consult Asphalt Institute web site for current asphalt binder specification database ([www.asphaltinstitute.org](http://www.asphaltinstitute.org))

<sup>2</sup> Only applies to binders with  $\geq 92^\circ\text{C}$  temperature spread; BBR creep stiffness  $\geq 150$  MPa

<sup>3</sup> Applies to project tendered for bid beginning 1/1/2020

<sup>4</sup> Only applies to Balanced Mix Design projects. For comparison, TxDOT requirement is shown using  $\Delta T_c$  computed by  $\Delta T_c = T_{c,S} - T_{c,m}$ ; actual requirement is  $\Delta T_c \leq 6^\circ\text{C}$  using the equation  $\Delta T_c = T_{c,m} - T_{c,S}$ . (41)

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## The Fun Stuff. Test Data!

### $\Delta T_c$

<b>Mix Type</b>	3/4" SP - 40% RAP (by total aggregate replacement)
<b>Base Binder</b>	64-16
<b>Target Binder Grade</b>	70-10

$\Delta T_c$ Testing	Source: Recoverd Binder - RAP	Specification
PG Grade	82-10	N/A
True Grade	86.5-14.9	N/A
Stiffness, Mpa @ -6°C	340	300 Max
Critical Temperature, °C	-4.7	N/A
Bending Beam Rheometer	0.262	.300 Min
M-Value @ -6°C	-1.6	N/A
$\Delta T_c$	-3.1	N/A

$\Delta T_c$ Testing	Source: Recoverd Binder - Mix w/o recycling agent	Specification
PG Grade	76-16	N/A
True Grade	78.8-18.3	N/A
Stiffness, Mpa @ -6°C	228	300 Max
Critical Temperature	-8.9	N/A
Bending Beam Rheometer M-Value @ -6°C/@-12°C	0.284	.300 Min
Critical Temperature, °C	-4.3	N/A
$\Delta T_c$	-4.6	N/A

$\Delta T_c$ Testing	Source: Recoverd Binder - Mix w/ recycling agent	Specification
PG Grade	70-16	N/A
True Grade	71.2-21.1	N/A
Stiffness, Mpa @ -6°C	162	300 Max
Critical Temperature	-11.8	N/A
Bending Beam Rheometer M-Value @ -6°C	0.316	.300 Min
Critical Temperature, °C	-8.3	N/A
$\Delta T_c$	-3.5	N/A

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