Presentation Overview

BMD Update -

- VDOT objective
- Implementation status
- Key elements of focus
Why move to BMD approach?

Achieve *improved pavement performance*; optimization of cracking and rutting resistance using Balanced Mix Design methodology.

*Foster innovation*; mix performance approach vs. totally prescriptive specifications, incentivize quality attributes.
Status

Develop Lab testing specs for cracking and rutting

Develop and execute Training

Lab Equipment acquisition

Statewide Implementation

Research - Pilot Project Construction / Evaluations

Research - Refine specification requirements

2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023
Status

Research activities to date:

- Baselining current surface mixes against cracking, rutting, and durability performance metrics
  - 13 mixes from 2018

- Gathering data on experimental mixes
  - Balanced Mix Design Field Trials
    - High RAP and use of rejuvenators and softer binders
    - 2 projects to date, 8 mixes
    - NoVa and Salem/Lynchburg districts
# 2019 BMD Projects

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Example Performance Space

Crack-resistant, rut-resistant

Crack-susceptible, rut-susceptible

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Status – 2020 Plans

Research work in progress for 2020

- Balanced Mix Design Field Trials
  - Evaluate production mixes and field performance
  - Impacts of rejuvenators and/or softer binder
  - Typical and high RAP contents

- Impact of Production Variability on BMD in VA
  - Assess influence of production variability (AC, gradation) on mass loss, APA rut depths, and CTindex responses of mixes
  - Develop information to minimize risk of failures during production due to acceptable mix variability
Status – 2020 Plans

Research work planned for 2020

- Feasibility of Using the IDT test for Evaluating Rut Performance
  • Assess the use of a high temp IDT test (similar to IDEAL-CT) to assess rutting potential

- Evaluating Rejuvenator Acceptance for Virginia: Test Protocols and Performance-based Threshold Criteria
  • Develop a testing protocol to evaluate the effectiveness of rejuvenators in both short-term and aged condition
  • Provide performance-based parameter(s) with threshold limits/criteria for product acceptance
Status – 2020 Plans

Research work planned for 2020

- IDEAL-CT Round Robin
  - To address testing variability, tolerance
  - To see any difference between different test equipment
  - Phase 1: Testing variation
  - Phase 2: Including sample preparation
BMD Tech Committee Meeting

Had 5 meetings

- Members: VDOT & Industry
- Develop Specs for BMD and High RAP pilot projects
- Develop general project information as a guideline for pilot
- All the technical aspects
- Other research updates including NCAT
- Report to Advisory Group
Key Things to Focus on:

- Confirming the test(s) and equipment to be used
  - IDEAL CT? (cracking)
  - APA? (rutting)
  - Cantabro? (durability)
  - Tolerance

- Confirming the test threshold values needed for improved performance

- Equipment purchase(s) & training

- Need more pilot projects
Key Elements of Focus

- QC/QA requirements for our contract specifications

- Appropriate quality attributes & how do we accept/pay for the desired results?
  - Traditional AC and Gradation?
  - Volumetric properties?
  - BMD properties?

- Ultimately - correlation of lab testing results to long term performance
QUESTIONS?