

It's All About Support

Industry associations are organized to promote a better professional environment for a specific group. Our own industry is served by the American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA) that is focused specifically on all aspects of concrete pavement. While ACPA is headquartered in Skokie, Illinois, it reaches nationwide through a number of chapters as it does in California and Nevada through the Western States Chapter-ACPA (WSC).

WSC meets with design, contract, and construction engineers, both public and private. We assist them in designing pavement sections for handling anticipated traffic loading, and in writing specifications that are fair and get the desired result for the owner. And we help by sharing research with inspectors so they can better understand the basis for the design and specifications.

We invite airport, DOT, county, city, and private engineers to our WSC seminars and committee meetings for airfields, highways, streets & local roads in California and Nevada. We distribute publications on the current 'best practices' of concrete pavement. You will find the 2005 seminars / workshops and committee meetings listed in the calendar section of our website, www.wscacpa.com.

In recognizing the industry as a whole, our website also provides links to Caltrans, Nevada DOT, Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Highway Administration, and American Concrete Pavement Association.

The members of ACPA / WSC are in the construction, ready mixed concrete, additive, hauling, cement and other concrete pavement related firms. In this issue of Concrete Matters we list the benefits of membership. As a member of WSC you will directly benefit from the efforts of both ACPA and WSC.

ACPA / WSC membership is essential to the concrete pavement industry and cannot be passed off for someone else to support. It is important for the financial and technical support that membership be a priority to all in the industry. Every member of ACPA / WSC has a voice in the conduct of the business of the chapter / national association.

I urge all of you in the concrete pavement industry to join Western States Chapter-ACPA in 2006. Together, we can make a difference. As an example, in California we have increased the amount of concrete paving by 50 % within the last 8 years, we have helped in developing the 2004 Standard Specification and Standard plans, and we have worked with Caltrans for a better product.



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SAVE THE DATE FOR ANNUAL WORKSHOP

Over twenty speakers, a varied agenda, and an abundance of information over two days at two convenient locations – the sixth annual Caltrans / FHWA / WSC Workshop will be held in Ontario and Concord CA in November and December this year. Watch for your registration form in the mail.

Workshop presentations will include:

- **Off the Chart** - Truck traffic projections in California. This is a must for design engineers charged with projecting traffic and specifically truck traffic in the design of pavements.
- **Working in a War Zone** - What it is like to pave on a State highway with so little room for traffic, you cannot put in tie bars?
- **New Executive Director** - Meet the new Western States Chapter Executive Director.
- **Latest in Grinding and Slab Replacement** - Have you ever wondered how to remove the liquid from the solids in grinding residue?
- **Pre-cast Pavement Options** - Constructing pre-cast pavement? There is more than one type.
- **Weekend Intersection Reconstruction** - Replacing an asphalt intersection with concrete? Hear how the State of Washington did it in 72 hours.
- **How did a 20 Year Life turn into a 50 Year Life?** - The California interstate and freeway system was designed for a 20 year life. Why is it still in service after 50 years?
- **What's all the Noise about?** - Is the sound coming from the pavement or the diesel truck? Get answers.
- **Smoothness Matters** - Everyone knows that smoother pavements last longer; but why?
- **Incentive / Disincentive** - How much money does it cost an agency to pay a bonus for exceptional achievement? It's either not much or nothing at all.
- **Effects of Texture Options** - There are options for smoothness and sound abatement that do not compromise safety.
- **Supplementary Cementitious Materials** - Why add them and what do they do?
- **Concrete Resource** - Where do you go for the latest "best practice" in concrete pavement? Ans. American Concrete Pavement Association.
- **Caltrans Banner Project** - And the winner is, San Francisco Bay Bridges.

SAVE THE DATE

November 8 - 9 at the Ontario Marriott, Ontario, CA

December 6 - 7 at the Crown Plaza Concord Hotel, Concord, CA

Registration notices will be sent out shortly. Seating is limited.

Respond as soon as you receive the registration form

Please contact the Western States Chapter office (949) 222-9196 or wscacpa@aol.com for further details and a registration form, or download a form from www.wscacpa.com.