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To: MAG Specification and Detail Committee members

From: Jeff Benedict

RE: case 11-07 section 327 “Hot in Place Recycling”

Purpose: To update this section with clear limits of its use and scope.
The depth of use is now clear and understandable. Typos have been corrected.

This reflects minor changes to the current MAG section.

SECTION 327

HOT IN-PLACE RECYCLING

327.1 DESCRIPTION

This work shall consist of rehabilitating the surface layer of existing asphalt concrete pavement. Rehabilitation shall be accomplished with specially designed equipment in a simultaneous multistep process of heating, scarifying, applying an asphalt recycling agent and thoroughly remixing and reshaping the old asphalt concrete surface to an average depth of 1”, and then placing an overlay of new hot mix asphalt concrete in compliance with the lines, grades, thickness and typical cross sections shown on the plans (typically 1” to 2”). NOTE: This work shall be performed with a single machine that heats, scarifies, recycles and spreads new asphalt concrete hot mix, all in one continuous pass. Additional preheaters may be utilized to achieve specified depth and temperature.

327.2 MATERIALS:

Asphalt Recycling Agent used to restore the existing pavement shall be approved by the Engineer prior to use. A manufacturer's certification shall be submitted for each load of recycling agent delivered to the project.

Hot Mix Asphalt Concrete (HMAC) shall meet the requirements of section 710 or section 717.

327.3 EQUIPMENT

The Contractor shall specify, in the bid proposal, the type of equipment intended for use. The equipment shall be on the project in operating condition a minimum of 2 days before beginning operations to allow evaluation by the Engineer. The Engineer reserves the right to reject equipment deemed not suitable for the intended purpose, at no additional cost to the Agency.

The recycling equipment shall meet the following minimum requirements:

Repaver: The equipment for this work shall be a self-contained, self-propelled, automated unit capable of heating, scarifying (or milling), mixing, redistributing and leveling the existing asphalt concrete pavement to the specified depth, all in a single pass.

It shall have a means of automatically applying an asphalt recycling agent at a uniform rate as shown on the plans, special provisions, or as requested by the Engineer. It shall be capable of applying a new HMAC layer over the hot, partially compacted recycled mixture.

Heating Unit: This unit shall be hooded to prevent damage to adjacent property, including trees and shrubs. It shall be capable of heating the pavement surface to a temperature high enough (375° - 400° F.) to allow scarification to the required depth without breaking aggregate particles or charring the pavement surface.

Scarifying or Milling Units: The scarifiers or rotary millers shall be able to penetrate the pavement surface to a depth shown, up to a maximum of one inch in one pass. Scarifiers or millers shall be equipped with separate, automatic height adjustments which allow clearance over manholes and other obstructions.

Recycling Agent Applicator: This system shall automatically add recycling agent to the scarified material at a uniform rate as shown on the plans, special provisions or as requested by the Engineer. The application rate shall be synchronized with the machine's forward speed to maintain a tolerance, within 5% of the specified rate.

Conveying System: Shall consist of a receiving hopper and conveying system to collect and transport new hot mix asphalt concrete material to the finishing unit.

Recycling Unit: A system that mixes, distributes and levels the scarified material over the width processed to produce a uniform cross-section of recycled material.

Finishing Unit: This unit shall have automatic screed controls to produce a surface conforming to that shown on the plans. The unit shall be capable of producing a uniform slope, grade and texture.

327.4 CONSTRUCTION METHODS:

The pavement to be treated shall be cleaned of trash, debris, earth or other deleterious substances present in sufficient quantity to interfere with the work to be performed.

The heating shall be sufficient to soften the pavement to the extent that it can be scarified or milled to the depth specified. Due to the varying properties of the existing asphalt pavement, depth of the scarification material may be varied, if requested by the Engineer. Heating shall be done in a manner that will assure uniform softening and will not char the asphalt.

The Contractor shall be responsible for protecting the area adjacent to the work from heat damage. If damage occurs, the Contractor shall replace all damaged areas, landscape, curb, parked vehicles, etc. at no cost to the Agency.

To provide a welded longitudinal joint, the standing edge of the adjoining asphalt pavement shall be fully heated to a width at least 2 inches beyond the width to be scarified and recycled.

Immediately following heating, the pavement surface shall be scarified (or milled) to the specified depth. The scarified material shall have a temperature between 225° F. and 265° F. unless otherwise requested by the Engineer. The material shall be leveled, mixed and treated with a recycling agent. The application rate shall be as shown on the plans, special provisions or as requested by the Engineer. Application rate for the recycling agent may be adjusted as necessary to maintain a uniform mixture.

The reclaimed material shall be gathered by a leveling device and spread to a uniform depth over the width being processed. After it is placed and while it still has a residual temperature of at least 190° F., a layer of new HMAC conforming to the job mix formula shall be placed over it. The application rate of new material shall be sufficient to provide the required pavement thickness.

Construction, compaction and smoothness of the surface shall be in accordance with Section 321 except as modified in this section

327.5 WEATHER CONDITIONS:

This work shall not be done when it is raining or if there is a threat of rain. The ambient temperature shall be at least 50° F. and rising and the application shall cease when the temperature reaches 55° F. and falling.

327.6 AIR QUALITY:

The equipment and process shall meet all Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and County air quality regulations and the Contractor shall have the appropriate ADEQ air quality control permit prior to the issuance of the notice to proceed.

327.7 MEASUREMENT:

Pavement Recycling will be measured by the square yard completed and accepted. Recycling Agent will measure by the gallon of actual material used in place. Hot Mix Asphalt Concrete (HMAC) will be measured by the ton in place.

327.8 PAYMENT:

The accepted quantities of pavement recycling will be paid at the contract unit price per square yard. Payment shall include cleaning the existing pavement surface and heating, scarifying, redistributing, leveling and compacting HMAC pavement. Asphalt Recycling Agent will be paid for by the gallon used in place. Hot Mix Asphalt concrete (HMAC) will be paid for by the ton in place.