



# The State of RAP



in America



# Traditional RAP Wisdom Says...



## 3 Factors Determine RAP Percentage Used





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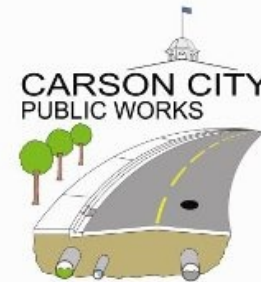
## How Much RAP Does the Producer Have?





# # 2

# How Much RAP Does the DOT/County/Agency Allow?



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**How Much RAP is your competition using?**



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# # 4?

## How much can your plant handle?



# *Nope...see number #1!*



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# RAP is like money in the bank...



*...but only if you can spend it!*





# RAP/RAS Pavement Failures...



***...and Some Pavement Failures Blamed on RAP/RAS***



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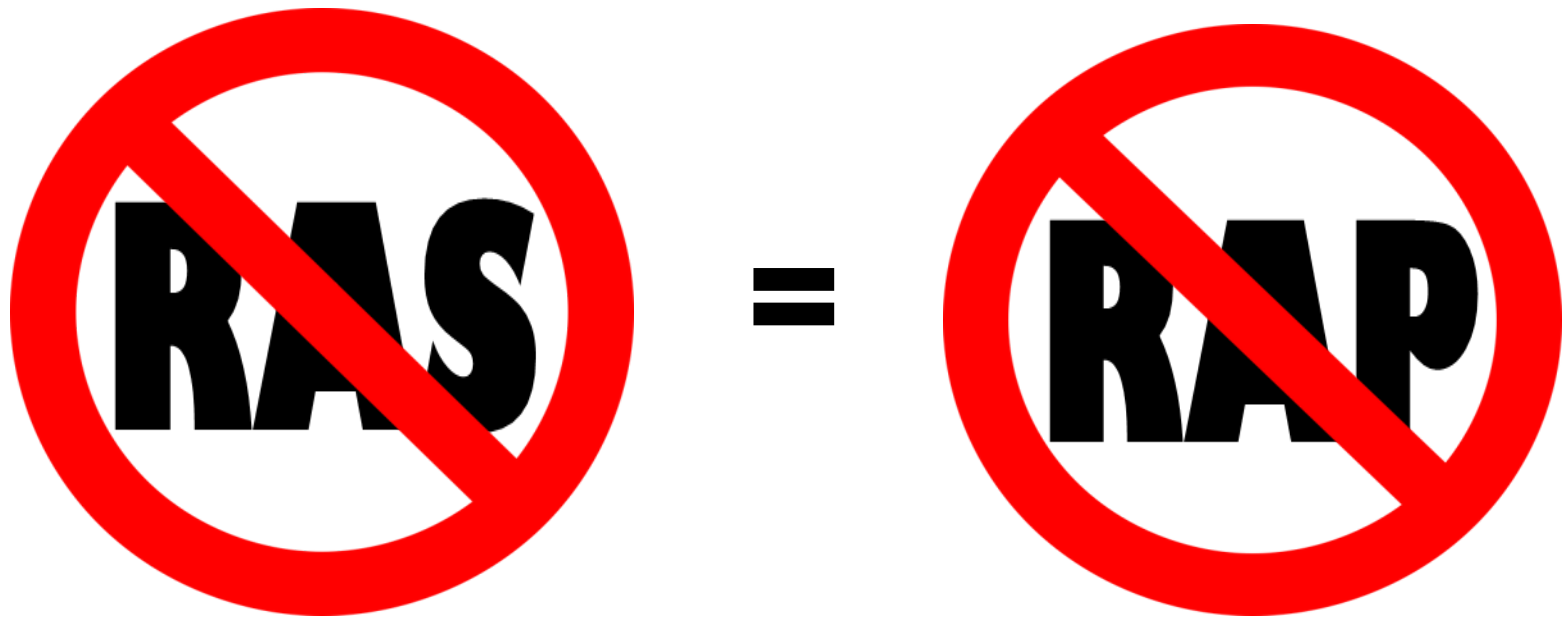




# RAP and RAS - Different Binders

Most shingles contain air-blown asphalt cement which is substantially harder than the normal asphalt binder used in a standard HMA mix.

## A Growing State DOT Perspective





# An Old Irish Blessing



*“May you have the hindsight to know where  
you've been,*

*The foresight to know where you are going,*

*And the insight to know when you have gone  
too far”*





# RAP in America



**Where We've Been...**



**Where We Are...**

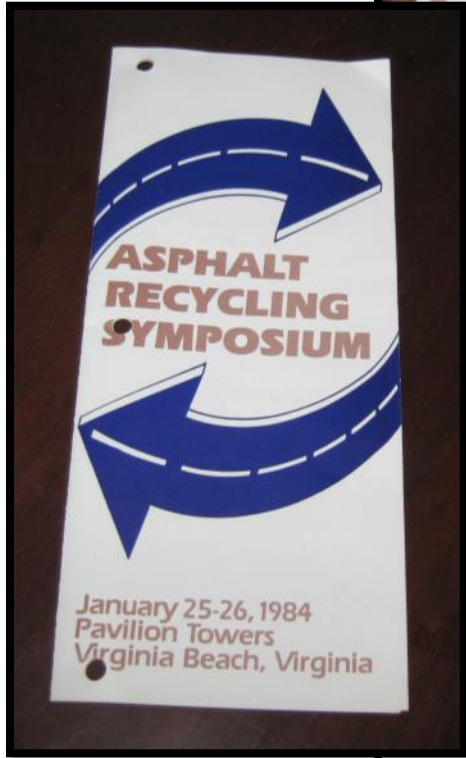


**Where We Are Going...**





# 33 Years Ago



**Program Schedule**

**January 25, 1984**

8:00- 9:00 AM	Registration and Coffee	12:00-1:15 PM	Lunch
9:00- 9:15 AM	Introduction and Orientation Richard J. Schreck, Executive Vice-President Virginia Asphalt Association	1:15- 2:00 PM	Virginia Highway Recycling Experience Aubrey D. Newman, Pavement Management Engineer Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation
9:15- 9:30 AM	Welcome Address Harold C. King, Commissioner Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation	2:00- 2:45 PM	Municipal Asphalt Recycling S. V. (VAL) JACKSON, JR., PAVEMENT CITY ENGINEER NEWARK, OHIO
9:30-10:30 AM	Asphalt Recycling—The Purpose and the Process Douglas A. Bernard, Chief of Transportation Administration Projects Division Federal Highway Administration	2:45- 3:30 PM	Recycling from the Contractor's Viewpoint ERNEST C. CZARNECKI, VICE PRESIDENT Newton Asphalt Co., Inc.
10-10:45 AM	An Overview of Recycling—The Florida Experience Charles F. Potts, State Materials and Research Engineer Florida Department of Transportation	3:30- 4:30 PM	Questions and Answers Panel: Douglas Bernard Charles F. Potts Aubrey D. Newman S. V. (VAL) JACKSON, JR. ERNEST C. CZARNECKI
10:45-11:45 AM	Questions and Answers	5:00- 6:30 PM	Reception

**January 26, 1984**

9:00 AM	Registration and Coffee	11:30-12:00 Noon	Innovative Batch Plant Wayne R. Hardenbergh, Marketing Coordinator Thermotech System, Inc.
9:00-10:00 AM	The Economics of Asphalt Recycling Dr. J. Don Brock, Phd.PE Astec Industries, Incorporated	12:00- 1:15 PM	Lunch
10:00-10:45 AM	Material Removal and Handling Ronald D. Clark, District Manager CMI Corporation	1:15- 2:00 PM	Drum Mix Recycling Tom Holley, District Supervisor Standard Havens, Inc.
10:45-11:00 AM	Break	2:00- 2:45 PM	Making it All Work for You Gerald S. Triplett, President The Asphalt Institute
11:00 AM	Batch Plant Recycling Thomas M. Moe, Product Sales Manager Barber-Greene Company	2:45 PM	Closure





# 23 Years Ago

## Superior Performing Asphalt Pavements (Superpave): The Product of the SHRP Asphalt Research Program

Thomas W. Kennedy  
University of Texas at Austin

Gerald A. Huber  
Heritage Research Group

Edward T. Harrigan  
Strategic Highway Research Program

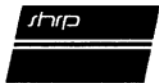
Ronald J. Cominsky  
University of Texas at Austin

Charles S. Hughes  
University of Texas at Austin

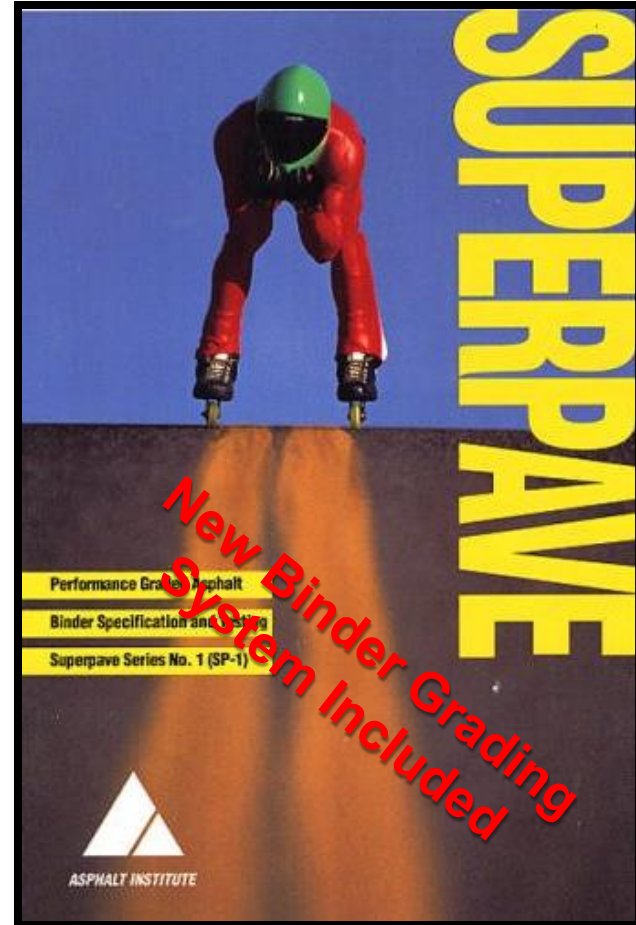
Harold Von Quintus  
Brent Rauhut Engineering, Inc.

James S. Moulthrop  
University of Texas at Austin

*No Research of RAP Included*



**Strategic Highway Research Program**  
National Research Council  
Washington, DC 1994



*New Binder Grading System Included*



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# 17 Years Ago

**FHWA Superpave Mixtures Expert Task Group developed a tiered approach for RAP usage.**

- **0 to 15% RAP:** No change in the virgin binder grade.
- **15% to 25% RAP:** Virgin binder grade should be decreased one grade—to soften the blend—on both the high and low temperature scales.
- **Over 25% RAP:** Blending charts should be used to determine required PG grade.





# 10 Years Ago

## Current AASHTO $N_{design}$ Table

Traffic Level	Compaction Level	
	$N_{initial}$	$N_{design}$
< 0.3	6	50
0.3 to < 3.0	7	75
3.0 to < 30.0	8	100
> 30.0	9	125

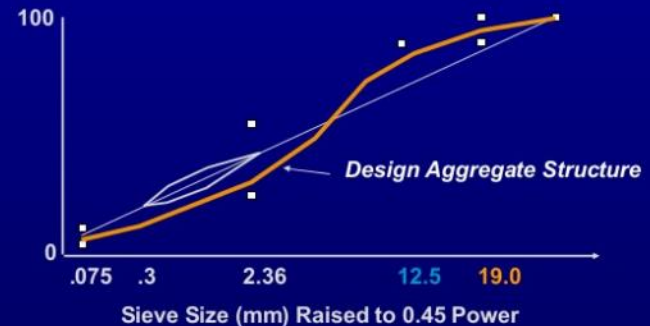
Some States use different  $N_{design}$  Tables

Superpave Mix Design

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## Superpave Aggregate Gradation

Percent Passing



Aggregate

Superpave Aggregates

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## SUPERPAVE Mix Issues Impacting RAP Mix Performance

- High compaction/gyration levels yielded “dry” mixes.
- Coarse graded mixes that avoided “Restricted Zone” resulted in increased permeability, low binder contents.
- Use of high viscosity(stiff) PG binders made mixes too stiff.



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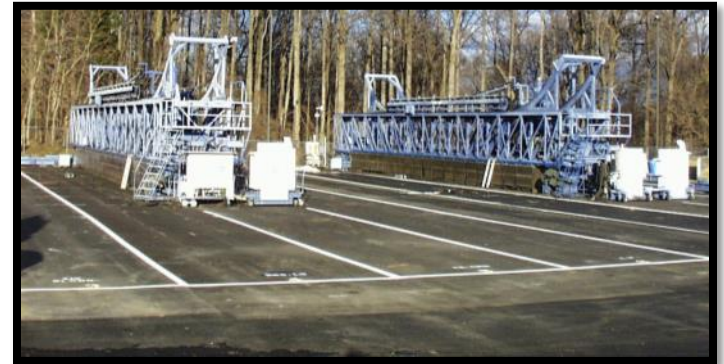




# 3 Years Ago

## Turner-Fairbank Highway Research Center High RAP ALF Study

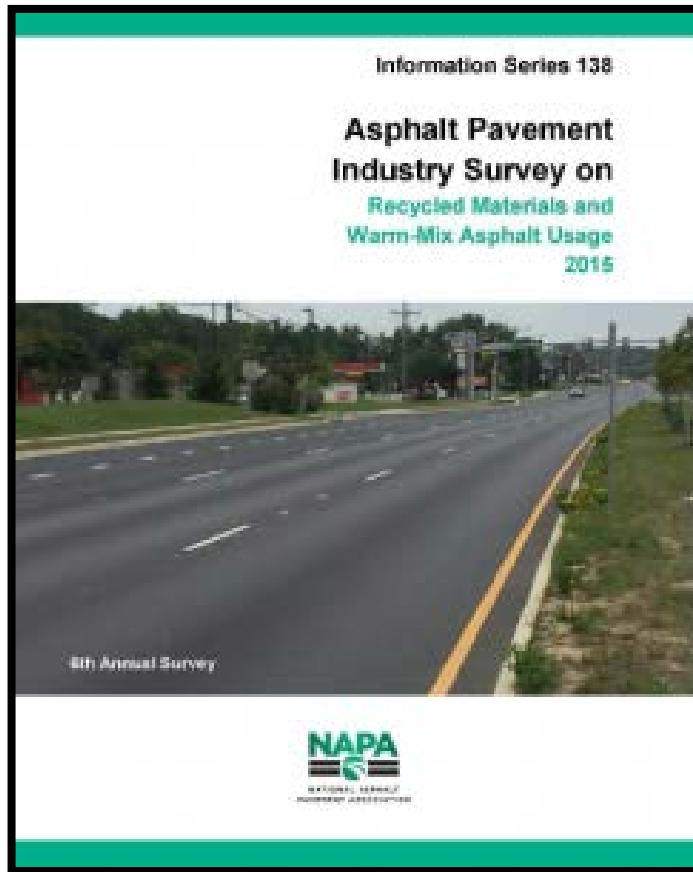
- Focus on fatigue cracking of high RAP mixes (20%, 30% and 40%)
- Three year completion; 2 ALF units for 2 years of loading allows simultaneous loading
- Unmodified binder for all lanes, but 2 different grades
- Use of WMA technology that does not change PG grade
- 10 kip single wheel = 20 kip equivalent axle
- 4-inch total asphalt thickness







# Where We Are...



## **NAPA's Latest Asphalt Pavement Industry Survey on Recycled Materials and Warm-Mix Asphalt Usage**

***Survey responses are 42% of the estimated total tons for the 2015 construction season.***



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# 2015 Survey Highlights - RAP

- **+99%** of RAP from old pavements put into new pavements.
- **+74** million tons of RAP used in asphalt mixes in 2015.
- **3%** increase over 2014 and **+32%** increase over the 2009 usage.
- **1%** decrease in respondents using RAP (from 100% to 99%).
- A few producers reported **landfilling RAP** in 2015.
- Estimated 2015 savings from RAP usage; **3.7 million tons** of binder and **+70 million tons** of aggregate (**over \$2.4 billion**).
- Estimated **+85 million tons** of stockpiled RAP yearend 2015.
- **23%** of RAP used fractionated, **24%** of RAP mixes used softer binder, and **3%** of RAP mixes used some type of rejuvenator.





# 2015 Survey Highlights - RAS

- RAS decreased almost **2%** to an estimated 2 million tons in 2015.
- 2015 RAS still **175%** more than 2009.
- 2015 RAS usage reduced the need for **386,200 tons of binder** and nearly **965,500 tons of aggregate**, for a total saving of **\$194 million**.





# 2015 Survey Highlights - WMA

- **119.8 million tons** produced in 2015 using **WMA** technologies.
- This was an increase of **5%** increase over 2014, and a **614%** increase from the 2009 construction season.

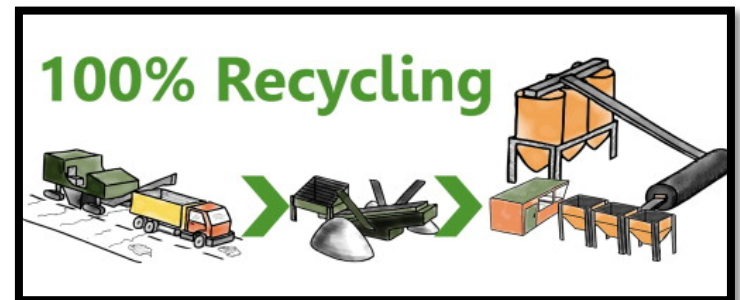
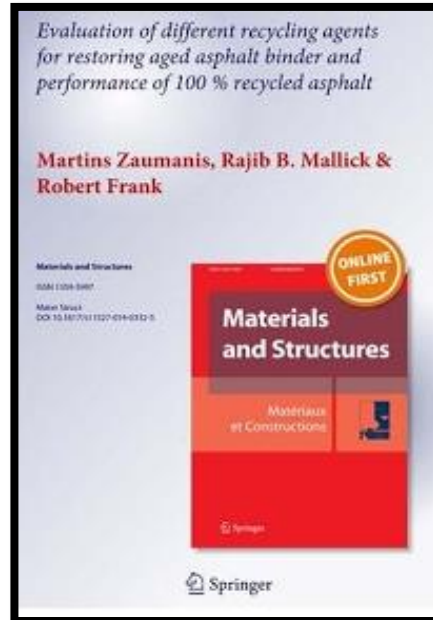


- WMA technologies used in **33%** of all mixes produced in 2015.
- **Plant foaming** most widely used technology for WMA (**+72%**).
- At **+25%**, chemical additives are the second most used WMA technology.



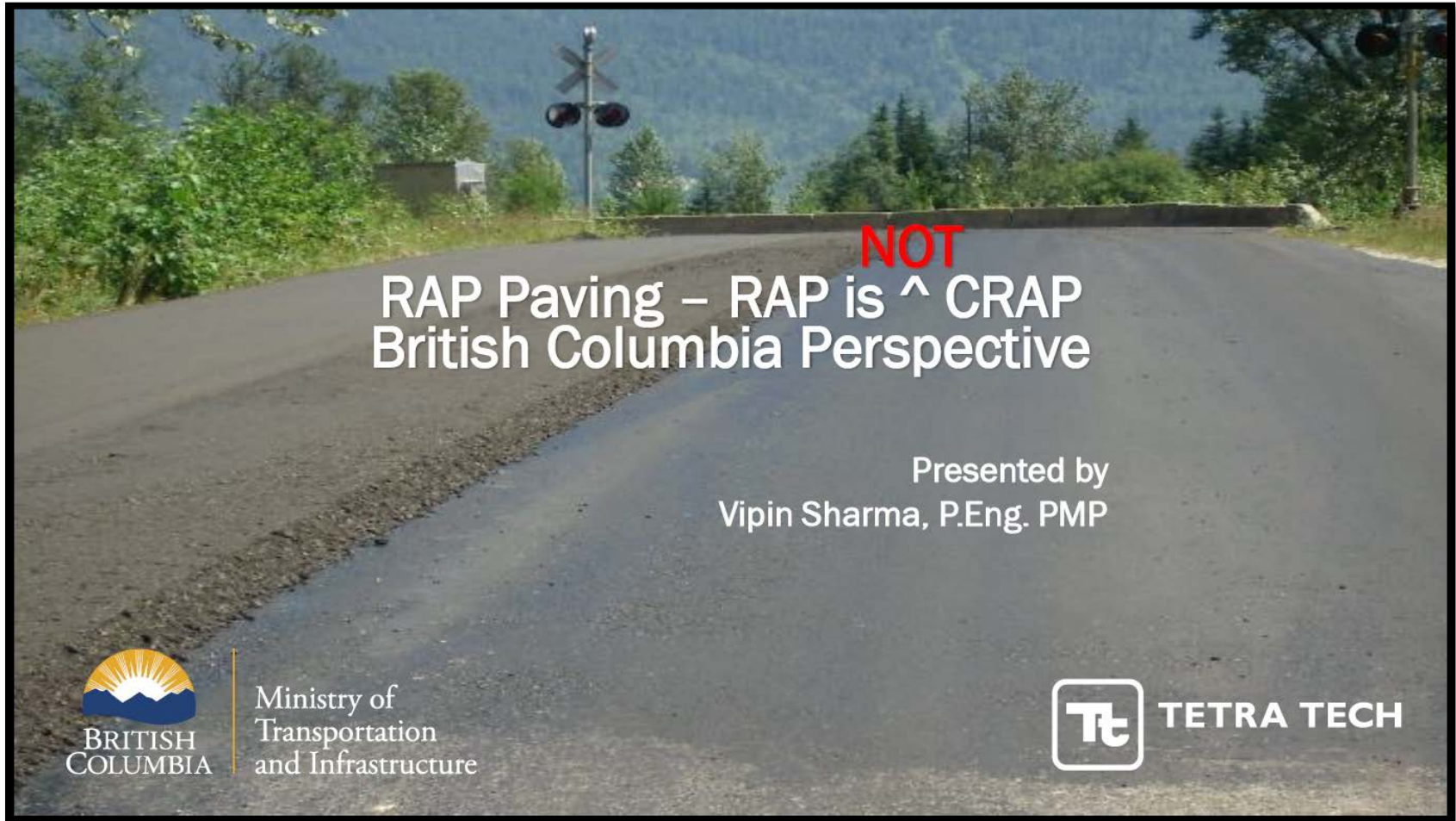


# World View on Recycling is Different





# British Columbia View of RAP is Different





# Where We Are Going...



# REthinking

## Asphalt Recycling In America



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# RAP in America – Breaking Ranks

## Separating RAP and RAS



### Recycled Asphalt Pavements (RAP)

- Aged HMA Binder
- Absorbed Binder
- Processed Aggregates



### Recycled Asphalt Shingles (RAS)

- Very Hard Air-Blown Binders
- Very High Melting Point
- Deleterious Materials Issues
- How to Soften RAS Binders







# RAP in America – Breaking Ranks

## Fractionation vs Crusher Run



**Fractionation provides gradation controls necessary for higher RAP percentages**



**Crusher run aggregates in HMA were outlawed by most states years ago due to lack of gradation control**





# RAP in America – Breaking Ranks

## Rural Producer vs Urban Producer



**Little RAP  
vs  
Mountains  
Of RAP**



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# RAP in America – Breaking Ranks

## DOT's vs Municipalities

### Greening the Streets of New York

Asphalt pavement is a mixture of stone, gravel, or sand and liquid asphalt. All of those things, if extracted from worn-down New York City streets, are sustainable. Thanks to the City's roadway resurfacing program, asphalt pavement used on these streets can be recycled into new asphalt and repurposed for locations throughout the five boroughs.



**Right now, the NYC uses a minimum of 30% recycled asphalt pavement (RAP) to create new asphalt according to Local Law 71. DDC, together with Green Asphalt, wants to make that 100%.**





# RAP in America – Breaking Ranks

## Batch Plant vs Older Drum vs Modern Technology



**Plant type, design and technology have a significant impact of the amount of RAP that be incorporated into mixes they produce.**



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# RAP in America – Breaking Ranks

## ASTECC DOUUBLE BARREL XHR®

65% RAP @ 5% RAP Moisture

70% RAP @ 3% RAP Moisture (with caveats)





# **RAP** in America – Breaking Ranks

**HMA/WMA vs Cold Central Plant**



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# RAP in America – Breaking Ranks

## HMA/WMA vs Cold Central Plant



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# Thank You!



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