Case 12-02

DATE: March 8, 2012

TO: MAG Specifications and Details Committee Members

FROM: Jeff Benedict, Valero; AGC/ARPA Advisory Member
Asphalt Working Group

RE: **MAG 710: Asphalt Concrete Revisions**

Purpose: MAG 710 needs to be updated to include a provision for utilization of gyratory asphalt mixes in low traffic (residential) situations. 2008 and previous versions of MAG 710 had this provision included but it was not incorporated in the 2009 version or thereafter. Low traffic gyratory mix designs will be prepared using specimens compacted to 160 gyrations, N_{max} for high volume traffic situations, and mathematically back-calculated to determine the relative density for a reduced number of Gyrations. This procedure is currently used by the City of Glendale for their low volume traffic asphalt concrete.

Additionally, the test procedure for Tensile Strength Ratio (TSR) testing should be changed from AASHTO T 283 to ASTM D 4867. The AASHTO procedure was modified in 2007 and included significant changes. In the previous version there was an optional freeze/thaw cycle that is now mandated in the current version. This requires MAG 710 to include language that the freeze/thaw cycle be skipped. The ASTM procedure does not include the freeze/thaw cycle so the additional language would not be necessary and the procedure could be performed as written. The AASHTO version also now includes 2 different curing/aging steps that add 2 days to the duration of the test. ASTM D 4867 is a much simpler, cleaner and quicker version of the same test. Instead of four days, the testing could be completed in two. ASTM also includes language for sample preparation when dry admix (lime or cement) is added to moist aggregates (wet treating), as is the case on most of the hot plants in the valley. Wet treating is also the local industry standard for performing lab mixed TSR's for hot plants with pugmills. There is nothing in AASHTO that mandates or even allows for wet treating the aggregates. The ASTM specimen air void range is 6.0% to 8.0% with initial saturation between 55% and 80%, instead of air voids between 6.5% and 7.5% and initial saturation of 70% and 80% for AASHTO T 283. That can make a huge difference in reducing the trial and error time trying to achieve the tighter requirements of AASHTO T 283. This will relieve some of the burden from the laboratory performing the test while still allowing for a well-documented method for determining the potential for moisture sensitivity of an asphalt mixture.

Revisions:

a) Language was added to Section 710.3.1(5) stating that either gyratory or Marshall mix design method may be used for both high and low traffic conditions.

b) The reference to AASHTO T 283 was changed to ASTM D 4867 in Section 710.3.1(6).

c) The test procedure for Tensile Strength Ratio and Dry Tensile Strength in Tables 710-3 and 710-4 was changed from AASHTO T 283 to ASTM D 4867. A small formatting change was made to the bottom of Table 710-4 to evenly distribute the column spacing.

d) Language was added in Section 710.3.2.2 to describe how the specimens are to be compacted and then volumetrics for other gyration levels calculated.

e) The test procedure for moisture sensitivity testing in Section 710.3.2.3 was changed from AASHTO T 283 to ASTM D 4867. The comment regarding the freeze/thaw cycle was removed since ASTM D 4867 does not include a freeze/thaw cycle.

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The following table (Table 710-1) displays the recommended lift thickness for various asphalt concrete mix designations found within Section 710. Please note that these recommended lift thicknesses are minimums based on each mix designation's "Nominal Aggregate Size" and the relative coarseness of its gradation. The compacted thickness of layers placed shall not exceed 150% of the Minimum Lift Thickness of Table 710-1 except as otherwise provided in the plans and specifications, or if approved in writing by the Engineer.

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Asphalt Concrete Mix Designation (inches)	Minimum Lift Thickness Marshall Mixes	Minimum Lift Thickness Gyratory Mixes
3/8"	1.0 inches	1.5 inches
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3/4"	2.5 inches	3.0 inches
Base	3.0 inches	n/a

710.2 MATERIAL:

710.2.1 Asphalt Binder: The asphalt binder specified in this section has been developed for use in desert climate conditions. Should it be utilized in other climates, consideration should be given to adjustments in the asphalt binder selection. The asphalt binder shall be Performance Grade Asphalt conforming to the requirements of Section 711 for PG 70-10, unless otherwise approved by the Engineer or specified differently in the plans or special provisions.

710.2.2 Aggregate: Coarse and Fine aggregates shall conform to the applicable requirements of this section. Coarse mineral aggregate shall consist of crushed gravel, crushed rock, or other approved inert material with similar characteristics, or a combination thereof, conforming to the requirements of these specifications.

Coarse aggregate for hot mix asphalt is material retained on or above the No. 4 sieve and Fine aggregate is material passing the No. 4 sieve. Aggregates shall be relatively free of deleterious materials, clay balls, and adhering films or other material that

prevent coating with the asphalt binder. Coarse and Fine aggregates shall conform to the following requirements when tested in accordance with the applicable test methods.

TABLE 710-2 COARSE/FINE AGGREGATE REQUIREMENTS			
Characteristics	Test Method	Low Traffic	High Traffic
Fractured Faces, % (Coarse Aggregate Only)	Arizona 212	75, 1 or more	85, 1 or more 80, 2 or more
Uncompacted Voids, % Min.	AASHTO T-304, Method A	42	45
Flat & Elongated Pieces, % 5:1 Ratio	ASTM D 4791	10.0 Max.	10.0 Max.
Sand Equivalent, %	AASHTO T-176	50 Min.	50 Min.
Plasticity Index	AASHTO T-90	Non-plastic	Non-plastic
L.A. Abrasion, %Loss	AASHTO T-96	9 max. @ 100 Rev. 40 max. @ 500 Rev.	9 max. @ 100 Rev. 40 max. @ 500 Rev.
Combined Bulk Specific Gravity	AI MS-2/SP-2	2.35 – 2.85	2.35 – 2.85
Combined Water Absorption	AI MS-2/SP-2	0 – 2.5%	0 – 2.5%

Tests on aggregates used in asphalt concrete outlined above, shall be performed on materials furnished for mix design purposes and composited to the mix design gradation.

Blend sand (naturally occurring or crushed fines) shall be clean, hard and sound material which will readily accept asphalt binder coating. The blend sand grading shall be such that, when it is mixed with the other mineral aggregates, the combined product shall meet the requirements of Table 710-2.

The natural sand shall not exceed 20 percent for the Marshall mixes and 15 percent for the Gyratory mixes by weight of the total aggregate for a mix.

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710.3 MIX DESIGN REQUIREMENTS:

710.3.1 General: The mix design for asphalt concrete shall be prepared by a laboratory that is accredited through the AASHTO Accreditation Program (AAP) in Hot Mix Asphalt Aggregates and Hot Mix Asphalt. The laboratory shall be under the direct supervision of a Civil Engineer, registered by the State of Arizona, and who is listed by ADOT as a "Qualified Asphaltic Concrete Mix Design Engineer" within ADOT's latest list of approved laboratories. The latest list of approved laboratories is available on ADOT's web page www.azdot.gov. The date of the design shall not be older than one year from the date of submittal, unless supportive documentation is provided and approved by the Engineer.

The mix design report shall include the following elements as a minimum.

(1) The name and address of the testing organization and the person responsible for the mix design report.

(2) The mix plant identification and/or location, as well as the supplier or producer name.

(3) A description of all products that are incorporated in the asphalt concrete along with the sources of all products, including admixtures and asphalt binder, and their method of introduction.

(4) The supplier and grade of asphalt binder, the source and type of mineral aggregate, and the percentage of asphalt binder and mineral admixture used.

(5) The mix design report, whether Gyratory or Marshall, shall state the traffic condition (low or high traffic) and size designation. ~~In all cases Gyratory based mix designs shall be designated as high traffic mixes. Marshall based mix design shall be designated either low or high traffic mixes.~~

(6) The results of all testing, determinations, etc., such as: specific gravity and gradation of each component, water absorption, sand equivalent, loss on abrasion, fractured coarse aggregate particles, Tensile Strength Ratio (~~AASHTO T 283~~ASTM D 4867), Marshall stability and flow, asphalt absorption, percent air voids, voids in mineral aggregate, and bulk density. Historical abrasion values may be supplied on existing sources. The submittal should include a plot of the gradation on the Federal Highway Administration's 0.45 Power Gradation Chart, plots of the compaction curves and the results of moisture sensitivity testing.

(7) The laboratory mixing and compaction temperature ranges for the supplier and grade of asphalt binder used within the mix design.

(8) A specific recommendation for design asphalt binder content and any limiting conditions that may be associated with the use of the design, such as minimum percentages of crushed or washed fine aggregate.

(9) The supplier's product code, the laboratory Engineer's seal (signed and dated), and the date the design was performed.

The mix design shall be submitted to the Agency or Engineer by the Contractor/Supplier for which it was developed as part of his project submittals. Once the mix design has been approved by the agency or Engineer, the Contractor and/or his supplier shall not change plants nor utilize additional mixing plants without prior approval of the Engineer. Any changes in the plant operation, the producer's pit, the asphalt binder, including modifiers in the asphalt binder, or any other item that will cause an adjustment in the mix, shall be justification for a new mix design to be submitted.

710.3.2 Mix Design Criteria: The mix design shall be performed by one of two methods, Marshall Mix Design or Gyratory Mix Design. The method shall be specified on the plans, special provisions, or by the Engineer. A minimum of 4 points will be used to establish the mix design results. The oven aging period for both Marshall and Gyratory mix design samples shall be 2 hours.

710.3.2.1 Marshall Mix Design: The Marshall Mix Design shall be performed in accordance with the requirements of the latest edition of the Asphalt Institute's Manual, MS-2 "Mix Design Methods for Asphalt Concrete." The mix shall utilize the compactive effort of 75 blows per side of specimen. The mix shall comply with the criteria in Table 710-3.

TABLE 710-3					
MARSHALL MIX DESIGN CRITERIA					
Criteria	**Requirements**				**Designated Test Method**
	3/8" Mix	**½" Mix**	**3/4" Mix**	**Base Mix**	
1. Voids in Mineral Aggregate: %, min	15.0	14.0	13.0	12.0	AI MS-2
2. Effective Voids: %, Range	4.0 ± 0.2	4.0 ± 0.2	4.0 ± 0.2	4.0 ± 0.2	AI MS-2
3. Absorbed Asphalt: %, Range *	0 - 1.0	0 - 1.0	0 - 1.0	0 - 1.0	AI MS-2
4. Dust to Eff. Asphalt Ratio, Range **	0.6 – 1.4	0.6 – 1.4	0.6 – 1.4	0.6 – 1.4	AI MS-2
5. Tensile Strength Ratio: %, Min.	65	65	65	65	~~AASHTO T-283~~ASTM D 4867
6. Dry Tensile Strength: psi, Min.	100	100	100	100	~~AASHTO T-283~~ASTM D 4867
7. Stability: pounds, Minimum	2,000	2,500	2,500	3000	AASHTO T-245
8. Flow: 0.01-inch, Range	8 - 16	8 - 16	8 – 16	8 – 16	AASHTO T-245
9. Mineral Aggregate Grading Limits				AASHTO T-27	
	Percent Passing with Admix				
Sieve Size	**3/8 inch Mix**	**½ inch Mix**	**3/4 inch Mix**	**Base Mix**	
1-1/4 inch				100	
1 inch			100	90-100	
3/4 inch		100	90 – 100	85-95	
½ inch	100	85 – 100	---	---	
3/8 inch	90-100	62 – 85	62 – 77	57-72	
No. 8	45-60	40 – 50	35 – 47	33-43	
No. 40	10-22	10 – 20	10 – 20	9-18	
No. 200	2.0 – 10.0	2.0 – 10.0	2.0 – 8.0	1.0 – 7.0	

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** The ratio of the mix design composite gradation target for the No. 200 sieve, including admixture, to the effective asphalt content shall be within the indicated range.

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The mix design shall be formulated in a manner described for volumetric mix designs in the current edition of the Asphalt Institute Manual SP-2, except the number of trial blend gradations necessary will be determined by the mix design laboratory. Duplicate gyratory samples shall be prepared at a minimum of four (4) binder contents to select the recommended binder content. The gyratory specimens shall be compacted to 160 gyrations. Volumetric data for the design number of gyrations,

N_{des}, and the initial number of gyrations, N_{ini}, are then back calculated based on the bulk specific gravity, G_{mb}, of the N_{max} specimens and the height data generated during the compaction process of those same specimens. For Low Traffic designs, volumetric data for 115 gyrations, N_{max} for Low Traffic designs, is also back calculated from the specimens compacted to 160 gyrations. ~~The completed mix design shall meet all the mineral aggregate and mix design criteria specified herein.~~

~~For purposes of design, the number of gyrations shall be 8 for Nini, 100 for Ndes, and 160 for Nmax.~~ The corrected density of the specimens shall be less than 89.0 percent of maximum theoretical density at ~~8 gyrations~~N_{ini}. The corrected density of the specimens shall be less than 98.0 percent of maximum theoretical density at ~~160 gyrations~~N_{max}. The Gyratory mix shall comply with the criteria in Table 710-4.

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1. Voids in Mineral Aggregate: %, Min.	15.0	14.0	13.0	AI SP-2
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7. Mineral Aggregate Grading Limits				AASHTO T-27
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No. 8	32-47	29-40	24-36	
No. 40	2-24	3-20	3-18	
No. 200	2.0-8.0	2.0-7.5	2.0-6.5	
8. Number of Gyrations	**Low Traffic**		**High Traffic**	
N_{ini}	7		8	
N_{des}	75		100	
N_{max}	115		160	

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Comment [DL1]: If the ASTM procedure is adopted, there is no freeze/thaw cycle to omit.

- End of Section -

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(8) A specific recommendation for design asphalt binder content and any limiting conditions that may be associated with the use of the design, such as minimum percentages of crushed or washed fine aggregate.

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3. Absorbed Asphalt: %, Range *	0 - 1.0	0 - 1.0	0 - 1.0	0 - 1.0	AI MS-2
4. Dust to Eff. Asphalt Ratio, Range **	0.6 – 1.4	0.6 – 1.4	0.6 – 1.4	0.6 – 1.4	AI MS-2
5. Tensile Strength Ratio: %, Min.	65	65	65	65	ASTM D 4867
6. Dry Tensile Strength: psi, Min.	100	100	100	100	ASTM D 4867
7. Stability: pounds, Minimum	2,000	2,500	2,500	3000	AASHTO T-245
8. Flow: 0.01-inch, Range	8 - 16	8 - 16	8 – 16	8 – 16	AASHTO T-245
9. Mineral Aggregate Grading Limits				AASHTO T-27	

	Percent Passing with Admix			
Sieve Size	**3/8 inch Mix**	**½ inch Mix**	**3/4 inch Mix**	**Base Mix**
1-1/4 inch				100
1 inch			100	90-100
3/4 inch		100	90 – 100	85-95
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3/8 inch	90-100	62 – 85	62 – 77	57-72
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design laboratory. Duplicate gyratory samples shall be prepared at a minimum of four (4) binder contents to select the recommended binder content. The gyratory specimens shall be compacted to 160 gyrations. Volumetric data for the design number of gyrations, N_{des}, and the initial number of gyrations, N_{ini}, are then back calculated based on the bulk specific gravity, G_{mb}, of the N_{max} specimens and the height data generated during the compaction process of those same specimens. For Low Traffic designs, volumetric data for 115 gyrations, N_{max} for Low Traffic designs, is also back calculated from the specimens compacted to 160 gyrations.

The corrected density of the specimens shall be less than 89.0 percent of maximum theoretical density at N_{ini}. The corrected density of the specimens shall be less than 98.0 percent of maximum theoretical density at N_{max}. The Gyratory mix shall comply with the criteria in Table 710-4.

TABLE 710-4

GYRATORY MIX DESIGN CRITERIA

Criteria	**Requirements**			**Designated Test**
	3/8" Mix	**½" Mix**	**3/4" Mix**	**Method**
1. Voids in Mineral Aggregate: %, Min.	15.0	14.0	13.0	AI SP-2
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4. Dust to Eff. Asphalt Ratio, Range **	0.6 – 1.4	0.6 – 1.4	0.6 – 1.4	AI SP-2
5. Tensile Strength Ratio: %, Min.	75	75	75	ASTM D 4867
6. Dry Tensile Strength: psi, Min.	75	75	75	ASTM D 4867
7. Mineral Aggregate Grading Limits				AASHTO T-27
	Percent Passing with Admix			
Sieve Size	**3/8 inch Mix**	**½ inch Mix**	**3/4 inch Mix**	
1 inch			100	
3/4 inch		100	90-100	
½ inch	100	90-100	43-89	
3/8 inch	90-100	53-89	-	
No. 8	32-47	29-40	24-36	
No. 40	2-24	3-20	3-18	
No. 200	2.0-8.0	2.0-7.5	2.0-6.5	
8. Number of Gyrations	**Low Traffic**		**High Traffic**	
N_{ini}	7		8	
N_{des}	75		100	
N_{max}	115		160	

* Unless otherwise approved by the Engineer.

** The ratio of the mix design composite gradation target for the No. 200 sieve, including admixture, to the effective asphalt content shall be within the indicated range.

710.3.2.3 Moisture Sensitivity Testing: Moisture sensitivity testing will be performed in accordance with ASTM D 4867 for both Marshall and Gyratory mix designs. The minimum required Tensile Strength Ratio is indicated in the tables above.

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