Agenda and Minutes for 11/22/17 conference call for HFTO committee

Roll call taken by Katheryn of all members on the call

Danny and Joe lead the meeting as follows:

Agenda:

1. **Update of 2016 and 2017 product testing**

   Field testing is complete and the data should be uploaded to DataMine by the 1st of the year.

   Danny and Joe discussed the status of the test decks. The one year data is completed for the 2016 test deck and the product evaluations and field installations are done on the 2017 submissions.

   TN used a GoPro camera mounted on the front bumper of a vehicle to create videos of the test deck for a unique perspective of the performance of the products. These videos are being edited and will be added to DataMine.

   There was an issue on the west bound portion of the test deck. A distributor truck inadvertently sprayed tack coat on approximately 11 miles of the test deck. TN has tested friction and observed a minimal affect from tack coat on friction numbers. They will continue to test friction to observe ongoing affects. General comments regarding test deck are that products are performing as expected. The field testing numbers and the photographs are giving a clear indication of performance. The results should give users a clear indication of the field performance of the various products. TN is pleased with the test deck.

2. **Audit**

   AASHTO NTPEP will be scheduling an audit of Future Labs LLC in 2018. Future Labs is the new facility for testing the HFTO binders for the program. They have done an excellent job and have already entered test results into Datamine.

3. **State Use**

   The States on the call that are using the program currently are: Florida, Tennessee, and Louisiana. These States are or will be using the data to populate qualified lists. Some States require some additional field performance work performed in their State as well. Manufacturers complain that this is an additional burden and the NTPEP participation should suffice. TN offered to share their specifications and QPL for any States as a guide.
4. **Datamine 3.0**

Products and results have been uploaded and are being reviewed by the manufacturers. Some administrative issues have been identified and are being resolved. They will not affect the end users of Datamine.

Danny discussed the ongoing work with AASHTO regarding the HFTO specifications (PP-79) and the ongoing efforts to separate the material and application specifications. These are excellent resources available for States interested in pursuing the use of HFTO products.

Danny and Joe indicated that Joe Kerstetter has moved onto a new position at TNDOT and would like to pass along the position of chair of the NTPEP HFTO committee. They said that Joe Simon of TNDOT is willing to assume the responsibilities if Kelly Morse, current vice-chair is not interested in promotion to chair. I think it would be best for TNDOT as the lead State to retain the chair position for this committee. If Mr. Simon is willing, I think it would be beneficial to the program to keep TN in this role. Please let me know the AASHTO NTPEP perspective?