AASHTO PAVEMENT ME NATIONAL USERS GROUP MEETING

October 11 & 12, 2017
Denver Airport Marriott at Gateway Park
East Denver, Colorado

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is pleased to welcome you to the second American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Pavement ME National Users Group Meeting. This annual meeting presents a unique opportunity for State Highway Agencies (SHAS) and other stakeholders to discuss issues related to the Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide (MEPDG) and AASHTOWare Pavement ME Design, such as implementation challenges, software updates and enhancements, falling weight deflectometer (FWD) backcalculation analysis, rehabilitation design, model calibration and validation.

In addition to providing participants with a forum for the exchange of information and ideas, the meeting will update participants on improvements to the ME design procedure and software, provide demonstration-based training on new software features and unique design applications, and identify future training, software, and research needs. The meeting outcomes will be instrumental in facilitating the more rapid adoption of the MEPDG and Pavement ME Design Software.

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# MEETING AGENDA  WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

## 8:00–8:45 AM  WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
- Welcome  |  Chris Wagner, FHWA
- Introduction & Remarks  |  John Donahue, Missouri DOT, AASHTO Subcommittee on Materials & Pavements Executive Committee, & Chair of AASHTOWare Pavement ME Design Taskforce
- Remarks on Canadian Efforts  |  Felix Doucet, Quebec Ministry of Transportation, Canadian ME Task Force liaison
- Review of Agenda & Meeting Goals  |  Linda Pierce, NCE & Kelly Smith, APTech

## 8:45–9:45 AM  AGENCY IMPLEMENTATION STATUS
- Implementation map updates and agency reports on implementation plans, timelines, and progress  |  Linda Pierce, NCE & Kelly Smith, APTech

## 9:45–10:00 AM  BREAK

## 10:00–11:00 AM  AASHTOWARE PAVEMENT ME DESIGN SOFTWARE UPDATE
- Announcements and news regarding latest software and purchasing/licensing  |  John Donahue, Missouri DOT
- Software enhancements/updates, including new features/capabilities  |  Chad Becker, ARA
- Backcalculation Module  |  Harold Von Quintus, ARA

## 11:00 AM–NOON  AGENCY IMPLEMENTATION EXPERIENCES
- ME Design Implementation  |  Lydia Peddicord, Pennsylvania DOT
- ME Design Implementation  |  Joe Tucker, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

## NOON–1:15 PM  LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)

## 1:15–2:15 PM  AGENCY IMPLEMENTATION EXPERIENCES (CONTINUED)
- Modeling Stabilized Materials  |  Affan Habib, Virginia DOT
- Multi-Agency Effort to Prepare Data for Pavement ME Design  |  Joshua Li, Oklahoma State U.

## 2:15–2:45 PM  REHABILITATION DESIGN
- Concrete Overlays  |  Halil Ceylan, Iowa State U.

## 2:45–3:00 PM  BREAK

## 3:00–3:30 PM  REHABILITATION DESIGN (CONTINUED)
- Dynamic Modulus of Cold In-Place Recycling  |  Jay Goldbaum, Colorado DOT

## 3:30–4:45 PM  ME RESEARCH
- FHWA Research Summary  |  Tom Yu, FHWA
- NCHRP Research Summary  |  Linda Pierce, NCE
- Top-Down Cracking Model (NCHRP 1-52)
- Unbound Materials (NCHRP 1-53)

## 4:45–5:00 PM  DAY ONE KEY TAKE-AWAYS
- Discuss key takeaways of day one  |  All
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| 8:00–8:45 AM | PERFORMANCE CRITERIA                   | Rational Basis for Establishing Performance Criteria Thresholds | Tom Yu, FHWA  
State Perspectives on Selection of Thresholds | State Agency Panel Discussion |
| 8:45–10:00 AM| LOCAL CALIBRATION EXPERIENCES          | Calibration of Pavement ME Design Software for Idaho | Fouad Bayomy, U. of Idaho  
MEPDG Design Parameters for Ontario and Canada | Warren Lee, Ontario Ministry of Transportation  
Automated Calibration Process | John Donahue, Missouri DOT |
| 10:00–10:15 AM| BREAK                                  |                                                                                                                                           |
| 10:15 AM–NOON| SOFTWARE TRAINING                     | Live demonstration-based training on Design of Stabilized Bases and Semi-Rigid Pavements | Harold Von Quintus and Chad Becker, ARA |
| NOON–1:15 PM | LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)                   |                                                                                                                                           |
| 1:15–3:00 PM | SOFTWARE TRAINING (continued)         | Live demonstration-based training on characterization of existing pavements, backcalculation analysis for rehabilitation design, and local calibration | Harold Von Quintus and Chad Becker, ARA |
| 3:00–3:15 PM | BREAK                                  |                                                                                                                                           |
| 3:15–4:00 PM | RESEARCH AND TRAINING NEEDS           | Future of ME Design | Kevin Hall, U. of Arkansas  
Additional training, software, and research needs, including future pavement ME design enhancements, additional web-based training | All agencies |
| 4:00–4:30 PM | CHALLENGES/ISSUES/ROADBLOCKS          | Common challenges/issues/roadblocks that can be resolved at the regional level rather than by each SHA.                                                                                                       |
| 4:30–4:45 PM | DAY TWO KEY TAKE-AWAYS                | Discuss key takeaways of day two | All  
Post-Meeting Survey Announcement  
Concluding remarks |
Transportation from Airport to Hotel

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2. Thai Chili & Sushi
3. Urban Sombrero
4. Outback Steakhouse
5. Uno Pizzeria & Grill
6. Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill
7. Ted's Montana Grill
8. Fire & Spice
PLACES TO EAT 🍽️ DOWNTOWN DENVER

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