

Opening Remarks

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Coordination of Pavement
Activities in the Northeast

Background

- Pool-funded project for the Northeastern States to aid in the implementation of Superpave – NECEPT
- Many successful products have resulted over the last several years.
- On April 23rd of this year, contractual issues within the lead state Pa. resulted in the inability for them to act as the lead state for this pooled-fund study with PennState

The Result

- Various organizations were solicited with Conn. agreeing to become the new lead state for future activities in this type of coordination of pavement activities.
- On July 29th a meeting was held to formalize action to proceed.
- FHWA has approved the establishment of this study as eligible for 100% federal-aid funding.

Scope of Services

- Coordinate innovative research, paving projects, and related activities on a refined level and distribute this information to affected parties.
- Completion of various studies and evaluations.
- Upgrade and operate a website devoted to pavement technology.
- Conduct various training and workshop efforts.

How Proposed

- Establishment of an Advisory Committee made up of the participating States, possibly the Canadian Provinces, User/Producer groups, FHWA as well as the private sector.

Current Status

- Several States have indicated that they would participate in the Pooled-Fund Study.

Future Activities

- A video conference meeting is planned for November 5th using the FHWA facilities.
- Overall direction will be provided by Dr. Christian Davis, Director of the Connecticut Transportation Institute; Dr. Jack Stephens, CAPLab, will be the Technical Lead with Dr. Charles Dougan acting as the overall coordinator and assuring that work items are completed in a timely manner.