REDUCING COST

RAP and RAS Considerations
In 2007, a NAPA survey indicated that the national average RAP content for all HMA in the USA was 12%.

A survey in 2010 indicates that the average RAP content had increased to 19%.
RAP Sources

**Pavement Milling**

**Asphalt Pavement Removal**

**Plant Waste Material**
Goals of Processing RAP

- Uniform stockpile from a collection of different RAP materials
- RAP agglomerations to a size used during production
- Reduce the max aggregate size (surface mixes)
- Minimize P200 generation
  - Screening prior to crushing helps
Processing Millings

Millings from single project are consistent:
- Gradation
- Binder content
- Aggregate properties
- Binder properties

Processing only to:
- Eliminate agglomerations
- Reduce max aggregate size

Recommended Processing Options
- Sample and test multiple locations to determine RAP quality
- If max aggregate size too large:
  - Fractionate the RAP for use in different mixes
  - Process by crushing to the desired aggregate size
Considered best practice *not* to crush, but to use “as is” or to screen to remove larger particles.
Processing RAP from Multiple Sources

- RAP from multiple sources must be processed to create a uniform material
  - Data suggest very consistent material can be produced
- Key is careful blending as part of the processing operation
  - Bulldozer, excavator, loader can be used to blend materials from different areas of the stockpile
- In most cases, processed RAP will be moved to the plant site for convenient use
  - Remix the RAP to improve its consistency
  - Use the loader to mix the RAP from different locations in the processed RAP stockpile
Screening RAP During Processing

- Crushing RAP will create more fines
  - RAP should be screened before crushing to remove particles which do not need to be processed
Crusher Types

- A variety of crusher types are used for processing RAP
  - Cone crusher
  - Jaw crusher
  - Vertical Shaft Impactor
  - Horizontal Shaft Impactor
  - Roller/Mill-type Breakers

- HSI are preferred because they break up chunks of pavement or agglomerations of RAP rather than downsizing aggregate size
Fractionating RAP

- Primary advantage is to provide flexibility in mix design
- Typical Sizes
  - 3/4” – 3/8”
  - 3/8” – 3/16”
  - Minus 3/16”
- Fractionate when:
  - Mixes contain more than 20% RAP
  - Typical specifications allow more than 20% RAP
  - RAP is readily available
  - Plant site has space for multiple RAP stockpiles
  - Problems meeting mix design requirements
  - Problems meeting project QC requirements
Fractionating RAP

3/4 x 3/16” RAP
In back

3/16” RAP

+3/4” RAP

FHWA RAP Expert Task Group
Asphalt Roofing Shingles

11 million tons of waste asphalt roofing shingles are generated in the US per year.
- Manufacturing Waste ~ 1 million
- Roofing tear-offs ~ 10 million

Reclaimed Asphalt Shingles - RAS
- Crushed/ground and screened
- Used in hot mix asphalt
- High beneficial reuse
What Are Shingles Made of?

- 35% granules
- 30% asphalt
- 15% fiberglass
- 20% mineral filler
Shingle Sources

- **Pre Consumer**
  - Off Specification shingles
  - Switching Production Runs

- **Post Consumer**
  - Re-roofing at end of life
  - Storm damage
Mixed Waste
Typical Spec
2% Deleterious
Processed Shingles at HMA Plant
Placement

County Road resurfacing
  - 50 mm base
    • 19.0-mm mix
  - 38 mm surface
Existing Condition
Laydown Operation
Uncompacteded Mat
Materials savings based on...

- Virgin binder cost
- Asphalt content of the mix design
- Aggregate cost
- RAP cost
- Asphalt content of the RAP
- Percentage of RAP
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RAP in HMA

» Black Rock?
  – Limestone
    • 3 million – 12 million psi
  – Aged Asphalt Binder
    • 150,000 psi glassy stiffness
    • 1,500 psi (50F)

» Homogenous Blending?
  – No

» Partial Blending??
Partial Blending

- Composite Material
  - Virgin Binder
  - Reclaimed Binder