



Asphalt Institute – Virginia Office Update
Second Quarter 2021
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Hello everyone! I hope each of you and your families are doing well and staying safe. Here are a few highlights from the second quarter (April, May, June) 2021 and some upcoming events.

- During this quarter, I visited with Virginia DOT and provided a presentation at the annual VAAP meeting. I also visited Tennessee DOT Materials Division folks and Tennessee DOT Aeronautics Division. I have found that the state DOTs in my region are allowing visits and I am planning on face-to-face meetings with all of them in 2021.
- The Southeastern Asphalt User Producer Group (SEAUPG) Board of Directors has decided to again hold the 2021 SEAUPG annual meeting and trade show at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Knoxville TN November 16-18. At this time, the meeting will be in-person with the option of participating virtually. We are now building the agendas for the conference presentations and the Binder Task Group meeting. It is going to be a great meeting and I would encourage you to attend if possible.
- AI was awarded the contract to update the 2000 Hot-Mix Asphalt Paving Handbook. AI's engineering team will split into writing and reviewing teams for the rewrite of this much used manual. The update will place a greater emphasis on airfield paving practices than previous versions. It is anticipated that this effort will take about 18 months to deliver the final manuscript.
- We are now planning our Fall 2021 training schedule. Starting in September, we are going to offer a mix of virtual and in-person courses throughout the United States. One of our most popular seminars, the one-day "Constructing Quality Asphalt Pavements", will be offered virtually on September 8 and 9 and in-person at four different locations in November and December 2021. I will attach both flyers with this report.
- The AASHTO COMP (Committee on Materials and Pavements) annual meeting will be held virtually this year during the weeks of July 26th and August 2nd. These virtual COMP meetings allow more folks to participate in the Technical Subcommittee meetings. If you register for COMP, you will be able to sit in on all the TSs related to asphalt materials, asphalt mixtures and pavement preservation. I will include a link to register for AASHTO COMP in the email.
- I am attaching the digital Summer 2021 ASPHALT magazine along with my report to this email. This edition includes an article that I authored.

I am excited to get out and see everyone soon as we are now allowed to travel more. Please let me know if you have any questions. Best wishes for a great 2021!

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