

WACA/WSDOT Meeting Minutes

For Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Day/Time: *Wednesday, March 4, 2025, on Microsoft Teams, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.*

Next WACA Meeting Date: *Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026, on Microsoft Teams, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM*

Meeting Minutes:

The link below will take you to past meeting minutes and show upcoming WACA meeting dates.

<https://partners.wsdot-sites.com/washington-aggregates-concrete-association/>

****Link for WACA Meeting Recording, PowerPoints, and Meeting Minutes****

Follow the link below to access the Teams meeting recording, all presentations, and a copy of the meeting minutes. If interested, feel free to save these files to your network.

<https://ftp.wsdot.wa.gov/incoming/WACA%20-%20March%204,%202026/>

New Business topics:

Cement / CAPS Program Update

- **Presenters:** Katie Dafoe / Steve Davis
- **Overview:** Update on the Cement Acceptance Program System (CAPS) and recent developments in cement acceptance and tracking.
- **Recording Time Stamp:** 3:40 to 4:48

Notes:

- *Katie Dafoe read out a list of manufacturers and locations that are missing either monthly Certs or quarterly samples. The list of missing items will be emailed to Cory Shaw for distribution to manufacturers.*

Synthetic Fiber Reinforced Bridge Deck Concrete Update

- **Presenter:** Anthony Mizumori
- **Overview:** Current findings and implementation considerations for synthetic fiber reinforcement in bridge deck concrete.
- **Recording Time Stamp:** 10:03 to 11:30

Notes:

- *Anthony outlined three current pilot projects that are utilizing fiber reinforcement.*
 - *SR16 project that showed limited cracking, however there was limited cracking in the control as well.*
 - *I90 pilot project was constructed a year ago and is scheduled to be inspected in the first half of 2026.*
 - *SR9 pilot project over the Snohomish River, the foundation is under construction, it will be several months before the bridge deck is scheduled to be poured.*

WSDOT has not discussed further design or policy around the use of fiber in the future.

Questions Regarding WSDOT Not Allowing Alternate SCMs in Modified Concrete Overlays

- **Presenter/SME:** Anthony Mizumori
- **Overview:** Address industry inquiries and provide clarification on WSDOT's current position on SCM usage in modified overlays.

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- *Recording Time Stamp: 11:37 to 13:36*

Notes:

- *Anthony outlined that some requests have been denied due to WSDOT not having a history of using these materials. There has been limited discussion about drafting a performance-based construction specification.*
- *Cory Shaw: WACA has upcoming projects with contractors involving placement of materials containing SCMs and would welcome WSDOT involvement in the work and any resulting discussions.*

RCA Approval Timeframe

- **Overview:** WSDOT is planning to implement an approval period for all RCA sources, requiring re-evaluation every three years to maintain approval status.
 - **Industry is concerned that a three-year re-approval timeframe is excessive.**
- **No Update currently.**

E-Ticketing, E-Construction Updates

- **Overview:** Status update on E-Construction initiatives
- **No Update Currently**

Discussion on Global Warming Potentials (GWPs) for Portland Cement

- **Overview:** Provide updates and potential implications regarding GWP metrics and their role in material selection and specification.
- **No Update currently.**

Naturally Occurring Asbestos in Aggregates

- **Overview:** Update on evaluation practices and mitigation measures regarding naturally occurring asbestos found in aggregate sources.
- **No Update currently.**
- *Recording Time Stamp: 14:42 to 16:15*

Notes:

- *Cory Shaw shared that there is not a lot of naturally occurring asbestos containing aggregates in our state, just a few places have been identified by DNR. Most industry does not use asbestos containing aggregate, they are using a different type of aggregate.*
- *This item will be moved to old business.*

Use of RCA in Concrete Greater Than 3000 psi

- **Overview:** Discuss considerations and current status of using RCA in higher-strength concrete applications.
- **No Update.**
- **Notes:**
 - **This item will be moved to old business.**

Updated Regional Materials Engineer (RME) List – provide to all attendees

- *Recording Time Stamp: 17:50 to 18:06*

Notes:

- **Donny Henderson will provide an updated RME list for distribution to all attendees.**

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Concern regarding supply of high quality aggregates, for use in pavements

- *Recording Time Stamp: 18:26 to 19:30*

Notes:

- *Karen Carlie inquired if there are concerns about general supplies of high quality aggregates in the foreseeable future. Cory Shaw will connect with Karen and share DNR information on aggregate resource mapping program.*

Change to AASHTO and ASTM designation for ternary blended cements

- *Recording Time Stamp: 19:38 to 20:10*

Notes:

- *Rob Shogren explained that ASTM C595 and AASHTO M240 are changing in 2026 to incorporate changes to limestone cements. Previous ternary blends that incorporated limestone will now be designated as single component blended cements, i.e. IS(X) and IP(X). This change will take place in August or September of 2026 and will require a Standard Specification update to accommodate the change.*

New ASA/QPL Engineer Hired

- *Recording Time Stamp: 20:26 to 21:03*

Notes:

- *Pat Norton notified the group that WSDOT has hired a new ASA/QPL Engineer who will be starting on March 16th.*

ASA recertification process and reimbursable agreements

- *Recording Time Stamp: 21:40 to 24:41*

Notes:

- *Dave Fisher asked about signing reimbursable agreements and how lengthy the process has become with multiple steps back and forth between QPL and OFM. Donny Henderson and Peter See explained that parts of the process are outside of the control of the construction division, but that there are changes in the works to streamline the process. The Materials Lab business office is in the process of hiring for several positions, once the office is fully staffed the agreement signing process should experience fewer delays.*

Old Business: The topics listed below will be removed from future meeting agendas unless there needs to be additional discussion or there is an update regarding these topics.

- **Naturally Occurring Asbestos in Aggregates**
- **Use of RCA in Concrete Greater Than 3000 psi**
- **Updated Regional Materials Engineer (RME) List – provided to all attendees**