# Using Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) in Seal Coats

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### RAP Piles Everywhere

- Milling or Micro-milling creating RAP
- Current use is 10-25% RAP content in HMA
- Remainder becomes property of the contractor or gets hauled to a NDDOT Maintenance site



Find an Innovative Use for RAP

Presentation at Pavement Preservation Conference

Submission through TRIP - Steph Weigel

RAP Chip Seal and RAP Slurry Seal used in CA

## The Perfect Candidate??

Micro-mill on ND 34 created a RAP pile in Napoleon

26 miles on ND 3 needed a seal coat North of Napoleon





## **Project Created**

- Bid April 13, 2018
- Special Provision for RAP Chip Seal
- 10-mile test section
- 16-mile control section



## Gradations

Sieve Size	Micro-mill 20 Ft/Min	Micro-mill 25 Ft/Min	Cl 41 Chips
	% passing	% passing	NDDOT 816 Spec
3/8 inch	87.5	76.8	100
No. 4	51.5	45	20-70
No. 8	28.2	17.9	0-17
No. 16	14.5	7.3	
No. 200	0.5	1.1	0-1.5

RAP Chips			
Sieve Size	% passing		
3/8 inch	100		
No. 4	20-70		
No. 8	0-17		
No. 200	0-2		



## **Bid Prices:**

- \$40 / Ton RAP Chips
- \$45 / Ton Cl 41 Chips
- CRS-2P emulsion was the same price
- Application rate:
  - 0.40 Gal/SY for Chips
  - 0.30 to 0.32 Gal/SY for RAP.



#### Failure to Launch

- Several Chip Seals not completed in 2018
- RAP Chip Seal was one of them
- Had to wait another year...



## Concerns we had with RAP Chips

- Able to process/make?
- Would they come out of the spreader?
- Will they stay on the road?



## Let's try this

- June 2019 started screening RAP
- June 11-13 Chip Seal on Control Section
- June 13 RAP Chip Seal test sections



## Screening Operation

- Power screen worked... sort of
- Made 3 piles: RAP Chips, Fines, Oversized
- Ran oversized back thru the power screen

#### Contractor agreed to 4 Test Sections

We both agreed to Push the limits

Typical application rates for Chip Seal on NDDOT project: 0.40 Gal/SY Oil and 24 lb/SY Chips

Typical application rates for RAP Chip Seal in CA: 0.28 Gal/SY and 22 lb/SY Chips



0.34 Gal/SY oil



0.30 Gal/SY oil



0.28 Gal/SY oil



0.30 Gal/SY oil

Quote from
Superintendent
after test sections

"As crazy as this sounded, it might actually work"





Which Rate Did we Choose?

0.32 Gal/SY oil

21 LB/SY chips

**Control Section** 

0.40 Gal/SY CRS2P

23 LB/SY Chips

Fog Coat

Picture taken: May 6, 2020



RAP Chip Seal

0.32 Gal/SY CRS2P

21 LB/SY Chips

No Fog

Picture taken: May 6, 2020



RAP Chip Seal

0.32 Gal CRS2P

21 LB/SY Chips

Fog Coat

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#### What Worked?

- Able to Produce RAP Chips
- Chips came out of Spreader
- Application Rates

#### What Needs Improvement?

- Time it took to make RAP Chips
- Ride Issues at overlaps



What are we going to do with all those fines???

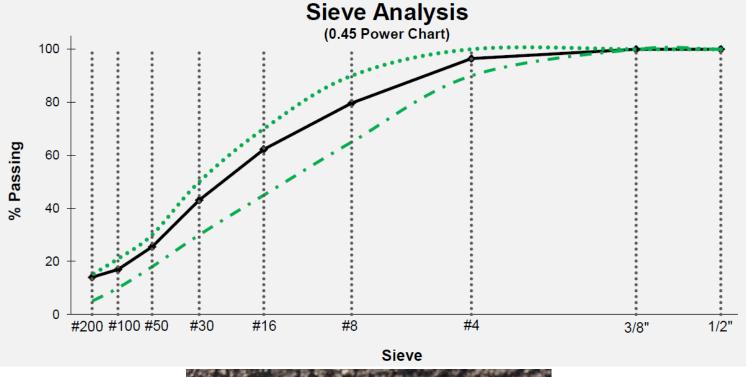


Astech (contractor) was doing a micro-surfacing project 12 miles from this picture. We discussed running a gradation on the fines to see what it was.

#### RAP Slurry Seal

RAP Chips were time consuming to make

DOT and Contractor ran gradations on Fines





#### RAP Slurry Seal

Fines material was a Type II Micro-surfacing/Slurry Seal Aggregate

Mix Design = 12% emulsion CQS-1hP (Micro Oil)



#### RAP Slurry Seal

Placed 1.2 Miles in 3 hours

Future option to use RAP fines from Micro-milling as a Slurry/Micro Seal



#### What's Next?



#### What's Next?

- Test section project in 2023
- ND 1804/University Drive South of Bismarck
  - Double Chip Seal
  - Cape Seal
  - RAP Cape Seal
  - Double micro-surfacing
  - RAP Double micro-surfacing
  - Ultra thin bonded wear course
  - 4.75 mm NMAS 0.75" Thin overlay
  - 9.5 mm NMAS 1.25" Thin overlay

