

ARRA/FHWA Partnership Meeting Leads to New Ideas....

In late March, an ARRA delegation visited the new headquarters of the Federal Highway Administration in Washington DC, for a focused two-hour meeting. Representing ARRA were: Dave Cannon, President; Mike Polak, Past President; John Rathbun, Past President, Government Relations Chairman; Mike Krissoff, Executive Director; and Steven Muncy, Technical Director. Representing FHWA were: King Gee, Associate Administrator for Infrastructure; Butch Wlaschin, Director, Office of Asset Management; Pete Stephanos, Director, Office of Pavement Technology; Jason Harrington, Office of Pavement Technology; Joe Gregory, Office of Asset Management; John Bukowski, Senior Pavement Engineer, Office of Pavement Technology; John D'Angelo, Asphalt Team Leader, Office of Pavement Technology. ARRA went in with a 5-point agenda, summarized here:

National FHWA-Sponsored In-Place Recycling Conference: Discussed the benefits of continuing the regional approach to the in-place recycling conferences - local aggregates, differences in soils, equipment trains, regionalism of contractors, different acceptance levels. Everyone seems to be comfortable with this approach and will wait to evaluate the Salt Lake City conference before making adjustments.

NHI Courses:

a. Update the current NHI two-day Recycling Course: The course is substantially correct, but needs updated photos and only minor adjustment. ARRA to contact new course contractor.

b. ARRA supplemental speakers: Determine who the contractor's teachers will be. ARRA might offer alternative instructors.



King Gee, FHWA's Associate Administrator for Infrastructure, with ARRA Past President Mike Polak (E.J. Breneman L.P.)

c. Coordinate course marketing: We all need to continue promoting recycling education.

Establish an In-Place Recycling Expert Task Group: Preliminary duties to consist of identifying gaps, developing AASHTO Specs on design, methods, bid process, and developing In-Place Recycling Roadmap.

FHWA agreed with ARRA objectives, but suggested an alternative means to attain them. The NCHRP has a process

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ARRA Semi-Annual Meeting

October 13 - 14, 2008

**Sheraton Gateway Hotel Atlanta Airport
Atlanta, Georgia**

