



Illinois Department of Transportation

Office of Highways Project Implementation / Bureau of Local Roads & Streets
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2022 HMA PROGRAM - OUTREACH AND TRAINING EVENTS FOR LOCAL AGENCIES

COUNTY ENGINEERS / SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS / DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC WORKS / MAYORS / METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS / TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS / CONSULTING ENGINEERS

A significant addition to the 2022 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction (SSRBC) involves the incorporation of Quality Management Program (QMP) specifications for Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA). These changes were necessary after a peer review by the FHWA, which included specific mitigation and corrective actions. Based upon the uniqueness that can reside on the local side of the road network, a Local Roads and Streets Special Provision LOCAL QUALITY ASSURANCE/ QUALITY MANAGEMENT QC/QA ([LR1030-2](#)) has been developed to modify applicable specifications in the 2022 SSRBC.

The Department is offering two online educational events for local agencies which will cover the following topics:

- Removal of the minimum tonnage requirements, such that locals are anchored into the known QC/QA requirements, but still provided with the option to employ Quality Control for Performance (QMP) or Pay for Performance (PEP) requirements when requested and approved.
- Providing the option to choose to use either core samples or nuclear density testing.
- Sample security procedures.
- Mixture samples being taken at the plant rather than on-site, to match current practices.
- Expanded quality tolerance limits.
- Wider acceptance limits than those in the 2016 QC/QA specifications.
- Determination of random samples.
- Feedback opportunities.

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The events will be recorded and will be available for viewing on-demand within 10 days after the live events. The recordings will be available on the Department's online Learning Management System. In addition, PDHs will be offered for attendance at these events. Registration is free, but is required, and will be available until 24 hours before each event. The events are expected to be approximately 90 minutes in length.

The first event will be held on March 10, 2022, and a second event held on March 18, 2022. Importantly, the March 18th session will include an additional follow-on discussion specifically focused on issues that are unique to District 1. Both events will cover the general requirements which apply to all districts and all local projects throughout the state.

The registration links are:

[March 10, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.](#)

[March 18, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. \(This session includes the additional discussion specific to District 1\)](#)

For questions regarding this Circular Letter, email DOT.LocalPolicy@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Tapas".

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