BE READY FOR FEBRUARY…

New TxDOT asphalt pavement specifications go into effect in the 2020 February Highway Letting.

Top 10 Significant Changes That Could Affect Your Cost
(3076 Dense Graded Hot-Mix Asphalt & 3077 Superpave Mixtures)

1. No grade dump to a 64-22 on surface mixes, no more two grade dumps on all mixes
2. Max Recycled Binder ratio lowered to 15% for Superpave, 10% for Dense Graded Mix on surface mixes
3. Gradation changes (#8 sieve) have been made for Superpave mixes, allowing for more liquid asphalt
4. Superpave mixes cannot be designed above the reference zone
5. Maximum production temperatures and minimum placement temperatures based on PG grade
6. Can no longer use warm mix to increase RAP percentages (Table 5 eliminated)
7. Sand Equivalent test changed to 45% minimum on the individual fine aggregate
8. Maximum amount of field sand lowered to 10%
9. Liquid Asphalt Sampling of one/day, Liquid Asphalt Testing of one/project for all liquids on all projects
10. New test procedure for taking and trimming road cores; Tex-207-F changes for testing road cores

There are many more changes to the specifications and test procedures. Additional changes can be found on the TXAPA website and the HMAC website. We urge all technicians to log in to txhmac.org to see if their specific certification level has been changed.