ATSSA Applauds FHWAs Inclusion of “High Friction Surfaces” in “Every Day Counts” Initiative

Fredericksburg, Va. – The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recently rolled-out a second wave of innovations as part of their “Every Day Counts” (EDC) initiative, and included this time is one of the roadway safety industry’s latest lifesaving initiatives – High Friction (Roadway) Surfaces.

High Friction Surfaces are pavement treatments that significantly increase surface friction for automobiles, usually at horizontal curves. These speed countermeasure treatments utilize alternative materials such as small-sized polish and wear-resistant aggregates bonded to the pavement surface using resin binders to increase braking capacity.

“Including High Friction Surfacing in the 2012 EDC will increase public awareness of the lifesaving benefits of installing high friction materials on our nation’s roadways,” said the American Traffic Safety Services Association’s (ATSSA) High Friction Surface Working Group Chair Rob Dingess. “We wholeheartedly applaud the FHWA for including this lifesaving roadway treatment as an EDC initiative.”

According to the FHWA, the EDC initiative was launched in 2010 and has already seen dramatic results from the first round of technologies. In addition to High Friction Surfaces, other EDC-2 initiatives include Programmatic Agreements II, Locally Administered Federal-Aid Projects, Three-Dimensional Modeling, Intelligent Compaction, Accelerated Bridge Construction, Design Build, Construction Manager/General Contractor, Alternative Technical Concepts, Intersection and Interchange Geometrics, Geospatial Data Collaboration and First Responder Training.

ATSSA recently formed a High Friction Surface Council. The new council will meet officially for the first time in August during ATSSA’s 2012 Midyear Meeting in Hilton Head, S.C. The goal of the council is to increase awareness of the lifesaving benefits of high friction surfaces and to promote its systemic use and inclusion in state Strategic Highway Safety Plans.

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