

Polymer-Modified Asphalt (PMA) Trial Project, Rosetown, Saskatchewan

How partnering with Husky Asphalt helps build better roads

OVERVIEW

Location	Rosetown, Saskatchewan, Canada
Husky's role	Husky introduced a new PMA product to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure (Sask MHI) and helped develop the accompanying specification.
Customer	City of Saskatoon
Partners	Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure (Sask MHI), Aecon Transportation West (Aecon)
Construction completion	June, 2019

CHALLENGE

Sask MHI put out a request for bids to pave a section of roadway near Rosetown, SK.

Aecon Transportation West was awarded the contract and approached its long-time partner, Husky Asphalt, to supply straight-run 150/200 asphalt.

Husky's expertise with the superior performance of polymer-modified asphalt (PMA), especially in hot and cold climates, brought them to the table to recommend that a portion of the project be dedicated to PMA as a trial.

INNOVATION

Sask MHI, Aecon and Husky worked together to:

- Trial a new PMA product on a provincial highway
- Develop the accompanying PMA specification
- Develop a testing protocol to monitor results over time

Trevor Nabe, Contracts Manager with Aecon, says, "This project is the first of its kind, bringing polymer-modified asphalt on an EPS paving project in Saskatchewan. This is a landmark victory for the industry."

Further, Nabe comments on how having a long-term trusted partner like Husky Asphalt "enables us to push the envelope on a project such as this where we can deliver something that's new and innovative to a mainstream project."

IMPACT

Husky Asphalt helps its customers build better roads. Not just a leading asphalt supplier, Husky's technical expertise and consultative approach leads to successful partnerships that move the road building industry forward.

Nabe attributes Husky's technical expertise in moving this project forward with the Saskatchewan MHI. "Husky's technical expertise makes it much simpler on our end. They did all the technical leg work in the background and for us it was just a matter of working together to put a proposal together."

"The future of our partnership will only continue to grow because we can count on each other to be leaders in this area," says Nabe.

"The benefit of working with Husky is that there's a great deal of trust and integrity, a high level of professionalism and expertise on their end, and they're easy to work with. At the end of the day, they provide the technical and the product support that we need on our end and deliver on their promises."

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