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Laboratory comparative assessment of warm and hot mixes Asphalt containing reclaimed Asphalt pavement

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Abstract

Warm mix Asphalt (WMA) could be mixed and used in paving at low temperatures to minimize the consumption of energy and the emissions of greenhouse gas. Recycled Asphalt pavement (RAP) could save Asphaltic cement and aggregate, which could achieve the better effects of recycling. However, both of the two WMA and RAP technologies have some deficiencies. Warm mix Asphalt and Reclaimed Asphalt pavement (WMA-RAP) technique may solve these issues and deficiencies when they are utilized together. This study investigated the implementations of WMA-RAP and its impacts on the performance of the Asphalt mixture. Under the framework of this study, four percentages of RAP (0%, 20%, 30%, and 40%) were added to the hot mix Asphalt (HMA) and WMA containing 4% Sasobit to study the impact of increasing RAP content on Marshall stability and moisture resistance of Asphalt mixtures. In summary, the Marshall stability of HMA and WMA mixtures is higher than the control mixtures. A small decrease in moisture resistance of both (HMA and WMA) containing RAP comparing to control mixtures Asphalt was observed, as shown by reduced the tensile strength ratios (TSR), but it is still much higher than the minimum of 80%.

Keywords: HMA, moisture damage, RAP, Sasobit; WMA.

الخلاصة: يمكن خلط الخلطات الأسفلتية الدافنة (WMA) ورصفها في درجات حرارة منخفضة لتقليل استهلاك الطاقة وانبعاثات غازات الاحتباس الحراري. الرصف الأسفلتي المعاد تدويره (RAP) يمكن أن يوفر الإسمنت الأسفلتي والركام ، والذي يمكن أن يحقق تأثيرات أفضل لإعادة التدوير. ومع ذلك ، فإن كلا تقنيتي WMA و RAP بها بعض أوجه القصور. قد تعمل تقنية الخلط الأسفلتي الدافئ والرصف الأسفلتي المستصلح (WMA-RAP) على حل هذه المشكلات وأوجه القصور عند استخدامها معًا. بحثت هذه الدراسة في الأدبيات المتعلقة بتطبيقات (WMA-RAP) وتأثيرها على أداء الخليط الأسفلتي. في إطار هذه الدراسة ، تمت إضافة أربعة نسب (۰%, ۲۰%, ۴۰%) من الرCRA الي وتأثيرها على أداء الخليط الأسفلتي. في إطار هذه الدراسة ، تمت إضافة أربعة نسب (۰%, ۲۰%, ۴۰%) من الرCRA الي فلطات MMA على أداء الخليط الأسفلتي. في إطار هذه الدراسة ، تمت إضافة أربعة نسب (۰%, ۲۰%, ۴۰%) من ومقاومة الرطوبة للخلطات الاسفلتية. باختصار، فإن استقرار مارشال للخلطات الساخنة MMA و الدافئة محقوى على من الخلطات ومقاومة الرطوبة للخلطات الاسفلتية. باختصار، فإن استقرار مارشال للخلطات الساخنة محقوي على من الخلطات المرجعية (بدون RAP). لوحظ انخفاض طفيف في مقاومة الرطوبة لكل من خلطات (MMA و الاسفات الما الحيات المرجعية، كما يتضح من انخفاض نسب مقاومة الشد (TSR)، لكنه لا يزال أعلى من الحد الادنى (۸۰٪).

1. INTRODUCTION

The Asphalt industry has studied the warm Asphalt technology in recent years as a way of minimizing production and placement temperature in Asphaltic mixes. The WMA was an Asphalt mixture that is produced at a lower temperature in comparison to traditional hot mix Asphalt (HMA) mixture. In addition to reducing consumption of energy, carbon dioxide emissions and Asphalt deterioration, WMA technology extends the paving season and improves paving length for a safer working climate. Reducing the energy consumption helps in reducing project costs as a direct consequence of reducing the temperature of WMA manufacture [1-5]. Reductions in energy consumption ranged from 10.0 % to 30.0 % on average when the temperature of heating dropped of 150 °C to about 125 °C [6, 7].

Recently, the cost of HMA has substantially increased, largely due to the rise in the price of the Asphalt binder. Users are seeking ways to minimize the costs of the Asphalt mixtures so that pavements can be properly maintained and rehabilitated with the available funds. One of the most successful ways to reduce the cost of Asphalt construction is to use more Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) in mixtures. The identities for the maximum quantity of RAP to be utilized in HMA have been identified in several states, mainly due to fears about unwanted substantial properties of RAP such as an aged binder, low quality of aggregates, and lack of effective mix design method for HMA mixtures with high contents of RAP [8].

There is an urgent requirement for more research to assess ways of using higher contents of RAP while guaranteeing continued best performance. The use of WMA technology with mixtures containing high RAP content was of great importance because this combination has the potential to minimize the cost of the mixture, to minimize the gases emissions, to improve the performance of mixture, to minimize the fuel amount used during the production and placement operations, and to reduce the requirements of virgin Asphalt and aggregates. The technology of WMA mixture has been shown to improve the workability of mixture, to minimize the Asphalt binder aging during construction, to get a better density in-place, and to helping to ensure that no occur any emissions of gases. The potential that WMA technology and high contents of RAP can be used simultaneously is very encouraging [8]. The use of reclaimed Asphalt pavement has several advantages, especially economic and environmental, particularly associated to the lowering consumption of aggregates and binders (which have lately suffered significant price increases) and the reduction of haul-distances, thus producing less environmental impacts [9].

A study was conducted on rubberized Asphalt mixes containing 4% and 5.5% Sasobit with 30% and 60% RAP. These mixes containing high RAP and high Sasobit indicated to provide good behavior to resist moisture damage in compared with the traditional mixture, CW [10]. A present study evaluated moisture performance of hot mixture Asphaltic (HMA) and 2% warm mixture Asphaltic (WMA). Both mixes (HMA and WMA) containing (0%, 10%, 20%, 30%, and 40%) of RAP materials. The outcomes exhibited that the TSR value of the HMA with RAP was higher than that of the WMA with RAP for all RAP contents, showing that WMA mixes are more susceptible to moisture damage comparison to HMA mixes[11]. Another study has investigated the impact of Zycotherm and Sasobit on the characteristics of WMA containing RAP. Moisture sensitivity was assessed by applying the tensile strength ratio, resilient modulus ratio, and fracture energy ratio. The finding of laboratory testing exhibited that the WMA containing Zycotherm had less susceptible to moisture damage than the WMA containing Sasobit and HMA mixtures. The increase of mixes stiffness by raising the content of RAP and utilizing Sasobit aggravated this issue [12].

A researcher has investigated the impacts of WMA containing 1.5% Sasobit with (30%, 40%, and 50%) of RAP in the laboratory. The performance of the mixes in terms of stiffness and moisture damage was investigated by carrying out the Indirect Tensile Resilient Modulus Test (ASTM D4123) and moisture susceptibility test (ASTM D4867). The outcomes exhibited that there were not substantially variations in volumetric characteristics, stability, and stiffness values of reclaimed mixes than the control mix (conventional hot mix Asphalt). In addition, all the mixes investigated achieved the required minimum TSR of 80%. The results showed that WMA using Sasobit-additive and containing high percentages of RAP could be a sustainable alternative to the conventional HMA mix [13]. Another researcher assessed the moisture sensitivity of WMA containing high RAP content by TSR and MR tests. The amount of RAP had an important impact on moisture sensitivity as the results of TSR and MR tests exhibited that the WMA with 30 percent RAP had a better impact on moisture sensitivity, and the RAP adding more than 30 percent may have a negative action [14].

2. RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

This research aims to assess the impact of reclaimed Asphalt pavement (RAP) in different percentages on Marshall stability and moisture resistance of hot and warm Asphalt mixtures, by determining the Marshall stability and flow value, while strength and stiffness of mixtures through IDT test for conditioned and unconditioned samples.

3. MATERIALS

3.1. Asphalt Cement

The virgin Asphaltic cement chosen for this investigative process with a penetration grade of (40/50) was obtained from the Refinery of AL-Daurah base bitumen (AC 40/50). Table 1 exhibited the physical characteristics of the Asphalt cement according to (ASTM Standard Designation).

Tests	Standard	Tests value	Standards Limitations as per to SCRB / R9, 2003
Penetration,25 °C, (0.1 mm.)	ASTM. D.5	48	40-50
Ductility, 25 °C, 5cm./min.	ASTM. D.113	+140	>100
Softening Point, (°C)	ASTM. D.36	51.5	
Specific gravity, 25 °C	ASTM. D.70	1.045	
Flash & fire points	ASTM D.92	295°С & 302°С	> 232 °C
Rotational Viscosity ^a (centistokes)	ASTM. D.4402	543 @ 135°C 157 @ 165°C	

Table 1. Physical characteristics of Asphalt binder and standards limitations.

^a The test was done in Asphalt Laboratory of Civil Engineering Department, University of Karbala.

3.2. Aggregates and Mix Type

The used aggregates for this work have been selected from Quarry of al-Nibaie, which was widely used in the production of Asphalt mixture. Laboratory experiments were used to quantify the chemical and physical characteristics according to (ASTM Standard Designation) for coarse and fine aggregate as exhibited in Tables 2 and 3, respectively.

Table 2. Laboratory results from physical properties of the coarse aggregates.

Test in laboratory	ASTM Designation	Results	Specification
Apparent Specific gravity		2.661	
Bulk Specific gravity	ASIM C127	2.625	
Absorption, %		0.362	
Angularity	ASTM D 5821	97%	Min. 95%
Soundness	ASTM C88	4.1	Max. 12%
Flat	ASTM D4701	1.1%	Max. 10%
Elongation	AS1M D4/91	2.8%	
Toughness, by (Los Angeles Abrasion)	ASTM C535	20.8%	Max. 30%

Table 3. Laboratory results from physical characteristics of the fine aggregate.

Test in laboratory	ASTM	Test result	Specifications	
Specific gravity (Apparent)		2.642		
Bulk Specific gravity		2.615		
Absorption, %	ASTM C128	0.480		
Equivalent sand (clay content)	ASTM D2419	86.5%	Min. 45%	

The nominal maximum size of the aggregate chosen for the aggregate gradation-used in Asphalt concrete mix for the trail specimens for wearing course-was 12.5 mm according to the Iraqi State Corporation for Roads and Bridges SCRB [15], as illustrated in Table 4.

Table 4. Gradation of Asphalt Mix.

Sieve Size		% Passi	ng Iraqi Specifications (S.C.R.B R/9, 2003) wearing course type IIIA	Work choice		
Standard Sieves English Sieves		Min. Max.		% Passing	% Retaining	
19.00mm	3/4"		100	100	0	
12.50mm	1/2"	90	100	95	5	
9.50mm	3/8"	76	90	83	12	
4.75mm	#4	44	74	59	24	
2.36 mm	#8	28	58	43	16	
0.30mm	#50	5	21	13	30	
0.075mm	#200	4	10	7	6	
Pan					7	

The type of Asphalt mixture was dense graded and the optimum Asphalt cement content is found based on Marshall mix design method ASTM D 6926-10 [16] and ASTM D6927-15 [17].

3.3. Warm Mix Additive

The modifier additive included in this work is Sasobit as shown in Figure 1, which is extracted from the process of gasification of coal. It is manufactured by the company of Sasol Wax. The chemical composition of Sasobit consists of fine crystalline in a long chain-hydrocarbon, production by different ways of synthesis of Fischer-tropsch (F-T). The melting point of the Sasobit additive, as mentioned by the producer, is about 100 °C to 105 °C and it was completely dissolved in bitumen at a temperature over 115 °C [18]. Table 5 shows the rheological characteristics of Sasobit.

Parameters	Congealing	Penetration	Penetration	Laboratory	Brookfield Viscosity	
	Point, °C	at 25 °C	at 65 °C	Melting, °C	at 135 °C, mPa.s	
Max	100	0	0	75	10	
Min	110	2	13	115	15	

 Table 5. Rheological characteristics of Sasobit [18].



Figure 1. Sasobit organic additive material.

3.4. Modified Asphalt Binder

Sasobit is used in 4% to be mixed with pure Asphalt binder (40/50 penetration) to produce the modified Asphalt binder used in the production of the WMA. For Sasobit to be thoroughly mixed with the Asphalt, the Asphalt cement must be heated between 130 $^{\circ}$ C - 140 $^{\circ}$ C. Then the Sasobit was added and mixed using a fan mixer to obtain a modified WMA-Sasobit.

3.5. Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement

The recycled Asphaltic pavement (RAP) used in all mixtures in this research was obtained from surface milling of Hilla - Baghdad Highway in Hilla city in Iraq and tested to determine the percentage of Asphalt binder content according to ASTM D6307 - 10 "Asphalt content by Ignition Furnace" [19], which is shown the average Asphalt content of RAP was 4.7%. This RAP was tested for the particle size distribution as illustrated in Table 6.

Sieve Size		% Passi 2003) wea	ng by (S.C.R.B. R/9, aring course type IIIA	RAP specification		
Standard Sieves English Sieves		Min.	Max.	%passing	%Retaining	
19.00 mm	3/4"		100	100	0	
12.50 mm	1/2"	90	100	94	6	
9.50 mm	3/8"	76	90	84	10	
4.75 mm	#4	44	74	55	29	
2.36 mm	#8	28	58	36	19	
0.30 mm	#50	5	21	13	23	
0.075mm	#200	4	10	5.2	7.8	
Pan					5.2	

Table 6. Reclaimed Asphalt pavement	t (RAP) material	gradation.
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Four percentages (0%, 20%, 30%, and 40%) of RAP were used as a percentage of the total mixture to know the effect of low and high percentages of RAP while compensating for the decrease in Asphalt binder content. Sieve analysis of RAP was performed and divided onto a No. 4 sieve prior to use in the production of Asphalt mixtures as shown in Figure 2.



Figure 2. Sieve analysis of RAP material.

4. MIX DESIGN

The design of the both HMA and WMA mixes (with and without RAP) were carried out by the Marshall procedure according to the ASTM D 6926 – 10 [16] and ASTM D6927 – 15 [17]. The specimens were compacted with 75 Marshall Hammer blows applied at each side of the specimen. The production and placement temperatures of hot and warm mixes are 161 °C, 148 °C, 140 °C, and 128 °C, respectively depending on the relationship between the viscosity and the temperature by the rotational viscosity at temperatures of 135 °C and 165 °C utilizing the Brookfield viscometer test of the binder according to ASTM D4402-15, 2015 [20].

5. LABORATORY WORK

5.1. Samples Preparation

For HMA mixtures, three specimens were prepared for each percentage (4%, 4.5%, 5%, 5.5%, 6%) of 40/50 Asphalt binder using Marshall mix design method according to (ASTM D6926-10) [16] and (ASTM D6927-10)

[17], then determining the volumetric characteristics, Marshall stability and flow value to select the optimum Asphalt content. Asphaltic mixtures are produced and placed at Asphalt temperatures as shown in Table 6 proper to the viscosity of 170 ± 20 and 280 ± 30 centistokes, respectively (Asphalt Institute, 2015) [21].

In the same way, specimens are prepared for WMA mixtures and for each percentage of Sasobit which are (1%, 2%, 3% and 4%). All the specimens of all mixtures (HMA and WMA) were subjected to further tests (stability of Marshall and flow value, wheel track test to evaluate permanent deformation, and indirect tensile strength to evaluate moisture damage).

5.2. Tests

5.2.1. Marshall Test

Firstly, the bulk specific gravity of each specimen was performed according to ASTM D2726-17 [22] and the maximum theoretical specific gravity was determined according to ASTM D 2041- 11 [23]. Moreover, the percentages of air void were calculated according to ASTM D3203-05 [24]. Secondly, the Marshall stability and flow measurements were performed for each sample by ASTM D6927-10 [17] in order to find the optimum Asphalt content. the optimum Asphalt binder is (5.0 percent) which is obtained from the average Asphalt binder content of highest stability, highest unit weight, and 4% air voids from results exhibited in Table 6. Finally, use the obtained optimal content of the Asphalt binder to prepare new Marshall Specimens and subject them to the tests. Figure 3 exhibited the Marshall stability and flow test.

Binder Content %	stability (kN)	Flow (mm)	Unit Weight (gm/cm ³)	Air Voids %	V.F.A %
4.0	9.24	1.8	2.268	7.372	50.102
4.5	9.93	2.5	2.289	6.062	58.341
5.0	10.92	2.8	2.317	4.201	70.230
5.5	10.33	3.2	2.310	3.228	77.354
6.0	8.40	3.9	2.299	2.554	87.699

Table 6. Volumetric Properties of HMA with Different Asphalt Contents.



Figure 3. Marshall stability testing apparatus (A) Marshall stability and flow apparatus, (B) water path 60°C, (C) Marshall specimens.

5.2.2. Moisture Susceptibility

An indirect tensile strength testing by ASTM D6931-12, 2007 [25] that was carried out on both types of HMA and WMA samples to find the moisture sensitivity of these mixtures. For this test, the samples were prepared and compacted utilizing the Marshall mix design procedure, Marshall hammer to an air voids level of $7\% \pm 1\%$. The subsets of three samples were prepared at normal condition (dry) and another subset of three specimens was prepared after moisture conditioning (wet). The moisture conditioning (wet) samples were exposed to a vacuum to obtain of 55–80% saturation of the samples. Subsequently, the samples were soaked in the water path at $60^{\circ}C \pm 1^{\circ}C$ for 24 h , and then placed in a water bath at 25 ° C $\pm 1^{\circ}C$ for 1 hour. The dry samples were placed in a water bath at 25 ° C for 20 min. All specimens (dry and wet) were then tested in indirect tensile testing (IDT) at 25°C, and then determining the forces required to break the samples. The tensile strength ratio (TSR) was calculated based on the ratio of conditional to unconditional IDT. The minimum requirement of TSR value is 80% according to ASTM D4867M-09 [26].

Although, the tensile strength of Asphalt pavement is not significantly strong as its compression, the tensile strength is still important in various pavement applications. Pavement engineers are interested in the tensile characteristics of the Asphalt mixture because of the regarded cracks problems. The tensile properties are determined by the indirect tensile strength test (IDT) which additionally related the cracking characteristics of the pavements as studied by a group of researchers [27]. The higher tensile strength, the strong cracking resistance is obtained. Indirect tensile strength (IDT) test was carried out to all samples by applying constant loading rate of 5 cm/min at 25 °C along with the middle point of 12.70 ± 0.3 mm span until the samples fail due to from vertical deformation. The maximum load recorded for determining tensile strength as in Equation (1).

$$St = \frac{2000P}{\pi Dt}$$
(1)

Where, St: Tensile strength (kPa), P: Maximum load (N), T: height of sample (mm), and D: diameter of the sample (mm).

The TSR (tensile strength ratio) is a ratio between the indirect tensile strength of the wet (conditional) specimen and that of the dry (unconditional) specimen. The TSR value was calculated for all mixes as in Equation (2). Typically, TSR value should be greater than or equal to 80% which is acceptable resistance to moisture damage. Figure 4 shows some of the samples prepared and tested.

$$TSR = \left(\frac{Stm}{Std}\right) 100\% \tag{2}$$

Where, TSR: Tensile strength ratio (%), Stm: average tensile strength of the moisture-conditioned (wet) subset (kPa), and Std: average tensile strength of the dry subset (kPa).



Figure 4. Indirect Tensile Strength Test (A) vacuum of specimen, (B) water bath at 60°C, (C) water bath at 60°C, (D) unconditioned specimens test, (E,F) conditioned specimens' test.

6. TEST RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

6.1. Marshall Stability

The relation among the Marshall stability and flow value with the different content of RAP-for both HMA and WMA mixtures-as shown in Figures 5 and 6, respectively.

For comparing the WMA mixture with the HMA mixture after adding different rates of reclaimed Asphalt pavement, as seen in these Figures, the Marshall stability of HMA increases with the increase in RAP percentage until it reached to 30% RAP, then the value decreased for (40%) RAP, which was greater than control mix by (24%). Moreover, the Marshall Flow was less than the control mix by (34%) for this percentage.

For the WMA mixtures, the value of Marshall stability was (12.7 kN) for (0%) RAP, and then slight decrease to (11.7 kN) for (20%) RAP. This was followed by increased slightly to (14.0 kN) for (40%) RAP, which was greater than the control warm mix (0% RAP) by (9.3%), while the Marshall flow was less than the control warm mix by (46.7%). The highest values of Marshall stability for HMA and WMA mixtures are shown in (30%) and (40%) RAP respectively. Moreover the highest value of Marshall flow appeared in (0%) for both the HMA and WMA mixtures. The increase in the Marshall stability is attributed to the presence of the RAP aged binder in the HMA and WMA mixtures and crystal wax structure of Sasobit in the WMA which may cause a stiffening effect.

Generally, all mixtures (warm and hot) exceed the minimum limit of Marshall stability, which was (8.0 kN), but the flow value was less than minimum limit which was (2.0 - 4.0) mm recommended by (S.C.R.B. R/9, 2003) [15] for the surface layer. This can be due to the high stiffness and low air voids of mixes due to the addition of reclaimed Asphalt pavement and this improving the Marshalls stability and flow values in general. This leads to improved resistance of the mixtures to rutting.



Figure 5. Effect of RAP percentage on Marshall Stability for HMA and WMA



Figure 6. Effect of RAP percentage on Marshall Flow for HMA and WMA.

6.2. Moisture Susceptibility

Figures 7 and 8 show the relationships between the RAP content and the indirect tensile strength of both hot and warm mixes for unconditioned (dry) and conditioned (wet) samples, respectively. As seen in these Figures, for the HMA-RAP mixes, the indirect tensile strength (IDT) values for dry and wet conditions are decreased than that of the original mixtures when 20% RAP was added, and then slightly increased relative to the other percentages. The highest IDT value was for control HMA, while the lowest value was for the WMA-20% RAP. All the IDT values of HMA-RAP mixes for different percentages are less than the control HMA. For the WMA-RAP mixes, the IDT values for dry condition are decreased with the 20% RAP than the control WMA, and then slightly increase with the other percentage of RAP. The IDT values for wet condition are decreased with the increase in RAP content until reach to 30% RAP, and then the values have increased with 40% RAP. The maximum and minimum IDT values were for control WMA (0% RAP) and WMA-30% RAP, respectively. Generally, the IDT values of hot and warm mixes with RAP for all percentage are less than that of hot and warm mixes without RAP because the addition of RAP led to an increase the air voids of the mixes also the aged binder in RAP, which made the mixtures are more sensitive to moisture.

As for the tensile strength ratio shown in Figure 9, it can be seen the relationship between RAP content and TSR for both HMA and WMA mixtures. For HMA mixtures, the TSR was (92%) for origin mix and then decrease with an increase in RAP percentage to 88%, 86%, and 85% for 20%, 30%, and 40% RAP, respectively. and this applies to the warm mixes, where it was 87%, 86%, 84%, and 83% for control WMA(0% RAP), 20%, 30%, and 40% RAP respectively. This was in agreement with the researcher [28].

The TSR of the warm mixes were less than the hot mixes for all percentages of RAP because the lower mixing and compaction temperature of WMA mixtures lead to incomplete dry of the aggregate. All the mixtures were exceeding the minimum limit (80%) of the Tensile Strength Ratio (TSR), which was recommended by ASTM D4867M-09, 2014 [26]. The WMA without RAP performed better in terms of moisture susceptibility, and this is an agreement with the opinion of the researcher [29].



Figure 7. Impact of RAP percentage on Indirect Tensile Strength (dry condition).



Figure 8. Effect of RAP percentage on Indirect Tensile Strength (wet condition).



Figure 9. Effect of RAP percentage on Tensile Strength Ratio.

7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1. Conclusions

- 1. The addition of RAP to the mixture up to 40% significantly increased Marshall stability and reduced the flow of both HMA and WMA mixtures which lead to raising the potential resistance to rutting.
- 2. The addition of RAP to mixtures was shown to increase their sensitivity to moisture, but the sensitivity of RAP mixtures to damage caused by moisture was not a concern with the mixtures tested in this research, have all mixtures had a TSR exceeding 83%. However, the TSR value of the mixtures without RAP generally higher than that of RAP mixtures. Additionally, no index of obvious stripping was found in any sample.
- 3. Sasobit modified Asphalt binder can improve workability at lower mixing temperature for WMA with or without RAP as observed during mixing, and that all mixtures were workable, easy to compact and lower emissions during the production.
- 4. Sasobit not only decreases the construction temperatures of Asphalt mixtures, it is also possible to manufacture Asphalt mixtures that contain high RAP percentages using Sasobit.
- 5. Overall, WMA mixtures prepared with Sasobit used in this study perform better than HMA mixtures in terms of rutting characteristics. Beside modification effects of WMA additives, the lower amount of aging due to lower production temperatures of the warm additive plays an important role in the total assessment of these innovative technologies.

7.2. Recommendations

- 1. To completely understood the possibilities and disadvantages of the usage of Asphaltic mixtures made with high RAP content, field experiments should have constructed using HMA and WMA mixtures containing high RAP content. These tests should be carefully designed (mixing and paving) and supervised through and after construction.
- 2. The possibility for using high RAP material within a pavement at strategic locations should be considered, but not as a surface layer as it can be used as a binder layer below the surface layer which should have high specifications and good material quality.
- 3. The moisture-induced damage potential is the most important concern associated with the WMA mixes. However, this issue can be mitigated by using effective anti-moisture or anti-stripping agents (e.g., hydrated lime).

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