

## Director's Message



Another busy few months. Here's a few of the highlights of what MaCAPA has been doing for you:

**Northeast Regional ConcreteWorks Event  
April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> - Gillette Stadium  
Foxboro, MA.**

Thanks to all our Sponsors, Presenters, Vendors, and Planning Committee members for making this event a great success! The two day event covered a wide range of subjects that impact our Industry. Topics ranged from driver recruitment and retention, an economic forecast for the Northeast, to coarse aggregate recycling and NRMCA promotional plans and strategies. The Committee's goal was to pro-

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## Upcoming Meetings

### MaCAPA PawSox Night!

**Reserve your tickets now!!**

**McCoy Stadium**

**Pawtucket, Rhode Island**

**Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:05pm start**

**Complimentary Buffett**

**5:30pm-7:00pm**

**On the Left Field Party Terrace**

**\$40 per person**

**Families are welcome!!**



**Northeast Regional Workshop Planning Committee (from left): Greg Novitzki, Nicole Mahar, Craig Dauphinais, Don Shubert, Carol Hall & Jon Kuell**

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vide practical programming that all attendees could find useful in their individual businesses. The highlight of the event was Jeremy Gregory, PhD, Executive Director of the Concrete Sustainability Hub at MIT. Jeremy gave an update and overview to the MIT Concrete Sustainability Hub Project in regards to pavement and buildings. The presentation was excellent and generated an hour long lively debate.



Ralph Olds (*r*) of Construction Services & Dave Dodier of BASF Admixtures discuss the use of coarse aggregates in concrete.

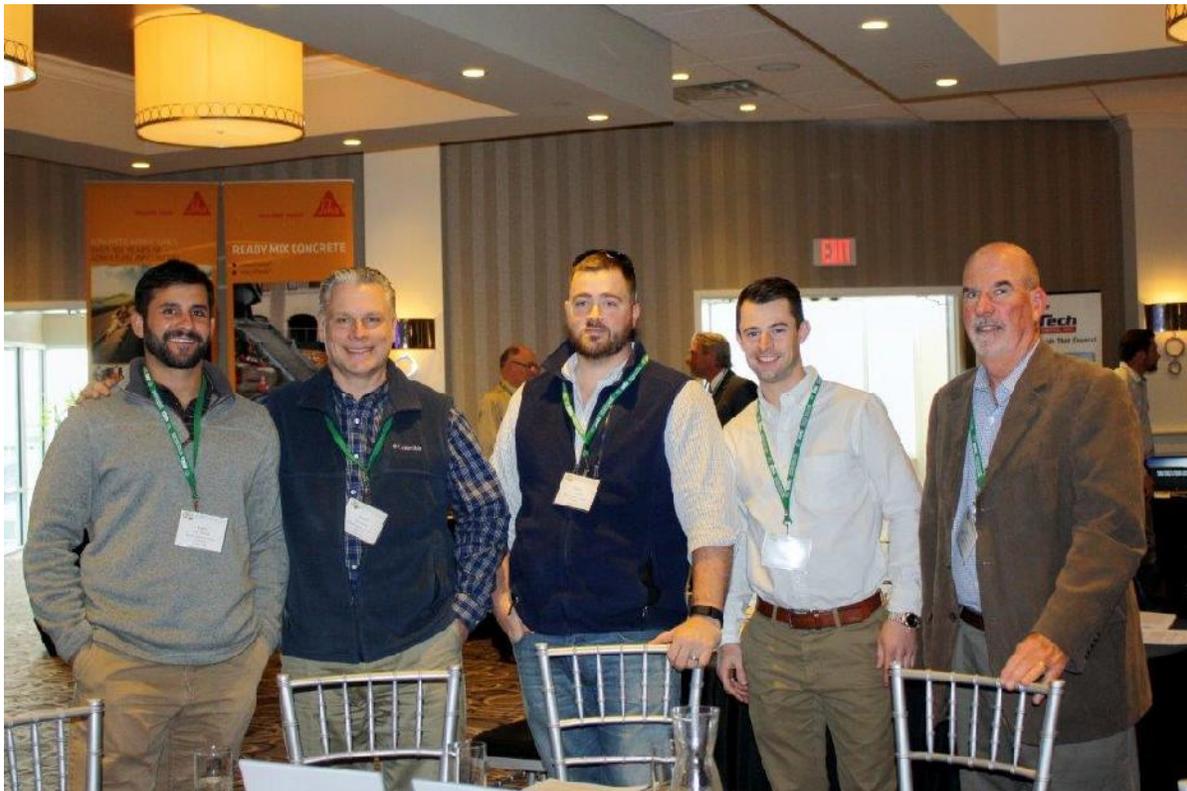
The discussion created the opportunity to talk about the opportunities and challenges that face

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## MassDOT READI Committee

In 2015 the MassDOT formed a new committee. The charge of the committee is to promote and enhance the culture of innovation within the agency. The committee is called the READI Committee (Review, Evaluate, Accelerate, and Deploy Innovation). This committee will provide one consolidated entry point for reviewing and implementing innovative ideas, technologies, practices, and products. The committee is comprised of leaders from throughout MassDOT's Highway Division. The key goals are to communicate solutions that may apply across different departments, ensure pilot projects are conducted properly with sufficient oversight, reduce duplication of effort, accelerate and streamline implementation, and ensure changes are consistent with

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**The Team from Boston Sand & Gravel (from left):  
Larry Gilvarg, Dave Kelly, Dean Boylan, Alan Pastyrnak, & Jack Greeley**

our industry.

### Baystate Roads

#### City of Westfield Concrete Training Day

We are on our way to rebuilding the relationship between MaCAPA and The Baystate Roads Program. For those of you who are not familiar with Baystate Roads, they are an organization that offers educational and training forums for every municipality in the Commonwealth. The organization is operated out of the UMASS Amherst Campus and is funded in many ways, including through the MassDOT.

After Doug O'Neil and I had met with them a couple of times, they called and asked if we would be willing to help put on a training program in the City of Westfield for DPW employees and students interested in a career in the construction industry. The training day included an hour long educational class in the basics of concrete, and then we all went into the field and placed several sections on concrete sidewalks in the city. Students and DPW employees worked side by side with a professional concrete contractor to place sections of sidewalk. A special thanks to Bob Carroll and the team at Construction Service for donating the concrete for the event, and to the concrete contractors, Bill Sasserville and Bob Sterner, for spending the day working with the participants. The feedback from the Baystate Roads staff and participants couldn't have been better. One staff member said "this is one of the best training events we have ever had." The day was a great success and we are already planning the next event. My goal is that we continue to work closely with Baystate Roads and put



**Students & DPW employees place sidewalk sections with a professional concrete contractor.**

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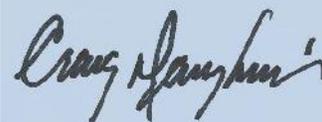
MassDOT's mission and policies.

After a couple of meetings with Dave Anderson, Chief Design Engineer with MassDOT, Dave suggested that MaCAPA may want to present at a READI Committee meeting. Doug O'Neil and I filled out the necessary paperwork and were put on their agenda for their May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Doug was able to reach out to the New York Chapter of the American Concrete Paving Association, and get input and support from Bill Cuerdon. Prior to joining the ACPA, Bill worked for the NYDOT for 30 years in their concrete and asphalt paving division. The three of us created a presentation that focused on the benefits of concrete intersections and parking lots. The 25 minute presentation went very well and a 30 minute Q&A session followed. My hope is that this is the first of many discussions that will bring us working closely with the MassDOT on a pavement project.

similar training programs on for all municipalities across the state. Participating in these programs not only gives us the opportunity to educate municipalities about concrete, but also helps us to start building a relationship with municipalities and trains them to install concrete sidewalks in their respective communities. All of us at MaCAPA need to be a concrete resource for all municipalities!!!

Please email or call me with topics or suggestions for next year's Workshop. We were not able to implement the Driver Rodeo Competition as part of this event, but hope to in the future. Thank you for all your support and please don't hesitate to call if I can be of any assistance.

Best Regards,





**Save the Date!**  
**June 23rd, 2016**  
**On the Left Field Party Terrace**

**MaCAPA**

**Paw Sox** **VS** **Chiefs**

**Menu Includes:**  
Pulled BBQ Chicken, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, Iced Tea, Pink Lemonade, and Ice Cream Bars!

There will also be a cash bar.

**RSVP to Craig Dauphinais**  
**hq@macapa.org**

Member cost is \$40 per person.