



CSI Touts Pavement Preservation in Alaska

On February 7th 2012, Martin Thompson, Director of Technical Support for Colas Solutions, gave a presentation to the Alaskan section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) at the Aviation Museum near the Anchorage Airport. Among the approximately 70 ITE delegates at this meeting were a number of Alaska DOT & Municipal engineers as well as representatives from engineering companies, and the FAA.

Martin's presentation was entitled "Pavement Preservation in Cold Climates" and it built on the Alaskan Summit series of presentations given in part by several Colas Solutions personnel last fall. The core of Martin's presentation covered the Pavement Preservation concept in general, as well as some specific Pavement Preservation techniques such as Otta Seal-Asphalt Surface Treatment, Chip Seals and various versions thereof, and cold patch mix. He also talked about how the permafrost can be protected with the use of pigmentable binders such as in the Bituclair project by Colas in Dawson City, Yukon Province, Canada.



Thanks to Scott Link & Mike Evans of Colaska for supporting and attending the seminar, and to Robert Dun of Colaska & Bart Lungren of the Western Pavement Solutions Group for helping organize this opportunity to preach the gospel of Pavement Preservation. Pavement Preservation in Alaska is very much in its infancy and will take a change of mindset to instill the concept as a pro-active approach going forward, but little-by-little it seems to be gathering steam.