



# NCHRP 20-7 TASK 280

# AASHTO Material

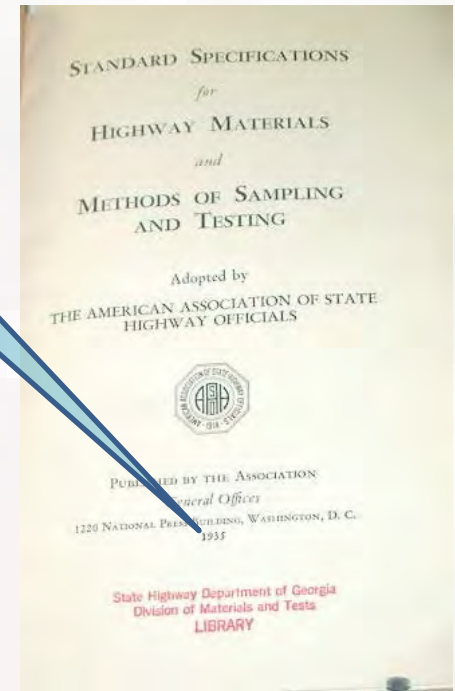
# Specifications

Death to the As, Bs and Cs

# History

- ASTM noted in earliest AASHTO
- Copyright issues 1990s
- 1995 Book w/o 82 ASTMs
- A, B, Cs born
- Increased frustration w/ASTM not having Cs and v. few Bs
- 2008 Ballot item

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# Ballot Item #119

- “Publish 2009 w/o ASTMs”
- 48 Approve, 3 negatives
- Item passed but based on actions of Exec Council and AASHTO the negatives were found persuasive

# Ballot Encouraged Dialogue

- AASHTO – ASTM agreement: jointly-owned or solely owned
- NCHRP project on C standards
- Peer Exchange on SOM as a whole

# NCHRP Project 20-7/ Task 280

- Panel developed
- Additional direction from Peer Exchange and Testing
- Start Fall 2009 - 12- 16 months estimated
- Researcher will report on status at SOM 2010

# Until then

- Share ideas at Peer Exchange or to Panel
- **DO NOT STOP DEVELOPING STANDARDS**
  - DO NOT DEVELOP ANY NEW Cs!!
- Review your TS for Cs to be deleted

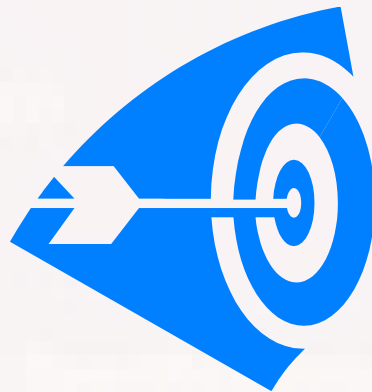
Standard Specifications for

# Trap Questions ?

and Methods of Sampling

and Testing

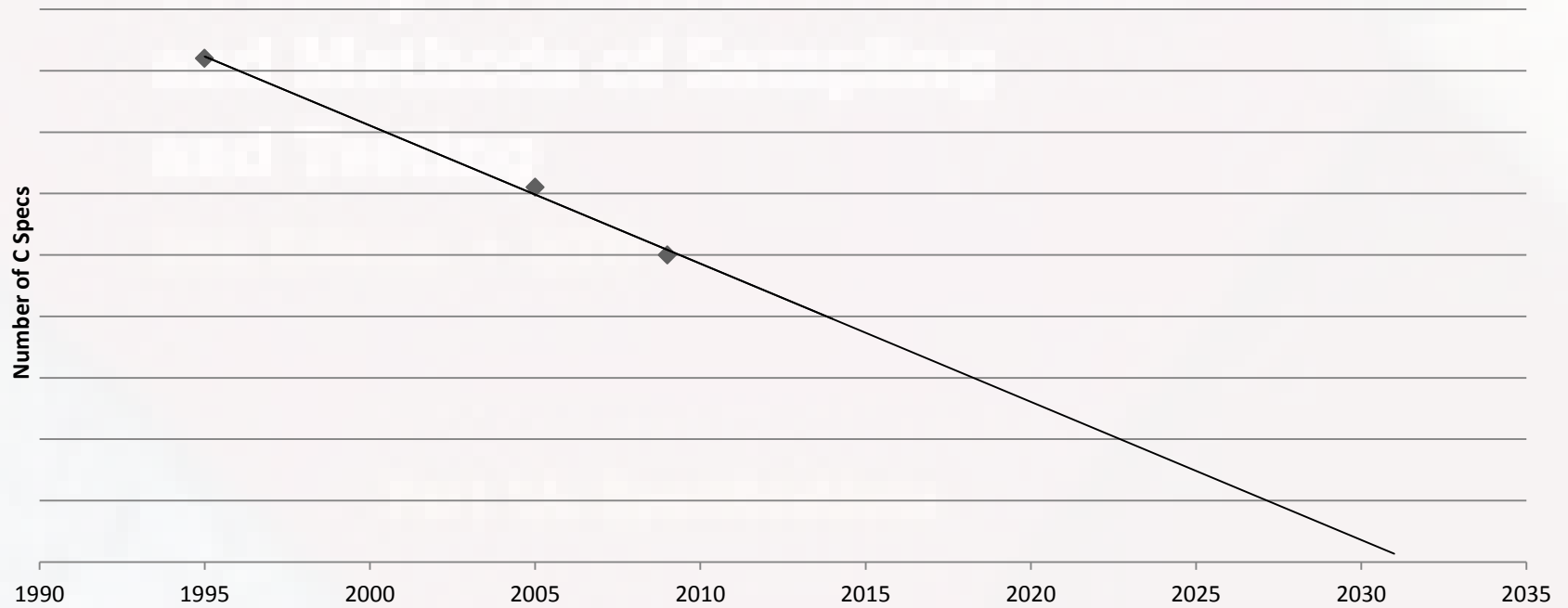
and Testing



Part 12, Section 12.01

# Elimination of all Cs

## 2031 to Completion!





# Issues and Benefits

## ISSUES:

### Existing C standards

- 5 page standards w/ 3 pages of exceptions
- Confusion over latest versions
- “Chasing” each others changes
- No “value-added”

## BENEFITS:

### Develop own or Reference ASTMs

- Clear clean standards
- Quality, not quantity in maintaining specs (limited to 50 States)
- Maintain up-to-date standards
- Already reference ASTMs in all our State Specifications