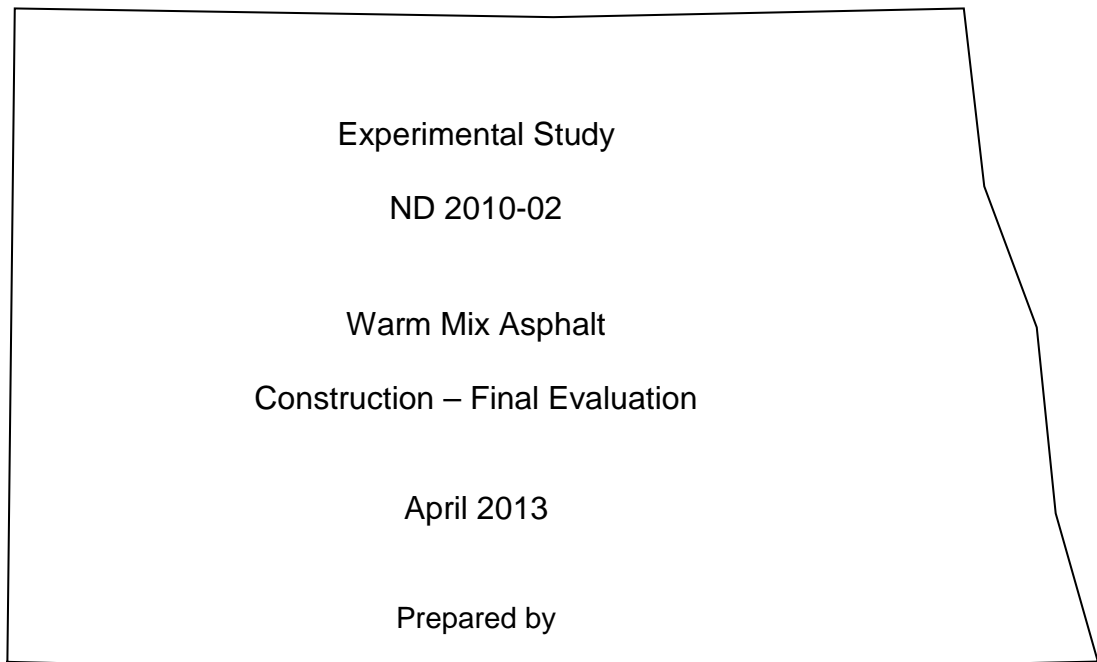


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Purpose and Need

Warm Mix Asphalts, (WMA) are being used in many projects throughout the United States and Europe. The benefits reported are reduced emissions, reduced fuel consumption for the burner, paving aspects, and reduced emission exposure to workers.

WMA techniques work by adding an additive to the asphalt that allows a reduction in the temperatures at which asphalt mixes are produced and placed. These additives tend to lower the viscosity of the asphalt and provide complete aggregate coating at lower temperatures. WMA is produced at temperatures 35° to 100°F lower than typical hot mix asphalt (300°F).

This research will use a locally available chemical additive called Evotherm 3G to produce the WMA. Evotherm 3G (Third Generation) – was developed in partnership with Paragon Technical Services and Mathy Technology & Engineering. This water-free form of Evotherm is suitable for introducing additives at the hot mix plant or asphalt terminal. Evotherm 3G generally lowers mix temperatures 60-85°F. The purpose of this research is to evaluate the performance of WMA using Evotherm 3G as an additive on NDDOT asphalt paving projects.

Objective

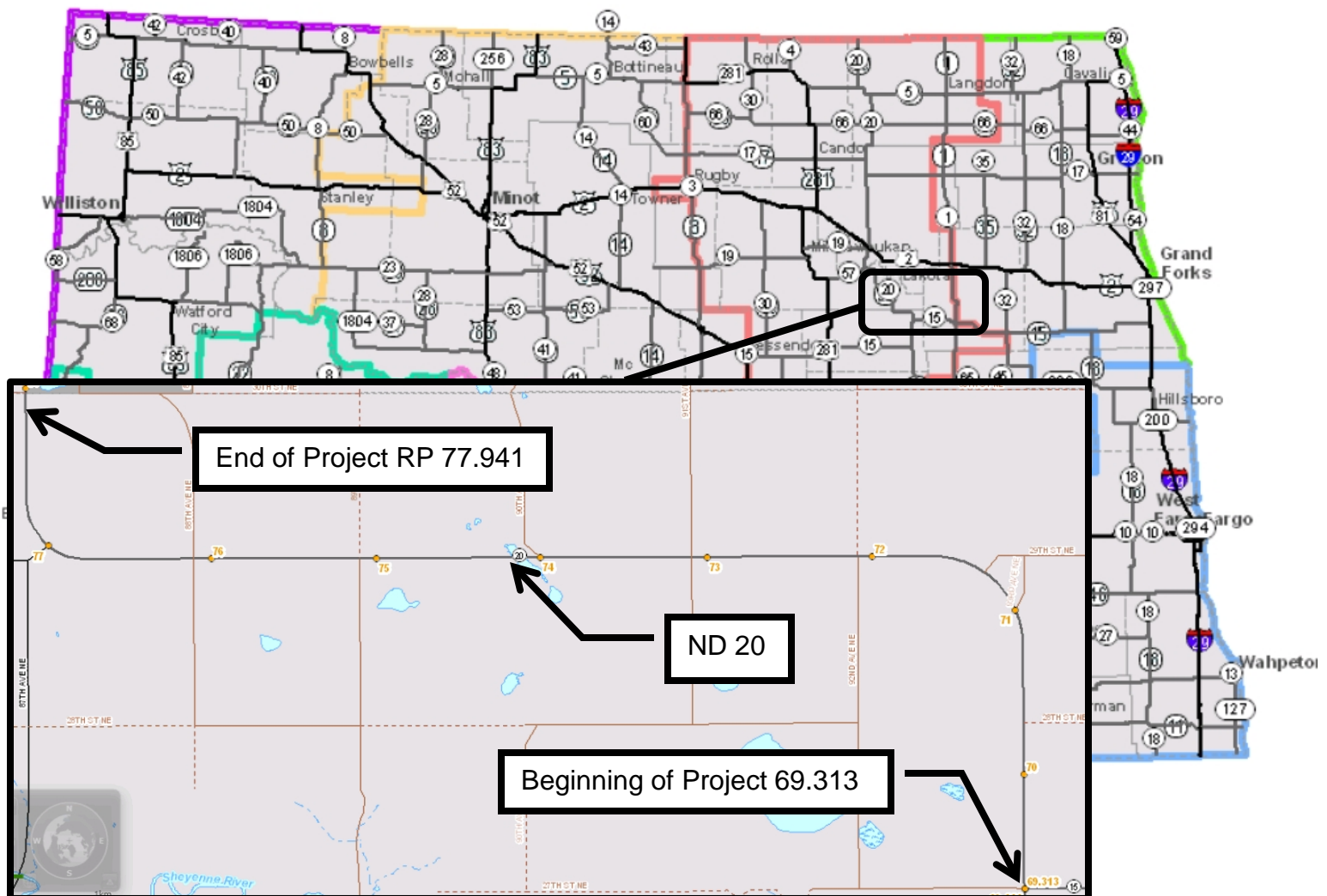
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Location

The location of the experimental section is the entire roadway on ND 20 from approximately reference point 69.313 to reference point 77.941 and the control section is the entire roadway from RP 130 to RP 135 on US 281.



Design

The project chosen for this research is scheduled for a thin lift overlay. The roadway will be overlaid with 1.5" of HMA and WMA for both the control and experimental section.

The plan notes for the warm mix asphalt are as follows:

408-P03 *WARM MIX ASPHALT: The warm mix asphalt (WMA) process will be used on this project from approx. RP 69.313 to 77.941.*

The Evotherm 3G product shall be added to the asphalt binder by the supplier or refiner and have no special handling requirements above and beyond those of the binder itself.

Production and paving temperatures may need to be increased for long haul distances, decreased ambient temperatures, or other WMA project specific conditions. All requirements in Section 408 for the production and placement of conventional HMA mixtures are to be enforced except as noted in these plans.

The contractor shall modify the mix design used to produce the HMA to meet the WMA criteria when produced with Evotherm 3G additive. All current mix design criteria will be required when developing the WMA mix design. The mix design will be contractor developed.

The WMA produced shall not exceed temperatures greater than 275°F. Any WMA over that temperature will not be used. During WMA production, the contractor will test the temperature of the mix at the point of discharge from the plant. The temperature test will be done once per hour and the results will be recorded along with the test time and quantity of mix produced. This information will be provided to the Engineer on a daily basis.

Place the WMA on dry, unfrozen surfaces and only when weather conditions allow for proper production, placement, handling, and compaction. The minimum delivery, placement and compaction temperatures that will achieve workability and density requirements will be reviewed and approved by the Engineer. The minimum rolling temperature will be established during the start of mix production.

All costs for the WMA shall be included in the price bid for 'Hot Bituminous Pavement CI 29' and 'Warm Mix Modified PG Asphalt'.

950-P01 *WARM MIX MODIFIED PG ASPHALT: The Warm Mix Modified PG Asphalt shall consist of PG 58-28 asphalt cement modified with Evotherm 3G.*

The density specifications will abide by the North Dakota Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction; Section 408.04 I.3. Specified Density.

The evaluation for this project will consist of observing and documenting the construction process of the WMA pavement and an annual inspection of the pavement distresses. During the construction the temperature, density, rolling efforts and plant setting will be monitored.

Construction

Project SS-3-020(072)069 was a thin lift overlay designed and administered by the Grand Forks district. The project was originally programmed to be administered by the Devils Lake district but was transferred to the Grand Forks district to help reduce work load on the Devils Lake district. The construction of the WMA section was performed August 20 to August 25, 2010 by Knife River Materials. The control section is a Class 29 HMA that was also constructed by Mayo Construction Company Inc. from September 13 to 16, 2010.

The paving process was performed by different paving companies for the WMA and HMA. Also the aggregate used for the jobs came from separate pits.

The cost of the WMA and HMA differed due to the additional cost of the Evotherm additive. The difference can be seen in Table 1 below.

SS-3-020(072)069				
Asphalt	Quantity (Tons)	Unit Price	Total Cost	Cost Per Mile
Warm Mix Modified PG Asphalt	999	\$652	\$651,348	\$75,127

SNH-3-281(093)128				
Asphalt	Quantity (Tons)	Unit Price	Total Cost	Cost Per Mile
PG 58-28 Asphalt Cement	3,073	\$480	\$1,475,040	\$60,696

Table 1 – Cost comparisons between the WMA and HMA taken from contractors bid document.

Cores were taken for density requirements in both the experimental and control sections by the Grand Forks district. The core mat densities are compared to the maximum theoretical density to develop a percentage of compaction. The WMA had better compaction than the HMA. Both projects exceed compaction requirements. The compaction of the WMA displays that the Evotherm has no detrimental effect to density and workability of the mix. The average compaction can be seen in Table 2 and the results for all the cores can be found in Appendix A.

SS-3-020(072)069 - Compaction Control - WMA		SNH-3-281(093)128 - Compaction Control - HMA	
Date	Average Compaction	Date	Average Compaction
8/20/2010	95.0%	9/13/2010	92.1%
8/21/2010	93.9%	9/14/2010	92.9%
8/22/2010	93.8%	9/15/2010	92.7%
8/23/2010	94.3%	9/16/2010	92.3%
Average	94.2%	Average	92.5%

Table 2 – Average daily densities.

The temperatures of the WMA and HMA were measured throughout the paving process. Measurements were recorded from the windrow, behind the paver, and again before rolling the WMA. Different mix temperatures were used to observe the performance limits of the Evotherm.

The rolling process used steel drum rollers for the breakdown and intermediate rolling. A vibratory steel drum roller was used for the finish rolling. The number of rollers for each project was the same; however the number of passes each roller completed was not recorded. The temperatures of the pavement immediately before the rollers, behind the paver and the windrow are displayed in the Appendix B. The average temperatures can be seen in Table 3.

Average WMA and HMA Temperature (F)	Windrow	Behind Paver	Behind Roller	Behind 2nd Roller	Behind 3rd Roller
SS-3-020(072)069 WMA	249	234	228	161	162
SNH-3-281(093)128 HMA	283	273	250	224	165

Table 3 – Average WMA temperature during different operations of the paving process.

The plant production rate is being used to measure the efficiency of the WMA. The target temperature is the temperature that the asphalt is produced at the plant. To change the target temperature the rate of the aggregate and the oil passing through the mixing drum increases or decreases depending on the temperature desired. Moisture in the aggregate will also affect the production rate. Increased moisture in the aggregate requires more drying time and reduces production rate. Table 4 has the target temperature along with the plant production rate for the two days of paving with the WMA. Table 4 also displays the effect of the mix temperature on the efficiency.

This can be seen by how the decreasing mix temperature corresponds with the increasing production rate therefore improving the efficiency of the plant.

SS-3-020(072)069 WMA			SNH-3-281(093)128 HMA		
Date	Average Temperature	Average Production Rate (TPH)	Date	Average Temperature	Average Production Rate (TPH)
8/20/2010	237	388	9/13/2010	297	376
8/21/2010	231	408	9/14/2010	303	374
8/23/2010	239	427	9/15/2010	293	378
8/24/2010	251	428	9/16/2010	305	374
8/25/2010	244	423			
Average	240	415	Average	300	376

Table 4 – Mix temperatures and production rates of the WMA.

Field Evaluation – 2011/2012

The field evaluation includes transverse crack counts, rut measurements, and an evaluation of pavement distresses caused by loading and traffic.

The first evaluation took place in December of 2011 and then again in December 2012. The transverse cracks and rutting measurements were recorded. The rutting was very minimal throughout the research and control section. The rutting was less than 1/16th of an inch throughout both the research section and the control section. The transverse cracking can be seen below in Table 5 and Table 6.

SS-3-020(072)069 WMA		
Reference Point	Transverse Cracks	
	1st Evaluation 2011	2nd Evaluation 2012
70	125	142
71	100	137
72	83	113
73	86	118
74	72	110
75	103	144
76	101	132
77	95	117

Table 5 - Transverse cracking for both the research section.

SNH-3-281(093)128 HMA		
Reference Point	Transverse Cracks	
	1st Evaluation 2011	2nd Evaluation 2012
130	136	160
131	148	152
132	129	161
133	140	141
134	144	162

Table 6 - Transverse cracking for both the control section.

Summary

The density, mat temperature, plant temperature, rolling efforts, and plant settings were monitored during the construction of this project. The construction of the WMA was very similar to the HMA. The WMA was paved with no noticeable differences other than production temperature and Evotherm 3G additive.

The density for the HMA was slightly lower than the WMA. The average compaction for the WMA was 94.2% and the HMA was 92.5% of maximum theoretical density. Both projects exceeded the density of 91% minimum from the NDDOT specifications.

The field temperature for the WMA averaged 32° F lower than the HMA behind the roller. WMA showed the ability to achieve densities at a lower temperature than the HMA.

Plant temperature versus production was used to measure the efficiency of the plant. As the temperature of the mix decreases the rate that the aggregate and oil pass through the mixing drum increases. As the mix temperature was changed on these projects the plant production rate also changed accordingly. This indicates that a decrease in the plant temperature will increase production.

Transverse cracking has appeared in both the test and control section after one year of service. The second evaluation indicates that transverse cracking is increasing but at decreased rate from the first year of service.

The rutting in the experimental section is very minimal. This is expected since there was very little rutting before due to the low number of traffic ESAL's (30 daily ESAL's) on the research section. The rutting is also low on the control section. The daily ESAL's on this section is 181.

Recommendation

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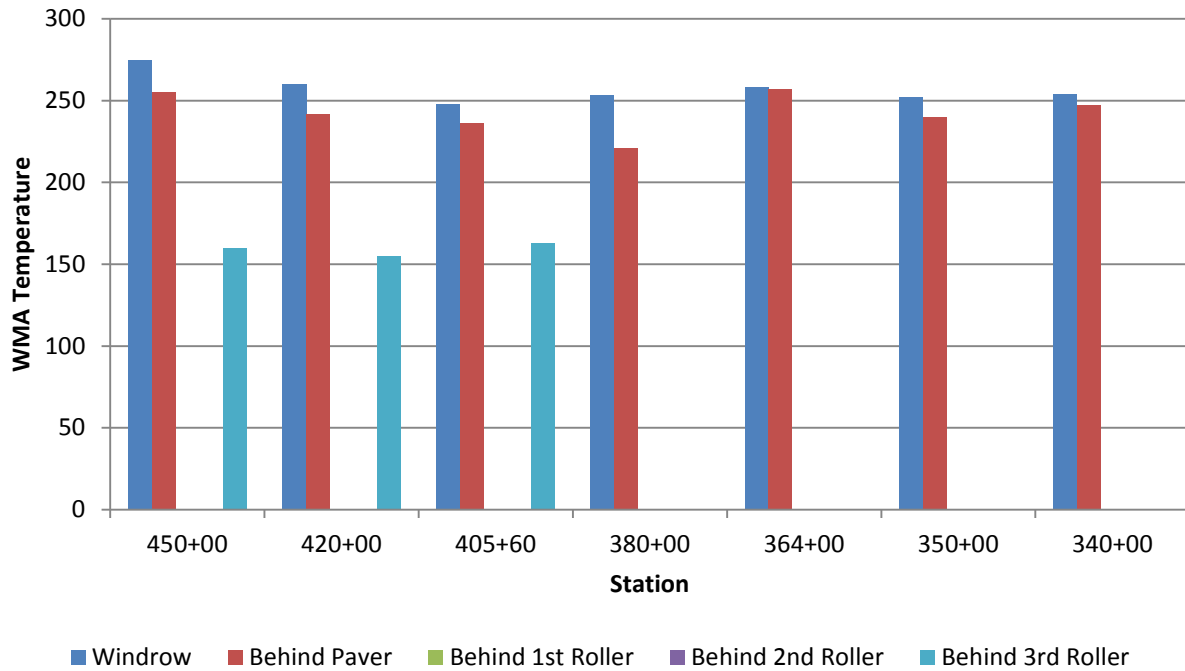
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SS-3-020(072)069 WMA - Compaction Control				
Date	Station	Core Density	Maximum Theoretical Density	Compaction
8/20/2010	457+77	143.3	152.1	94.2%
	437+77	144.4	152.1	94.9%
	417+77	145	152.1	95.3%
	397+77	145.5	152.1	95.7%
	277+77	145.5	152.1	95.7%
	357+77	144.7	152.1	95.1%
	337+77	143.1	152.1	94.1%
8/21/2010	457+77	144.6	152.7	94.7%
	437+77	144.7	152.7	94.8%
	417+77	142.8	152.7	93.5%
	397+77	145.7	152.7	95.4%
	277+77	144.1	152.7	94.4%
	357+77	139.8	152.7	91.6%
	337+77	142.2	152.7	93.1%
8/22/2010	317+75	142.6	152.3	93.6%
	297+75	142.3	152.3	93.4%
	277+75	143.6	152.3	94.3%
	257+75	142	152.3	93.2%
	237+75	147	152.3	96.5%
	217+75	142.3	152.3	93.4%
	197+75	141.8	152.3	93.1%
	177+75	141.1	152.3	92.6%
8/23/2010	332+28	146.5	152.5	96.1%
	312+28	142.3	152.5	93.3%
	292+28	145.4	152.5	95.3%
	272+28	143.8	152.5	94.3%
	252+28	144.7	152.5	94.9%
	232+28	144.6	152.5	94.8%
	212+28	144.5	152.5	94.8%
	192+28	143.3	152.5	94.0%
	172+28	142.7	152.5	93.6%
	152+28	145.5	152.5	95.4%
	132+28	142.2	152.5	93.2%
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92+28	141.8	152.5	93.0%	
Average		143.6	152.4	94.2%

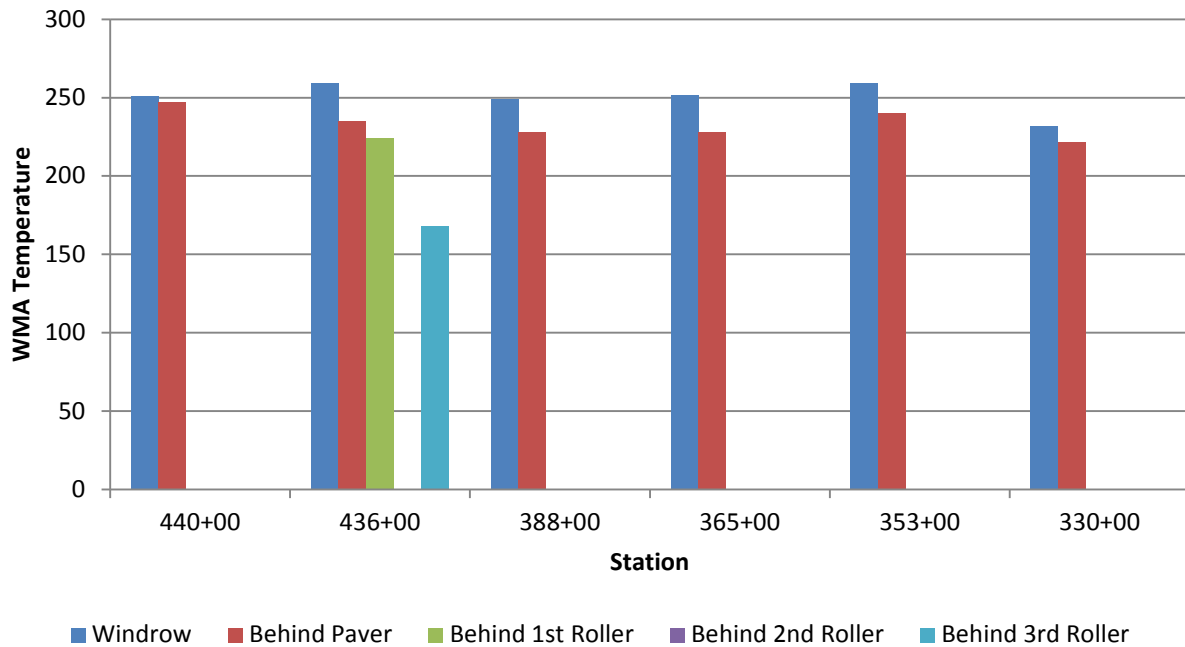
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Date	Station	Core Density	Maximum Theoretical Density	Compaction
9/13/2010	351+36	142.8	153.6	93.0%
	331+36	143.2	153.6	93.2%
	311+36	141.6	153.6	92.2%
	291+36	138.4	153.6	90.1%
	271+36	142.5	153.6	92.8%
	251+36	140.8	153.6	91.7%
	231+36	139.8	153.6	91.0%
	211+36	141.8	153.6	92.3%
	191+36	142.7	153.6	92.9%
9/14/2010	349+84	144.3	153.5	94.0%
	329+84	143	153.5	93.2%
	309+84	140.3	153.5	91.4%
	289+84	141	153.5	91.9%
	269+84	143.4	153.5	93.4%
	249+84	143.4	153.5	93.4%
	229+84	142.7	153.5	93.0%
	209+84	142.5	153.5	92.8%
9/15/2010	181+58	142.8	154.0	92.7%
	161+58	142.7	154.0	92.7%
	141+58	142.1	154.0	92.3%
	121+58	144.4	154.0	93.8%
	101+58	143.2	154.0	93.0%
	81+58	143.1	154.0	92.9%
	61+58	140.7	154.0	91.4%
9/16/2010	190+75	143.3	154.2	92.9%
	170+75	141.8	154.2	92.0%
	150+75	141.5	154.2	91.8%
	130+75	143.0	154.2	92.7%
	110+75	143.1	154.2	92.8%
	90+75	142.6	154.2	92.5%
	70+75	141.4	154.2	91.7%
Average		142.3	153.8	92.5%

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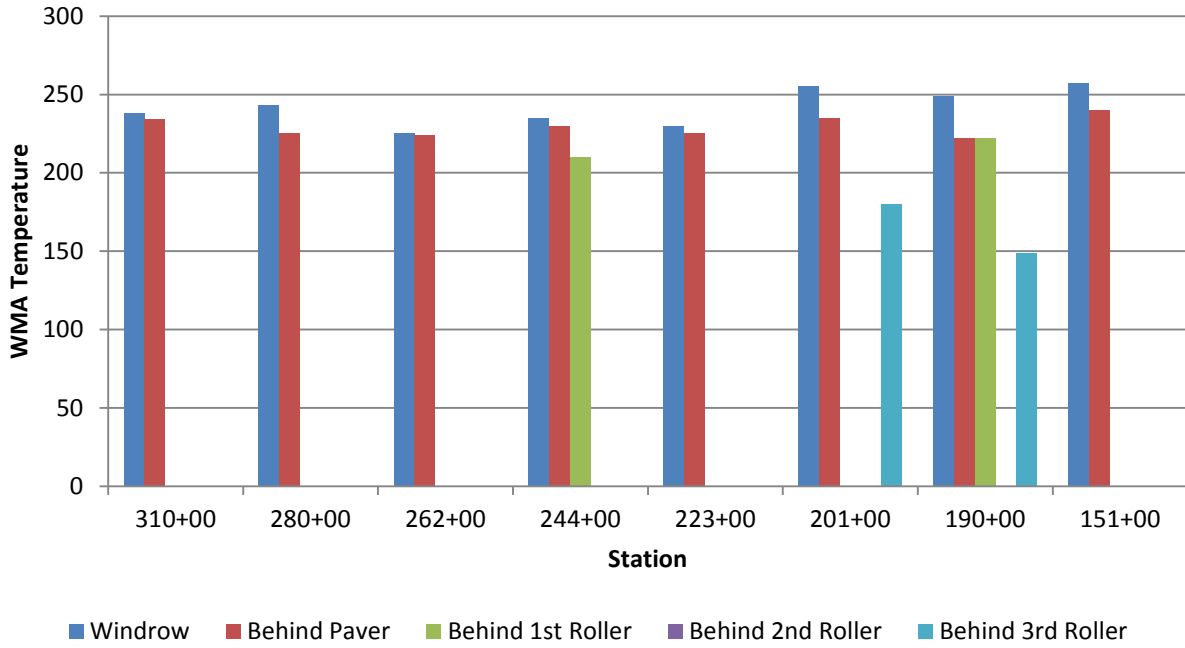
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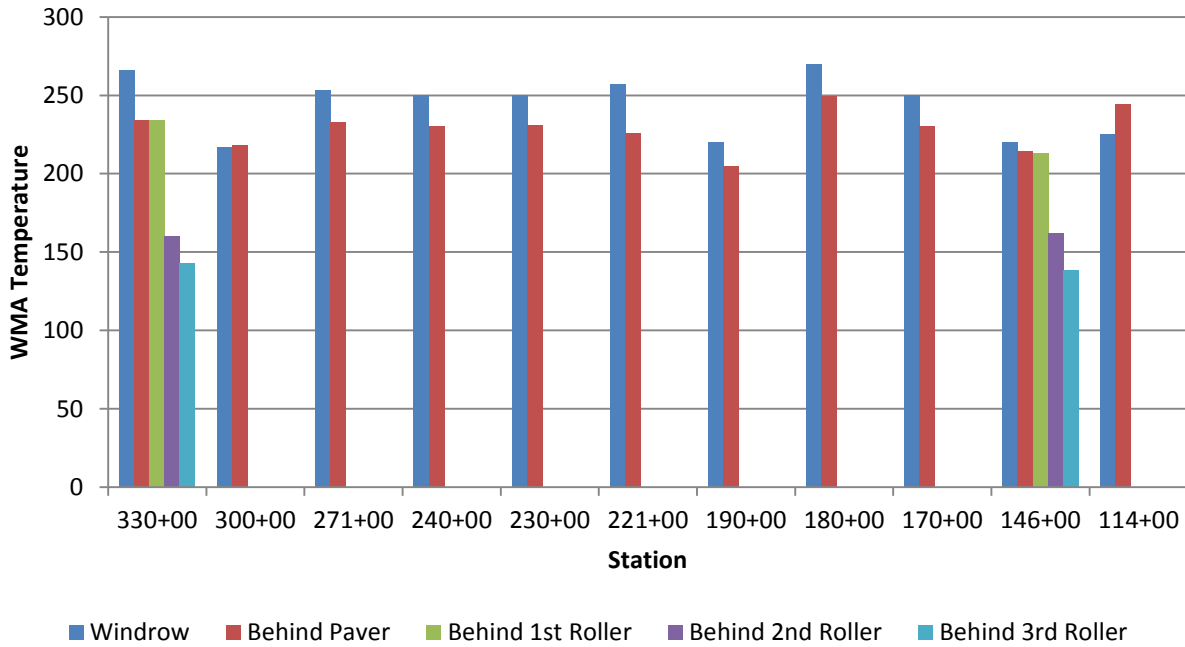
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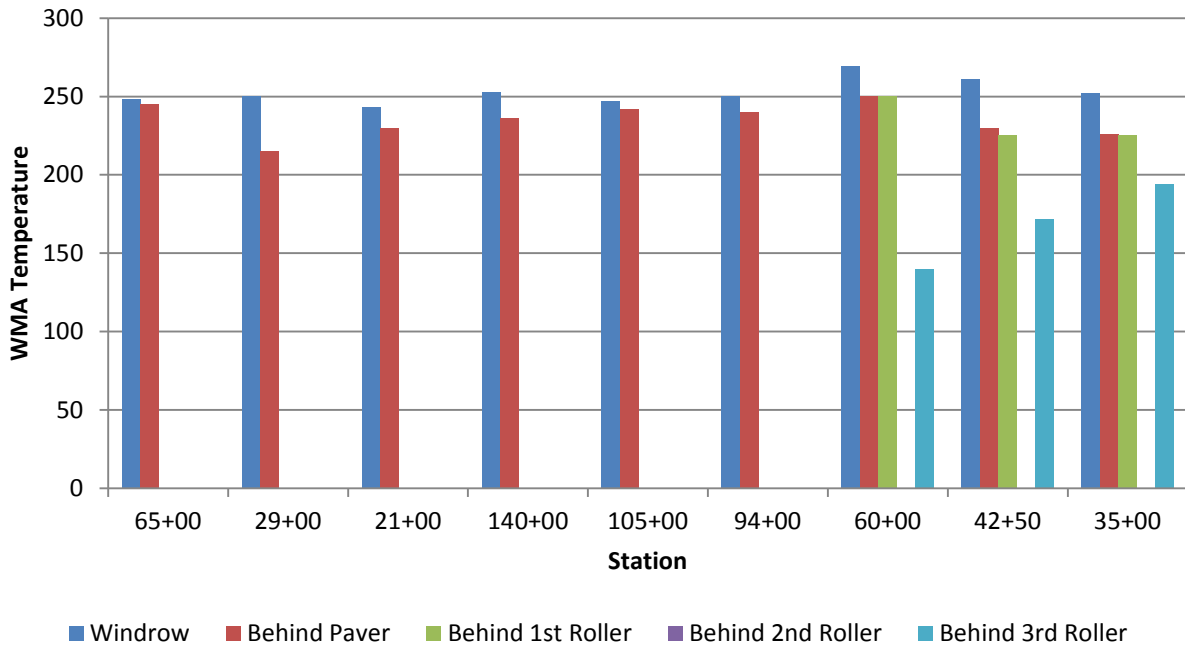
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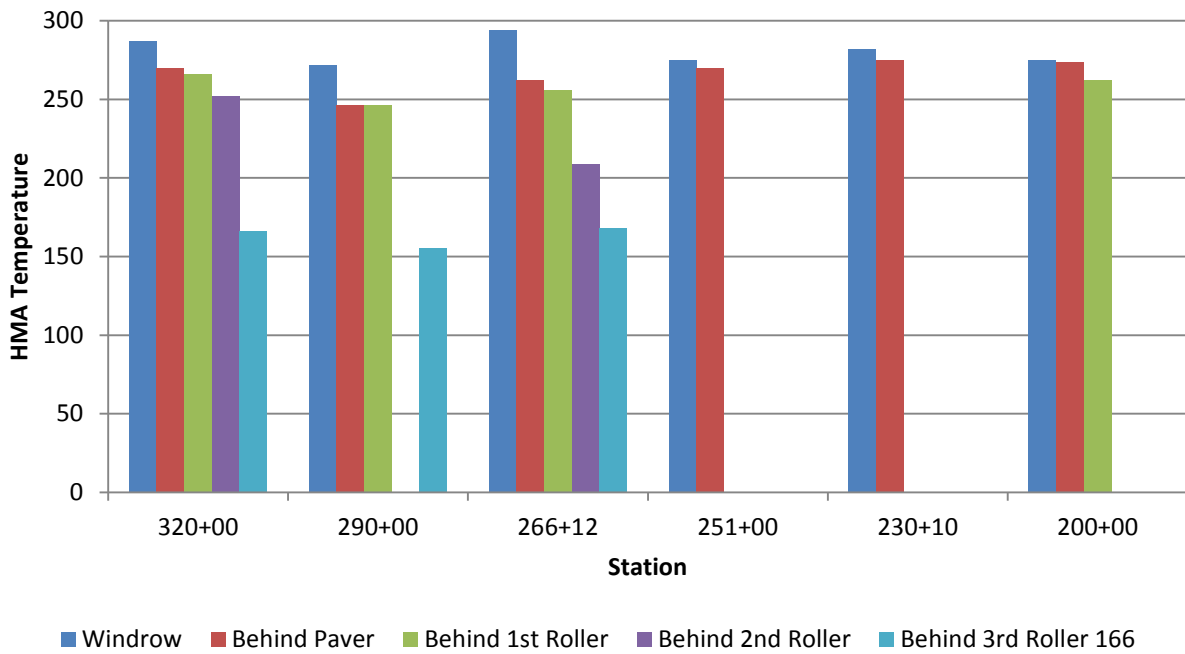
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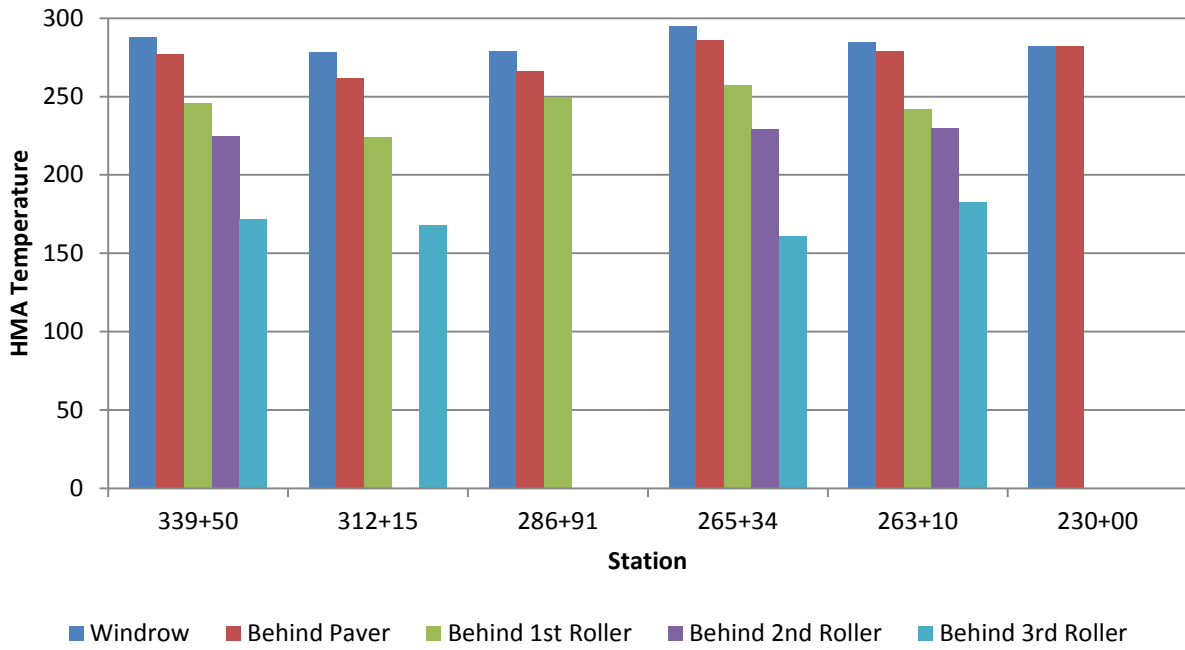
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