

Quantify city, county, UM, AAPS use of coal tar sealants

- UM - does not use
- AAPS - only use CT sealant on cracks when reorienting parking lines. Otherwise, just replace surface. On per area basis, their use would be quite small.
- County - 2015 banned on county-funded projects. HRWC doesn't know how much was used previously.
- AA – HRWC doesn't have use statistics.

Challenges of using alternatives

- Effectiveness
 - Tom Ennis, Coal Tar America, said the only challenge is that coal tar version performs better in inclement weather
- Cost
 - Cost is roughly the same.
 - Some over the counter asphalt sealant has been found to be slightly less expensive.
 - Some anecdotal evidence that coal-tar contracts are slightly less expensive from HRWC partners.
 - "Short answer; If I pay 2.00 per gallon or 2.08 cents per gallon the material costs don't effect most jobs enough to make it work." ~ Anthony Byson, asphalt sealant contractor
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- Availability
 - Both are very available through contracted services as well as over the counter.
 - Anecdotal evidence shows that coal-tar is less available over the counter.
 - "Many contractors are resistant to using lower PAH materials because more thought is needed from the decreased thresholds of application. Such as minimum temperatures and humidity. As well many old wives tales just aren't true and are no longer valid for current asphalt based formulations. But contractors inexperienced with the current forms of asphalt based sealants just don't know what they haven't tried because they aren't willing or don't care to find out." ~Anthony Byson, asphalt sealant contractor