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We continue our commitment to inform our members about important industry news and issues. To that end, we welcome story contributions, member highlights, and any suggestions to include newsworthy information.

Please contact Stacey Lindenmuth, staceyl@njapa.com, in the Association office if you have any press releases, company news or other information you would like to share with the Association.

NJ Department of Transportation Ends Fiscal Year 2020 with \$1 Billion in Construction Awards

NJ Department of Transportation completed Fiscal Year 2020 with a flurry of projects which pushed their overall awards to more than \$1 Billion for the year. During FY2020 NJDOT awarded 89 contracts with a total contract value of \$1,031,894,647.

Paving specific work included 32 projects with a total value of \$297 Million and 1,576,160 tons of asphalt.

NJAPA continued to work cooperatively with NJDOT throughout the year to address a range of important policy matters including the testing process for tack coat, hybrid maintenance contracts, project scheduling timeframes, performance testing for mix designs, new safe work policies in response to COVID and a host of other project by project issues.

We have attached a chart [here](#) for your review which outlines NJDOT Contracting Awards, Paving Specific Projects and Asphalt Tonnage numbers for the previous 5 years.

We are currently working with NJDOT to aggressively bid work in the early part of the new Fiscal Year to address needed infrastructure improvements and drive economic growth.

FY 2021 Capital Program Provides Funding in Excess of \$300 Million for Paving Work

NJAPA recently participated in a conference call with NJDOT and the Governor's Office to review the FY2021 Capital Program. The top-line numbers are consistent with prior years. \$3.76B overall program, \$2.32B for NJDOT and \$1.43B for Transit. Funding is \$1.73B Federal and \$2B State. Local Aid will again be funded at \$430 million with NJDOT Roadway Assets at \$375 Million. Paving work is spread across several categories however much of our work is included in the Roadway Asset item.

While FY2020 is being extended to October 1, 2020, NJDOT has treated June 30 as the end of their Capital Program year from an operational standpoint. Because of this modification, the Legislature will need to pass a Supplemental Appropriations Bill to provide \$439m in spending authority, authorize Federal projects which are technically included in the next FY and provide funding for salaries and operational costs for what would have been first quarter of FY2021.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on PLA Legislation

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed Senate Bill 1370 today, which expands the use of Project Labor Agreements. NJAPA, along with other industry partners, successfully lobbied to maintain the longstanding exemption for roadway and paving projects.

The legislation expands the permissible uses of Project Labor Agreements to water and sewer treatment plants as well as transportation projects where the primary work is a bridge.

A copy of the legislation and the Governor's Conditional Veto Language is attached here:

[PLA Bill](#)

[Governor Murphy Conditional Veto Language](#)

NJAPA Continues Discussions with NJDEP on Use of Recycled Asphalt Pavements

NJAPA Staff and Counsel had a very productive call with NJDEP staff earlier this Summer to discuss the status of RAP guidance and regulations. NJDEP advised they are willing to move forward to allow certain aspects of the RAP legislation, primarily quarry reclamation, however they have concerns with other areas, primarily use of the material in proximity to sensitive populations and near certain waterways. The [attached](#) memo outlines our discussions. NJAPA will continue to review this issue at the next meeting of our Environmental Committee.

NJDEP Embarks of Recycling Stakeholder Process

NJDEP is also undertaking a stakeholder process to review a range of exemptions to the current recycling regulatory framework. NJAPA and several of our member firms are fully engaged in this process and will update the NJAPA Membership as appropriate. Please see [attached](#) our letter to NJDEP following the initial stakeholder meeting.

NJDOT/FHWA Forum on Performance Testing

NJAPA staff and members recently participated in a forum on Performance Mixes organized by NJDOT and FHWA. NJAPA emphasized the need for a reliable test which is easily implementable in our labs which is consistent with NJDOT testing to ensure that the material

we are sending to jobsites will be accepted for payment. We also emphasized the need for more timely test results across the board. NJDOT and NJAPA have agreed to have follow up discussions on the items addressed during the forum.

NJDOT Announces \$161.5 Million for County Projects

New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti recently announced the release of \$161.25 million in Fiscal Year 2021 County Aid grants to help make infrastructure improvements on the local level. The grants are funded through the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund (TTF).

“County Aid is just one of many programs that demonstrate the Murphy Administration’s commitment to our communities by improving infrastructure throughout New Jersey at every level of government,” NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti said. “County Aid provides millions of dollars to local governments to help endure their roads and bridges are maintained in a state of good repair without burdening local property taxpayers.”

The State’s 21 counties will share a total of \$161.25 million through the County Aid program that will help maintain local roads and bridges in a state of good repair for the thousands of motorists that count on them each day. Please [click here](#) to view the list.

American Asphalt Company Expands Parking Lot Maintenance Services in North Jersey

American Asphalt Company, one of New Jersey’s oldest asphalt manufacturer and paving contractors has recently announced their acquisition of asphalt maintenance assets from Dan Swayze and Son. American Asphalt Company’s new location is 2504 Plainfield Ave, Scotch Plains, New Jersey. The additional location will allow them to competitively meet the asphalt maintenance needs of many new and current customers, no matter where the services are desired in New Jersey.

American Asphalt Company has been in the asphalt business since 1905, and has earned the reputation as a trusted partner through their core values of doing things R.I.G.H.T. (Respect,

Integrity, God, Honesty, Trust), in asphalt manufacturing, paving and parking lot maintenance. American Asphalt Company's mission is to help others within the community.

President Robert Brown states, "Our company is the only employee owned company in the asphalt paving business in New Jersey. This makes all of our employees responsible for safety, quality, and a great customer experience; as they are rewarded by long-term growth and stability of the company."

By expanding their reach in North Jersey, American Asphalt Company, has the ability to help others by employing more crews; and serving the community with safer parking lots. While they will be providing parking lot maintenance services, such as, seal coating and crack sealing and patch repairs; American Asphalt Company will work with trusted industry paving partners to provide asphalt paving services in the Union, Middlesex, Monmouth, Essex, Somerset and surrounding counties.

To learn more about American Asphalt Company and the asphalt services they provide, visit www.americanasphaltcompany.com or you can follow them on their social media pages on LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram.

NJAPA Office Status

NJAPA staff continues to work primarily from home, we have shifted some banking, bill-paying and other administrative matters to online platforms as necessary. We continue to be available to membership via phone and email.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

August 18, 2020 - NJAPA Technical Committee Video Conference Call

August 20, 2020 - NJAPA Environmental Committee Video Conference Call

Contact the NJAPA office if you have any questions.

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