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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.

President Signs Infrastructure Bill, Huge Increase in Transportation Funding

In a bi-partisan ceremony, President Joe Biden today signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. All Members of the NJ Delegation voted in favor of this critically important legislation. The National Asphalt Pavement Association worked aggressively for passage of the bill and provided this update:

[Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act- Summary for the Asphalt Pavement Industry](#)

IJA is a huge win for the asphalt pavement industry. The legislation includes:

- A 5-Year Reauthorization of Federal-Aid Highway (FAH) Programs
- 55% Growth in Funding Above Baseline for Highway and Bridge Programs
- \$40b more in Highway, Bridge Grants
- \$15b for Airfield Pavement Grants
- \$15b for Private Activity Bonds
- Includes an Exemption from Buy America Rules for Aggregates, Asphalt Binder, Additives, and Polymers
- Codifies “One Federal Decision” to Improve Project Delivery
- Reauthorizes the Accelerated Implementation Deployment Asphalt Technology Program and Provides \$30m for Asphalt
- Incentivizes Safety Contingency Funds to Make Work Zones Safer
- Contains No “Green New Deal” Provisions

The New Jersey Asphalt Pavement association along with many industry partners across the State and Nation have long been advocating for this generational investment in our Nation's infrastructure and our Transportation network in particular. We will continue to work with NJDOT and our NJ partners to make sure the benefits of this bill are fully implemented here in NJ. Thanks to all NJAPA members who contacted their Members of Congress.

Governor Murphy and NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti Announce \$161 Million in FY 22 Municipal Aid Grants to 541 Municipalities

Governor Phil Murphy and New Jersey Department of Transportation Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti today announced \$161.25 million in Fiscal Year 2022 Municipal Aid grants, with 541 cities and towns across the state receiving funds to advance road, bridge, safety, and quality-of-life improvements, demonstrating the Murphy Administration's Commitment to Communities. The competitive Municipal Aid grant program attracted 625 applications from 547 different municipalities with a total of \$363 million requested.

The Project List is included here:

[NJDOT Fiscal Year 2022 Local Aid Project List](#)

Multiple Different Vaccine and Testing Mandates Enacted

Both the Federal and State Government have recently enacted several different regulatory requirements which require either vaccination against Covid-19 or regular testing. Governor Murphy has enacted Executive Order 271 which applies to State Contracts, President Biden has enacted Executive Order 14042 which applies to Federal Contracts and OSHA has adopted an Emergency Temporary Standard which applies to all companies who employ 100 or more people. There are several legal challenges to these measures, most notably a challenge to the OSHA regulation in the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, the court has placed a stay of enforcement on the regulation though an appeal and other objections are anticipated. The National Labor Relations Board has also put forth guidance on these issues as it relates to collective bargaining. Association Counsel Brian Montag with K & L Gates, has provided the following overview of these mandates.

[Legal Counsel Review of Vaccine Mandates](#)

[National Labor Relations Board Memo on Vaccine Requirements](#)

NJAPA Executive Director Elected Chair of State Asphalt Pavement Associations

NJAPA Executive Director Kevin Monaco has recently been elected Chairman of the State Asphalt Pavement Associations (SAPA) for 2022. Kevin will lead the organization of 39 State Associations as they exchange industry best practices, coordinate advocacy efforts with the National Asphalt Pavement Association and continue working to make sure asphalt is the pavement of choice.

NJAPA Continues Cooperative and Beneficial Partnerships with NJDOT and Industry Partners

NJAPA has been actively working on a range of important industry issues with NJDOT and our industry partners including UTCA and NJ Concrete and Aggregate Association. Topics of discussion recently have included revisions to the NJDOT Specification for SMA which should be finalized soon, Improvements to the NJDOT DBE program, potential revisions to the Local Aid Specification, specifically as it relates to IRI, electronic ticketing and a host of other matters. NJAPA meets with NJDOT on a frequent and regular basis to advance the best interests of our industry and also promote quality and performance among our membership.

One ongoing project of note is the joint research project on Bond Strength and Shear Testing. NJAPA and UTCA, working in concert with the National Center for Asphalt Technology are participating in a research project administered by NJDOT with the additional partnership of Rutgers University.

The project involves coring of samples at day 1-3 after paving as well as day 15-30 after paving to determine how bond strength changes over time. The project will also provide data as to expectations for bond strength performance for a variety of projects. We anticipate the research being presented at our Annual Paving Conference scheduled for March 2, 2022.

Port Authority Adopts Environmental Product Declaration Requirement

NJAPA has been participating in meetings with the PANY/NJ, NAPA and NY Construction Materials Association to review the Port Authority's new specification which requires environmental product declarations. This is the first agency in our region moving forward with this requirement, they are doing so largely as a data collection effort at least initially. NAPA has developed a software tool that can help asphalt producers develop environmental product declarations for their mixes. The Association and the NY Construction Materials Association are planning a webinar put on by NAPA on how the EPD process works and the EPD tool. This will also be a topic at the 2022 Paving Conference.

NJAPA Holiday Luncheon

The NJ Asphalt Pavement Association is planning their Annual Holiday Luncheon on Friday, December 3, 2021 at the Galloping Hill Golf Course, Kenilworth, NJ. Proceeds of the luncheon benefit the NJAPA's William Abbott Memorial Scholarship.

We are asking our members to assist in sponsoring the speaker and/or donate a raffle prize. Also, register your employees for this great event!

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Thank you to the following members for their support in sponsoring the speaker and donating a raffle prize!

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Thank you for your company's continued support!

Upcoming Meetings and Events

December 3, 2021 - NJAPA Holiday Luncheon, Galloping Hill Golf Course, Kenilworth, NJ

January 23 - 26, 2022 - NAPA Annual Convention, The Phoenician, Scottsdale, AZ

March 2, 2022 - 65th Annual NJ Asphalt Paving Conference, Forsgate Country Club, Jamesburg, NJ

March 29 - 31, 2022 - World of Asphalt, Nashville Music City Center, Nashville, TN

May 5, 2022 - NJAPA Awards Reception The Wave Resort, Long Branch, NJ

Contact the NJAPA office if you have any questions.

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