



## **NJ ASPHALT PAVEMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

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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](mailto: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.

### **NJDOT Project Letting Review & Forecast**

For Fiscal Year 2023 which began on July 1, 2022 NJDOT plans to bid approximately 112 projects with a cumulative contract value of approximately \$1.1 Billion. This includes 38 paving specific jobs with a contract value of approximately \$280 Million. During FY2022 the department made improvements to 669 lane miles of roadway with a target of 790 miles for FY2023.

You can review the Department's progress as of December 3<sup>rd</sup> [HERE](#) and can review their overall plan for project bidding [HERE](#).

## **NJAPA Promotes Quality, Climate and Cost Benefits of Recycled Asphalt**

NJAPA has successfully advocated for the introduction of legislation which would allow up to 35% recycled content in asphalt mixes used on projects governed by Local Public Contracts Law. The legislation is sponsored in the Assembly by the Chairman of the Natural Resources and Infrastructure Committee and the Chairman of the Transportation Committee. The Senate bill is sponsored by the Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee and the Senate Minority Leader. NJAPA has expended significant time, energy, and resources on this important issue, and we are making major progress.

There is broad consensus that increasing recycled content will provide major environmental benefits as well as cost savings to taxpayers. While it has been generally established that quality roadways can be built with very high levels of recycled materials, NJAPA is working to demonstrate and further validate that fact with the engineering community.

A copy of the legislation is available [HERE](#) and an infographic which provides an overview of the issue is available [HERE](#).

## **New Jersey Turnpike Authority Hosts Productive Meeting with NJAPA Members**

NJTA Executive Director John Keller welcomed representatives from NJAPA and thanked them for their work in addressing quality concerns raised several years ago. He advised that road conditions for the NJTA have improved dramatically since that cooperative effort. Mr. Keller expressed his desire that NJTA and NJAPA continue our partnership efforts.

NJTA Chief Engineer Mike Garofalo and members of the NJTA staff outlined the status of the NJTA Capital Program which is funded through 2027. NJTA plans to spend \$1 Billion annually through 2027. NJTA also plans 5 paving contracts for the current year with an overall contract value of \$100 million.

NJTA is largely satisfied with pavement performance following adjustments made by industry

several years ago. The Turnpike continues to utilize M mixes with L mixes on the Parkway. Warm Mix is used on all mixes on both roadways. The Authority is conducting research with Rutgers University regarding in-place temperatures to make sure they are gaining all potential benefits of warm-mix including reduction of off gassing to benefit workers. They also continue to review the concept and option of echelon paving. They are open to any suggestions from industry or individual contractors on ideas to eliminate joints.

## **NJAPA Welcomes New Member City Asphalt**

City Asphalt has been approved for membership in the organization. We are delighted to welcome them and look forward to their active participation. Please note the contact information and details for this firm:

City Asphalt

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Contact: Matthew Cruz, [macruz@cityasphalt.com](mailto:macruz@cityasphalt.com)

## **National Asphalt Pavement Association Pressures Administration on Buy America**

The National Asphalt Pavement Association continues to provide advocacy on behalf of the industry with Federal Agencies and the Congress. NJAPA members can learn more about NAPA membership by visiting

[Membership - National Asphalt Pavement Association](#)

The Buy America provisions included in the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act is just one example of their engagement on a policy matter critical to our work.

[Please note the recent update provided by NAPA:](#)

NAPA joined with other groups to urge the U.S. DOT to issue guidance making clear that asphalt and concrete are statutorily exempt from the Buy America requirements included as part of the

Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA). That letter can be found [HERE](#).

NAPA met with the Assistant Secretary of Transportation last month and conveyed to him that the lack of guidance from the administration on this issue has caused confusion in many states and that they need to issue clear, cogent guidance so as not to disrupt the supply chain. That meeting resulted in the letter being sent into the Department of Transportation docket.

## NJAPA Year in Review

2022 was a productive and successful year for NJAPA. Our association was fully engaged on a range of legislative, regulatory, legal and technical matters on behalf of our members. The NJAPA Board of Directors has laid out a clear and meaningful agenda for 2023 which will continue to provide NJAPA members with significant benefits and return on their investment in the organization. You can learn more about our 2022 activities and plans for 2023 [HERE](#).

## Successful NJAPA Holiday Luncheon & Scholarship Fundraiser

The NJAPA held a very successful Holiday Luncheon and Scholarship Fundraiser on December 1st at the Galloping Hill Country Club. Thank you to all who sponsored the event and also sponsored a raffle prize.

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## **NJAPA & Industry Events for 2023**

January 8 - 12 - Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting - Washington, DC

February 5 - 8 - NAPA 2023 Annual Meeting, Loews Miami Beach, Miami, FL

March 7 - 66th NJ Asphalt Paving Conference - Forsgate Country Club, Jamesburg, NJ

March 9 - NJAPA Board of Directors Meeting - Forsgate Country Club, Jamesburg, NJ

March 14 - 18 - CONEXPO-CON/AGG - Las Vegas, NV

May 4 - NJAPA Awards Reception - The Wave Resort, Long Branch, NJ

May 16 - 17 - Transportation Construction Coalition Congressional Meetings - Washington, DC

June 1 - NJAPA Board of Directors Meeting - Forsgate Country Club, Jamesburg, NJ

July 9 - 12 - NAPA Mid-Year Meeting - Loews Kansas City Hotel, Kansas City, MO

September 7 - NJAPA Board of Directors Meeting - Forsgate Country Club, Jamesburg, NJ

October 25 - 26 - Northeast User Producer Group Annual Meeting - Providence, RI

December - NJAPA Annual Holiday Luncheon & Scholarship Fundraiser

December 7 - NJAPA Board of Directors Meeting - Forsgate Country Club, Jamesburg, NJ

**NJAPA will also be announcing additional educational and networking events throughout the year.**

Contact the NJAPA office if you have any questions.

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