



## 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 Awards Status**

For FY2021, NJDOT has awarded 40 projects for \$320 Million in contract value as of 2/19/2021. Of these projects, 8 are pavement specific with a contract value of \$47.9 Million. Asphalt tonnage awarded as of 2/19/2021 is approximately 331k tons. The two largest projects from an asphalt tonnage perspective are not asphalt specific/paving projects (Route 72 Manahawkin Bridge and Route 206/Doctors Way).

For comparison, during FY2020 NJDOT had made 26 Awards for a contract value of \$549 Million as of 2/19/2020. The Department had awarded 5 paving specific contracts with a low-

bid value of \$40.8 Million. Asphalt tonnage awarded as of 2/19/2020 was approximately 397k tons. It is important to note that of the \$549 Million, more than \$330 Million was included in just 2 projects (Route 295/42 Missing Moves and Route 3/46- Valley Road).

NJDOT plans to advertise 3 Hybrid Maintenance Contracts during February with March Bid Dates. The Department also has 23 paving specific projects planned for advertisement during March, April and May. NJAPA staff discusses the status of paving work with Department representatives on an almost daily basis and will continue to advocate for getting as much work out as quickly as possible.

## OSHA Issues New Guidance on COVID-19

OSHA has recently issued new guidance on protecting the workplace from risks associated with Covid-19. This guidance is intended to inform employers and workers in most workplace settings outside of healthcare to help them identify risks of being exposed to and/or contracting COVID-19 at work and to help them determine appropriate control measures to implement. Separate guidance is applicable to healthcare (CDC guidance) and emergency response (CDC guidance) settings. OSHA has additional industry-specific guidance. This guidance contains recommendations as well as descriptions of mandatory safety and health standards. The recommendations are advisory in nature, informational in content, and are intended to assist employers in providing a safe and healthful workplace.

You can learn more here:

[Protecting Workers: Guidance on Mitigating and Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in the Workplace | Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(osha.gov\)](#)

## NJDOT Revisions to SMA Specification

NJDOT is in the process of revising their current SMA specification to implement some necessary corrections and to better ensure that the requirements of this specification are enforced uniformly across all NJDOT regions. NJAPA staff and representatives have been actively engaged in this process. Our partners at NJDOT have been working cooperatively with industry to consider our perspective on these proposed changes. The new specification will be distributed to association members when it is finalized.

## NJDOT Plans Ultra HPTO Pilot Project

NJDOT is planning a pilot project with the use of “Ultra HPTO” for later this year. The Department plans to implement this pilot on the Route 295 Pavement Resurfacing project from Delaware Avenue to Harding Highway (MP 0.9 to MP 4.46) (UPC 183840). According to NJDOT, this project was selected because of its limited overlay thickness on top of the existing concrete pavement and the decreased service life of past treatments.

Using a more highly polymerized modified version of HPTO (Ultra-HPTO) with more robust requirements for the binder is a possible solution to increase service life, especially on composite pavements. They are hoping to get very good performance from 1” of BRIC overlaid with 1” of UHPTO. NJDOT advises that NY uses this type of mixture on similar composite projects with great success. This would be a 1st pilot project for a highly modified HMA overlay in NJ. Also, it is one of the FHWA EDC-6 initiatives is to try to get states to try this type of HMA mix for particularly challenging overlays.

## Construction Industry Alliance for Suicide Prevention Works to Raise Awareness and Provide Resources

According to the Centers for Disease Prevention, construction occupations have the highest rate of suicide, as well as the highest number of suicides across all occupational groups. To combat these statistics, contractors, unions, associations, industry service providers and project owners must work together to STAND up for suicide prevention.

The Construction Industry Alliance for Suicide Prevention (CIASP) is raising awareness about the risk of suicide within the construction industry and providing suicide prevention resources and tools to create a zero-suicide industry

### **Stand Up for Suicide Prevention**

More construction workers die by suicide each day than by all other workplace-related fatalities combined. Now is the time for the industry to STAND up for suicide prevention and address it as a health and safety priority by creating **safe** cultures, providing **training** to identify and help those at risk, raising **awareness** about the suicide crisis in

construction, **normalizing** conversations around suicide and mental health and ultimately **decreasing** the risks associated with suicide in construction.

### **Did You Know?**

- The suicide rate in construction occupations is 49.4/100,000 – that is nearly 4 times greater than the national average and 5 times greater than that of all other construction fatalities combined.
- The suicide rate in working age adults has increased 40% in less than 2 decades
- All levels of the construction workforce are at increased risk of suicide – from laborers to skilled trades to management
- Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death overall in the US, 2nd leading cause of death in those under the age of 34 and 4th leading cause of death in those 35 – 54.

### **Learn More**

[CIASP - Home Page \(preventconstructionsuicide.com\)](http://preventconstructionsuicide.com)

## **NJAPA 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Paving Conference**

Our annual paving conference will be held remotely this year on March 15 and March 16, 2021. We have an excellent program planned with presentations from NJDOT, NJ Turnpike Authority, South Jersey Transportation Authority, CRH, Wirtgen, Associated Asphalt, NCAT, Rutgers and Dewberry. The conference will provide 8 hours of PD/CEU for NJSAT and other certifying entities. Please use the link [HERE](#) to register your attendees.

## **Sponsors - 64th Annual Paving Conference**

Thank you to the following companies that sponsored the 64th Annual NJ Asphalt Paving Conference.

**Associated Asphalt**  
**Bayshore Family of Companies**  
**Cargill BioIndustrial**  
**Eosso Brothers Paving**

## Ingevity/Evotherm Power Patch Infrared Specialists

### William J. Abbott Scholarship Application

Due to the continual support of the Scholarship fund by the membership and Board, the NJAPA is proud to announce that we will once again be able to offer the William J. Abbott Memorial Scholarships to worthy candidates.

The scholarships will be awarded to a dependent child or grandchild of an employee working for one of our member firms in good standing. The employee must have worked 1,000 hours during the prior year. Only students accepted or currently enrolled in a two or four-year college/university undergraduate or graduate program will be eligible. All undergraduate candidates must carry at least 12 credit hours for the current semester or nine credit hours for graduate level students. High school students must have been accepted to a college/university for the Fall 2021 semester. You can apply for a Scholarship every year.

Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, a copy of your transcript will be accepted. Completed applications must include: an official or copy of transcript, a signature from the employer confirming the employee's status, and a 350 word essay of your choice. Two letters of reference must also be attached; one of which should be from a school official. High school seniors need to include a copy of their college/university acceptance letter. **Scholarship Applications must be emailed to Stacey Lindenmuth in the NJAPA office at [staceyl@njapa.com](mailto:staceyl@njapa.com). Please note they must be emailed by the end of the day on April 30, 2021. No late applications will be accepted.**

Please [click here](#) to download the Scholarship Application.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Lindenmuth in the NJAPA office at (609) 838-1867 or email her at [staceyl@njapa.com](mailto:staceyl@njapa.com)

### NJAPA Paving Award Applications

The Paving Award Applications are due on **Monday, March 8, 2021**. Paving Awards will be awarded at the NJAPA Awards Reception on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at the Wave Resort, Long Branch, NJ.

Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, please email your application and requirements to Stacey Lindenmuth in the NJAPA office at [staceyl@njapa.com](mailto:staceyl@njapa.com) Please [click here](#) to view the Award Application and Categories.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Lindenmuth in the NJAPA office at 609-838-1867 or email her at [staceyl@njapa.com](mailto:staceyl@njapa.com)

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

March 15 - 16, 2021 - VIRTUAL - 64th Annual NJ Asphalt Paving Conference

May 6, 2021 - NJAPA Awards Reception, The Wave Resort, Long Branch, NJ

May 19 – 20 TCC Fly-In, Washington, DC

July 18 – 21 NAPA Mid-Year Meeting, Nashville, TN

December 9, 2021 - NJAPA Holiday Luncheon, Galloping Hill Golf Course, Kenilworth, NJ

Contact the NJAPA office if you have any questions.

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