



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, in the Association office if you have any press releases, company news or other information you would like to share with the Association.

NJDOT Awards \$1.226 Billion for Fiscal Year 2021, Plans \$900 Million Program for Fiscal Year 2022

For FY2021 NJDOT Awarded 118 projects with a value of \$1.226 Billion. 35 of these were paving projects with a value of \$465 Million, list of projects is included [here](#), with approximately 1.43 million tons of asphalt. Please note the following charts for previous years' comparison attached [here](#).

For FY2022 NJDOT Plans to award 112 projects with an anticipated low-bid value of \$907 million. The proposed FY2022 program includes 32 Paving projects with a value range of

\$172 million to \$390 million. There are a number of other non-paving specific jobs that will include significant asphalt tonnages. The project list for FY2022 is included [here](#).

Federal Infrastructure Funding Poised to Advance

Bipartisan talks are continuing on the infrastructure package negotiated by a bi-partisan group of 22 Senators (G-22) and President Biden. There has been significant progress made in the talks and a final agreement is very, very close. Senate Majority Leader Schumer plans to re-vote the motion to bring up the infrastructure bill this week, perhaps as early as today. If the vote is successful, the House INVEST in America Act becomes the pending business in the Senate. Senator Schumer then offers an “amendment in the nature of a substitute” that includes the Federal-Aid Highway reauthorization legislation reported out of the Environment and Public Works Committee, plus the transit, water, power, broadband, and pay-fors agreed to by the G-22.

The Senate Transportation Reauthorization Bill provides \$303.5 billion over 5 years which is a nearly \$80 Billion increase over the \$226 Billion included in the FAST Act. This is in addition to the infrastructure package being finalized by the bi-partisan G22. The G22 Bill will be attached to the Reauthorization bill and will provide an additional \$579 Billion for infrastructure broadly, including \$361 Billion for highways and bridges. This is an increase of approximately \$110 Billion over the baseline funding for highways and bridges.

New Jersey’s allocation under formula included in the Reauthorization Bill will increase from approximately \$5.2 Billion over 5 years, to approximately \$6.9 Billion over 5 years. Considering both the Reauthorization Bill and the Infrastructure Bill, NJ could see an overall increase in transportation funding of more than 50%.

NAPA has prepared an overview and update on the various bills under consideration which we have included [here](#).

NJAPA signed a letter along with our industry partners urging the NJ Congressional Delegation to move forward with this critical legislative package. A copy of the letter is included [here](#).

NAPA Secures Exemption from Buy America Provision

NAPA representatives, along with other industry partners, were successful in having Senator Rob Portman (R-OH) and Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) include an exemption for aggregates, asphalt and cement from the Buy America provision which will be included in the new infrastructure bill.

This was a critical win for our industry, as much of our raw materials come from international sources. Requiring 100% domestic sources for construction material inputs would have slowed projects and would have significantly increased costs. Background on this issue is included [here](#).

NJDOT Issues Press Release on Improvements to Planned Advertisement Website

NJDOT improves planned advertisement web page More timely and up-to-date information will benefit contractors seeking to bid on transportation projects

(Trenton) – The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) today announced improvements to its [planned advertisement web page](#) that will provide more up-to-date information for contractors to bid on projects.

The planned advertisements web page provides a six-month look ahead on what projects are going out to bid, which is used by contractors to make business decisions about upcoming construction opportunities. The Department has implemented a new program that streamlines the data entry process and consolidates project information from various NJDOT units' databases. By automating the process to list NJDOT's planned advertisements online, the web page will be updated daily, rather than once a month. This will provide contractors the most up-to-date and accurate information on what projects are coming up for bid more quickly than the current system.

The general look of the web page will not change. However, additional information will be

provided, including a direct link to email the procurement office with any questions. In addition, the page will show the number of projects being advertised by each NJDOT unit – Capital Program Management, Transportation Operations Systems and Support, Transportation Mobility and Office of Maritime Resources.

The new web page will not only show listings for the current month and the following five months, but also any listings from the previous month that have not yet been advertised. This change will prevent any confusion for the construction industry. In addition, projects that have been advertised will be removed from the web site on an ongoing basis rather than just at the end of the month.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

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

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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