



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.

New Jersey Department of Transportation FY2023 Capital Program Update

As we approach the start of the fourth quarter of State Fiscal Year 2023, NJDOT has awarded 64 contracts with a total contract value of \$495 Million. This includes 22 paving projects with a value of \$124 Million. To date, NJDOT has awarded projects which include 458 thousand tons of asphalt.

The Department projects a total of 112 Awards for FY2023 with a projected contract value of approximately \$1.1 Billion.

NJAPA has prepared a graphic analysis covering FY2018-Current, which is available here:

NJDOT Capital Program as of 3/21/2023

Industry Alerted to Policy Implications of Environmental Product Declaration

The recently enacted Inflation Reduction Action focuses on low carbon building materials, notably, concrete, glass, steel and asphalt. The General Services Administration has provided draft rules with a very limited timeframe for response. Federal regulations begin by setting up a tiered system where the Environmental Product Declaration will have to be in the 20% to gain an incentive, if that is not achievable in your region, they will move to the top 40% and beyond that they will review based on the average of the industry. The Federal Government has set EPD criteria for those tiers as follows, top 20% at 62.8, top 40% at 74 with an average at 85.

NJAPA staff has looked at all EPD's developed by our members and have seen a range from as low as 38.29 to a high of 188. There are many rules and stipulations on how you can compare one to the other with certain data gaps existing in some and not in others. This is entirely a work in progress but is moving relatively quickly.

NJDOT is engaged in the FHWA Climate Challenge program with a focus on use of EPD's including using them as a consideration in procurement decisions.

NJAPA members are cautioned to pay careful attention to this issue as your EPD performance could be tied to procurement at some point in the future. It is recommended that asphalt producers have an internal system to double check their EPD results and to identify and correct any outliers, if necessary.

NJAPA RAP Legislation Advances in State Legislature

NJAPA continues to advocate for legislation which will allow up to 35% recycled material on County and Municipal projects. We have met recently with the NJ Society of Municipal

Engineers, NJ Association of County Engineers and NJDOT as well as numerous legislators. The bill has been released unanimously from the Assembly Transportation Committee and was also approved in a unanimous vote before the Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee on March 20th.

As part of our advocacy and outreach efforts, we also hosted an educational session for County Engineers on “Best Practices for Use of Recycled Asphalt Pavements” on March 14th with Shane Buchanan of CRH presenting.

NJ Energy Master Plan – Electrification of Boilers Requirement Withdrawn

One of the major concerns with the NJ Energy Master Plan was the requirement to electrify large scale boilers. NJAPA was part of a coalition in opposition to this requirement. NJDEP withdrew this proposal as of December. Many NJAPA members would have been impacted by this government mandate which was estimated to cost up to \$2 million per facility up to \$17 billion state-wide.

Save the Date: Transportation Construction Coalition Legislative Fly-In

Registration and hotel information is now available for the 2023 Transportation Construction Coalition Fly-in to be held May 16-17 in Washington DC. Attend the TCC Fly-In to learn about the latest actions and issues facing roadbuilders and material suppliers in Congress. The transportation construction industry must keep pressure on policy makers as they consider issues critical to our industry, such as a gas tax holiday, debt limit increase, and FAA reauthorization.

Information about the Program is available here:

[Transportation Construction Coalition – A Unified Voice for Strong Federal Surface Transportation Investment](#)

Please contact Stacey Lindenmuth at StaceyL@NJAPA.com if you would like to participate in NJAPA Congressional meetings.

NAPA Needs Your Help in Gathering Data for the 2022 Construction Season Survey on the Use of Recycled Materials and Warm-mix Asphalt

Visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022RMWMA_Survey to provide information about the use of recycled materials and WMA at your plants. NAPA would like to have as many responses as possible by June 1 with participation from all 50 states and the U.S. territories.

It is recommended that respondents download a printed version of the survey to ensure that all relevant data is on hand before beginning the process. Information provided is kept fully confidential and only reported at the state-level if more than three producers in the state participate.

If you have any questions, please contact Brett Williams at bwilliams@asphaltpavement.org, NAPA's Director of Engineering & Technical Support.

NJDOT Issues Baseline Document Change for Asphalt & Fuel Price Adjustments

NJDOT recently issued a Baseline Document Change which clarifies implementation of the Asphalt & Fuel Price Adjustments following the addition of a mid-month adjustment. The BDC also expands the list of eligible bid items.

The BDC is available here:

[Asphalt & Fuel Baseline Document Change](#)

NJAPA Welcomes New Engineering Affiliate Member - Traffic Planning & Design, Inc.

The NJAPA would like to welcome new Engineering Affiliate Member Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. They are a multi-disciplined A/E/C firm delivering projects throughout the eastern US. The main contacts are Greg Bisko and Nicole Khan. Their website is www.trafficpd.com

Welcome to the NJAPA!

NJAPA Hosts Successful Paving Conference, First In-Person Since 2019

More than 320 industry professionals attended a full day educational program at Forsgate Country Club on March 7, 2023. Attendees were provided updates from NJDOT, Port Authority of NY and NJ and the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. National Asphalt Pavement Association staff and Federal Highway Administration officials provided an excellent overview of sustainability initiatives and pavement related provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act. In addition, there were presentations from Rowan University, Cargill, Ingevity and a very interesting case study on porous asphalt. NJAPA Thanks all of our Sponsors and Exhibitors for their support and special thanks to Helene Roberts of FHWA for moderating the program.

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Instrotek Companies
McGrath Municipal Equipment, LLC
PBF Energy
The Stavola Companies
Troxler Electronic Labs, Inc.

Don't Miss These Upcoming NJAPA Events

- March 30- Women of Asphalt - Woodbridge Brewery, Woodbridge, NJ
- April 12 - 2023 Construction Materials Economic Forecast - K & L Gates LLP Office, Newark, NJ.
- April 26- NJAPA Southern Area Meeting and Women of Asphalt Networking Event - Rowan CREATES
- May 4- NJAPA Annual Awards Dinner - 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

Contact the NJAPA office if you have any questions.

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