



NJ ASPHALT PAVEMENT ASSOCIATION AUGUST MEMBER UPDATE

NJAPA and UTCA Attend NJDOT Capital Program Briefing

NJAPA along with our partners at UTCA recently attended a briefing on the NJDOT Capital Program for Fiscal Year 2024. We have provided the complete FY2024 Capital Program previously, the document attached [HERE](#) provides some additional detail regarding specific work.

NJAPA Maintains Opposition to Proposed NJDOT Bond Strength Specification

Over the past three years NJAPA and UTCA have participated in a NJDOT sponsored study of bond strength and shear testing as NJDOT considered adoption of a Bond Strength specification. Testing for the research project was conducted by the NJDOT lab, Rutgers University and on behalf of industry, by The National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT).

Industry continues to be concerned with a variety of issues which create enormous risk and which are outside of our control. These include;

- Variability among labs

- Underlying surface conditions, including deteriorated and old pavements
- Location and manner of coring
- Moisture, humidity and environmental conditions
- Water from milling operations
- Requirement to mill and pave in the same shift, particularly at night

NJAPA and UTCA have pointed out that only one other state uses a shear strength test for project acceptance, and they use it only on select projects. In addition, the test used for this study is not an approved AASHTO test method, while AASHTO has recently approved a different test method for this type of evaluation.

We do very much appreciate the work the Department has dedicated to this issue and we remain committed to working cooperatively to provide the highest quality roadways to the New Jersey public, however we believe that adoption to this specification will unreasonably shift risk almost completely to the contractor and material supplier.

NJDOT Removes Material Price Index for August Mid-Month

A number of association members have contacted us to advise that the August Mid-Month Materials Price Index has been removed from the NJDOT website. We have been in contact with the Department and have been advised that there may have been an error in the original posting and they are reviewing this matter and will re-post the information soon.

NJAPA Plans Congressional Meetings

NJAPA representatives will be meeting with NJ Congressional Offices on September 26 and September 27. These meetings are being organized in cooperation with the National Asphalt Pavement Association and the National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association. NJAPA attends meetings on Capital Hill periodically to advocate for continued transportation infrastructure investment and to help educate and inform Congressional offices about the critically important role of the construction materials industry in terms of economic, environmental and quality of life benefits to our Nation. Any NJAPA member wishing to join our group for these meetings should contact the association office.

NJAPA and New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers Team Up to Offer Principles of Quality Asphalt Pavements Class

The NJAPA, along with the NJ Society of Municipal Engineers, will be holding a one-day seminar on Constructing Quality Asphalt Pavements. Greg Harder, P.E., from the Asphalt Institute will be conducting the seminar. Constructing high quality, long-lasting asphalt pavements is the ultimate goal of our industry. In this seminar, you will learn the basics of each of the important steps in the process.

The seminar will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at Forgeate Country Club, Jamesburg, NJ. Registration begins at 7:30 am and the program will conclude about 4:30 pm. The cost is \$249.00/person for NJAPA and NJSME members and \$359/person for Non-members and includes continental breakfast, breaks, lunch, a personalized certificate for seven and a half (7.5) Professional Development Hours, The Asphalt Institute's new MS-22 Manual: Construction of Quality Asphalt Pavements, handout of presentation slides and other course materials.

To register your employees, please [click here](#) to complete the registration form. If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Lindenmuth in the NJAPA office at staceyl@njapa.com

Women of Asphalt NJ Chapter Clothing Store is Open

The NJ Chapter of the Women of Asphalt clothing store is now open! Please [click here](#) to order your Women of Asphalt apparel today!

If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Lindenmuth in the NJAPA office at staceyl@njapa.com

NJAPA Welcomes New Associate Member

The NJAPA welcomes new Associate member Site Supply Inc. They are a distributor of aramid fibers. The company website is www.sitesupply.us and the main contact is Peter Kennedy. He can be reached at peterk@sitesupply.us or by phone at (617) 372-6857.

Welcome Site Supply Inc.!

Don't Miss These Upcoming NJAPA Events

- September 7 - NJAPA Board of Directors Meeting - Forsgate Country Club, Jamesburg, NJ
- October 11 - Principles of Quality Hot Mix Class - Forsgate Country Club, Jamesburg, NJ
- October 25 - 26 - Northeast User Producer Group Annual Meeting - Providence, RI
- December 5 - NJAPA Board of Directors Meeting - Forsgate Country Club, Jamesburg, NJ
- December 7 - NJAPA Annual Holiday Luncheon & Scholarship Fundraiser - Forsgate Country Club, Jamesburg, NJ
- March 5, 2024 - 67th Annual NJ Asphalt Paving Conference - Forsgate Country Club, Jamesburg NJ
- May 2, 2024 - NJAPA Awards Reception - The Wave Resort, Long Branch, NJ

Contact the NJAPA office if you have any questions.

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