



NJ ASPHALT PAVEMENT ASSOCIATION NOVEMBER MEMBER UPDATE

NJ Department of Transportation Plans High RAP Projects

NJDOT plans to bid 6 High RAP projects during Fiscal Year 2024. While the specific projects have not yet been identified, it is anticipated that there will be 2 projects in each region. NJDOT plans to utilize the existing High RAP Specification with the addition of a Stockpile Approval process.

Elements of the stockpile approval may include disclosure of stockpile location and testing for gradation, binder content and moisture content. Multi-Source/Mixed Piles will be permissible. Still under review is a process to add to the pile while maintaining the approval. The initial stockpile approval process will only apply to the High RAP pilot projects, though NJDOT is potentially considering adoption of this requirement more broadly once the results of the pilot projects are known.

NJ Department of Transportation Continues Research on Environmental Product Declarations

NJDOT is engaged in two research projects supported by FHWA. One to evaluate the potential use of EPD's in Pavement Type Selection and Procurement. NJDOT advised that these projects were primarily literature reviews, and the Department was not yet considering a requirement for

EPDs, however FHWA is working towards this end result. If required, NJDOT would initially be utilizing the EPD process only for data collection, similar to the current Port Authority program.

NJAPA Presents at NJSME Annual Meeting

NJAPA Executive Director Kevin Monaco was invited to speak at the NJ Society of Municipal Engineers Annual Meeting this year, held during the NJ State League of Municipalities Conference. Topics covered included the need to renew the State Transportation Trust Fund, increased educational programs between the two organizations, and a spirited discussion on the recently enacted RAP legislation. NJAPA values our partnership with NJSME and committed to work cooperatively with the group on issues of industry concern.

NJAPA and UTCA Continue Cooperative Efforts on NJDOT Bond Strength Research Project

NJAPA and UTCA have continued to coordinate efforts working with NJDOT on research regarding a potential Bond Strength specification and a process for shear testing.

One concern raised by industry throughout the process was the lack of an AASHTO approved test. Recently, a transportation research group from Louisiana presented a new test method to AASHTO, this new method has been approved. At the request of NJAPA and UTCA, the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) has conducted comparison testing of the two testing procedures. A meeting of the Joint Bond Strength working group is scheduled for next week. It is important to note that NJDOT has not yet adopted a specification and discussions with the Department are ongoing.

NJAPA Prepares Response to NJ Department of Environmental Protection Proposed RAP Guidance

NJDEP has presented the association with a draft RAP Guidance Document for review and feedback. NJAPA has convened a RAP Working Group to review this document and to develop

substantive feedback to the Department. Working under the guidance of Association Counsel Brian Montag and Malory Pascarella, the group is in the process of finalizing our response to NJDEP.

Key areas on concern included time limits on storage of millings, definition of Environmentally Sensitive Populations and definition of Environmentally Sensitive Natural Resource Area.

The Association response will be reviewed by the RAP Working Group and NJAPA Executive Committee prior to submission to NJDEP. We value our relationship with NJDEP and appreciate the cooperative manner in which they have approached this critically important issue.

NJDOT Contract Awards Update

As of November 29, 2023, NJDOT has awarded 25 Contracts with a value of \$354 million, this includes 14 paving projects with a value of \$79 million. Awarded asphalt tonnage to date stands at 183,198 tons.

Please see the comparison to prior years [HERE](#).

NJDOT Announces \$161 Million in Local Aid Grants

NJDOT has announced Local Aid Grants to 543 Municipalities around the State. To view the NJDOT Press Release please click [HERE](#), for the Project List, please click [HERE](#).

MidAtlantic EPD Workshop Scheduled for December 14

The State Asphalt Pavement Associations in NY, PA, NJ, WV, MD and DE, have partnered with NAPA to bring this webinar workshop to our members as well as State, County & Local Transportation Officials.

The practice of low embodied carbon asphalt procurement is now a reality in our part of the US. NY recently released their green procurement policy, Delaware advised they will require EPDs

with all asphalt mixes in 2024 and the NY-NJ Port Authority has implemented their Clean Construction Program.

Joseph Shacat, NAPAs Director of Sustainable Pavements, will be the keynote presenter. He will provide an overview of where the Federal and State governments stand with green procurement of construction materials, why the time is now to start developing EPDs, what inputs you need to start creating EPDs and what software tool is available to produce an asphalt mix EPD.

We will also have a panel of subject matter practitioners available, who have already produced EPDs for their company, to answer any questions. Please share this workshop with anyone who would benefit.

Link to Register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v50Di-RqRBWAg_MGfJNqW

World of Asphalt Planned for Nashville, March 25-27, 2024

World of Asphalt focuses on the asphalt industry with in-depth education and exhibitors showcasing their latest technologies and innovations. Visit with equipment, product, and service providers at the industry's leading trade show.

Registration is now open at:

[World of Asphalt - Trade Show for Aggregate, Asphalt Industries](#)

Murphy Administration Announces 14 Bikeway Grants Worth \$7.9 Million in Eight Counties

Governor Murphy has announced \$7.9 Million in Bikeway grants to promote active transportation. Grants were awarded to 11 Municipalities and 3 Counties. This is an increase

from the \$1 million typically allocated to this program. The press release is linked [HERE](#) and a list of the projects is included [HERE](#).

NJAPA Holiday Luncheon - December 7, 2023

The NJ Asphalt Pavement Association's Holiday Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at the Forsgate Country Club, Jamesburg, NJ. Proceeds of the luncheon benefit the NJAPA's William Abbott Memorial Scholarship.

This year's event will be an elaborate cocktail reception including entertainment. There will be raffle prizes, which the attendees will choose which raffle prize they would like to win by placing the tickets in buckets. The winners will be announced through-out the event.

Please [click here](#) to register your company employees. If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Lindenmuth at staceyl@njapa.com or call her in the Association office at (609) 838-1867.

Thank you for your company's support!

Don't Miss These Upcoming NJAPA Events

- 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
- December 14 -Regional Update on EPDs - Webinar
- January 23, 2024 - NJAPA Environmental Issues and Regulatory Compliance Update - hosted by K & L Gates, Newark, NJ
- January 28 - 31, 2024 - NAPA Annual Meeting - Orlando, FL

- February 8, 2024 - NJAPA/Women of Asphalt- NJ Devils Game - Newark, NJ
- March 5, 2024 - 67th Annual NJ Asphalt Paving Conference - Forsgate Country Club, Jamesburg, NJ
- March 25 - 27, 2024 - World of Asphalt - Nashville, TN
- 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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