



NJ ASPHALT PAVEMENT ASSOCIATION FEBRUARY 2024 MEMBER UPDATE

Governor Murphy Appoints New NJDOT Commissioner

Governor Phil Murphy has recently nominated Francis (Fran) K. O'Connor as Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (DOT). Now former, NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti will continue to serve as the governor's Chief of Staff.



New NJDOT Commissioner, Francis "Fran" O'Connor

NJAPA thanks Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti for her leadership of the Department and her partnership with our industry over the past several years. We look forward to building a

productive and cooperative relationship with the new Commissioner.

Please see the Press Release issued by the Governor's Office [HERE](#).

NJDOT Adopts Baseline Document Change to Require Shear Testing

NJDOT has adopted a Baseline Document Change which requires shear testing for bond strength on Mill 2/Pave 2 Resurfacing projects. The BDC is available [HERE](#). In addition, after discussions with NJAPA and UTCA, NJDOT has agreed that they will not assess penalties based on this provision until after June 22, 2024.

NJAPA and UTCA have jointly filed a legal challenge to the adoption of this new requirement based on a variety of objections including the fact that in many cases contractors can be fully compliant with NJDOT Specifications but still fail based on underlying surface conditions over which the contractor has no control. Please contact Kevin Monaco, Kevin@NJAPA.com should you have questions about this issue.

High RAP Pilot Projects Planned for Fiscal Year 2024

NJDOT will be advertising 7 Maintenance Resurfacing Contracts for Fiscal Year 2024. Six of these projects will include requirements for higher recycled asphalt content. The list of projects is available [here](#). The projects will be evaluated by use of performance testing. NJAPA is hopeful this review will help to further expediate approval of Ideal-CT and HT-IDT.

It is important to note that the new Bond Strength requirement will not be applied to any High-RAP work and will also not be applied to any If and Where Directed work. The fixed locations on these projects will be High-RAP, the If and Where Directed work will not be High-RAP but the Department is willing to consider using High RAP on those sections if requested by the contractor as a change order.

These projects are considered pilots and industry is working cooperatively with NJDOT to ensure the projects proceed successfully.

Congressman Tom Kean (R-7) and Congressman Rob Menendez (D-8) Support Increased Recycled Asphalt Pavements in Sub-Committee Hearing

In a recent hearing of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Subcommittee on Highways & Transit, both Representative Kean and Representative Menendez asked insightful questions which clearly highlighted their understanding of, and support for, increased use of recycled asphalt pavements. The National Asphalt Pavement Association will prioritize increased recycled content as a policy initiative in the next Federal Transportation Funding legislation. NJAPA representatives have discussed how critical the RAP issue is in NJ with both Congressman Kean and Congressman Menendez and we thank them for continuing to draw attention to this critical policy issue.



Congressman Tom Kean (R-7)



Congressman Rob Menendez (D-8)

Asphalt Pavement Alliance Appoints New Executive Director

Audrey Copeland, CEO of the National Asphalt Pavement Association has announced that Reed Ryan has been appointed as the new Executive Director of the Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA).

Reed is well known in the asphalt industry from his nearly 12-year leadership of the Utah Asphalt Pavement Association as Executive Director, including a term as Chairman of the State Asphalt Pavement Associations. APA is a partnership of the National Asphalt Pavement Association, the Asphalt Institute and the State Asphalt Pavement Associations dedicated to growing market share for the asphalt industry.

NJAPA and FMI Capital Advisors Offer Construction Materials Economic Forecast

Please join NJAPA and FMI Capital Advisors for a Construction Materials Economic Forecast on March 12, 2024 at the offices of NJAPA Legal Counsel, K & L Gates, LLP.

Topics will include:

- National & Regional Market Analysis by Segment
- Impact of IIJA and IRA on Construction Materials Market
- Impact of Mega-Projects on NY/NJ Region
- Overview of Labor Market and Supply Chain Issues
- Market Headwinds, Mitigations and Trends
- Merger & Acquisition Trends in the Industry

This program is free of charge, however, advance registration is required. The program will be limited to NJAPA members only.

Please click [here](#) to register. Send the completed form to Stacey Lindenmuth in the NJAPA office at staceyl@njapa.com

NJAPA Welcomes New Members

The NJAPA would like to welcome the following members to the Association.

Engineering Affiliate Member

Terracon Consultants, Inc.

Contact - Bryan McCarthy - 856-813-3265

Website - www.terracon.com

Associate Members

Sasol (USA) PTY Corporation

Contact - Alex Marais - 287-588-3000

Website: www.sasol.com

Ammann America Inc.

Contact - John Elliott - 954-493-0010

Website: www.ammann.com

FORTA Asphalt Fiber

Contact - Chris Simmons - 724-458-5221

Website - www.forta-fi.com

Site Supply, Inc.

Contact - Peter Kennedy - 617-372-6857

Website: www.sitesupply.us

Installation Member

Asphalt Restoration Enterprises LLC

Contact - Melissa Redaelli - 732-922-6304

Successful Women of Asphalt Event

The Women of Asphalt NJ Branch held a successful event on February 8th. More than 40 attendees came together to enjoy the NJ Devils vs. Calgary Flames game.

The Women of Asphalt would like to thank our Annual Sponsors. If your company would like to be an Annual Sponsor, please click [here](#).

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67th Annual NJ Asphalt Paving Conference

The 67th Annual NJ Asphalt Paving Conference will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at the Forsgate Country Club, Jamesburg, NJ. To register for the conference, [click here](#).

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

Thank you to the following sponsors/exhibitors.

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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](#)

Don't Miss These Upcoming NJAPA Events

- March 5, 2024 - NJAPA Annual Paving Conference - Click [here](#) to register
- March 12, 2024 - 2024 Construction Materials Economic Forecast, K & L Gates, Newark, NJ - Click [here](#) to register
- March 19, 2024 - Best Practices for RAP Use Webinar - Click [here](#) for more information
- May 2, 2024 - NJAPA Annual Awards Dinner, Wave Resort, Long Branch, NJ

Contact the NJAPA office if you have any questions.

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