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This weekly bulletin contains the latest news and information of interest to the asphalt pavement industry in California. Please feel free to distribute this newsletter to others who may be interested in asphalt pavements.

→ Special Report: Transportation funding gets renewed push in Sacramento; \$100 billion in projects put forward for federal consideration

Legislative leaders and the governor have agreed to an April 6 deadline to secure passage of a comprehensive transportation funding plan, and the governor's office released a list of \$100 billion worth of infrastructure investment projects it said could benefit from federal funding.

The list of infrastructure projects are intended to be part of the dialogue with the Trump Administration, which has said it wants to invest \$1 trillion in infrastructure to upgrade and modernize U.S. facilities, although no details have emerged and no plan to pay for the improvements has been put forward.

The Governor's Office on Feb. 7 released a list of \$100 billion worth of infrastructure improvement projects it said would boost employment and make long-term investments in the state's neglected roads, bridges, waterworks and other infrastructure.

"In the short term, these projects will benefit businesses up and down the state and put thousands to work -- many in communities with the highest rates of

unemployment," said the letter signed by Nancy McFadden, the governor's executive secretary, to the National Governors Association. "Long term, this investment will have lasting, expansive economic benefits by moving goods and people faster, protecting vulnerable communities from flooding, bolstering emergency response capabilities, saving and storing more water and improving energy reliability."

The 51 projects include everything from constructing and improving roads and bridges to rail and transit projects, such as modernizing the L.A. Metro rail fleet and the controversial High Speed Rail project.

Meanwhile, officials circled April 6 on the calendar as the date when a comprehensive state plan for transportation funding must be approved before the Legislature breaks for spring recess. The deadline was agreed to by Gov. Jerry Brown, Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon, D-Los Angeles, and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, D-Paramount.

Currently, there are two comprehensive bills in the Legislature, AB1 (full text of bill [HERE](#)) by Assembly Transportation Committee



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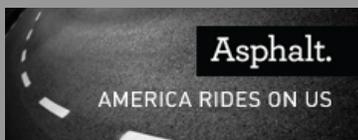
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Chairman Jim Frazier, D-Oakley, and SB1 (full text of bill [HERE](#)), by Senate Transportation and Housing Committee Chairman Jim Beall, D-San Jose. Both measures contain a blend of new taxes and fees, as well as reforms, to inject an additional \$6 billion per year for transportation improvements. Frazier outlined his plan Jan. 19 at the CalAPA Annual Dinner in Los Angeles. Click [HERE](#) to read a previous *Asphalt Insider* report on his speech. The governor's budget, released in January, also includes a more modest level of funding with new revenues that were also part of his transportation plan from last year that never got off the drawing board. A previous *Asphalt Insider* story on transportation elements of the governor's budget is [HERE](#).



Assemblyman Jim Frazier outlined his transportation funding plan Jan. 19 at CalAPA's Annual Dinner in Los Angeles.

CalAPA has endorsed both AB1 and SB1, and has encouraged the various parties to come together on a compromise plan. In letters to both Beall and Frazier, CalAPA said, "California boasts one of the largest and most complex transportation systems world, and it is imperative that we make prudent investments to protect and enhance that system to return the most value for taxpayers and transportation system users."

While noting that "there is no such thing as a perfect transportation funding package," the CalAPA letter noted that key elements of the various proposals put forward come "very close to addressing the important needs, including the maintenance and rehabilitation of our state's roadway system." The CalAPA letter also stressed the importance of including reforms in any comprehensive plan that is adopted, noting that reforms "will help raise the level of confidence in the minds of the public that dollars designated for transportation will be used in an appropriate manner."

The 2017 forecast of "California Asphalt" magazine, CalAPA's official magazine, includes a roundup of the various transportation plans that came up short last year and set the stage for this year's renewed push for a comprehensive transportation funding plan. Click [HERE](#) to view the issue.

Good-roads advocates, meanwhile, continue to urge a concerted grassroots campaign to contact elected officials to urge them to take action. The Fix Our Roads Coalition, a CalAPA partner, has various tools available. Visit their website [HERE](#).

 **NAPA 'Back to Basics' webinar Feb. 16 to focus on asphalt binders; free for CalAPA members, agency personnel**

The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA), a CalAPA partner, is offering a series of educational webinars dubbed "Back to Basics." The webinars are free to NAPA and CalAPA members and agency personnel. Non-members are \$129.

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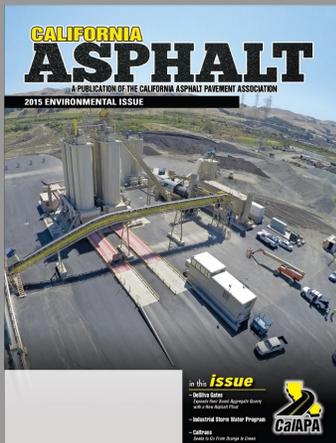
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The next webinar will focus on asphalt binders and be held on Thursday, Feb. 16 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. PST. Click [HERE](#) for more information on the webinars and to sign up.



The Feb. 16 webinar looks at the properties of asphalt binders, how binders are produced, and how to choose the right binder for the job, including considering modified binders. The presenter is Ron Corun, Axeon Specialty Products LLC.

Other "Back to Basics" webinars will include topics such as volumetrics, mix design, compaction, Quality Control/Quality Assurance and more. The full schedule of webinars can be found [HERE](#).

→ Tech Term of the Week

Each week we highlight a word, acronym or other reference commonly used in the asphalt pavement industry in California.

RUBBERIZED ASPHALT SEALANT: A sealant, generally hot applied, that is composed of asphalt cement, various types of rubber or polymer modifiers, and other compounding ingredients used for pavement crack and joint sealing.

→ Quote of the Week

"The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it."

Albert Einstein

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