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State Capitol "Fly-in"
Tuesday & Wednesday,
March 14-15
Lunchtime briefing, meeting with legislators & optional dinner. Join us in the fight for road funding!

Greetings!

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.

→ Governor says infrastructure is 'maxed out;' it is time to 'make substantial investments'

There was plenty of activity on the transportation front last week, with Gov. Jerry Brown holding a press conference to extol the virtues of investing in infrastructure, and key players behind a comprehensive road funding fix weighing in as well.

Tangible action, however, was in short supply. One of the comprehensive transportation funding bill, SB1, was passed on a 4-2 committee vote and faces one more committee hearing before going to the state Senate floor. Very much in question is whether the Legislature can muster a two-thirds majority required to forward some sort of compromise transportation bill to the governor's desk by an April 6 self-imposed deadline, where he said he would sign it.



Gov. Jerry Brown at Friday's news conference at the Capitol.

A series of storms that have swept across the state in recent weeks, wreaking havoc on roadways, water systems and other infrastructure, made the current state of neglect a national story. Dramatic footage of water over-topping an emergency spillway at the tallest dam in the United States, in Oroville, while a yawning hole at its base threatened 200,000 living downstream, left politicians and bureaucrats scrambling for explanations and bemoaning years of under-investment in infrastructure maintenance.

When Brown stepped to the microphone at the Capitol on Friday, he called again for action on water and transportation infrastructure, and also asked for the help of the federal government and water rate-payers. The state's infrastructure is "maxed out," he said, and it is time to "make substantial investments" to respond.

Click [HERE](#) to find a link to the governor's Feb. 24 press conference. His official press release is [HERE](#). His letter to President Trump requesting support for "high priority" infrastructure projects is [HERE](#).

On Wednesday, many of the players in the transportation funding debate gathered at a hotel ballroom in Sacramento for the California Transportation Foundation's 18th annual Transportation Forum. While most worked hard to present a good face, no one was predicting with any certainty that a comprehensive transportation funding plan would be approved this year.

State Capitol, Sacramento
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Southern California paving
contractor mixer
Wednesday, March 15, 4
p.m. to 7 p.m.

Karl Strauss Brewing Co.,
2390 E. Orangewood Ave.,
Anaheim

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"Asphalt Pavement 101"
class

Tuesday, April 11, 8 a.m. to
noon

University of Phoenix, San
Diego Campus, 9665 Granite
Ridge Drive, Room 301, San
Diego

Contact: Ritha Nhorn (916)
791-5044

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REGISTRATION OPEN!
CalAPA Spring Asphalt
Pavement Conference &
Equipment Expo
April 12-13

Doubletree Hotel, 222 N.
Vineyard Ave., Ontario
Contact Sophie You at CalAPA
at (916) 791-5044 for
sponsorship and exhibitor
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Details [HERE!](#)

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"HMA Pavement
Smoothness" class
Wednesday, April 12, 9:30
a.m. to 2 p.m.

National University, San Jose
Campus, 3031 Tisch Way,
Suite 100 Plaza East Room 103
San Jose

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State Sen. Jim Beall, D-San Jose, chairman of the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee and author of one of the comprehensive transportation funding bills, SB1, lamented that he keeps hearing from the "yes, but" legislators. In other words, they understand the need to fix the roads, but they have some objection or other that would prevent them from supporting his bill. At one point in his remarks, his voice rising, he said it was "morally wrong" to delay any further.



Transportation Secretary Brian Kelly (pictured at last year's CalAPA Spring Conference) called last week for a "proactive" approach to road funding.

Similarly, Assemblyman Jim Frazier, D-Oakley, chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee and author of another comprehensive bill, AB1, focused much of his remarks on the challenges facing his bill. "It's time to pay the piper," he said.

Brian Kelly, Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency, touted elements of the governor's plan for addressing transportation funding. While more modest in scope than the two bills in the Legislature, Kelly said any plan "needs to be proactive when it comes to the maintenance of our transportation system."

Emergency repairs to just the state highway system, it was reported at the forum, were rapidly approaching \$500 million. By way of comparison, the state's main fund for maintaining California's 50,000 miles of freeways and highways has dwindled to about \$2 billion per year.

Legislators who don't hear from constituents generally don't consider an issue important. Click [HERE](#) to visit CalAPA's "Legislative Action" page for grass-roots resources, including how to contact your local elected officials and let them know you want them to take action on transportation.

→ CalAPA 'Fly-in' to Sacramento set for March 14-15; road funding crisis is center stage

The timing for CalAPA's annual "Fly-in" to the state Capitol in Sacramento could not be more fortuitous, coming just weeks before a deadline set by the governor and the Legislature to take action on transportation funding.

The Fly-in is scheduled March 14-15 and will include a lunchtime briefing on the status of transportation funding legislation, optional dinner, and numerous appointments with elected officials and key staff members. Click [HERE](#) for additional information and to register online. This event is open to CalAPA members only.



CalAPA members heading to Capitol appointments in a previous "Fly-in."

Years of neglect and under-investment in roads has contributed to a soaring price tag

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"HMA Pavement Smoothness" class

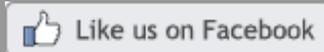
Thursday, April 13, 8 a.m. to noon

National University, Rancho Cordova Campus, 10901 Gold Center Drive, Soom 106, Rancho Cordova

Contact: Ritha Nhorn (916) 791-5044

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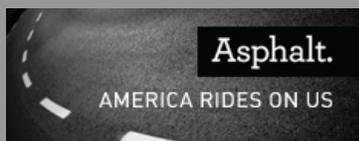
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GET TECHNICAL

Are you an engineer, designer or technical professional who makes decisions on

for repair, while the state's venerable fuel tax user fee for roads has not been raised since the 1990s. With storm-battered roads crumbling across the state, participants in this year's Fly-in will have fresh evidence that the problem is getting worse and requires immediate action.

For more information about the Fly-in, contact CalAPA's Russell Snyder at (916) 791-5044.



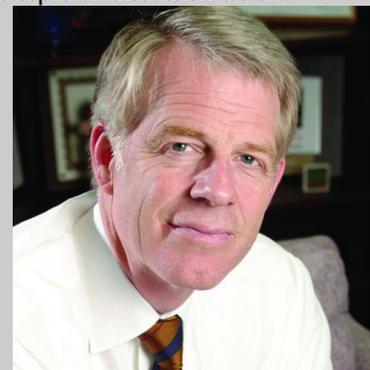
State Sen. Jim Beall, D-San Jose, (seated at right), chairman of the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee, meets with the CalAPA delegation at a previous "Fly-in."

→ Registration open for Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference April 12-13 in Ontario

Registration is now open for the CalAPA Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference & Equipment Expo, which will be held April 12-13 at the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario. Click [HERE](#) for details and to register.

The must-attend event will be attended by hundreds of industry and agency representatives and feature an impressive lineup of speakers, who will delve into technical aspects of asphalt pavements and important policy matters.

Transportation funding will also be a hot topic of discussion at the conference, which will feature speakers who will provide insight from different points of view, including former Assemblyman Roger Dickinson, now Executive Director of Transportation California, an advocacy group.



Roger Dickinson

Other topics that will be featured at the conference include pavement smoothness, mix design, "Greenbook" specifications, porous asphalt, port construction, "Superpave," Warm Mix Asphalt, environmental issues and more. The conference website [HERE](#) has additional information and an on-line registration page.

The two-day conference will feature dozens of booths from exhibitors, and an outdoor equipment area where manufacturers and distributors will have the latest equipment on display. Display space is limited and

pavement type question? The DriveAsphalt website has technical reports and other resources may be just what you're looking for. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



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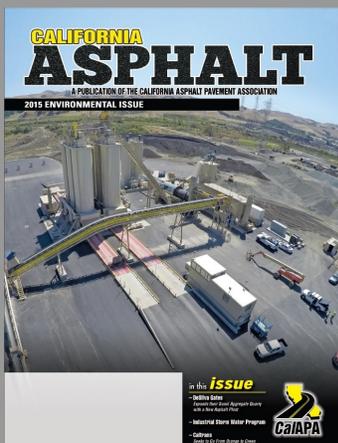
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The conference begins at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, and wraps up at noon on Thursday, April 13 at the Doubletree, 222 N. Vineyard Ave. in Ontario. Also back this year is a popular networking reception the evening of April 12, which is free for all attendees who RSVP.

New this year is an optional on-site "Asphalt Pavement 101" class April 12 taught by former Caltrans senior materials engineer Roger Smith. Click [HERE](#) for details on that class.

For a list of exhibitors from last year's Spring Conference, click [HERE](#). Photos from last year's Spring Conference are posted on our Facebook page [HERE](#).



Lots of equipment will be on display at the Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference in Ontario.

→ Southern California contractors' networking event set for March 15 in Anaheim

The CalAPA Southern California Paving Contractor Committee is holding a networking event March 15 in Anaheim. Click [HERE](#) for details or to sign up.

CalAPA paving contractor events are a great way to reconnect with friends and colleagues, make new relationships, and have a great time in the process.

The CalAPA March Mixer, organized by the Southern California Paving Contractor Committee, will take place at the Karl Strauss Brewing Company in Anaheim from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. This popular craft brewpub is a happening place to relax and enjoy the company of friends, delicious food and distinctive beverages.



Admission to the mixer includes a fabulous selection of appetizers and two drink tickets. Space is limited and advanced registration is required for this CalAPA member-only event. For more information, contact

California Asphalt, and an annual membership directory. To view current and past issues of the magazine, click [HERE](#).

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→ Annual meeting of Association of Asphalt Paving Technologists to take place March 19-22 in Newport Beach

The Annual Business Meeting and Technical Sessions of the Association of Asphalt Paving Technologists (AAPT) will be March 19-22 in Newport Beach. Details and registration information can be found [HERE](#).

The annual meeting, being held at the Island Hotel, includes asphalt-related technical sessions comprised of peer-reviewed papers, and invited presentations on specific topics in the Leading Edge Workshop, AAPT-ISAP International Forum, and Symposium.



In addition to the industry leading technical program, the meeting affords participants the following opportunities and takeaways:

- Networking with other international, national, and regional industry leaders.
- The chance to provide comment/ideas/reactions to presentations that will be included in the Journal as discussion.
- Awareness of the latest trends and innovations that will be or lead to future standards.
- Expansion of your resource base.
- Multiple social events including a welcome reception, a fun-filled casual evening and a more formal annual conference dinner event.
- An optional activity filled spouses program.
- Access to local amenities and activities (shopping, Hollywood, Disneyland, etc.)
- Reduced registration fees for members.

For more information, call (651) 293-9188 or email aapt@aapt.comcastbiz.net.

→ Tech Term of the Week

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

PERCOLATION: The movement of free water through soil.

→ Quote of the Week

"Heroes may not be braver than anyone else. They're just braver five minutes longer"

Ronald Reagan

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We hope you enjoy CalAPA's *Asphalt Insider*. We are committed to providing you with the most up-to-date information on technical issues, regulation, news, analysis and events in California that may impact the asphalt pavement industry. Click [HERE](#) to contact us with any comments or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Russell W. Snyder, CAE

Executive Director

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