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CALENDAR

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Transportation Construction Coalition "Fly-in" to Washington, D.C. Wednesday & Thursday, May 17 & 18

Hyatt Regency Washington, 400 New Jersey Ave. NW, Washington, D.C.

CalAPA members intending to participate should contact Russell Snyder at (916) 791-5044.

Register [HERE](#).

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SAVE THE DATE!

CalAPA "Day at the Races" at Del Mar Race Track Saturday, July 22

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.

→ Attendees at CalAPA Spring Conference hear the latest on transportation funding, asphalt specifications, new innovations & promotion

Nearly 200 industry and agency representatives attended the CalAPA Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference and training session last week in Ontario, where the future was looking decidedly more optimistic.

The conference was held just days after the California Legislature passed a historic, \$52 billion transportation funding bill to address decades of neglect of the state's roadways.

John Hakel, executive director of the Southern California Partnership for Jobs, discussed the state funding and the local transportation measures passed by voters in Southern California and used words never before uttered at a CalAPA conference with regard to road funding: "It's impressive -- very impressive."

He was joined by Transportation California Executive Director

Roger Dickinson, a former Assemblyman, who talked in glowing terms about the multi-year grass-roots lobbying effort to get the comprehensive transportation funding bill, SB1, passed by the Legislature. Gov. Jerry Brown has said he will sign the measure into law.



Transportation California Executive Director Roger Dickinson speaks at the CalAPA Spring Conference last week in Ontario.

The two outlined the frantic push in the week leading up to the April 6 vote that

included a phone call and social media campaign, TV and radio ads and other message saturation efforts that took place up and down the state.

"It's a classic demonstration of what can happen when people get organized and activate on an issue," Dickinson said. He added that every elected official who voted "yes" for SB1 took "a very hard vote" and that they should be commended for taking action when previous legislatures kicked the can down the road.

Hakel, a longtime AGC executive before taking over the newly formed California Partnership for Jobs, said now the focus will be on putting dollars to work quickly and efficiently to show the public the investments are being put to good use. The ability of industry and public works agencies to meet this challenge will be put to the test.

Other conference topics included porous asphalt pavement for storm-water

Details Soon!
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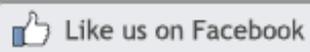
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SAVE THE DATE!
**CalAPA Fall Asphalt
Pavement Conference &
Equipment Expo**
Wednesday & Thursday,
Oct. 25 & 26

Doubletree Hotel, 2001 Point
West Way, Sacramento
Details soon!

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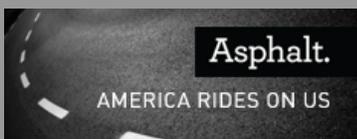
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control, a spotlight of the Orange County Public Works Department pavement management system, Warm Mix Asphalt, balanced mix design and cracking test, an update on the "Greenbook" of public works specifications used by many agencies in Southern California, and Caltrans asphalt pavement specification changes.

Paula Beauchamp, Director of Project Delivery for the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, gave an overview of her county's program and what is expected in the coming year. Amy Miller, national director of the CalAPA-supported Asphalt Pavement Alliance, gave an overview of the many research and marketing activities that are underway as part of the pooled-fund asphalt promotion programs.

Tim Gruetert, Chief of the Caltrans Office of Roadway Materials Testing, and Shadi Saadeh, associate professor of engineering at California State University, Long Beach, gave a joint presentation on the joint industry-agency training and certification program for materials technicians.

The highly anticipated program, which will cover concrete, asphalt and aggregate tests, is wrapping up the curriculum-development and review stage and entering the implementation stage, scheduled for later this year. Both Gruetert and Saadeh used the expression "very excited" when describing the program, and their enthusiasm was clearly evident.



Tim Gruetert with Caltrans makes a point at last week's CalAPA conference while CSULB's Shadi Saadeh looks on.

For the first time, a popular CalAPA class, "Asphalt Pavement 101," taught by former Caltrans senior materials engineer Roger Smith, was held in conjunction with the conference. Nearly 50 people attended the class and were issued certificates of completion.

Electronic copies of presentations delivered at the conference can be viewed [HERE](#). More photos from the conference are posted on the CalAPA Facebook page [HERE](#). Planning is well underway for the Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference & Equipment Expo, which will take place Oct. 25-26 in Sacramento. Contact Sophie You of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044 for details about sponsoring or exhibiting at the fall conference. Presentation topic ideas should be sent to CalAPA Technical Director Brandon Milar.

To read more about the passage of SB1 and what it means for transportation, click [HERE](#) to read last week's issue of *Asphalt Insider*, or consult the "Member Alert" sent to CalAPA members on April 6.

Are you an engineer, designer or technical professional who makes decisions on pavement type selection? 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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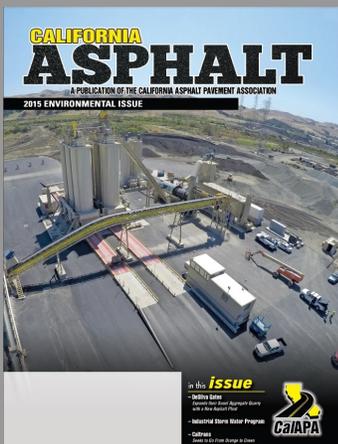
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MAGAZINE



CalAPA instructor Roger Smith, left, conducts an "Asphalt Pavement 101" class held in conjunction with the Spring Conference in Ontario.

→ Job opportunity: Principal Construction Inspector, City of San Jose

The City of San Jose, Department of Transportation is looking to fill the position of Principal Construction Inspector

An announcement by the Department of Transportation says it is seeking a seasoned construction professional with strong team leadership and development skills to fill the critical role of Principal Construction Inspector (PCI) for Infrastructure Maintenance Division, Pavement Maintenance section.

The Pavement Maintenance PCI is a management level position and will report to the Pavement Maintenance Division Manager. The incumbent will assist in project scoping, planning and delivery services through close collaboration with the Pavement Engineering team. The incumbent will also supervise a team of Senior and Associate Construction Inspectors in the field inspection and documentation of pavement and ADA ramp projects. The pavement program is expected to grow as new funding sources become available so experience in project supervision, team building, and technology implementation is highly desired.



For more information on this or other positions at the City of San Jose, click [HERE](#) to view the city's job-search website.

→ Federal push on transportation ramping up; 'Fly-in' to Washington, D.C. set for May 17-18

CalAPA will lead a delegation to the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., in May as part of the Transportation Construction Coalition annual "Fly-in" to highlight federal transportation funding.

The event comes as newly elected President Donald Trump has made

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numerous statements about his desire to push through Congress a \$1 trillion infrastructure plan, which will have a heavy emphasis on roads and bridges. His Secretary of Transportation, Elaine Chao, has said a draft of the plan could be publicly released in May.

The nation's aging infrastructure and the chronically underfunded federal Highway Trust Fund has languished far down the list of Washington's policy priorities for years. Suddenly, however, it is gaining fresh attention as majority Republicans and a new presidential administration look to demonstrate they can achieve legislative achievements and stung by the messy failure of majority Republicans to agree on a plan to repeal and replace the Affordable Health Care Act known as "Obamacare."

The Transportation Construction Coalition "Fly-in" to Washington, D.C., is set for May 17-18. The schedule will include briefing from Capitol insiders, a program created especially for the asphalt pavement industry by the National Asphalt Pavement Association, and in-person visits to members of the California Congressional delegation coordinated by CalAPA. Click [HERE](#) to view a NAPA flier about the event. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Contact Russell Snyder at CalAPA at (916) 791-5044 if you plan to attend or have any questions.



Representatives of the asphalt industry during a previous visit to the Capitol in Washington, D.C. The statue is of World War II Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who later championed transportation as 34th president of the United States. The interstate highway system now bears his name.

→ Tech Term of the Week

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

FLASH POINT: That particular temperature at which material gives off flammable vapor in sufficient quantity to burn instantaneously at the approach of a flame or spark.

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→ Quote of the Week

"Kites rise highest against the wind -- not with it."

Winston Churchill

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Sincerely,

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