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(Always on-line [HERE](#))

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Wednesday, June 21, 8 a.m. to noon
City of San Jose, 1661 Senter Road, Building G, San Jose Register [HERE](#).
Contact: Ritha Nhorn (916) 791-5044

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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.

→ Caltrans to accelerate projects as part of SB1 implementation

If there was a common theme during last week's SB1 workshop in Sacramento, it was "speed." With Legislative approval earlier this year of a historic transportation bill, all in attendance agreed that the billions in new taxes must be converted to transportation system improvements quickly.

"This is big for the state of California," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty at the workshop, organized by the California Transportation Commission and held at Sacramento City Hall. "Now we need to step on the gas and get the projects out."

Last April, the Legislature passed, and the governor signed, a bill, SB1, that is expected to generate an estimated \$52 billion over 10 years through a variety of tax and fee increases, including a 12-cent per gallon hike in pump prices. In all, the various tax and fee increases are expected to cost the average motorist about \$10 more per month. SB1 was authored by state Sen. Jim Beall, D-San Jose, and endorsed by a broad coalition of business, labor and transportation advocates. A previous *Asphalt Insider* story about the bill can be found [HERE](#). The lengthy story about SB1 is the cover story of this month's CalAPA magazine, *California Asphalt*. View the issue on-line [HERE](#).



Malcolm Dougherty

Dougherty said that Caltrans was preparing for the arrival of SB1 by getting worthy transportation improvement projects ready to go, and plans to accelerate as many projects this year as possible even though the new tax does not start being collected until November.

"We were prepping for SB1 before it passed," Dougherty said, and announced that the department will release about \$200 million worth of maintenance projects for bid in July.

Speaking earlier, California State Transportation Agency Secretary Brian Kelly urged the group: "Be purposeful. We've got to move. I think it is important that we get to work soon."

Underscoring the governor's "fix it first" approach to transportation funding, the pavement-heavy State Highway Operations & Protection Program (SHOPP), which includes pavement maintenance projects, will

City of Santa Rosa, UFO Building, Room A, 35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa
Register [HERE](#).
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SIGN UP NOW!
CalAPA "Day at the Races" at Del Mar Race Track
Saturday, July 22
Register [HERE](#)
Contact: Sophie You (916) 791-5044

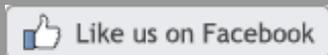
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SAVE THE DATE!
CalAPA Annual Golf Tournament
Thursday, Sept. 21
Pacific Palms Resort, Industry Hills
Details soon!
Contact: Sophie You (916) 791-5044

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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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be hooded \$1.9 billion per year over its current level of \$2.5 billion per year, officials said.

Gary Gallegos, Executive Director of the San Diego Association of Governments, also underscored the need for speed, asking the group, "How do we show progress, and show progress soon?"

SB1 is expected to generate \$5 billion per year, with much of that funding going to cities and counties to help fund severe backlogs in pavement maintenance. There is also competition for funds for trade corridors and incentives for so-called "self-help" counties that have taxed themselves to generate funds for transportation improvements.



Gary Gallegos

Assemblyman Jim Frazier, D-Oakley, the Chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee and a key backer of SB1, said the Transportation Commission should work to set the framework for disbursement of the funds quickly. "We want everyone to stay in their lane," he said. Accountability was a big selling point for SB1, and Frazier said the Transportation Commission must "develop reasonable, transparent, coherent reporting measures."

The commission's SB1 implementation page is [HERE](#).

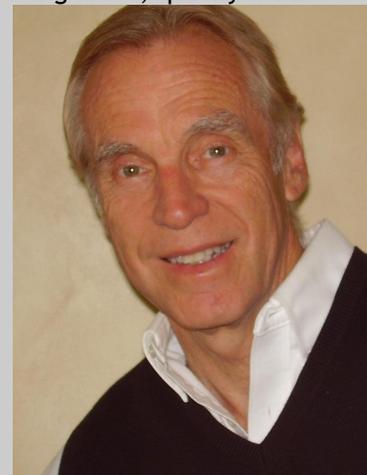
→ A few spots open for 'Asphalt Pavement 101' class June 21 in San Jose, June 22 in Santa Rosa

There's still time to sign up for CalAPA's popular "Asphalt Pavement 101" classes scheduled for Wednesday, June 21 in San Jose and Thursday, June 22 in Santa Rosa.

The "Asphalt Pavement 101" training class is a good overview of everything asphalt, touching on how asphalt pavements are designed, constructed and maintained. It is taught by Roger Smith, a former senior materials engineer with Caltrans and the Asphalt Institute, as well as a former executive director of CalAPA. To register for the June 21 class in San Jose, click [HERE](#). To sign up for the June 22 class in Santa Rosa, click [HERE](#).

Although the class is just a half-day it is packed with loads of useful information for contractor and agency paving crews, quality control specialists, lab personnel and others who interact with asphalt pavements. The class will cover pavement structure and terminologies, asphalt binders, aggregates, asphalt mixes, plant operations and mix delivery, paving and rolling, acceptance specifications and testing.

Because so much is changing in the world of asphalt pavements, the class is an excellent refresher course for veterans in the industry as well as providing a good overview for those



new or just returning to asphalt pavements. The class has been updated to add a summary of "Superpave"-inspired elements recently added to Caltrans asphalt specifications. The cost of the class is \$99 for CalAPA members and agency personnel who complete registration by June 15, and \$119 for all others.

CHOOSE ASPHALT

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"Asphalt Pavement 101" is a recommended prerequisite for other CalAPA technical classes, including "Caltrans Section 39 Specifications," "Essentials of Pavement Smoothness," "Understanding the Job Mix Formula" and "Quality HMA Paving."

All class attendees will receive a handy reference booklet that includes copies of the slide presentation, key acronyms, glossary and other essential information for future reference. Attendees will also receive a handsome certificate of completion documenting that they have completed four (4) Professional Development Hours (PDH) of technical instruction.

CalAPA can also bring training classes to your company or agency, which can greatly reduce travel time and expense. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

GET TECHNICAL

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.



→ APA video explains 'Drivability'

A brief video produced by the Asphalt Pavement Alliance, a CalAPA partner, helps explain in simple terms the concept of "Drivability." You can view the 2-minute video [HERE](#).

The attributes demonstrated in the video draw on national surveys and other data looking at pavements from the motorist's point of view. Those themes were evident in the run-up to the passage of the landmark transportation bill, SB1, by the Legislature earlier this year.



Other helpful resources related to this topic can be found on the APA website [HERE](#).

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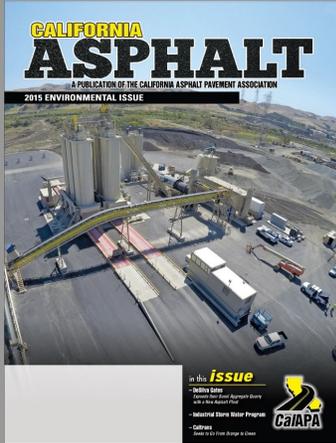
CalAPA is back with one its most popular member-only events of the year: our annual "Day at the Races" at beautiful Del Mar Race Track in Del Mar. Click [HERE](#) learn more and to reserve your spot.

The Southern California Contractors' Committee is once again hosting this gala event on opening weekend for thoroughbred racing. The association has reserved a luxury suite at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on Saturday, July 22, at the seaside track, which is celebrating its 80th anniversary. The "Star Fiddle Skyroom" boasts panoramic views from a private balcony close to the finish line, with its own betting windows, VIP access to grounds, a fabulous lunch buffet, snacks and a no-host

BACK ISSUES

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MAGAZINE



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

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bar. Tickets for this family-friendly event are \$109 for adults and must be purchased in advance via the CalAPA website. Click [HERE](#) to order.



Catch the racing action at Del Mar at CalAPA's annual "Day at the Races."

Del Mar is not only one of the most scenic race tracks in the world, it's also rich with history, with new and exciting chapters being written each year. In 2014, the CalAPA-sponsored 1st Race was won by Lord Nelson, a 2-year-old thoroughbred trained by Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert, who joined CalAPA representatives Holly Mendell and John Michalik from California Commercial Asphalt in the Winner's Circle. Baffert is the trainer of last year's Triple Crown winner, American Pharoah. The 2016 Kentucky Derby winner, Nyquist, twice won at Del Mar the year before. And who can forget California Chrome, who raced at Del Mar before going on to win the Kentucky Derby and Preakness in 2014. To view pictures from last year's "Day at the Races," click [HERE](#) to visit our Facebook page.

Bring your family, favorite customers or best friends to our "Day at the Races" and perhaps you'll see the next superstar thoroughbred in action. For more information, contact Sophie You of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044.

→ Instructors wanted

CalAPA is in the process of expanding its technical training programs and is seeking qualified subject-matter experts to be CalAPA trainers. Contact Brandon Milar or Ritha Nhorn at CalAPA at (916) 791-5044 for additional information.

CalAPA has trained thousands of industry and agency representatives over the years in various technical aspects of asphalt. Classes have included "Caltrans Section 39 Specifications," "The Job Mix Formula," "Asphalt Pavement 101," "Quality HMA Paving," Binder Safety and more. Classes may be held in various locations around the state. For more information about the CalAPA technical training program, click [HERE](#).



Paul Curren, left, a CalAPA instructor, and Ritha Nhorn.

→ Tech Term of the Week

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

SUBGRADE STABILIZATION: Modification of roadbed soils by admixing with stabilizing or chemical agents that will increase load-bearing capacity, firmness, and resistance to weathering or displacement.



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→ Quote of the Week

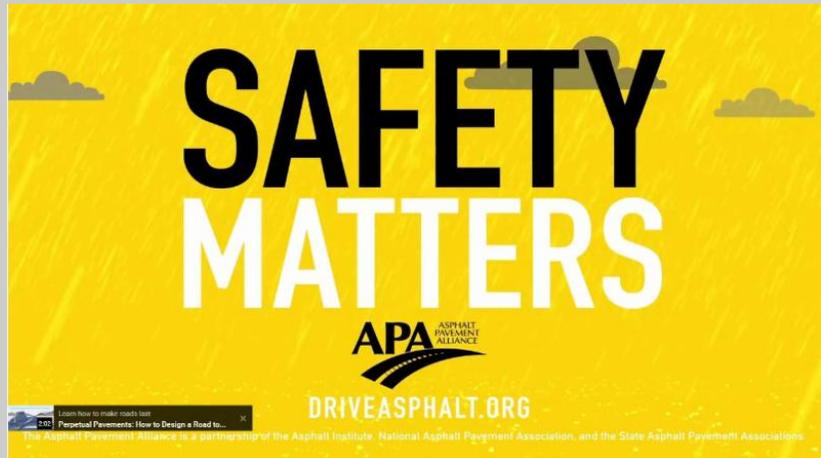
"We are all born ignorant, but one must work hard to remain stupid."

Benjamin Franklin

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Sincerely,

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