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Thursday, Sept. 21

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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 advances \$285 million in road repairs in anticipation of new gas-tax revenues, launches SB1 website

Caltrans has announced it will accelerate about \$285 million in road repairs in anticipation of new funds to be made available by the passage earlier this year of SB1, a historic transportation improvement bill.

The "fast-tracking" of the so-called "fix it first" projects is intended to show Californians that the department intends to move quickly to begin addressing years of neglect of roadways that has generated popular ire and helped sweep SB1 through the Legislature on a two-thirds vote. The measure will generate an estimated \$52 billion over 10 years for state and local governments through a series of fuel tax increases and fees. Bureaucratic belt-tightening, accountability and transparency also are baked into a package of bills that accompanied the passage of SB1, known formally as the "Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017."

Construction is expected to begin this summer on 13 pavement projects across the state, the California State Transportation Agency said in a July 21 announcement. In addition, Caltrans has expedited the design of an additional 50 projects, which will also begin construction this fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2018. Click [HERE](#) to view a list of accelerated SB1 projects expected to be under construction in July. The complete list of expedited projects is [HERE](#).



"This legislation provides for needed investments to fix California's roads, and Caltrans is acting quickly to get to work," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "This summer we will deploy construction teams across the state to resurface highways, improve safety for motorists and start filling more potholes than ever before."

The road repair projects will include repairing and resurfacing hundreds of miles of highways to extend the service life of California roads, Caltrans said, noting that projects will be underway in every region of California, including urban and rural areas. California's rural roads, a recent study found, are third-worst in the nation. Observers say the flurry of work may help deflect some of the criticism from anti-tax

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SAVE THE DATE!
'Asphalt Pavement 101'
class

Tuesday, Oct. 24
National University, Redding
Campus, 760 Cypress Ave.,
Suite 215, Redding
Contact: Ritha Nhorn (916)
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Details soon!

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

Doubletree Hotel, 2001 Point
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advocates who opposed SB1 and are seeking to overturn it. In addition to other fees and financing mechanisms, SB1 raises fuel taxes 12 cents per gallon starting on Nov. 1.

SB 1 funds, which are split evenly between the state and local cities and counties, will enable Caltrans to fix more than 17,000 lane miles of pavement, 500 bridges, and 55,000 culverts by 2027, the department said. Caltrans will also fix 7,700 traffic operating systems, like ramp meters, traffic cameras and electric highway message boards that help reduce highway congestion. When this work is finished, 98 percent of pavement on state facilities will be in good or fair condition, up from 85 percent today. To read the full press announcement about the accelerated SB1 work, click [HERE](#).

The state has also moved quickly to put in place many of the transparency and accountability measures called for in SB1. A "Rebuilding California" website launched by the state is [HERE](#). A Caltrans "Mile Marker" publication devoted to SB1, filled with helpful graphics, is [HERE](#).

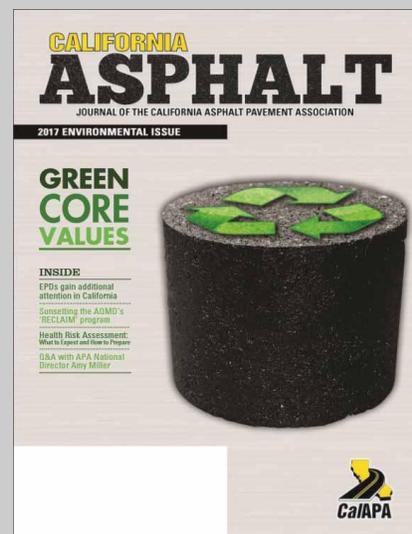
CalAPA's official magazine, *California Asphalt*, has extensively covered California's road infrastructure crisis and the emergence of SB1. To read a special issue devoted to "The BIG Fix," click [HERE](#). A previous *Asphalt Insider* article published May 1 that foreshadowed the accelerated work announcement is [HERE](#).

→ Special environment-themed issue of *California Asphalt* magazine now on-line

The July issue of *California Asphalt* magazine, the journal of the California Asphalt Pavement Association, hits mailboxes this week and is also available on-line. Click [HERE](#) to view an interactive electronic version of the publication.

This month's issue is devoted to the environment and sustainability, and carries exclusive reporting on Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs), the upcoming sunset of the South Coast Air Quality Management District's "RECLAIM" program, and an in-depth examination of Health Risk Assessments, including what should expect and how to prepare.

The issue also includes an exclusive interview with Amy Miller, National Director of the Asphalt Pavement Alliance -- a collaborative effort supported by the National Asphalt Pavement Association, the Asphalt Institute and state asphalt pavement associations, including CalAPA. The Asphalt Pavement Alliance supports the industry by coordinating and distributing information about research, engineering, technology, best-practices, sustainability and innovation as it relates to asphalt pavements with an emphasis on performance and value. Miller was a featured speaker at the CalAPA 2017 Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference & Equipment Expo in Ontario. The "Publisher's Letter" introducing this month's issue is authored by Scott Fraser of R.J. Noble.



The "Industry News" section of the magazine contains reports on the



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MAGAZINE

retirements of Don Goss and Len Nawrocki with Valero, the passing of Warren Reed Sprinkel and a recent CalAPA Southern California paving contractor event held in Orange County.

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→ Caltrans, industry salute industry leaders of joint Rock Products Committee

Caltrans and industry last week saluted the contributions of two CalAPA members who have served in leadership positions over the joint Caltrans-industry Rock Products Committee.

Toni Carroll with Graniterock and Ed Luce with Vulcan Materials were applauded at the quarterly meeting of the Rock Products Committee (RPC) held Thursday at the Caltrans Transportation Laboratory in Sacramento.

Both have served as volunteer leaders of the "4-plus-2" leadership committee, which oversees RPC activities of materials specification development and review. The committee takes its name from the two industry representatives and the four members from Caltrans representing pavements, materials, construction and engineering.



Pictured last week at TransLab (left to right): Ed Luce with Vulcan Materials, Toni Carroll with Graniterock, Caltrans State Pavement Engineer Jesse Bhullar and Acting Caltrans State Materials Engineer Dan Speer.

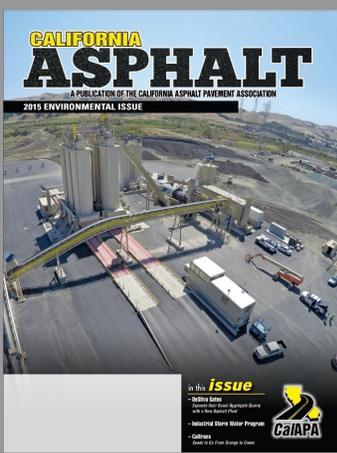
"Both of you, in my view, have represented the industry very well," said Caltrans State Pavement Engineer Jesse Bhullar in recognizing the pair's service to the committee. "I've been very pleased with the help and support. I like your can-do attitude. You both are total team players."

It was also announced that transitioning into the 4-plus-2 leadership positions will be Charley Rea, an experienced and respected industry figure who works for the California Construction & Industrial Materials Association (CalCIMA), and Russell W. Snyder of CalAPA, reputed to have some newsletter-editing credentials. Both said they would work hard to uphold the standards set by Carroll and Luce, as well as previous RPC leaders, to represent and communicate to all stakeholders.

→ Safety news: Distracted driving crashes gaining more attention

The problem of distracted driving is becoming a national epidemic, and also drawing extra attention as safety advocates seek to reduce the preventable traffic crashes, injuries and deaths that result.

Our colleagues over at the Safety Center are launching a public awareness campaign on the importance of being aware of, and avoiding, driving while distracted. They have compiled a page of helpful links on the topic that may be of interest to safety professionals or anyone else who cares about safety on the road. You can view it [HERE](#).



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→ Reserve your spots early for the annual CalAPA Golf Tournament Sept. 21 at the Pacific Palms Resort in Southern California

Registration is open for one of the most popular industry events of the year, the annual CalAPA Golf Tournament Sept. 21 at the fabulous Industry Hills Golf Club at the Pacific Palms Resort in Industry, Calif. This event sells out every year so early registration is strongly recommended. Click [HERE](#) to visit the sign-up page.

The golf tournament is sponsored by the CalAPA Southern California Contractors' Committee.

Proceeds from the event help support CalAPA's workforce development efforts, such as its annual International Road Federation fellowship and providing free passes to CalAPA conferences for college students who are aspiring materials engineers.



Golf is never more fun than at CalAPA's annual tournament, set for Sept. 21 in Southern California.

There are numerous sponsorship opportunities to help CalAPA members build their brand and support a good cause. Proceeds from the event benefit CalAPA scholarship programs.

For more information, contact Sophie You of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044.

→ Tech Term of the Week

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

QUALITY CONTROL / QUALITY ASSURANCE (QC/QA): A process where the contractor is responsible for controlling the quality of the mix through design (Job Mix Formula, or JMF) and production (QC), and the owner is responsible for verifying the quality of the mix (Quality Assurance) via various tests and inspection.

→ Quote of the Week

"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen."

Michael Jordan

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Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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