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CalAPA L.A. Technical Committee meeting  
Wednesday, Oct. 4  
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Orange County Public Works,  
1152 Fruit Street, Building 2,

## 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.

## → CalAPA regional technical committee meetings to be held in Santa Ana, San Diego on Oct. 4, linked by 'simulcast'

For the first time, two CalAPA regional technical committee meetings will be conducted simultaneously in Santa Ana and San Diego and be linked via a web-based interface so all participants can benefit from the technical presentation and ask questions in real-time.

The meetings are scheduled to take place on Wednesday, Oct. 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All CalAPA members and public agency representatives are invited to participate in the free meetings, which will be facilitated by CalAPA Technical Director Brandon Milar, P.E. Click [HERE](#) to view an agenda for the "simulcast" meetings.

The Los Angeles Technical Committee meeting will take place at the Orange County Public Works facility, 1152 Fruit Street, Building 2, Conference Room "A," in Santa Ana. The meeting is scheduled to run from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



At the same time, the San Diego Technical Committee meeting will take place at the offices of California Commercial Asphalt, 4211 Ponderosa Ave., Suite C, in San Diego.

The featured technical presenter will be Ray Myers, Executive Director of the Asphalt Interlayer Association, who will discuss best practices for the use of interlayers in pavement construction.

Also on the program, Milar will provide a Caltrans materials specification update, a report on the "Green Book" of public works specifications for local agencies, and reports from local agencies.

For more information on CalAPA regional Technical Committee meetings or to be added to the meeting notification list, contact Milar at (916) 791-5044.

## → SB1 fact sheet released as voices for fixing roads rise up against repeal effort

A new fact sheet has been released to help underscore in a concise way the benefits of SB1, the comprehensive transportation investment measure passed by the Legislature earlier this year. View the fact sheet

Conference Room A, Santa Ana

Contact: Brandon Milar (916) 995-0086

Details [HERE](#)

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California Commercial Asphalt, 4211 Ponderosa Ave., Suite C, San Diego

Contact: Brandon Milar (916) 995-0086

Details [HERE](#)

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### [SIGN-UP NOW!](#)

'Asphalt Pavement 101' class

Tuesday, Oct. 24

10 a.m. TO 2:30 p.m.

National University, Redding Campus, 760 Cypress Ave., Suite 215, Redding

Contact: Ritha Nhorn (916) 791-5044

Details [HERE](#).

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### [REGISTRATION OPEN!](#)

CalAPA Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference & Equipment Expo (plus optional 'Asphalt Pavement 101' training class)

Wednesday & Thursday,  
Oct. 25 & 26

Doubletree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento  
Details [HERE](#).

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### [SAVE THE DATE!](#)

Southern California Contractors' Committee 'End Zone' mixer  
Monday, Nov. 6

Karl Strauss Brewing Company, 2390 E.

Orangewood Ave., Irvine  
Details soon!

Contact: Sophie You at (916)

[HERE](#).

Some Republican elected official in California are supporting a repeal of the bill, passed by a two-thirds majority of the Legislature and signed by Gov. Jerry Brown. It will generate an estimated \$52 billion over 10 years for transportation improvements, with most of the funds going to pavements. The money to pay for the overdue work comes from the first gas tax increase in California, .12 cents per gallon, in more than two decades.



CalAPA and other groups joined a letter to the backers of the SB1 repeal effort, which attracted widespread media attention last week. Unlike the health care "repeal and replace" drama that unfolded in Washington in recent months, the California "repeal" aimed at transportation has no credible "replace" alternative other than more potholes.

An in-depth story about the SB1 repeal effort, and the backlash, was featured in the Sept. 18 issue of *Asphalt Insider*, which can be viewed [HERE](#).

For resources on how to contact your local elected official and communicate your views on the importance of SB1 for our state, visit the CalAPA Legislative Action page [HERE](#). An SB1 resource page is [HERE](#).

## [→](#) New version of free pavement smoothness software released

A new version of the ProVAL pavement smoothness software has been released, improving some features and fixing some technical bugs. Click [HERE](#) to download the free software (Version 3.6.1.24).

ProVAL has been incorporated into specifications for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), FHWA Federal Lands and U.S. state departments of transportation. A consultant, the Transtec Group, provides ProVAL user support and training in cooperation with the FHWA and assists state DOTs during the process of incorporating the software into specifications.

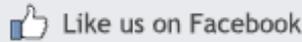
For more information, contact George Chang of Transtec Group, a GKChang(at)TheTranstecGroup(dot)com or via phone at: (510) 451-6233.

***Editor's Note:*** the "@" symbol and the (.) symbol in the e-mail address above has been replaced by ("at") and {"dot"} to deter malicious spam software.

## [→](#) With the Olympics coming to L.A. in 2028, it's another chance to stroll down Memory Lane (paved with asphalt, of course)

***Editor's Note:*** By now you've heard the news that Los Angeles has been selected as the host city for the Summer Olympic Games in 2028, the fourth time California has welcomed the world's best

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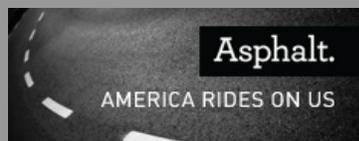
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## GET TECHNICAL

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.



athletes to our fair state (three Summer Olympic Games and one Winter Games).

*You may not be as familiar with the role asphalt pavements played in previous Olympics held in Los Angeles in 1932 and again in 1984.*

*Longtime readers of this publication may recall our report that was published on March 5, 2012 about the 1932 Games. Since we believe in recycling, here is the report again in its entirety:*

Later this year the eyes of the world will be upon London, host of the "Games of the XXX Olympiad," or more informally, the Summer Olympic Games -- the world's biggest sporting event.

California has a rich Olympic history, having hosted the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif., in 1960, and the Summer Games in Los Angeles in 1932 and again in 1984.

What does this have to do with asphalt, you ask? Read on.

First, some history. In 1932 Los Angeles was ambitious and forward-looking, with civic leaders and business interests intent on showing off the emerging metropolis as more than wide sandy beaches and movie studios.

When Los Angeles secured the Games, the Chamber of Commerce entered into an agreement to include a promotional publication as part of the official Olympic program. The program was "wrapped" in a publication called the "California Journal of Development," a product of, as it was known then, the "State Chamber of Commerce." Today we might call this an innovative "public-private partnership."

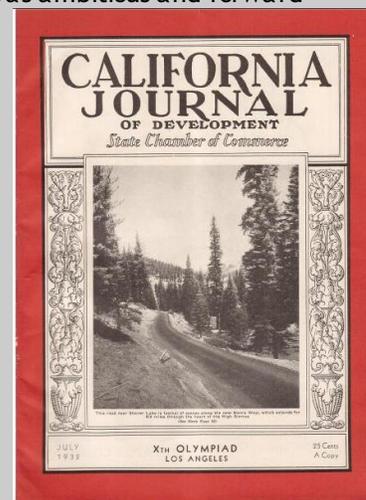
The cover featured a photo of an asphalt highway near Shaver Lake, which the caption stated "is typical of scenes along the new Sierra Way, which extends for 800 miles through the heart of the High Sierras." An article inside touted the emerging route as "regarded as the most magnificent road project ever undertaken in the United States" and drew parallels to the famed Appian Way in ancient Rome. We said it was promotional, right?

On Page 4 of the program is a full-page report by the Asphalt Institute titled "Only Asphalt Can Meet these changed conditions." The article, which includes photos of roads and roadwork, touts the flexibility and adaptability of asphalt pavements for a growing state and nation, and also includes a nod to civil engineers:

"Progressive engineers, who know from practical experience that there is no phase of highway paving that has not been most successfully met by the use of asphalt, have turned to this age-old builder."

The article goes on to tout many of the benefits of asphalt pavements that are well-known today -- smooth, durable, cost-effective and recyclable. A good idea, it seems, never goes out of fashion.

To view a PDF of the official 1932 Olympics program cover and the Asphalt Institute article, click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#). Our thanks to the Mumford family of Glendale for sharing this gem from our past.



**Asphalt promotion was front-and-center during the 1932 L.A. Olympic Games.**

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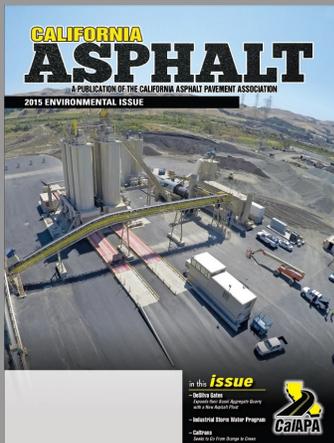
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## MAGAZINE



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## STAY INFORMED

**Next week:** Our report of how traffic nightmares predicted for the 1984 Games in Los Angeles never materialized thanks to an impressive traffic management plan and cooperation from L.A. motorists and businesses.

## → Featured video: More than just building roads, we're building dreams

Take a two-minute break from the crush of your workday to enjoy this clever promotional video produced by the Asphalt Pavement Alliance about road-building.

Click [HERE](#) to view the video.

With more emphasis being placed on our vital transportation network, particularly our roads, the video is a good reminder that careers in the road-building business are in demand, rewarding and fun.



For more information and resources about asphalt pavements, click [HERE](#) to visit the Asphalt Pavement Alliance webpage. We've collected a few of our favorite videos on the CalAPA video web page, which 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.

**PLANT MIX:** A mixture produced in an asphalt mixing plant that consists of mineral aggregate uniformly coated with asphalt cement or liquid asphalt.

## → Quote of the Week

"I am not afraid of an army of lions led by a sheep; I am afraid of an army of sheep led by a lion."

**Alexander the Great**

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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