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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.

## → SB1 boosts Caltrans maintenance program by more than \$7 billion; 1,000 improvement projects are in the pipeline

When most people hear the word "shop," they think of a weekly trip to the supermarket, or perhaps checking out an on-line sale at Amazon or a favorite department store. But in the world of asphalt pavements in California, the "SHOPP" is one of the most important terms in our world.

SHOPP is an acronym meaning "State Highway Operations Protection Program," and is the key fund, and list of projects, that as its name suggests results in projects that repair or rehabilitate pavements and other state-owned transportation infrastructure.

Although rarely mentioned by name other than by policy wonks, the SHOPP was nevertheless the signature feature of last year's landmark passage of SB1, the 10-year, \$50 billion transportation investment measure. The bill's primary focus was "fix it first," or investing money to maintain the state's current transportation system, over building new facilities or capacity. The program focusing on new facilities is known as the STIP, or State Transportation Improvement Program.

Years of dwindling funds for maintenance resulted in the crumbling roads and drumbeat of public complaints that reached a crescendo at this time last year when the Legislature passed, and Gov. Jerry Brown signed into law, SB1, authored by state Sen. Jim Beall, D-San Jose. The signature revenue compromise in the bill, a 12-cent per gallon increase in the state's fuel tax -- the first such hike since 1994 -- kicked in in November.



***The passage of SB1 means a big jump in paving work across California, resulting in a smoother ride for motorists.***

The resulting new revenue sent transportation planners back to the drawing board, dusting off dormant maintenance projects and designing new ones, which should start to appear on bid lists this construction season.

Caltrans last week submitted a revised SHOPP to the Legislature last week, as required by law to do every two years, and it bore little resemblance to the bare-bones programs of recent years. The 2018 SHOPP includes 1,000 projects valued at \$18 billion over four years,

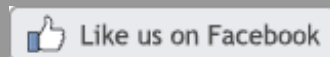
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'Asphalt Pavement 101'  
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to noon  
University of Phoenix, 9665  
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Register [HERE](#).  
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which is a whopping \$7 billion more than the 2016 SHOPP.

"In prior years, we had to postpone projects due to lack of funds but now we are accelerating those projects that are improving our roads, bridges, drainage systems and reducing congestion," said Caltrans Director Laurie Berman in announcing the new SHOPP. "We have a long list of projects and road work that needs to get done, and SB1 funds allow us to get it done benefiting communities across the state."

Indeed, the paltry 2016 SHOPP and STIP may have represented a crossroads for all transportation stakeholders, according to new California Transportation Commission Chairwoman Fran Inman. In an exclusive interview for the current issue of CalAPA's "California Asphalt" magazine, she recalled how the commission came face-to-face with a hard dose of reality in the form of skyrocketing maintenance costs and dwindling funds, forcing the commission to reduce its fund estimate.

"I do think that moment ... was a defining moment for a lot of folks," Inman said. You can read the full interview [HERE](#).

The 2018 update of the STIP also gets a boost from SB1. It contains \$3.28 billion for projects over the next five years. Over \$2 billion of the STIP is newly available money, official say.

The full Caltrans announcement about the updated SHOPP can be found [HERE](#). The Caltrans SHOPP web page, which has additional information, is [HERE](#). The newly updated SHOPP is [HERE](#). The updated STIP is [HERE](#).

Under SB1, half of the money generated for transportation improvements goes to cities and counties. To see a list of projects, click [HERE](#) to go to the SB1 information page.

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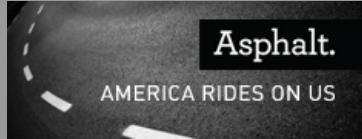
*A CalAPA-produced SB1 bumper sticker, which are starting to show up on vehicles across the state. The design was inspired by Rene Verduyssen of Knife River, which emphasizes how all Californians benefit from safe, well-maintained roads.*

## → National Work Zone Safety Week reminds us all that 'A Moment Can Save a Life'

As we mark national "National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week" across California and the nation, we once again spotlight a powerful public service announcement recently unveiled at the National Asphalt Pavement Association Annual Meeting earlier this year in San Diego.

The 3-minute PSA, titled "A Moment Can Save a Life," delivers a memorable message about

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## GET TECHNICAL

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## BACK ISSUES

Did you miss an issue of the *California Asphalt Insider*? No problem! Past editions of the newsletter are available at the CalAPA newsletter [archive page](#).

the life-and-death consequences of a moment of inattention when driving in a work zone. Click [HERE](#) to view the video.

As the introductory web page to the video notes, every year more than 600 people are killed in roadway construction zones, many more are hurt and countless lives impacted forever.



Screen capture from the PSA, "A Moment Can Save a Life."

Do what you can to share this video and its important message: When on the road near an active work zone, or anytime, slow down, stay alert, avoid distractions and arrive at your destination safely. And, of course, never get behind the wheel if you are impaired in any way by drugs or alcohol. We're all counting on you.

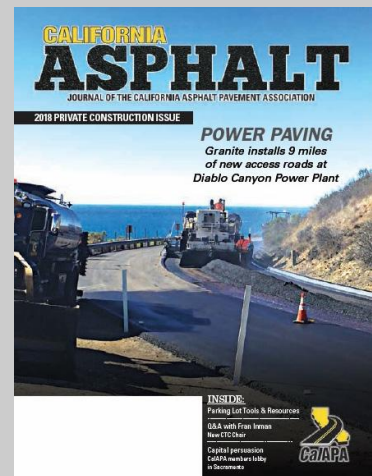
For more National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week information and resources, click [HERE](#).

## → Private Construction issue of CalAPA's *California Asphalt* magazine is now on-line

The Private Construction issue of CalAPA's official magazine, *California Asphalt*, will be arriving in mailboxes this week. The issue spotlights parking lot construction best practices, checklists and a complex paving job at the Diablo Canyon Power Plant performed by Granite Construction. Click [HERE](#) to view the issue.

The issue also features an exclusive interview with new California Transportation Commission Chairwoman Fran Inman, who will be the featured speaker at the CalAPA Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference & Equipment Expo April 25-26 in Ontario.

Regular features in this edition of the magazine include a report on the CalAPA state Capitol "Fly-in" to Sacramento, and other industry and agency news. The magazine is produced and mailed every other month to nearly 5,000 CalAPA members, industry leaders and agency representatives around California. To submit story ideas or for advertising inquiries, contact Kerry Hoover of Construction Marketing Services at (909) 772-3121. An advertising rate sheet is [HERE](#).



## → Hurry! 'Early-bird' discount pricing ends today for CalAPA Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference & Expo April 25-26 in Ontario

Everyone loves a good deal, but this one ends today. Discounted "early-bird" pricing expires at midnight for the CalAPA Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference & Equipment Expo, which will be held April 25-26 at the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario. Click [HERE](#) for details and to register on-line. A timed agenda of topics, concurrent sessions and



## MAGAZINE



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## GET CERTIFIED!



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speakers is [HERE](#).

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 keynote speaker Fran Inman, new chairwoman of the California Transportation Commission. A noted authority on goods-movement and infrastructure, she will discuss the historic passage of the 2017 Road Repair & Accountability Act and what the 10-year, \$50 billion bill means for state and local transportation programs.

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



*CTC Chair Fran Inman*

The two-day conference also 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 allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Click [HERE](#) for exhibitor and sponsor information, or contact Sophie You of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044 for details.

The conference begins at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, and wraps up at noon on Thursday, April 26 at the Doubletree, 222 N. Vineyard Ave. in Ontario. Also back this year is a popular networking reception the evening of April 25, which is free for all attendees who RSVP. Information on discounted lodging rates at the Doubletree is accessible on the website. A limited number of rooms are available at the special rate for conference attendees, so early room reservation is recommended.

Back by popular demand this year is an optional on-site "Asphalt Pavement 101" class April 25 from 8 a.m. to noon, immediately before the conference at the same venue, taught by former Caltrans senior materials engineer Roger Smith. All class attendees will receive a handy reference book, and handsome certificate of completion. Food is included.

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

Program (JTCP) for materials technicians is holding classes in Northern and Southern California. Click [HERE](#) to visit our JTCP resource page to learn more.

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*The outdoor displays of the latest equipment are a popular feature of the annual CalAPA Spring Conference & Equipment Expo in Ontario.*

## → Tech Term of the Week

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

**PATCH:** Placement of a repair material to replace a localized defect in the pavement surface.

## → Paving Pointer of the Week

***Editor's Note:*** *This week we launch a new feature, "Paving Pointer of the Week." Each week we will highlight a key point or best practice of interest to asphalt paving crews, inspectors and others. We welcome suggestions.*

**PRE-CONSTRUCTION REVIEW:** Every paving project should start with a detailed review of the project's contract, plans, and specifications. Any questions arising from this review should be promptly directed to the design firm's engineers.

## → Quote of the Week

"When we are no longer able to change a situation -- we are challenged to change ourselves."

Viktor E. Frankl

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,

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Executive Director  
California Asphalt Pavement Association (CaAPA)

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