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'Asphalt Pavement 101' class
Tuesday, May 8, 8 a.m. to noon
City of West Sacramento
City Hall, First Floor
Galleria, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento.
Contact: Ritha Nhorn (916) 791-5044
Sign-up [HERE](#).

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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.

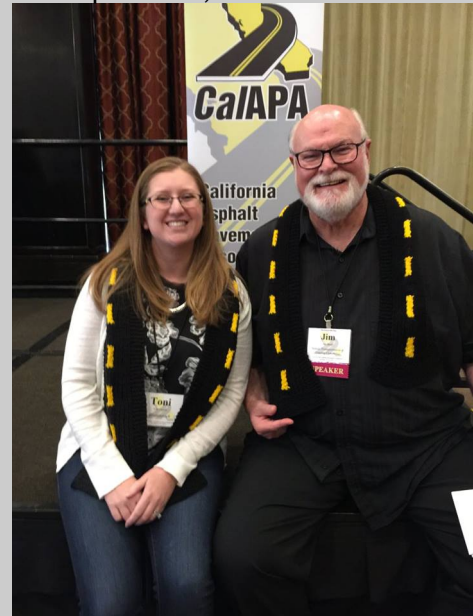
→ Voters will have a say as SB1 'potholes vs. pocketbooks' fight heats up

California voters will have the final word on transportation funding as a road tax protection measure known as Proposition 69 will be on the June primary ballot. Meanwhile, anti-tax forces say they have collected enough signatures for a November ballot measure to repeal SB1, the landmark road-repair bill passed last year by the Legislature.

One media outlet has labeled the upcoming battle as "potholes vs. pocketbooks."

After many years of fits and starts, the California Legislature passed the most significant transportation legislation in a generation, the Road Repair & Accountability Act of 2017, which is intended to invest more than \$5 billion per year for transportation, with most of the money devoted to state and local road repairs.

The bill, passed by a two-thirds "super majority" of the Legislature as required by California's Constitution, was signed into law April 29, 2017 by Gov. Jerry Brown. The historic legislation, which is expected to generate more than \$50 billion over the next decade, came in response to years of declining budgets for road maintenance, which resulted in California roadways falling apart at an alarming rate. A major source of funds for maintaining the state's transportation infrastructure, a state gas tax, has not been raised since 1994 and due to inflation has lost about half of its buying power.



State Sen. Jim Beall, D-San Jose and SB1 author (right) with Toni Carroll of Graniterock, display asphalt-inspired scarves at last Fall's CalAPA asphalt conference.

Pump prices for gasoline rose by 12 cents per gallon on Nov. 1, along with vehicle registration fees, and state and local agencies announced plans to accelerate long-delayed road improvement projects in anticipation of the new funding. SB1 author Sen. Jim Beall, D-San Jose, spoke at the CalAPA Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference in Oct. 25 and commended the asphalt pavement industry for all their support and encouragement over the years, which he said was instrumental in getting SB1 over the finish line.

REGISTRATION OPEN!

Transportation Construction Coalition "Fly-in" to the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

May 15-16, 2018

Details [HERE](#).

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SAVE THE DATE!

CalAPA 'Day at the Races' at Del Mar Race Track, Del Mar, CA.

Saturday, July 21.

Contact: Sophie You (916) 791-5044

Details soon!

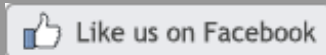
SAVE THE DATES!

Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference, Oct. 24-25

Doubletree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento.

For sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities, contact Sophie You at (916) 791-5044.

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SB1 was part of a package of companion bills passed by the Legislature, including a proposed Constitutional Amendment to protect transportation dollars that will appear on the June 5 primary ballot as Proposition 69. It will place transportation dollars in a legal "lock box" so that they cannot be diverted or otherwise used for anything else than their intended purpose. The measure was authored by Assemblyman Jim Frazier, D-Oakley, Chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee. It has attracted widespread support and no organized opposition.

More troubling for transportation advocates, meanwhile, is the potential for repealing SB1. Republican candidates for governor, Travis Allen and John Cox, are championing a signature-gathering campaign to place an SB1 repeal measure on the November ballot, which would also require any future transportation tax measures

to be endorsed by two-thirds of the electorate. A conservative radio host from Southern California, Carl DeMaio, also has been promoting the campaign, which requires the collection of 585,407 signatures of registered voters to qualify for the Nov. 6 ballot.

The campaign did not appear to be on a trajectory to collect enough signatures by the May 21 deadline until Republican members of Congress, led by Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy of Bakersfield, pumped hundreds of thousands of dollars into the campaign to hire paid signature-gatherers. Political operatives fearing a loss of Republican House seats in the upcoming midterm elections, particularly in vulnerable California districts, have seized upon an SB1 repeal campaign as a way to motivate conservative, anti-tax voters to go to the polls in November.

In his State of the State address earlier this year, his last as governor, Brown said "fighting a gas tax may appear to be good politics, but it isn't." He pledged to "do everything in my power to defeat any repeal effort that gets on the ballot."

So far, local county registrars are evaluating the validity of the signatures turned in for the proposed ballot measure. If enough valid signatures are indeed collected, the Secretary of State will certify the measure and give it a ballot designation.

Political observers have noted that the political battle has put congressional Republicans from California in an awkward position, campaigning to repeal a state tax at a time when the Trump administration is emphasizing a reduced role for the federal government in transportation and other matters, instead asking states to take on a greater role.

Meanwhile, state and local governments continue to push forward with long-dormant transportation-improvement projects made possible by SB1. As motorists (and voters) see the tangible results from the new tax dollars, the thinking goes, they will make the connection between SB1 and better roads.

To learn more, visit the "Rebuilding California" SB1 implementation page [HERE](#). The Fix Our Roads coalition page is [HERE](#). CalAPA has posted an SB1 fact sheet on its website [HERE](#). Another fact sheet of common myths of SB1 is [HERE](#).



CalAPA has distributed thousands of SB1 bumper stickers around the state to promote transportation improvements made possible by the new law.



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.



State Sen Jim Beall shows off his SB1 bumper sticker during a meeting earlier this year at the Capitol. Pictured, from left: Steve Ward, Pavement Recycling Systems, Brian Handshoe, Kenco Engineering, Scott Dmytrow, Telfer Pavement Technologies, Beall, Jim Ryan, Alon Asphalt/Delek US (Marathon), and Mike Herlax, Syar Industries.

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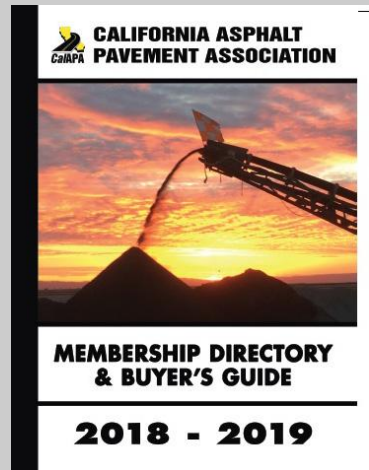
→ Do business with a CalAPA member! CalAPA updated 'Buyer's Guide' now on-line

The 2018-19 edition of the CalAPA " Membership Directory & Buyer's Guide" is currently hitting mailboxes of CalAPA members. The exclusive member benefit includes valuable contact information on all members of the association, as well as an exhaustive reference guide that that will come in handy all year long.

CalAPA members have demonstrated leadership in supporting the advancement of the industry, and by abiding by a Code of Ethics, which can be found [HERE](#).

If that sounds like someone you would like to do business with, the "Buyer's Guide" portion of the directory is on-line and available to the public. It lists all CalAPA members by category of the product or service they provide. It can be downloaded [HERE](#) in PDF format.

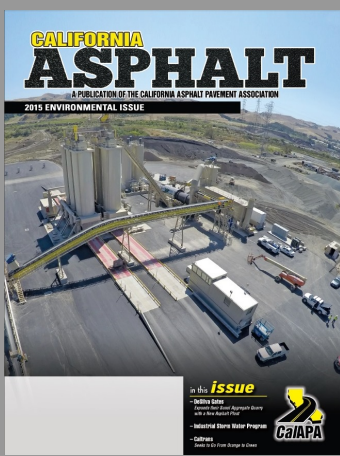
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→ Call for presentations: CalAPA Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference Oct. 24-25 in Sacramento

CalAPA members and agency personnel are invited to submit presentation topic ideas for consideration for the Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference, to be held Oct. 24-25 in Sacramento.

The annual event, which is attended by more than 200 industry and



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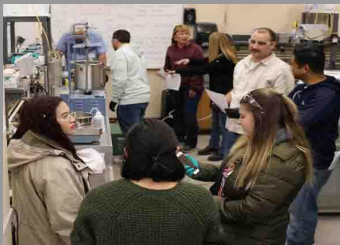
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agency personnel, features a wide array of topics and presenters providing the latest information on best-practices, technical advancements, research, industry trends, public works projections and more. Presentations from past CalAPA conferences can be found on the association's SlideShare page [HERE](#).



Dr. Adam Hand of UNR presents last month at the CalAPA Spring Asphalt Conference in Ontario.

Contact Brandon Milar of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044 with topic ideas and

suggestions. For exhibitor and sponsor questions, 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.

CRACK FILLING: The placement of materials into non-working cracks to substantially reduce the intrusion of incompressibles and infiltration of water, while also reinforcing the adjacent pavement. Crack filling should be distinguished from crack sealing.

→ Paving Pointer of the Week

Each week we highlight a key point or best practice of interest to asphalt paving crews, inspectors and others working in the field. We welcome suggestions.

ASPHALT MIXTURE: Ask yourself: Is this the correct mix type for the project and the layer you are constructing? Verify that the truck delivery ticket matches the approved mix design.

→ Quote of the Week

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

Thomas A. Edison

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Sincerely,

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California Asphalt Pavement Association (CalAPA)

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