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## CALENDAR

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**SAVE THE DATES!**  
Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference, Wednesday & Thursday, Nov. 6-7  
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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
CalAPA Annual Dinner  
Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020,  
5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Jonathan Club, 545 S.

## 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.

## → FEDERAL UPDATE: At long last, some movement in Washington on \$287 Billion, 5-year transportation reauthorization bill

Before heading off to an August recess, the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works passed a long-term federal highway reauthorization bill that represented the first significant movement on federal transportation funding in four years. August is a critical month for grassroots action to let members of Congress know the time for action is now.

Known as America's Transportation Infrastructure Act (ATIA), the massive bill would authorize \$287 billion in highway and bridge construction over five years, which represents a 27.4 percent increase over the last authorization bill. As a general rule of thumb, California will see about one dollar out of every 10 dollars in any federal transportation bill.

The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) and other national coalition partners rallying around federal infrastructure funding issue say the bill is critical to repair and maintain critical highways, roads and bridges across the United States. An in-depth NAPA summary of the provisions that will impact the asphalt industry is [HERE](#).

Significantly, a five-year bill will provide stability for state transportation departments to plan, design and advertise projects with a clear understanding of the funding available.

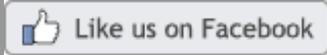
The last comprehensive surface transportation act was passed in 1988, and in the years since the federal government has made do with short-term measures that didn't address the dwindling federal Highway Trust Fund. On Dec. 4, 2015, President Obama signed into law HR 22, known as "Fixing America's Surface Transportation" (FAST) Act of 2015, which authorized funds for Federal-aid highway safety programs. The five-year, \$305 billion legislation -- \$281 billion allocated to highway and road projects -- did provide a measure of stability but still no long-term fix for the Highway Trust Fund. Calls to raise the federal fuel tax, similar to what was done in California in 2017 with SB1, have failed to gain traction thus far.



The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on July 31 passed S. 2302 on a bipartisan vote, but it does not contain revenue in the form of user fees needed to pay for the bill. Identifying the so-called "pay-fors" in Washington-speak will fall to the Senate

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Committee on Finance, which is led by Sen. Charles Grassley (R-IA).

In the meantime, NAPA and other transportation funding champions are once again calling upon the industry to step-up grassroots pressure on members on Congress during the August recess. "ATIA has a long way to go before it becomes law," NAPA said in a recent bulletin. "That's why we need you to tell Congress to take the next steps, including finding a way to pay for sorelyneeded investment in the nation's infrastructure."

Technology has made this easier than ever, with on-line forms that send pre-written letters to your member of Congress when you enter your zip code. The form to reach your senators (Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-CA, and Sen. Kamala Harris, D-CA) is [HERE](#). The form to send a letter to your member of the U.S. House of Representatives is [HERE](#).

Since they are from California, they are well aware of the state Legislature's leadership on transportation funding with the passage of SB1, which is financing billions of dollars of road repairs underway across the state. But transportation funding is a three-legged stool, requiring a solid footing of local, state and federal dollars. That should not be lost on California's largest-in-the-nation Congressional delegation of two senators and 53 representatives.

For more information, click [HERE](#) to visit the NAPA legislative action page. The CalAPA Legislative Action page is [HERE](#).



***A CalAPA-led delegation met with U.S. Rep. Salud Carbejal (center) and others on May 15 in Washington, D.C., to discuss transportation funding.***

## → I-5 long-life asphalt pavement project gets the gold-shovel treatment

As previously reported by *California Asphalt Insider*, Caltrans is moving forward with a \$370 million Interstate 5 Corridor Enhancement Project that features and award-winning long-life (perpetual) pavement design strategy.

CalAPA members Granite Construction and Teichert Construction have teamed up in a joint venture to deliver the project that will ultimately result in the rehabilitation of

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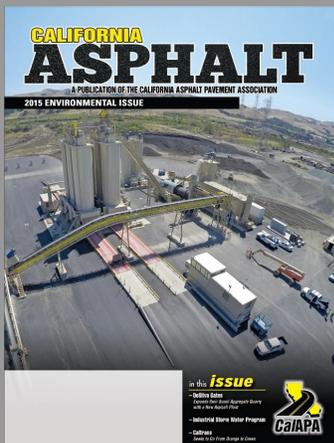
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67 lane-miles of pavement, ramps and connectors with a long-life asphalt pavement design that will last 40 years or longer with minimal maintenance.

The project is ramping up this year, but much of the big closures that could impact downtown Sacramento are expected to take place next year.

Caltrans and other dignitaries joined Teichert and Granite personnel last week to mark the official kick-off of the project, which is a marquee demonstration of SB1 state transportation funds in action. There were plenty of speeches and gold-painted shovels to go around.

The link to the Caltrans page with more information about the I-5 Corridor Enhancement Project is [HERE](#). A previous *Asphalt Insider* story on the project is [HERE](#). A new 7-minute FHWA video that explains the long-life asphalt pavement strategy is [HERE](#).



*At the I-5 ground-breaking event in Sacramento (from left): Dana Davis, President of Teichert Materials; Mary Teichert, Teichert Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer; Mike Tatusko, Vice President, Granite Construction; and Eric Stannard, Teichert Vice President of Public Works. (Photo courtesy of Teichert Construction.)*

## → Find the 'Women of Asphalt' from CA

Women of Asphalt are all around us, and more are achieving prominence every day. The official magazine of the National Asphalt Pavement Association recently highlighted many prominent women on the cover of its magazine, including several from California. Can you find them? A link to an electronic copy of the magazine is [HERE](#).

NAPA highlighted the following women from California: Brenda Mooney with Valero; Lisa Wolf, Road Science, a Division of ArrMaz Custom Chemicals; Rita Leahy, former Technical Director for CalAPA; and Sallie Houston, VSS International. In addition, there are some familiar names who have spoken recently at CalAPA conferences in California: Amy Epps Martin from Texas A&M University, and Amy Miller, national director of the Asphalt Pavement Alliance.

Of course, there are many more prominent women in our industry, which presents us with numerous additional recognition opportunities in the future.

The official CalAPA magazine, *California Asphalt*, featured a heroic interpretation of the women in our industry, including those who spoke at a special asphalt pavement conference panel discussion held last year in Sacramento. You can read the issue [HERE](#). In addition to Leahy, Miller and Epps Martin, the panel featured Mary Teichert from Teichert Construction, Toni Carroll with Graniterock and Corina



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Borroel Wong with Granite Construction.

We're looking forward to many more stories like this as we promote the many rewarding careers in the asphalt industry.

## → Tech Term of the Week

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

**SUBBASE:** The course in the asphalt pavement structure immediately below the base course is the sub-base. If the subgrade soil is of adequate quality, it may serve as the sub-base.

## → 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. More tips can be found in our Asphalt Parking Lot Construction Checklist [HERE](#).*

**SUBSOIL:** Is the base layer/subsoil firm and unyielding under the pressure of repeated construction trucks? Is the soil dry enough to support heavy construction? Can the soil hold its shape under loaded trucks? If the site is wet, postpone until the site is sufficiently dry and can be proof rolled and uniform stability is obtained.

## → Quote of the Week

"Anxiety is the dizziness of freedom."

Soren Kierkegaard

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, events and trends 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  
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