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SEATS GOING FAST!

'Asphalt Pavement 101'
class

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 8 a.m. to noon

University of Phoenix, 9645
Granite Ridge Drive, San Diego

Contact: Sophie You (916)
791-5044

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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.

→ Registration open for Annual Asphalt Pavement Conference April 15-17 at Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa in Anaheim

Registration is now open for an expanded California Asphalt Pavement Conference to be held April 15-17 at Disney's Grand Californian Hotel and Spa in Anaheim. Details and on-line registration can be found [HERE](#).

The conference will bring together respected experts and policy-shapers from around the country for a once-a-year event packed with information. Presentation topics will include Hot Mix Asphalt design, specification changes; testing; paving; future trends; public works funding; research projects and the status of evaluations.

The event will also include a trade show exhibit area with the latest information on asphalt-related equipment, products, services and technology.

In addition to the main conference program April 16-17, there will be an optional evening reception on April 15, which also will take place at Disney's California Adventure Resort & Spa. Substantial discounts on hotel rooms are available to conference attendees. A link to a hotel room reservation page is on the

event website, or you can call (714) 520-5005 and reference the "California Asphalt Pavement Association conference" and the discount code "CalAPA." There is a limited number of rooms at the Disney Grand Californian Hotel & Spa at the special conference rate, so early registration is strongly recommended. The discounted rate expires on March 15 or when the limited number of rooms are reserved.

There are several sponsorship opportunities, including a limited number of trade show booths. The choice spots go fast to early reservation is strongly recommended. There is no better way to directly target decision-makers and decision-influencers in the construction industry as well as public agency personnel. Contact Sophie You of CalAPA for details at (916) 791-5044.



Patti Neat with Valero staffs a booth at a previous CalAPA conference.

CalAPA Annual Dinner
Thursday, Jan. 16, 5:30
p.m. to 9 p.m.
Jonathan Club, 545 S.
Figuroa Street, Los Angeles.
Contact Sophie You at (916)
791-5044 for sponsorship and
table-reservation
information.
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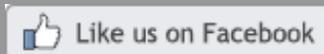
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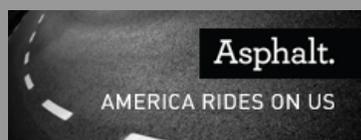


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→ Caltrans State Materials Engineer Dan Speer announces retirement

Dan Speer, chief of the Caltrans Division of Materials Engineering & Testing Services (METS) for Caltrans, announced his retirement effective the end of this year. Speer, a 35-year employee of Caltrans is also a member of the Caltrans-industry Pavement & Materials Partnering Committee (PMPC) Executive Committee that oversees specification and test-method review and approval.

Another member of the PMPC Executive Committee, Deputy Division Chief of Construction Chief Ray Hopkins, will serve as acting chief of METS until a permanent replacement is named.

"I'm grateful for the opportunities that I've had to work on a variety of significant projects here at Caltrans," speer told *Asphalt Insider*. "It's been a pleasure to collaborate with and learn from so many talented people. Many of these people have been involved with the PMPC and CalAPA."

Speer is a graduate of U.C. Davis and is both a registered civil engineer and registered geotechnical engineer in California. His current position also carries the title of State Materials Engineer. The genial and unflappable Speer has served on a number of sub-task group committees on the joint Caltrans-industry Rock Products Committee that reviews and recommends changes to Caltrans construction materials specifications and construction practices. Over his career at Caltrans Speer served the department in increasing roles of responsibility in disciplines related to geotechnical, foundation, bridge engineering, materials engineering, and quality management.



Dan Speer

"We have accomplished much, including realization of the Joint Training and Certification Program, improved Hot Mix Asphalt sampling, improved Hamburg Wheel testing, implementation of Environmental Product Declarations, and have established a sustainable PMPC framework for effective

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partnership and teamwork that will last well beyond my tenure," Speer said. "I am hopeful that, together, industry and Caltrans will find even more value-added improvements to the management of pavement materials quality."

At the time of his appointment to the chief of Caltrans office of Structural Materials in 2016, Tom Ostrom, then-Deputy Division Chief for Structure Policy and Innovation, said of Speer's tenure to that point: "Dan has established business practices, increased efficiencies, enhanced credibility, developed new specifications and pioneered far-reaching, risk-based overall of California's quality management program."



Ray Hopkins



At a July 20, 2011 meeting of the Caltrans-industry Rock Products Committee (since renamed the Pavement & Materials Partnering Committee), Gina Frisby, left, representing Assembly Speaker Pro Tem Fiona Ma, talked about asphalt recycling with Dan Speer of Caltrans (right) as Charley Rea of CalcIMA looks on. Ma carried an asphalt recycling bill in the Legislature.

→ Webinar on mix design strategies for improving performance set for Jan. 10

A free "webinar" titled "Mix Design Strategies for Improving Asphalt Mixture Performance" will be held Friday, Jan. 10 at 11 a.m. PST. On-line registration is [HERE](#).

The webinar, put on by the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA), will discuss adjustments that provide improved performance while considering impacts on cost and use of recycled materials.

Over the past decade, most state highway agencies have made adjustments to the Superpave mix design procedure with the goal of improved pavement performance. Based on a survey of state asphalt pavement associations, research, and historical data, a study conducted by the National Center for Asphalt Technology at Auburn University has identified adjustments that can potentially provide the greatest improvement in pavement performance. The webinar will



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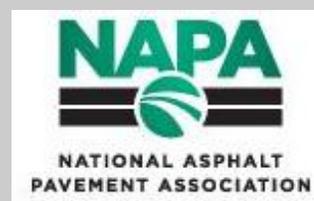
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discuss these adjustments and their impacts on cost and use of recycled materials. The study was underwritten by a pooled research fund supported by NAPA and state asphalt pavement associations, including CalAPA.



The webinar presenters include: Gerry Huber, Associate Director of Research, Heritage Research Group; Bill Pine, Quality Control Director of Asphalt Technology, Heritage Construction and Materials; and Dr. Nam Tran, Assistant Director, Associate Research Professor - National Center for Asphalt Technology at Auburn University.

For information on other NAPA webinars, click [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.

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS: Refers to the Standard Specifications published periodically by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The Standard Specifications can be modified by Revised Standard Specifications (RSS).

→ 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](#).

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG: Call 8-1-1 prior to construction when planscall for any type of excavation so that the location of underground utilities can be verified and marked. More information on the 8-1-1 program in California can be found [HERE](#).

→ Quote of the Week

"Hypocrisy is a tribute vice pays to virtue."

François de La Rochefoucauld

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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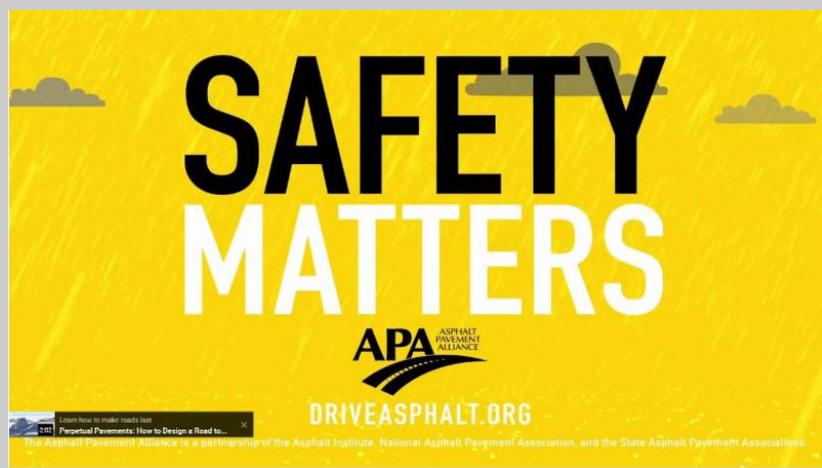
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