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More Wins for Transportation Funding in Missouri.

In July, MoDOT was awarded an $81.2 Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant to replace the I-70 Missouri River bridge at Rocheport and add climbing lanes on I-70 at Mineola Hill. This is the largest competitive grant MoDOT has ever received. This INRA Grant triggers $301 million in bonding, authorized by the Missouri Legislature during the 2019 session, to repair or replace 215 bridges across the state. This in turn will free up $301 million for new projects to be added to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). In August, MoDOT was the recipient of a $20.7 million federal grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Competitive Highway Bridge Program to replace 40 bridges in northern Missouri.

When you consider the $100 million in General Revenue that was allocated by the Missouri Legislature during the 2019 session, the two grants received by MoDOT along with the bridge bonding program, transportation funding in Missouri will receive over $500 million in new money. While these are not sustained new revenue streams, they will have a significant short-term impact on the transportation infrastructure in Missouri. We would not be where we are today without the leadership of Governor Mike Parson, Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe, the Missouri General Assembly, the Missouri Congressional Delegation and our partners at MoDOT. As we head into the 2020 legislative session in just a few short months, it is as important as ever to keep the conversation going and find a long-term solution to Missouri’s transportation funding issues.
Summer 2019

Upcoming MAPA Event

The 2020 Annual MAPA Conference is set for January 6-8 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, MO. Every year we look forward to this event as it signals the beginning of another great construction season. Before the season begins, it’s best to get caught up on the outlook of the industry and check out the new innovative technologies available from exhibitors on the showroom floor. We pride ourselves on bringing you information on the most current industry news. Along with education, the conference gives you a fantastic opportunity to network with peers and meet other industry professionals.

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Asphalt pavements are the most consistently recycled material in the United States. Every day as part of maintenance and improvement projects, old asphalt pavement material is reclaimed from roads and parking lots and then put back to use in new pavements.

In fact, according to the latest industry survey by the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) more than 100 million tons of reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) was collected for re-use in the United States during 2018, saving some 61.4 million cubic yards of landfill space. This survey has been conducted for each construction season since 2009 by NAPA, and it has consistently found that nearly 100 percent of RAP is put to beneficial uses, primarily new asphalt pavements.

"Over the years, we’ve seen steady advancement in the amount of RAP being used across the country. This has been the result of concerted engineering efforts by industry and road owners to research and apply best practices to ensure we maintain or improve performance while increasing the use of recycled materials,” stated NAPA President & CEO Audrey Copeland, Ph.D., P.E. “As interest grows in incorporating other recycled materials into pavements, we must continue to gain a solid understanding of how new materials affect pavement performance before we move to widespread deployment.”

Nationally, the average amount of RAP in new asphalt pavements during 2018 was 21.1 percent, which is the highest level reported since the survey began in 2009. The survey found that 82.2 million tons of RAP, along with 1.05 million tons of recycled asphalt shingles (RAS) were used in 389.3 million tons of new asphalt pavement mixes in the United States during 2018.

An additional 8.8 million tons of RAP and RAS were used as aggregate, in cold-mix asphalt, and other road-building activities. The survey also found that at year-end 2018 about 111.7 million tons of RAP and RAS was stockpiled for future use across the country.

—MORE—Although national usage estimates were not calculated, respondents to the survey reported recycling some 1.8 million tons of recycled tire rubber, steel and blast furnace slags, cellulose fiber, and other reclaimed and waste materials into nearly 12.3 million tons of asphalt paving mixtures during 2018.

In total, more than 85 million tons of recycled materials — primarily RAP and RAS — were used in new asphalt pavement mixtures during the 2018 construction season, a 7.6 percent increase from the amount of recycled materials used in 2017. The use of RAP and RAS alone resulted in cost savings of more than $2.9 billion compared to the use of virgin materials.
The use of recycled asphalt continues to grow. In 2018, the asphalt pavement industry survey for the 2018 construction season showed that asphalt mixture producers have a strong record of employing sustainable practices and continue to increase their use of recycled materials and warm-mix asphalt (WMA).

A decade ago, WMA technologies were a novel idea. In 2018, though, more than half the asphalt pavement mixture tonnage produced in 23 states used WMA technologies, and in six of those states, it was more than 75 percent of the tonnage," stated John Harper, 2019 NAPA Chairman and Senior Vice President of Construction Partners Inc. in Dothan, Alabama. “While there remains room to grow their use, WMA technologies have become just another tool we can use to produce the best asphalt mixture to meet a given project or agency need.”

The survey was conducted in the first quarter of 2019. Results from 272 companies with 1,329 plants in 49 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and two U.S. territories, along with data from state asphalt pavement associations for 33 states, were used to compile the report. A copy of the full survey report, including a state-by-state breakdown of data, is available at www.asphaltpavement.org/recycling.
Visionary engineers and researchers are constantly innovating asphalt pavements to meet the needs of the future. They’ve created game-changing products like warm-mix asphalt and Thinlays for pavement preservation — and they’re not done yet. The industry is already working on asphalt roads built to accommodate the safe use of driverless vehicles. This commitment to innovation is paving the way for even longer-lasting, higher-performing pavements.

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Summer Social Recap

MAPA’s Annual Summer Social was held at Margaritaville Lake Resort at Lake of the Ozarks this year. We welcomed many from around the state as we came together for a boat ride with Tropic Island Cruises around the lake and dinner at JB’s Boathouse deck.

New this year, we held a live auction for the Emerging Leaders group. The auction was fun filled with abundant entertainment throughout the evening. We would like to thank those that donated and bid during the auction! The next day over twenty golfers tee’d off at the annual golf outing held at The Oaks.

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MAPA-REF Golf Outing

The 20th Annual MAPA-REF Golf Tournament was held on September 25, at Tanglewood Golf Course in Fulton. We welcomed nearly 100 golfers this year at the tournament. The course was set and we tee’d off at 9:30 a.m. There were some great shots this year as many took on the closest to the pin and long drive challenges. We saw some amazing scores as well, the winner of the championship flight shooting a 55.

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