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The Way I See It

We are not done yet! This phrase was uttered by Governor Mike Parson as he outlined his priorities for the state of Missouri during his State of the State address on January 18. One thing is for certain, at least during my career, is that we have never had a Governor that has been as consistent with his priorities as Governor Parson. On the day he was sworn into office, he stated infrastructure and workforce development were his top priorities and he has delivered. Shortly after being sworn into office on June 1, 2018, he became a champion and advocate for Proposition D, which would have raised the motor fuel tax by 10 cents. As we all know it was ultimately rejected by a margin of 54% to 46%. Most would say, well the voters have spoken and move onto other priorities. Governor Parson, however, stayed committed to his priorities and during the 2019 session, championed legislation that utilized \$50 million annually in General Revenue (GR) to create the focus on bridges bonding program that will ultimately replace over 250 deficient bridges, but he wasn't finished yet. On July 13, 2021, he signed into law SB262 which increased the motor fuel tax by 12.5 cents over five years. This in itself was an unbelievable accomplishment as the state motor fuel tax hadn't been increased since the early 90's, but he wasn't finished yet. During the 2022 session he requested, and the legislature approved \$100 million from GR to focus on low volume roads. He also requested, and the legislature approved increasing the cost share program from \$25 million to \$75 million which ultimately yields \$150 million in new infrastructure, all from GR. When you step back and look at all that has been accomplished with regards to infrastructure in just 4 years in office, I must say it's astounding, but as I started this column, he's not done yet. In the state of the state, he touted the success of the low volume road and cost share program, and he called on the legislature to fund, out of GR, the rebuilding of I-70 to the tune of \$859 million. This is far short of the \$2.7 billion estimate, but it's a start. This will not be an easy lift, but the early chatter indicates that rebuilding I-70 may have some legs. As with SB262 this will take a strong grass roots effort to get the rebuilding of I-70 across the finish line. So, as I have said in the past, get involved because it does make a difference and we are not done yet!



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The Black to Basics Spring Training offers amazing topics in safety, inspection/testing, benefits of asphalt design and construction, asphalt plant operations and more! The training is February 22-23, 2023, at the Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia, MO. Attendees may call the hotel directly at 573-445-8531 to book their reservations. Simply mention Group Name: MAPA Spring Training 2023 or Group Code: ASP. To register, use the QR code or visit <https://moasphalt.org/events>.

Below are some of the sessions included in each of the training tracks:

- **Track A: QC/QA**
What is QC/QA?, Roundtable Discussion, Process of Mix Design, Specification Update, Consultant Inspection
- **Track B: Benefits of Asphalt Design & Construction**
Mix Selection, Mix Testing & Inspection, Bidding Documents, Parking Lot Guide, Asset Management, Binders 101
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Please contact Tammy Cavender, MAPA Office Manager, at 573-635-6071 or tammy@moasphalt.org with any questions.



2023 Annual Conference Recap

This year's MAPA Conference was one to remember! Between the amazing speakers, presentations, exhibitors, awards, networking, and fun, MAPA was excited to host its 33rd Annual Conference. Casino night kicked off the conference Monday evening with attendees enjoying their hand at poker, while watching a "not so exciting" NCAA College Football Championship game.

The Exhibit Hall was packed and included over 30 exhibitors, Ken Schrader's race car, and several pieces of heavy equipment. Many exhibitors displayed their products and services for conference attendees to view.

After the Annual MAPA Business Meeting on Tuesday morning, Ken Schrader, Professional Race Car Driver, kicked off the General Session presentations. Following Ken were speakers that gave us a 2023 construction materials outlook and how to be a strong leader.

Immediately following the morning session, attendees moved to the Exhibit Hall for an Awards Luncheon, one of MAPA's favorite conference events. MAPA had the privilege to honor nine different companies with a Quality Paving Award, in addition to Scholarship Winners and this year's Hall of Fame recipient, Dr. David Richardson.

The Tuesday afternoon session included legislative and transportation updates and how to attract tomorrow's workforce with today's leaders. After dinner, the MAPA-REF Raffle and PAC Auction were held. A special thank you to everyone that purchased a raffle ticket and donated an item for the auction. This year we raised over \$12,000.

Wednesday's General Session included discussions on safety and updates from MoDOT Civil Rights Division and Field Office, MAPA Endowed Professors, and MAPA committees.

A huge thank you to the Sponsors, Exhibitors, Speakers, and Attendees for supporting the MAPA Conference this year and making it such a success.



Congratulations to the Following Paving Award Winners!

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1st Place - Missouri Petroleum Products
Fulton City Streets • Callaway County



2nd Place - Maintenance
N.B. West Contracting
Route M • St. Genevieve County

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PRIMARY ROUTE > 50,000 TONS



1st Place - Herzog Contracting Group
I-35 • Daviess County



2nd Place - Emery Sapp & Sons
Main Avenue • Polk County



2nd Place - Pace Construction
Route N • Stoddard County



2nd Place - Capital Paving & Construction
I-70 • Cooper County

FULL DEPTH PAVING



1st Place - Capital Paving & Construction
South Airport Drive • Boone County

PRIMARY ROUTE < 50,000 TONS



1st Place - Pace Construction
US 61 • St. Charles County

AIRPORT PAVING



1st Place - Superior Bowen
Runway 18-36 • Clay County

LONGEVITY



1st Place - Ideker, Inc.
MO-7 • Jackson County



2nd Place - N.B. West Contracting
US 50 • Franklin County



2nd Place - Ideker, Inc.
International Airport Base • Platte County



Municipal Quarterly Roundtable Meetings

For many years the Association has had the MAPA MODoT Quarterly Meeting, a standing quarterly meeting between our members and MoDOT staff. These meetings give our members and the staff at MoDOT the forum to discuss issues that affect the asphalt pavement industry across the state and at the district level.

Understanding the success and seeing the relationships formed because of the dialog at these meetings, Rick Biermann, MAPA's Business Development Director in the St. Louis market, wanted to create a similar opportunity at the Municipal level in the St. Louis Metro market. With the help from Bruce McGregor, the Public Works Director for the City of Olivette, an outline for a quarterly roundtable meeting was created. The goal for these meetings is to bring MAPA members and the owners at the St. Louis area municipal level together to discuss asphalt topics relating to design, production, placement, and inspection. These meetings will give owners the opportunity to learn from other owners, producers and contractors ways to improve every aspect of roadway construction resulting in better pavements delivered at the highest value possible.

In September of last year, MAPA presented its first Municipal Roundtable Meeting hosted by Bruce at the City of Olivette's government center. This first meeting was as successful as anyone could have expected. Over 20 MAPA contractors and municipal employees came together for two hours to discuss local mix designs, asphalt price indexing, how to attract more qualified bidders to municipal projects, and the need to develop a universal quality specification manual

and bid package. The overwhelming reaction to this initial meeting was we need to make this roundtable a recurring event. The second meeting, in late November, was just as successful as the first. Bringing together almost 30 members and owners to discuss Missouri Governor's cost share program, the disbursement of federal infrastructure dollars to the local level, and the incorporation of aesthetic clauses in specifications and/or contracts.

It is amazing to see the main goal of bringing all parties together to build a relationship that will lead to better communication resulting in better pavements delivered at the highest values is being accomplished. The schedule for meetings in 2023 has been set with the first hosted by NB West Contracting on February 15.

Support from our membership is critical to the success of these meetings. Attendance is open to all MAPA members and any of the over 100 St. Louis area municipalities. If you are interested in joining us, please check out the events tab of the MAPA website or reach out to our office to make sure you are added to the invite list.

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2023 EVENTS

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Black to Basics Spring Training

February 22 & 23, 2023
 Holiday Inn Executive Center
 Columbia, MO



Emerging Leaders Clay Bird Shoot

April 26, 2023
 Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports
 Columbia, MO



Summer Social & Meeting

July 26 - 28, 2023
 Chateau on the Lake
 Branson, MO



MAPA-REF Golf Outing

September 20, 2023
 Tanglewood Golf Course
 Fulton, MO

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**MAPA St. Louis
 Quarterly Municipal
 Round Table Meeting**
February 15, 2023

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 Spring Training**
February 22 & 23, 2023
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 Executive Center
 Columbia, MO

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 Committee Meeting**
February 22, 2023

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MAPA Research and Education Fund Scholarship Application Now Open

For many years, MAPA members have shown their commitment and generosity to assisting students finance their educational expenses while attaining a degree related to the asphalt industry. The 2023 school year will be no exception! MAPA is proud to administer the Research and Education Fund (REF) Scholarship Program, which is available to Missouri students at the University and Tech School level.

Scholarships are available for students enrolled in an engineering, construction, surveying, heavy equipment operations, or related field that supports infrastructure. The award criteria are based on the student's character, integrity, leadership, scholastic ability, and potential contribution to the infrastructure field.

Interested and qualified applicants are invited to submit an application and an essay explaining what they hope to accomplish during their career in the field. MAPA awarded 13 scholarships in 2022 to students across the state of Missouri. Applications are submitted January 1 – April 1 each year and are judged by the MAPA-REF Board of Directors.

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