



Concrete Matters

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Welcome to *Concrete Matters*, the monthly publication of the American Concrete Pavement Association -Southwest Chapter. Each month, we will bring you updates on news and events affecting the concrete paving industry in California and Nevada. *Concrete Matters* will keep you up-to-date on the legislative, promotional and technical activities of the ACPA-Southwest Association staff and membership.

You will receive *Concrete Matters* at the end of each month. Remember, ACPA-Southwest is your association working on behalf of the concrete paving industry in California and Nevada. Who else is promoting your workmanship or products?

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ACPA: Now is the Time to Push for Highway Bill



ACPA recently urged the transportation community to make summertime the right time to urge Congress to pass a transportation bill.

"There are many compelling reasons why summertime is the right time to continue the push for the transportation bill," says ACPA President/CEO Jerry Voigt, P.E. A top reason is that the nation's economy continues to falter and unemployment remains at a critical state in the construction industry. Passage of the highway bill would create and sustain well-paying, long-term jobs for people who want to and need to work.

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Twining Lab recently honored Mr. Gary J. Cardamone, Director of Construction Management, Port of Long Beach with the Building Excellence Award.

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Summertime brings many visitors to Washington, D.C., and elected officials may be hearing from many special interest groups during this time. We need to ensure that transportation issues do not get lost amid other requests.

August is traditionally the time when Senators and Representatives return to their home states and districts, and as such, this presents voters with more opportunities to have direct contact with elected officials at town-hall meetings, fundraising events, and other activities.

August 10 marks the sixth anniversary of the signing of the most recent highway bill, which since its expiration, has been extended seven times. Extensions, says Voigt, make it difficult, if not impossible, for businesses to invest in the future, and with no clear timeline for the next transportation bill.

ACPA continues to emphasize the urgency of a quick passage of the transportation bill so our nation's highways can be repaired, providing motorists with smoother, safer and more cost-efficient travel.

courtesy of ACPA

Paving Awards Nominations Deadline Set for Mid-July



The deadline for submitting projects for ACPA's 22nd annual "Excellence in Concrete Pavement" awards is July 15, 2011. Submittals must be for projects completed in the calendar year 2010. To submit projects for award consideration or view complete program details, including eligibility requirements, please [click here](#).

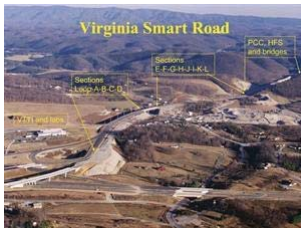
ACPA will formally recognize award winners at our 48th Annual Meeting Awards Banquet, scheduled for Friday, December 2 in Indian Wells, CA.

About the Paving Awards Program

The ACPA Annual Awards for Excellence in Concrete Pavement are designed to honor quality concrete pavements constructed in the United States and Canada each year. The awards program encourages high-quality workmanship in every concrete pavement project and serves as a forum for sharing information about highly successful projects.

The awards program recognizes contractors, engineers, and project owners who completed outstanding projects. Winning an Award for Excellence in Concrete Pavement provides the contractors, engineers, and owners with a level of prestige that can assist them in the development of future projects.

Virginia Smart Road



In the June issue, Concrete Construction magazine featured construction of diamond grinding and grooving test sections on concrete pavements at Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI) Smart Road research facility. The [Virginia Smart Road](#) article details how these newly constructed test sections will help researchers learn more about grinding and grooving. The test section construction was donated by International Grooving and Grinding Association (IGGA) and Safety Grooving and Grinding to take advantage of VTTI's surface characteristics leadership in the United States. Their dedicated research staff conducts annual profiler and skid trailer comparisons. This will allow them to study the impact of grinding and grooving on profiler measurements and on friction test results.

Upcoming Events

July 5 - ACPA meeting with NDOT Director, Carson City

July 7 - 9:00am to noon. Caltrans ACPA Southwest meeting to discuss Section 40. Translab, Sacramento

July 14 - 10:00am to noon. Caltrans Industry Concrete Materials meeting, Translab, Sacramento

July 20 - 1:00 to 3:00. Caltrans Industry Rock Products Committee meeting, Sacramento *invitation only*

Sincerely,

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