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## **A Word from the Director**

Fall is a beautiful time of year in Colorado and we are seeing some BEAUTIFUL paving all around the state. From state highways, county roads, and city streets, to new subdivisions and parking lots, asphalt paving and surface treatment projects are being completed and we are proud of the great work of our member companies. If you are involved in a job that is substantially complete and it turned out great, consider a nomination to the CAPA "Best in Colorado" Asphalt Awards Program.

We are quickly turning the corner to plan events that support our members and showcase the products and services they provide. We hope to see you before the end of the year at our All Member & Annual Projections Meeting that is planned for Friday, November 5th and the New Member Recognition Luncheon & Christmas Reception to be held on Friday, December 10. We are always looking for ways to connect with our

## GET SOCIAL



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members and add value. Several key areas to get connected are environmental (EPDs), safety, Women of Asphalt, marketing, asphalt training, and quality control/specifications. Let me know if I can help to get you and your organization involved in the right area at CAPA.

Keep up the GREAT work and hope to see you soon.

Tom Peterson, P.E.  
Executive Director

*Pictured: Tom Peterson, CAPA  
Lonnie Nissent, SIMON*

## PAVING AROUND THE STATE





## Making Colorado Highways SMOOTH

**2021 CDOT Standard Specifications Book** – The [2021 Standard Specification book](#) is mandatory for use on projects advertised after October 1, 2021. Consultants and Contractors will have to print and assemble this Specification book on their own.

**Environmental Product Declarations** - In anticipation of the CDOT requirement of EPDs on future projects, CAPA is developing an EPD Work Group to share information and best practices. All companies interested in being represented on the EPD Work Group should contact [Tom Peterson](#). Colorado is the first state in the country to require EPDs for highway construction projects. The requirements includes asphalt and asphalt materials and is expected to be incorporated into some projects in 2022.

**Twenty Three Resurfacing Projects Included in the CDOT 90 Day GO SHEETS** CDOT has updated the 90 day Go Sheets and 23 asphalt related resurfacing projects planned for 2022 construction are included. The current [Go90 Day Go Sheets](#)

- [Anticipated Project Advertisements](#) include the following resurfacing projects: Region 1: 4 projects; Region 2: 4 projects; Region 3: 7 projects; Region 4: 4 projects; and Region 5: 4 projects.

**Work Zone Safety a Priority CAPA** is part of an industry effort that is partnering with CDOT to improve work zone safety and reduce accidents. A Steering Committee has been formed and three work groups have been developed. To learn more or to become part of this effort, contact [Tom Clayton](#).

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

**QC Manager's Coordination Committee Meeting** – 10:00am, Thursday, October 14

**Asphalt Industry Forum (AIF) Kickoff Meeting** – 1:00pm, Thursday, October 28

**CAPA Marketing Committee Meeting** – 11:30, Friday November 12th

**Environmental Product Declaration Work Group Meeting** – 10:00am, Wednesday, November 10

**Fall CAPA Safety Council Meeting** – 9:00am, Friday, November 19

**NCAT Balanced Mix Design (BMD) Workshop** – December 1 & 2

**Women of Asphalt Fall Event** - TBD

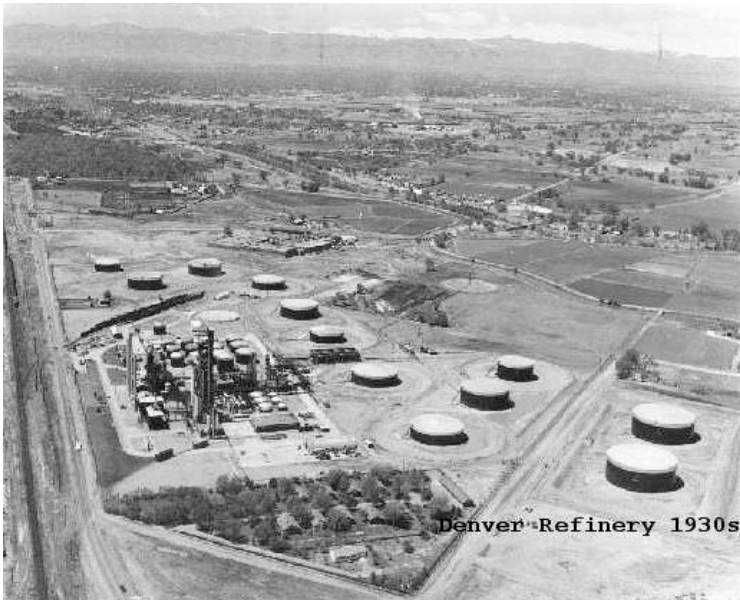


## Getting to Know Colorado's Asphalt Refinery

On September 9th CAPA staff was invited to tour the Suncor Refinery to see its asphalt refining process. Sam Beuke (Suncor's Manager of Production Control and CAPA Board of Director) lead the tour of the facility. CAPA also had an opportunity to meet with Heather Sazdov (Director of Operations), who provided an overview and summary of the capital investments Suncor incorporated during this summer's planned maintenance standdown.

Suncor Energy (U.S.A.) Inc. owns and operates the Commerce City Refinery. The refinery is comprised of three plants from two refineries, which Suncor acquired in 2003 and 2005. It is the only facility of this kind in Colorado and the largest in the Rocky Mountain Region, processing 98,000 barrels-per-day, and contributing \$2.5 billion USD to the state's economy annually, along with significant tax revenues in the Commerce City area.

Suncor purchases crude from the Denver-Julesburg Basin, process it in Commerce City, and sell nearly 95% of their products – including gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, and paving asphalt – within the state. As a result, Suncor is Colorado's primary producer of paving-grade asphalt for roads and a major supplier of fuel to the state's Western Slope via rail and truck. The refinery is also a key supplier to the Denver International Airport, where they provide about a third of its jet fuel through a direct pipeline.



## **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

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## **ASSOCIATION NEWS**

# CAPA Golf Tournament

The CAPA Golf tournament was held on Friday September 17th. We had 212 participants and many volunteers out this year. It was a cold start to the day with clouds and cool temperatures. The sun came out and everybody had a great time. The round of golf was followed by a BBQ lunch and awards.

**2021 CAPA Cup Trophy Team:** ARS Companies

(Rich Hauser, Seth Johannes, Mark Reynolds, and Nick O' Donnell)

**Second Flight Team:** Power Motive Corp

**Third Flight Team:** Martin Marietta Southern



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A sleeve of balls was provided by Faris Machinery Company and a Golf Towel was supplied by Alpha Milling Co. Tournament Photos were provided by Sunland Asphalt. The flag pins were sponsored and provided by Seal Master Denver. The gift cards were sponsored by All Colorado Semi Trailers.

We want to thank all of the sponsors for their generous support, including: WesTest, Mark Ryan Inc, Aggregate Industries WCR, Richie Bros Auctions, Surface Technology, Earthwave Technologies, APC/ APC Southern Construction, Co., Bomag Americas, Kiewit Infrastructure, Power Motive Corp, Purple Wave Auctions, Colorado Barricade, Aggregate Industries WCR, Women of Asphalt Colorado, Bomag Americas, Commercial Credit Group, Simon, Valley Equipment Leasing, Colorado Barricade, Arkema-Road Science, A.G. Wassenaar, Evergreen Solutions, Yeh and Associates,.

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## Customized Training Available from CAPA and the RMAEC



One service available to our members is customized training on a wide range of asphalt/pavement related topics concerning the design, construction or maintenance of Asphalt Pavements. We have a menu of items to choose from or you can pick what you want us to focus on for the training. The training can be conducted at member facilities or at the CAPA/RMAEC Training Center. We also have a library of [recorded Asphalt Webinars](#) available to access at any time. They are all about an hour long and have been designed to be able to view during a short training session or lunch hour session. Contact [Tom Clayton](#) for more information

## NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON and CAPA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please join CAPA as we celebrate and recognize our 2021 new members at our Recognition Luncheon & Christmas Reception, Friday -December 10, 2021.

This is a NO COST event however RSVP's are required and space is limited.

[Registration is on-line and open now.](#)

This event will be held at Baldoria on the Water, 146 Van Gordon St, Lakewood.



## CAPA All Member and Annual Projections Meeting

The annual asphalt projections meeting for 2022 projects will be held at Brannan Sand and Gravel on November 5th. Invited agencies include CDOT and many of the municipalities along the Front Range from Colorado Springs to Fort Collins. Lunch will be provided and the meeting will begin at 12:30. [Registration link.](#) Space is limited.



## Connecting Women of Asphalt

Here's Nicki Upright of CDOT sharing a photo of when her Dad took her as a little girl to the Eisenhower Tunnel when he was with CDOT in the mid 1970's. Kelly French of Brannan Sand and Gravel is showing a photo of the same location when Brannan Sand and Gravel repaved the tunnel last year. A great connection between these two Women of Asphalt!

More about the Women of Asphalt Colorado on the [CAPA website](#).





**Mayumy Churchill, Jennette Pendergas, Sonya Dupuis  
(Kiewit)**

# The 2021 "Best in Colorado" Awards nomination forms are available



Do you have a project that you think is an Award Winner? The forms for nominating a project from the 2021 paving season are available.

["Best in Colorado" Asphalt Pavement Awards Announcement](#)

["Best in Colorado" 2021 Award Criteria](#)

["Best in Colorado" 2021 Award Nomination Forms](#)

**Nomination Deadline: Friday, October 29, 2021**, all submittals are to be emailed to [Mike Skinner](#)

Award winners will be notified by January 20, 2022 with the Awards Dinner and Celebration scheduled for February 8, 2022

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## **INDUSTRY UPDATE**

### **The 48th Rocky Mountain Asphalt Conference and Equipment Show moves to National Western Complex.**

The event will be held on February 8 and 9, 2022 at the National Western Complex in Denver.

This Conference in 2022 will feature a new and exciting look, at a new location and have a great theme along with interesting and captivating breakout sessions. [More information and Exhibitor/Sponsor registration.](#)



# Pavement Smoothness

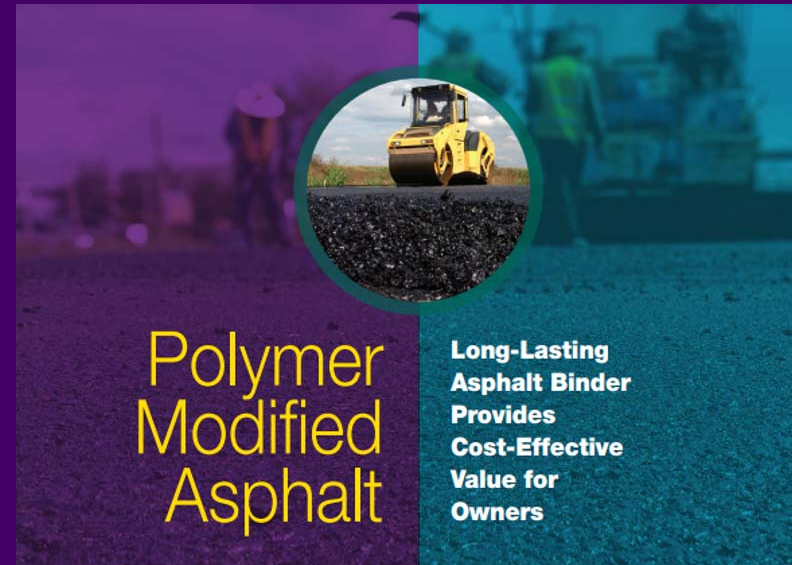
## Specifying Smoothness for Cost Savings



When asked, highway agency leaders report that their No. 1 challenge is funding (Edelman Berland, 2013). As federal funding for infrastructure investment continues to remain inadequate compared to the need, many agencies are looking to prioritize pavement performance, life-cycle cost analysis (LCCA), and pavement durability in their decision-making processes. Simply put, agencies want to ensure they get the most pavement life possible from each precious dollar of public money. For more information or to see the full document, contact [Mike Skinner](#)

## PMA: LONG LASTING BINDER

Used for three decades to enhance asphalt pavement performance, polymer modified asphalt binder (PMA) offers superior performance benefits that every pavement owner desires. The optimal road paving material, flexible PMA pavements reduce pavement distress while simultaneously increasing service life by up to ten years. In fact, a 2020 study of 47 state agencies found that 96 percent reported using PMA in traditional asphalt mixtures, with one-third of those agencies planning to increase PMA usage due to the expectation of improved pavement performance. A [2019 report on PMA Return on Investment](#) captures the performance benefits of PMA.



# APA's 'Asphalt Performs'



AASHTO has recently released the 2020 AASHTO Salary Survey—an annual report that provides job classifications and salary information on positions currently used by the transportation industry.

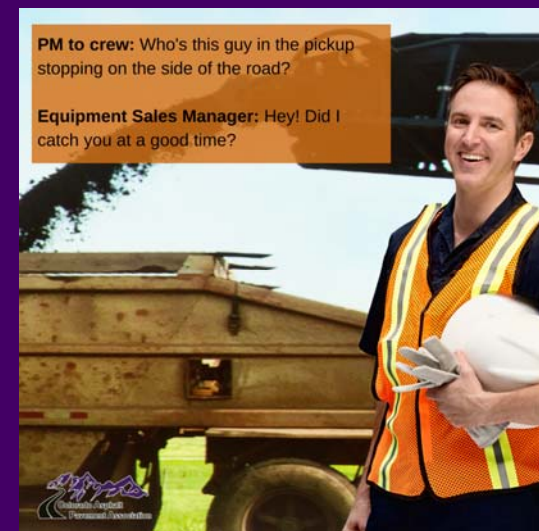
The survey contains 82 matched titles divided into 5 broad job categories: administrative, engineering, general, maintenance, and other. Each title includes a brief description, number of incumbents, salary range, benefits, and an actual salary.

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Contractors don't always get visits from material or equipment suppliers... but when they do it's always at the most inconvenient of times... right?!?!

All joking aside, our CAPA material and equipment vendors are some of the best in the industry. We enjoy hearing how involved they are with our association contractors (both on and off the job).

The crews appreciate a visit from the local dealers and the expertise they provide each and every visit.



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**Do you have a question for ASPHALT MAN?**

**QUESTION: What goes into constructing an award winning project?**

**ANSWER:** A quality project is based on: Overall Appearance, Segregation, Joint Construction, Ride Quality, and Complexity/ Difficulty.

**Overall Appearance** This refers to the uniformity of the materials placed, consistency of appearance, construction quality, texture, workmanship, and the contractor's attention to detail

**Segregation** Projects showing segregated areas due to paving operations, raking or broadcasting mix, etc. will be taken into consideration.

**Longitudinal Joints** will be evaluated as to how straight they are on tangents and how even and smooth their line is on curves. They will also be evaluated on how tight they appear and how even and smooth they are across the joint and how noticeable they appear.

**Transverse joints** will be evaluated as to how tight they appear and how even and smooth they are across the joint and how noticeable they appear and will be considered as part of both Ride Quality and Joint Construction.

**Ride Quality** Ride Quality addresses the smoothness of the ridge between lanes. Bumps, wheel chatter, areas of localized roughness, and transverse joints effect overall Ride Quality.

**Complexity/Difficulty** Project Complexity/Difficulty will be used when the complexity of issue to construct the project would and will weigh on the construction process. Examples of this are, but not limited to, winding mountain roadways, steep grades, dam face paving, etc.

The over all approach should be to concentrate on the small items and the big things will take care of themselves.



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