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ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WINS ALL THREE PERPETUAL PAVEMENT AWARD CATEGORIES

The Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA) announced that the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) has earned national recognition by winning **all three 2025 Perpetual Pavement Award categories**—By Conversion, By Design, and By Performance—highlighting Arkansas' leadership in long-life asphalt pavement.

To qualify for these prestigious awards, pavements must demonstrate exceptional durability, structural integrity, and long-term performance. Engineers at the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) evaluate nominations and validate winners based on strict criteria including design excellence, construction quality, and performance under traffic and environmental conditions.

Perpetual Pavement Award: By Conversion

ARDOT received the By Conversion award for Interstate 55, Section 12, MM 58.031 to MM 62.461 in Mississippi County. This project transformed an existing concrete pavement into a perpetual asphalt pavement through rubblization and overlay, creating a long-lasting roadway designed to handle heavy traffic volumes of approximately 22,000 vehicles per day.

Perpetual Pavement Award: By Design

The By Design award was earned for Highway 18, Section 4, LM 23.72 to LM 62.31 in Craighead County. Opened in 2018, this newly constructed 3.172-mile roadway was engineered to meet perpetual pavement standards, improving traffic flow while providing a durable, long-life solution for approximately 9,500 vehicles per day.

Perpetual Pavement Award: By Performance

ARDOT also received the By Performance award for U.S. Highway 278, Section 13, LM 0.132 to LM 2.580 in Bradley County. Originally constructed in 1990, this pavement has required only one resurfacing in over 35 years while continuing to deliver reliable performance under daily traffic.

ARDOT will be recognized by the Arkansas Asphalt Pavement Association and honored for its excellence in delivering high-performing, long-life asphalt pavements across the state.

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The National Asphalt Pavement Association (www.asphaltpavement.org) represents the interests of U.S. asphalt producers/contractors before Congress, federal agencies, and other national trade and business organizations. NAPA supports an active research program designed to improve the quality of asphalt pavements and paving techniques used in the construction of roads, streets, highways, parking lots, airports, and environmental and recreational facilities.

The Asphalt Institute (www.asphaltinstitute.org) is the international trade association of petroleum asphalt producers, manufacturers, and affiliated businesses. AI promotes the use, benefits, and quality performance of petroleum asphalt, through engineering, research, marketing, and educational activities.

The State Asphalt Pavement Associations (www.sapainc.org) represent the interests of asphalt pavement producers and paving companies at the state and local level across the United States.