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## **COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WINS PERPETUAL PAVEMENT AWARD: BY PERFORMANCE**

The Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA) announced that the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has earned national recognition by winning a **2025 Perpetual Pavement Award: By Performance**—highlighting Colorado’s commitment to long-life asphalt pavement.

To qualify for this prestigious award, pavements must be at least 35 years old and 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 performance under traffic, environmental conditions, and maintenance history.

### **Perpetual Pavement Award: By Performance**

CDOT received the By Performance award for U.S. 160, Treasure Falls to Wolf Creek in Mineral County. Originally constructed in 1911, this 2.1-mile roadway has delivered more than a century of service while continuing to perform under challenging mountain conditions.

The roadway carries approximately 4,600 vehicles per day and has experienced significant traffic loading over its lifetime. Despite steep grades of 7–8 percent, high elevation exceeding 11,000 feet, and harsh weather conditions, the pavement has maintained its structural integrity and continues to provide a reliable route for both travelers and commercial traffic.

Located along a scenic and critical corridor near the Continental Divide, the route also serves as a key access point for tourism and recreation, including Wolf Creek Pass, Treasure Falls, and the Continental Divide Trail, further underscoring its importance to the region.

This recognition highlights Colorado’s dedication to maintaining resilient infrastructure that performs under some of the most demanding environmental conditions in the country.

CDOT will be recognized for its excellence in delivering high-performing, long-life asphalt pavements that provide lasting value to the traveling public.

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The National Asphalt Pavement Association ([www.asphaltpavement.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.sapainc.org)) represent the interests of asphalt pavement producers and paving companies at the state and local level across the United States.