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HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WINS PERPETUAL PAVEMENT AWARD: BY PERFORMANCE

The Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA) announced that the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) has earned national recognition by winning a **2025 Perpetual Pavement Award: By Performance**—highlighting Hawaii’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

HDOT received the By Performance award for Route 11 in Hawaii County. Originally constructed in 1926, this 8-mile section of roadway has provided nearly a century of service while continuing to perform under unique environmental conditions.

The roadway carries approximately 2,200 vehicles per day and serves as a vital connection through Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Despite exposure to volcanic activity, varying elevations, and changing environmental conditions, the pavement continues to demonstrate long-term durability and reliable performance.

Route 11 is more than a transportation corridor—it provides access to some of the island’s most significant cultural and natural landmarks, including Kīlauea Volcano, Nāhuku (Thurston Lava Tube), and scenic overlooks along the crater rim. The roadway plays a critical role in supporting tourism, connecting communities, and preserving access to one of the most unique landscapes in the world.

This recognition highlights Hawaii’s commitment to maintaining resilient infrastructure that performs under distinctive environmental conditions while supporting both residents and visitors.

HDOT will be recognized for its excellence in delivering high-performing, long-life asphalt pavements that provide lasting value across the Hawaiian Islands.



The Asphalt Pavement Alliance is a partnership of the National Asphalt Pavement Association, the Asphalt Institute, and the State Asphalt Pavement Associations.

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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.