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## **MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WINS TWO PERPETUAL PAVEMENT AWARDS**

The Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA) announced that the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) State Highway Administration has earned national recognition by winning **two 2025 Perpetual Pavement Award categories**—By Design, and By Performance—highlighting Maryland’s 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 Design**

MDOT SHA received the By Design award for MD 5 Northbound from MP 0.37 to MP 3.16 in Charles County. Opened in 2007, this 2.79-mile project was engineered to meet perpetual pavement standards while improving safety and mobility along a heavily traveled corridor carrying more than 32,000 vehicles per day.

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

MDOT SHA also received the By Performance award for U.S. Route 15 Southbound from MP 31 to MP 37.8 in Frederick County. Originally constructed in 1955, this 6.8-mile corridor has demonstrated exceptional long-term performance, maintaining structural integrity with minimal rehabilitation despite heavy traffic volumes and challenging environmental conditions.

MDOT SHA will be recognized for its excellence in delivering high-performing, long-life asphalt pavements that serve communities across the state.

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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



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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.