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

The Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA) announced that the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) has earned national recognition by winning **two 2025 Perpetual Pavement Award categories**—By Design, and By Performance—highlighting Mississippi’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 received the By Design award for U.S. Highway 82 from near the Mississippi River Bridge to Leland, in Washington County. Opened in 2025, this approximately 15.7-mile project was engineered to meet perpetual pavement standards and designed to accommodate significant truck traffic, incorporating a robust pavement structure including multiple asphalt lifts and Stone Matrix Asphalt (SMA) for enhanced durability.

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

MDOT also received the By Performance award for Mississippi Highway 25 from Mississippi Highway 16 to Mississippi Highway 35 in Leake County. Originally constructed in 1989, this 5.73-mile roadway has demonstrated exceptional long-term performance, requiring minimal maintenance while continuing to serve as a key corridor between Jackson and Starkville.

MDOT 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.