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## PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WINS PERPETUAL PAVEMENT AWARD: BY PERFORMANCE

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

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation received the By Performance award for State Route 308, West Sunbury Road in Butler County. Originally constructed in the early 1950s, this 4.66-mile roadway has delivered more than 70 years of reliable service while continuing to perform under rural traffic conditions.

The roadway carries approximately 2,100 vehicles per day and has experienced an estimated 12 million equivalent single-axle loads (ESALs) over its lifetime. Despite its relatively thin pavement structure and aging subbase materials, the roadway continues to demonstrate excellent durability and structural performance.

Serving as a key connector between Butler and surrounding rural communities, SR 308 provides critical access across rolling terrain and operates effectively under heavy tree canopy conditions. Routine maintenance, including crack sealing, drainage improvements, and periodic surface treatments, has helped preserve the pavement’s long-term performance.

This recognition highlights Pennsylvania’s commitment to maintaining resilient infrastructure that performs reliably across diverse conditions and supports both rural communities and regional connectivity.

PennDOT 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.