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## **PIATT COUNTY WINS FIRST PERPETUAL PAVEMENT AWARD**

The Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA) announced today that Piatt County has won a 2021 Perpetual Pavement Award: By Conversion (PPA) for 4.95-mile section of Monticello Road (County Highway 4) in Piatt County, Ill. Constructed by Open Road Paving Company, LLC, the project was completed in 2016. Fehr-Graham & Associates is the Engineer of Record. In the award's inaugural year, this is the first PPA: By Conversion for Piatt County and only the second municipal road to earn a coveted PPA since the program began in 2001.

To qualify for this prestigious award, the pavement must be an asphalt road constructed over an existing road that meets strict Perpetual Pavement criteria. The pavement must demonstrate the characteristics expected from long-life asphalt pavements: excellence in design, quality in construction and value for the traveling public. Engineers at the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) evaluated the nominations and validated the winners.

The award-winning section of Monticello Rd. (County Hwy. 4) was constructed by Open Road Paving. The original surface was a 5" whitetopping concrete pavement that was placed in 2000 and was showing signs of distress. The existing 5 inches of concrete was rubblized, becoming the first whitetopping pavement to be rubblized in the U.S. It was then paved with 2.75 inches of HMA binder, 0.75 inches of HMA level binder and then topped with 1.5 inches of HMA surface.

This section of Monticello Rd. (County Hwy. 4) meets the criteria for a PPA: By Conversion and will continue to serve the travelers in Piatt County, Ill., well into the future requiring little maintenance. Piatt County was honored by Illinois Asphalt Pavement Association (IAPA) and presented with an engraved crystal obelisk on May 12, 2022.

"The Piatt County Highway Department is honored by the selection of Monticello Road – County Highway 4 for the 2021 Perpetual Pavement Award: By Conversion," said Mr. Eric Seibring, Piatt County Engineer. "Monticello Road was the first rubblization and asphalt overlay of a whitetopping pavement to be performed in the United States. To be only the second Local Agency chosen to receive this award is a tribute to everyone involved in this project. Thanks to the efforts of the Piatt County Highway Department Staff, the design consultant team and the contractors involved, we were not only able to construct a road that will continue to perform well into the future but, we were also able to increase the safety level for the citizens of Piatt County."

“One key indicator of quality in construction is a smooth, long-life pavement,” said Amy Miller, P.E., National Director of the APA. “Long-life asphalt pavements serve the community, reduce the money needed for maintenance, and conserve raw materials, ultimately leading to a truly sustainable structure that exemplifies the triple bottom line. Asphalt roads can be engineered to last indefinitely with only routine maintenance and periodic surface renewal. Perpetual pavements use fewer natural resources and offer road owners and users what they want most – an economical, smooth pavement that serves the community for decades.”

The Asphalt Pavement Alliance is a coalition of the National Asphalt Pavement Association, the Asphalt Institute, and the State Asphalt Pavement Associations. The Asphalt Pavement Alliance’s mission is to establish asphalt as the preferred choice for quality, performance and the environment.

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The Asphalt Pavement Alliance ([www.driveasphalt.org](http://www.driveasphalt.org)) is a partnership of the Asphalt Institute (AI), National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) and the State Asphalt Pavement Associations. The Asphalt Pavement Alliance’s mission is to establish asphalt as the preferred choice for quality, performance and the environment.

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 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 State Asphalt Pavement Associations ([www.sapa-inc.org](http://www.sapa-inc.org)) represent the interests of asphalt pavement producers and paving companies at the state and local level across the United States.