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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WINS 2022 PERPETUAL PAVEMENT AWARD

The Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA) announced today that the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has won a 2022 Perpetual Pavement Award: By Conversion (PPA) for an 11.3-mile section of Interstate 64 west of the Indiana/Illinois state line. This project was completed in 2018 and is the first PPA: By Conversion for INDOT. INDOT previously earned a PPA: By Performance in 2014.

To qualify for the PPA: By Conversion, the pavement must be a new 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.

This four-lane award-winning conversion of Interstate 64 was constructed by Gohmann Construction, whose assets have since been acquired by E&B Paving. The construction was done over an existing Portland cement concrete pavement (PCCP). The concrete was rubblized and overlaid with asphalt. It has a current average annual daily traffic (AADT) of 12,000 vehicles with 42% of the vehicles classified as trucks. Janssen & Spaans Engineering Inc. was the engineering firm for this project.

This section of Interstate 64 easily meets the criteria for a PPA and will continue to serve travelers in Indiana well into the future requiring little maintenance. The Asphalt Pavement Association of Indiana (APAI) will present INDOT with an engraved crystal obelisk.

“INDOT is honored to be recognized with its first Perpetual Pavement Award in this category,” said INDOT Commissioner Mike Smith. “The pavement rehabilitation project on I-64 near the state line in southwest Indiana is a prime example of the agency’s commitment to maintaining and increasing longevity of transportation infrastructure.”

“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 (www.driveasphalt.org) 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 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 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 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.