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## **MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION WINS 2024 PERPETUAL PAVEMENT AWARD**

The Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA) announced today that the Maryland Department of Transportation—State Highway Administration has won a 2024 Perpetual Pavement by Performance Award for US-11 in Washington County.

This award honors agencies whose roadways demonstrate the characteristics expected from long-life asphalt pavements: excellence in design, quality in construction, and value for the traveling public. To qualify for this prestigious award, a pavement must be at least 35 years old, never experienced a structural failure, and have an average interval between the resurfacing of the winning pavement of no less than 13 years. National Center for Asphalt Technology engineers evaluated the nominations and validated the winners.

The Maryland Department of Transportation won this award for a 3.29-mile section of US-11 in Washington County. This single-lane highway connecting West Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania serves an average of 11,800 vehicles daily through the Appalachian region's challenging terrain. The road's durability stems from its transformation from an aggregate macadam stone surface to a layered asphalt system. Improvements made to the road include concrete shoulders and macadam reinforcements, structured asphalt implementation, and two major rehabilitation projects. Since its opening in 1948, targeted patching, resurfacing with high-performance asphalt grades, and preventive maintenance through surface milling and abrasion removal have contributed to a road that exemplifies Perpetual Pavement performance.

“Asphalt roads can be designed, built, and maintained to indefinitely prevent deep distresses,” said Dr. Buzz Powell, P.E., Technical Director of the APA. “The resulting Perpetual Pavement structure is an excellent investment for taxpayers because it only requires periodic surface renewal, has the most preservation options, and never requires reconstruction. Advantages of Perpetual Pavements include durability, economics, sustainability, and smoothness. The smoothness advantage of asphalt pavements is indefinitely extended with Perpetual Pavement since deep distresses that cause roughness never occur.

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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](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.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.