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## **OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT 1 WINS 2024 PERPETUAL PAVEMENT AWARD**

The Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA) announced today that the Oklahoma Department of Transportation District 1 has won a 2024 Perpetual Pavement by Design Award for the reconstruction of US-69 in McIntosh County.

This award honors agencies whose outstanding design practices on their roadway networks meet Perpetual Pavement design standards. To qualify for this prestigious award, the completed project must have asphalt mixture binder and surface layers, and be at least two miles in length—municipal roadways must be at least 1,200 feet in length. A National Center for Asphalt Technology engineer evaluated the nominations and validated the winners.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation District 1 won the award for its 4.91-mile reconstruction of US-69 in McIntosh County, near Eufaula. This project transformed a failing concrete highway into a four-lane divided asphalt highway serving an average of 16,000 vehicles daily, including significant truck traffic. The pavement design features multiple asphalt layers totaling 14.25 inches, built upon 8 inches of recycled aggregate base created from the original concrete pavement—an approach that eliminated waste transportation costs. The road's permeable friction course surface layer provides safety benefits, significantly reducing rainwater spray, compared to concrete alternatives on the same corridor. The community has praised the finished roadway's smoothness and safety features. This project demonstrates the ability of asphalt Perpetual Pavements to effectively handle heavy traffic while requiring only minimal maintenance.

“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.