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## **CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WINS PERPETUAL PAVEMENT AWARD FOR BY CONVERSION**

The Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA) announced that the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) has earned national recognition by winning a **2025 Perpetual Pavement Award: By Conversion**—highlighting Chicago’s leadership in long-life asphalt pavement.

To qualify for this prestigious award, a pavement must 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 design excellence, construction quality, and performance under traffic and environmental conditions.

### **Perpetual Pavement Award: By Conversion**

CDOT received the By Conversion award for West Doty Avenue from South Rubblization in Cook County. Opened to traffic in 2023, this two-mile project utilized a rubblization approach—converting an existing concrete roadway into a long-life asphalt pavement structure.

The project incorporated a polymer-modified asphalt surface over a robust structural section, designed to meet perpetual pavement standards while enhancing ride quality and long-term performance. The corridor serves local traffic and reflects CDOT’s commitment to modern, resilient infrastructure solutions.

This recognition underscores Chicago’s commitment to delivering durable, cost-effective infrastructure solutions that extend pavement life and provide long-term value to the traveling public.

CDOT will be recognized for its excellence in delivering high-performing, long-life asphalt pavements that serve communities across the city.

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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.