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## **NAPA Communicates Industry Priorities With President-elect Biden and His Transition Team**

*The National Asphalt Pavement Association's (NAPA) latest legislative action plan supports a modern, sustainable infrastructure and a user-based revenue stream to fund increased transportation investments.*

Greenbelt, Maryland — On Friday, NAPA sent a letter to President-elect Joseph Biden and his transition team expressing the desire to work with the incoming administration to stabilize the economy, create and sustain jobs in the highway construction industry, and build environmentally-friendly, resilient pavements. “There are many paths for NAPA to work in partnership with the Biden administration,” said NAPA President and CEO, Audrey Copeland, Ph.D., P.E. “Our letter provides the road map for partnership and we stand ready to work with the transition team and the Biden Administration to innovate, rebuild, and expand our nation’s surface transportation infrastructure.”

Chief among NAPA’s legislative priorities is passage of a long-term surface transportation authorization bill that increases highway funding and includes a permanent, dedicated, user-based revenue stream for the Highway Trust Fund. The letter also emphasizes the fact that asphalt is America’s most recycled product. Further, two of NAPA’s seven legislative proposals in the transition package focus on sustainability, including accelerated research on the potential for recycling plastic in asphalt and the role of asphalt pavements in a low-carbon transportation network.

“NAPA and its members are committed to building and maintaining our infrastructure with the utmost goal of recycling, sustainability, and concern for our environment and resources,” said NAPA Chairman James (Jay) Winford Jr., Ph.D., P.E., President of Prairie Contractors Inc. in Opelousas, La. “In 2019, the asphalt pavement industry reclaimed 97 million tons of RAP for future use. This saved 2.4 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e, the equivalent of removing 520,000 passenger vehicles from the road. Asphalt is the preeminent solution for sustainable highways now and into the future.”

NAPA’s “Build Back Better With Asphalt” package for the Biden transition team is [available here](#). It includes NAPA’s letter, seven legislative proposals, and other materials that provide an

overview of asphalt's advantages. [Click here](#) to learn more about NAPA's Government Affairs team and priorities.

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### **About the National Asphalt Pavement Association**

*The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) is the only trade association that exclusively represents the interests of the asphalt producer/contractor on the national level with Congress, government 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 association provides technical, educational, and marketing materials and information to its members; supplies product information to users and specifiers of paving materials; and conducts training courses. The association, which counts more than 1,100 companies as members, was founded in 1955.*