# The Road Forward

A Vision for Net Zero Carbon Emissions for the Asphalt Pavement Industry

The Road Forward and Other NAPA Research & Inntratives

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#### Trade Association representing asphalt industry

- NAPA's Mission
  - Support
  - Advocate
  - Advance

# What Is NAPA?



# Thank you, Pennsylvania!

#### Gold Club (50+ Years)

- Genco-Sellers Gencor
- Volvo Construction Equipment
- Warden Asphalt Co.
- York Building Products Co. Inc.
  30-Plus Club
- Joseph McCormick Construction Co. Inc.
- Meeker Equipment Co.
- Riverside Materials Inc.
- Russell Standard Corp.
- Walter R. Earle Corp.

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- Warden Asphalt Co.
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# An Industry-Wide Vision



# THE ROAD FORWARD PARTNERS







# **Industry Goals**



# **Net Zero Production and Construction**

- Key drivers for emissions during production and construction
- Alternative construction scheduling
- Align policies, procedures, and specs
- WMA technology
- Advanced logistical technologies
- Best practices
- Alternative fuels
- Capital investments



#### Industry Goal 1

#### Scope 1 Emissions

Achieve net zero carbon emissions during asphalt production and construction by 2050.



# Pavement Quality, Durability, and Use

- Perpetual pavements
- Rolling resistance
- Contract incentives for improved quality and improved vehicle fuel economy
- Crack & Seat, Break & Seat, & Rubblization

#### Industry Goal 2

#### Downstream Scope 3 Emissions

Partner with customers to reduce emissions through pavement quality, durability, longevity, and efficiency standards by 2050





# Net Zero Materials Supply Chain

- More recycled material
- Balanced Mix Design
- Industry summits
- New technology and materials

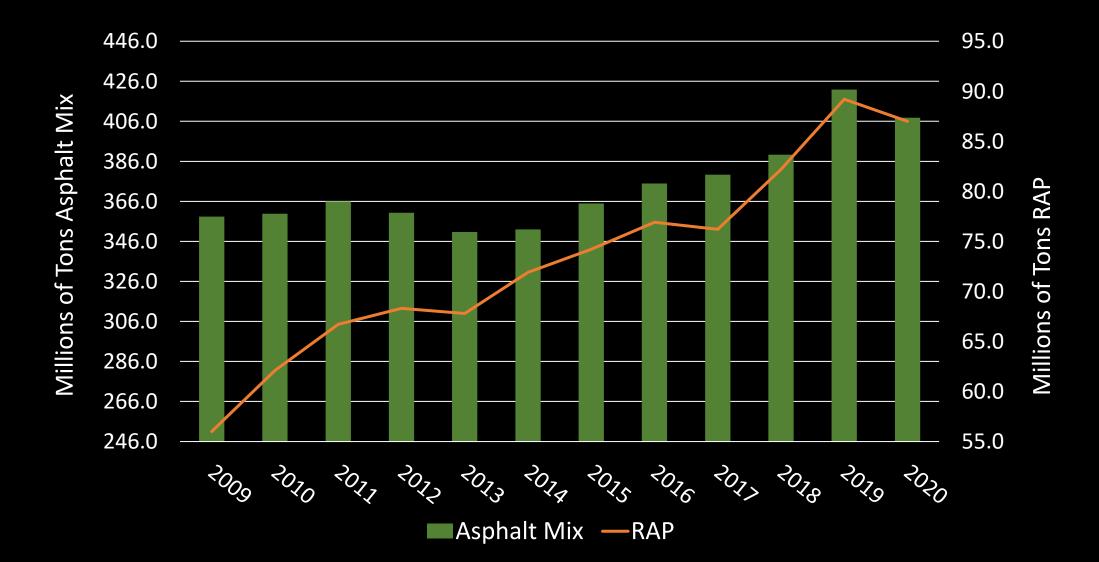
"We are America's No. 1 most recycled product," NAPA's Jay Hansen told *The New York Times*.





# Asphalt Mix and RAP Tonnage

Total Production and Use in the U.S.



# Habit #2 – Begin with the end in mind - Covey

- How do we maximize research and implementation \$\$\$
- Track Record is not good for implementation
  - NCHRP 9-46 NCHRP Report 752 High RAP Mix Design
  - NCHRP 9-55 RAS with WMA
- TRIP Database Search
  - \$49,049,615



#### **Balanced Mix Design Definition**

- "Asphalt mix design using performance tests on appropriately conditioned specimens that address multiple modes of distress taking into consideration mix aging, traffic, climate and location within the pavement structure."
- Use the right mix for the job!



### **BMD** Approaches

#### A. Volumetric Design with Performance Verification

• Volumetric mix design + performance testing at OBC

#### B. Volumetric Design with Performance Optimization

Volumetric mix design + performance testing to adjust OBC

#### C. Performance-Modified Volumetric Design

Performance testing to optimize mix components and proportions + volumetric verification

#### D. Performance Design

• Performance testing to optimize mix components and proportions

# Volumetric Design with Performance Verification Little Debbie Mix Design





# Volumetric Design with Performance Optimization Home Cook School of Mix Design

### Alton Brown School of Mix Design

#### Performance-Modified Volumetric Design

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### **Performance Design** Thomas Keller School of Mix Design

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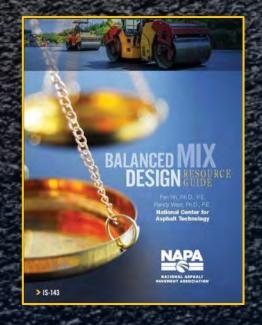
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### **BMD** Approaches

#### Approach $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D$

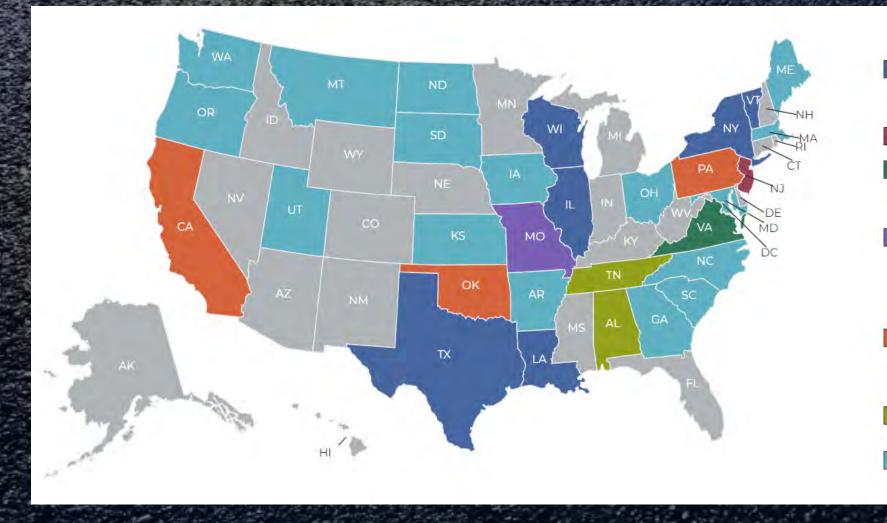
• Degree of strictness on meeting volumetric criteria

#### • Potential for innovation in meeting performance criteria



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# **BMD** Implementation



APPROACH A -**VOLUMETRIC DESIGN** WITH PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION APPROACH A AND B APPROACH A AND D APPROACH B -**VOLUMETRIC DESIGN** WITH PERFORMANCE **OPTIMIZATION** APPROACH C -PERFORMANCE-MODIFIED VOLUMETRIC DESIGN APPROACH D -PERFORMANCE DESIGN

PRE-IMPLEMENTATION

# Net Zero Grid

- Net zero energy
- Increase efficiencies

#### Industry Goal 4

#### Scope 2 Emissions

Transition to electricity from renewable energy providers in support of net zero carbon electricity generation by 2050 and reduce electrical intensities





# **Carbon Offsets**

- Net zero, not total zero
- Last resort after we do everything we can do





# Sustainability v Durability Not Mutually Exclusive Terms

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#### GHG EMISSIONS INVENTORY FOR ASPHALT MIX PRODUCTION IN THE UNITED STATES

Current Industry Practices and Opportunities to Reduce Future Emissions

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#### RAP Benefits for Pavement Owners

#### WHAT IS RAP?

Reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) is the terminology used for materials generated when asphalt pavements are removed for reconstruction, resurfacing, or other construction activities. RAP consists of high-quality, graded aggregates that are coated with durable asphalt binder.

#### AVERAGE PERCENTAGE OF RAP USED IN EACH STATE, 2019 (NAPA IS-138, 2020)

#### HOW AND WHERE IS RAP RECYCLED?

**89.2 million tons** of RAP are used annually in new asphalt pavement construction in the United States. As a fully recyclable product, RAP has many applications, and can be used over and over again, reducing the need for costly virgin materials. More than **94%** of RAP is used in new asphalt mixtures, while a small percentage is incorporated into other civil engineering applications like unbound aggregate bases. Nationally, RAP is utilized at an average rate of **21.1%** in new asphalt mixtures.





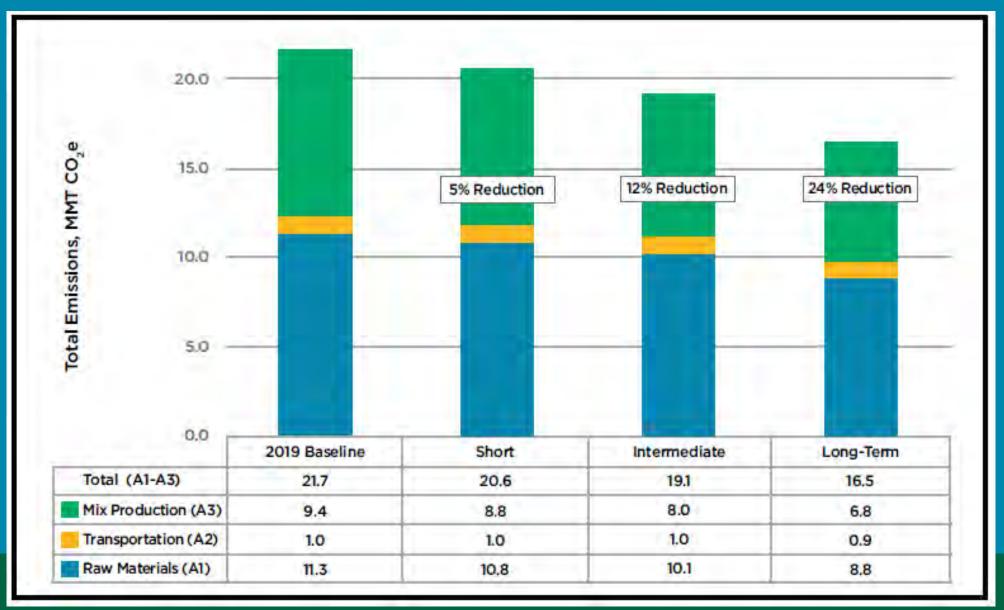
# **Benefits of Using More RAP**

Nationwide, increasing the amount of RAP in new asphalt mixtures by one percentage point (e.g., from 21.1% to 22.1%) would result in 0.14 MMT CO\_e in avoided emissions, equivalent to approximately 30,000 passenger vehicles assuming typical passenger vehicle emissions of 4.6 tonne CO<sub>2</sub>e per year (U.S. EPA, 2018).

### **Emissions Reduction Scenarios**

Parameter	2019 Baseline	Short-Term	Intermediate	Long-Term
RAP Content	21%	25%	30%	40%
Natural Gas Consumption as Percentage of Fuel Combusted	69%	72%	75%	90%
Aggregate Moisture Content Reduction	N/A	0.25%	0.50%	1.0%
Asphalt Mix Production Temperature Reduction	N/A	10 °F	25°F	40 °F
Reduction in Electricity Consumption Intensity	3.32 kWh/ton	5%	10%	20%

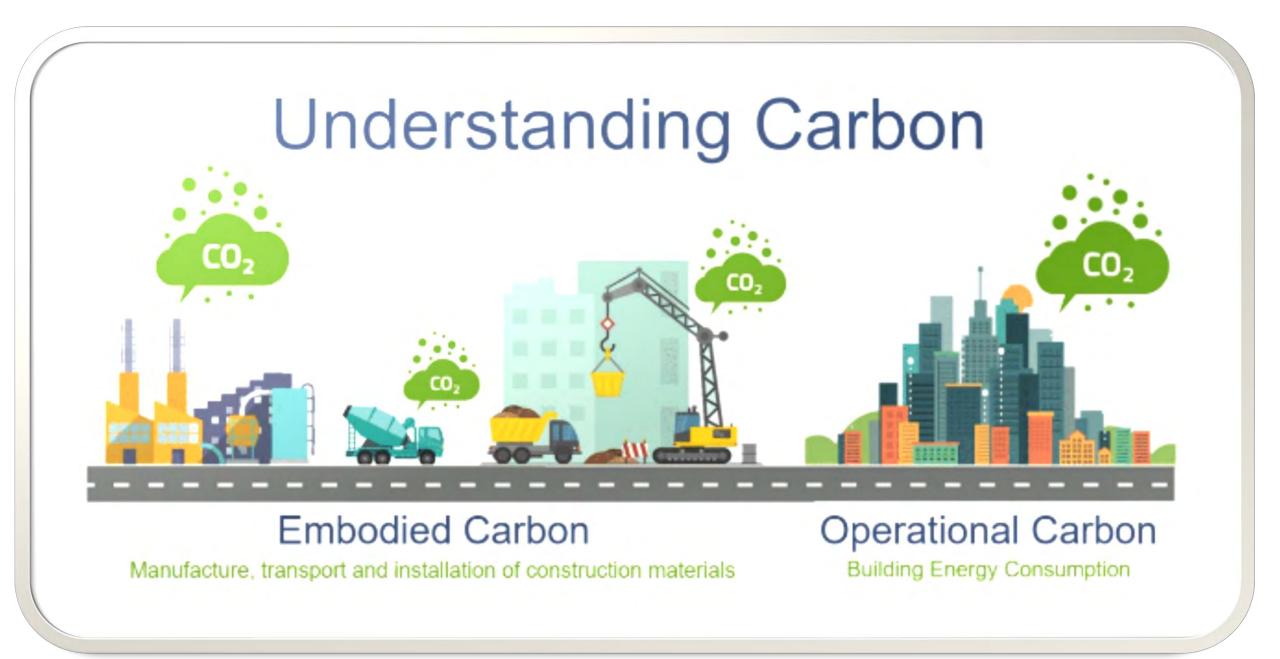
#### **Results - Emissions Reduction Scenarios**











https://www.architects.org/news/building-a-low-carbon-future-reducing-embodied-carbon-in-the-built-environment

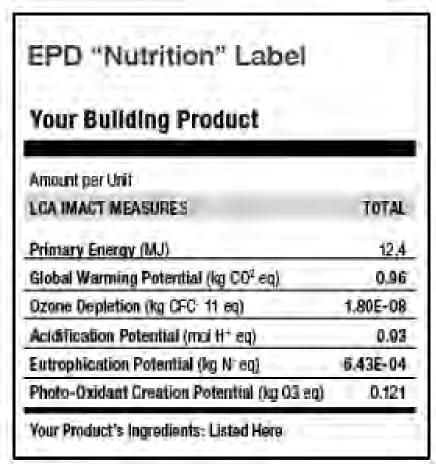
### What is an EPD?

#### Environmental Product Declaration

- Quantified environmental information on the life cycle of a product to enable comparisons between products fulfilling the same function\*
- "Nutrition label" for environmental impacts
  - ISO Type III Environmental Label

Independently verified





https://westcoastclimateforum.com/cfpt/concrete/strategy1

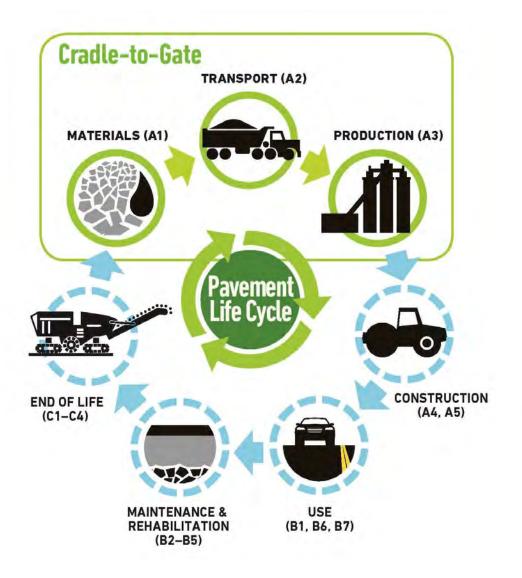
\*Source: ISO 14025:2006. EPDs from different Product Categories should NOT be compared to each other.

#### EPDs for asphalt mixtures have a Cradle-to-Gate scope

- Included:
  - Materials
  - Transport
  - Production

#### Other life cycle stages are not included

• Mix producers have little control over them





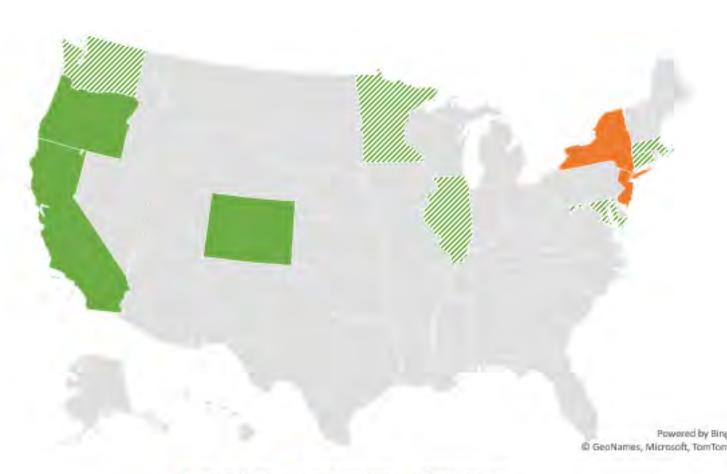
### How and Why are Pavement Owners Using EPDs?

### "Buy Clean" Legislation



#### Jurisdictions with Buy Clean policies that include asphalt mixtures

- Caltrans
- Colorado
- Oregon
- Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
- Illinois, Minnesota, other states are considering policies



# **GSA** Environmentally Preferable Asphalt and Standard

- Federal office buildings, courthouses, and land ports of entry
- Requirements
  - Submit an EPD for each mix
  - Use 2 environmentally preferable techniques
    - At least 20% RAP content
    - Warm mix technology (reduced onsite mix temperature)
    - Non-pavement recycled content (roof shingles, rubber, or plastic)
    - Improved energy/carbon efficiency of plants or equipment (e.g., natural gas)
    - Other environmentally preferable techniques (contractor can propose)

https://www.gsa.gov/real-estate/design-construction/engineering-and-architecture/facilities-standards-p100-overview





# The White House Council on Environmental Quality

#### **Buy Clean Task Force**

- Coordinating across 17 Federal agencies
  - 90% of federally financed and purchased construction materials
- U.S. DOT Buy Clean Policy Statement
  - Explore the use of EPDs
  - Develop a Buy Clean Policy based on EPDs
- Partnering with State DOTs to align Buy Clean Policies



# **Carbon Reduction Program**



President Biden, USDOT Announce New Guidance and \$6.4 Billion to Help States Reduce Carbon Emissions Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Key program will fund projects that help fight climate change and save Americans money on gas

- Focus is on vehicle fuel consumption/emissions
- FHWA Guidance made "paving activities" eligible
  - Projects must use LCA to quantify carbon emissions reductions
- Enhanced pavement smoothness may also be eligible





# **Inflation Reduction Act**

- \$250 million to standardize EPDs and help industry develop EPDs
- \$100 million to develop "low-embodied carbon construction material labeling program"
- \*\*\* How will low-embodied carbon materials be defined ???

### DOT/FHWA

• \$2 billion to procure low carbon construction products

- Federal-aid Highways, Federal Lands, etc.
- Differential Cost or Incentive



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### Where To Begin?







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