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## **ASSEMBLY SPEAKER PRO TEM FIONA MA TO SPEAK ABOUT PAVEMENT RECYCLING BILL AT CALIFORNIA ASPHALT PAVEMENT CONFERENCE OCT. 27 IN SACRAMENTO**

WEST SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Sept. 12, 2011 – Assembly Speaker Pro Tem Fiona Ma, who is authoring a bill currently in the Legislature on pavement material recycling, will be a featured speaker at the annual California Asphalt Pavement Conference Oct. 27 in Sacramento.

Ma, D-San Francisco, the No. 2 ranking leader in the State Assembly, is author of AB812, which encourages the state to utilize more recycled materials in pavement mixes. The bill is sponsored by the California Construction & Industrial Materials Association (CalCIMA) and endorsed by the California Asphalt Pavement Association (CalAPA) and the Sierra Club, among others.

Asphalt, which is 100 percent recyclable, is currently America's most recycled material. Asphalt covers approximately 94 percent of roads nationwide, making the potential for recycling asphalt pavements enormous as roads are rehabilitated. In California, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) standard specifications limit the amount of recycled asphalt in pavement mixes to 15 percent. Ma's bill would increase that amount to up to 50 percent. The bill will be heard in committee in January.

Another featured speaker at the conference will be Steve Takigawa, deputy director for maintenance and operations for Caltrans. Various experts will deliver presentations at the event on Warm Mix Asphalt, Recycled Asphalt Pavements (RAP), Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt (RHMA), best practices and changes in Caltrans HMA specifications and test procedures.

The California Asphalt Pavement Conference will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 27 at the Radisson Hotel, 500 Leisure Lane in Sacramento. Pre-registration for the conference is required. More information can be found at: <http://www.californiapavements.org>.

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