

# Executive Summary

**W**ithout a plan, the hot-mix asphalt industry will be ill-prepared for the legislative debate that will soon take place in the U.S. Congress. This *Roadmap to Reauthorization* is your how-to playbook for being involved in the political process for this tremendously important debate.

The *Roadmap* was prepared by the Highway Bill Task Force which was established by NAPA's Legislative Committee in January 2007. The intended audience for this document is anyone and everyone involved in the business of hot-mix asphalt.

The *Roadmap* provides a brief history of the Federal-aid Highway Program and the unique role of the asphalt industry in fulfilling the program's goals and promises. This federal program has evolved to the point where the hot-mix asphalt industry now has a huge stake in the next highway bill. The *Roadmap* explains why this debate is crucial for your company, your employees, your families, your industry, and your country.

The *Roadmap* describes in layman's terms the legislative process for the next reauthorization. Particular emphasis is placed on providing tools the reader can use in advocacy efforts. The last section is devoted to specific steps you and your company can take to secure a strong highway construction market for 2009 and beyond.

This *Roadmap* will show how you can turn to Congress and make your voice heard.

