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## Commissioner Van Doren Inspects Innovative Slurry Seal Application on 518

On Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, Commissioner Shaun Van Doren joined the Director of Sales and Marketing for Asphalt Paving Systems, Walter Percy, for an on-site demonstration to observe the application of Slurry Seal, an industrial grade asphalt surfacing product. The demonstration took place along County Route 518, in West Amwell Township.

Hunterdon County Commissioners at a Board meeting in June, passed dual resolutions approving the Slurry Seal – Pavement Surface Treatment, for County Route 518 in the Township of West Amwell and the City of Lambertville, and County Route 617/Thatchers Hill Road, in the Township of Raritan.

Commissioner and liaison to the Department of Public Works, Shaun Van Doren shared, “It was amazing to watch in-person the technique of Slurry Seal, and the very effective pavement preservation process of this asphalt treatment. It is a quick, thorough, and economically efficient means to extend the useful life of an existing roadway all while delaying the need for more costly reconstruction.”

Slurry seal is an industrial-grade asphalt surfacing product, with principal materials and fillers that are combined with water for easy application. Some of the advantages of slurry sealing include, its low cost, its ability to both correct existing problems, and prevent future problems, adding to the aesthetic value of existing pavement appearance and the product’s durability.

Pavement preservation was considered and funded in the FY23 budget. Pavement preservation is another tool to assist the Board in keeping county roadways among the best in the State of New Jersey. Slurry seal extends the life of existing roadways in both a fiscally and environmentally responsible manner and is being utilized by several counties throughout the state to extend the useful life of existing infrastructure.

In conclusion, Commissioner Van Doren stated, “Slurry seal extends the life of existing roadways for a fraction of the cost of traditional milling and resurfacing. Over time, by preserving roads in good to fair condition, Hunterdon County will be freeing up existing capital funds for future projects and allowing the County to get more investment from their existing capital dollars.”



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