

Comments from previous NCAT Program Attendees

I would like to thank CAPA for the opportunity to further my education at the NCAT Training Center. The knowledge of the instructors teaching there is incredible and the opportunity to tap some of this knowledge is awesome. I only wish I could have a couple more weeks to absorb more knowledge from the instructors. The lessons and training were insightful, and what I've learned will help me to continue keeping Greeley's roads in good condition. I most liked our tour of the test track and the visit to Lee Road to see firsthand so many different paving and rehabilitating procedures. Once again Tom, I would like to thank you and CAPA for giving me the opportunity to continue my education in the asphalt industry at such a prestigious institution. **James Young, City of Greeley**

I cannot thank you and CAPA enough for giving me the opportunity to attend the NCAT Asphalt Technology Course over in Auburn, Alabama. This was an eye opening experience and the topics we covered have already been brought up in conversation and used in decision making situations here at Mesa County. It is amazing that there is this facility here in the United States that is so vastly used by many municipalities to test new theories and determine mixes and practices best suited for their roads.

I have taken the NCAT website and favorited it to my web browser and can reference it in staff meetings and during discussions with folks especially when talking about what technology would hold up best on our roads. This is stuff that we had never known about and always relied on in house experience and learning. Now Mesa County can take a step up and start making decisions based on knowledge we can gather from sources like NCAT and compare them to our own experience and give our community an even better product in the long run.

On a final note, I am so proud to be part of Colorado's Asphalt Pavement Association. It is a very good feeling to sit in that class room with other folks from across the US, Canada and Puerto Rico and know that Colorado cares so much about having knowledgeable people in asphalt that we were a major part of the classroom. Thank you for allowing me to be one of those people, I am proud to be part of the team that has the knowledge to give Colorado's drivers the longest lasting and best roads possible. Forever, I will be encouraging people to apply for CAPA's scholarship or outright pay to attend this course. **Matt Nichols, Project Coordinator, Mesa County**

Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to attend the Asphalt Technology Course at Auburn University. This training was very beneficial to me personally and professionally. I would like to have participated in the course much earlier in my career as it would have assisted me in my knowledge of the industry early on in my career. The NCAT track and the information they obtain from it is remarkable. It is hard to fathom the importance of the information they acquire while performing their testing. It was a very educational and eye-opening experience. Both the classroom time and the fieldwork were very informal, and they provided the information in a way to share it with others within the industry. As a leader, you get asked many questions that you don't always understand the answer to or the reasoning behind asphalt applications. This course provides the information needed to answer these tough questions. I look forward to returning this education to Jefferson County and helping others get involved in this training opportunity. If anyone has any questions, I would be more than happy to discuss this course with them. **William Truesdale, CPM Jefferson County Road and Bridge**