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The Honorable Mark DeSaulnier, Chair  
Senate Transportation and Housing Committee  
State Capitol Room 5035  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator DeSaulnier:

**SUPPORT - ASSEMBLY BILL 812 (AMENDED JANUARY 12, 2012)  
SOLID WASTE: RECYCLED ASPHALT**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 812 (AB 812), which would authorize the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to establish specifications for the use of reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) of up to 40% for hot mix asphalt pavement and would require Caltrans to submit a report to the Legislature on its progress toward the development and implementation of these specifications.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939 [AB 939], as amended), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated, cost-effective, and environmentally sound solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the system on a countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities-Los Angeles County Division, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

The Task Force supports the intent of AB 812 which is consistent with the State's policy to encourage increased use of recycled materials promoting conservation of natural resources. Accordingly, AB 812 encourages higher usage of recycled asphalt and promotes recycling of oil and natural resource aggregates. A multitude of positive environmental and economic benefits result from utilizing recycled-content material for the manufacture and production of new goods. This bill will divert thousands of tons of material from disposal, helping to reduce our dependence on landfills, consistent with State mandated diversion policies.

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The Task Force is encouraged that Caltrans has already established specifications which were released October 27, 2011, providing for the use of up to 25% RAP in surface paving projects. The Task Force is further encouraged by Caltrans current efforts to establish specifications to increase the allowable percentage of RAP up to 40%. This bill would codify these specifications which are expected in the coming year.

For these reasons, the Task Force **supports** AB 812. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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