The following is a short list of terms used in the asphalt industry. For a complete list of terms, visit the Asphalt Institute at www.asphaltinstitute.org.

**AGGREGATE**
Hard, inert material, such as gravel, crushed rock, slag or crushed stone, used in pavement applications either by itself or for mixing with asphalt.

**ASPHALT CEMENT (AC)**
A mixture of crude petroleum used for paving, roofing, industrial and other special purposes. Now more commonly referred to as asphalt binder.

**ASPHALT CONCRETE**
A mixture on asphalt binder and aggregate thoroughly mixed and compacted into a mass.

**ASPHALT PAVEMENT**
Hot mix asphalt over supporting courses such as asphalt concrete bases, crushed stone, slag, gravel, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC), brick or block pavement.

**ASPHALT PLANT**
A manufacturing facility that produces hot mix asphalt paving mixtures.

**ASPHALT RUBBER BINDER (AR)**
Recycled ground tire rubber is added to conventional asphalt cement. Roofing shingles may also be added to the asphalt cement.

**CRUMB RUBBER**
Asphalt rubber binder with a consistency ranging from coffee grounds to peanut butter.

**HOT MIX ASPHALT (HMA)**
High-quality, thoroughly controlled hot mixture of asphalt binder (cement) and well-graded, high quality aggregate, which can be compacted into a uniform dense mass.

**HOT MIX ASPHALT (HMA) OVERLAY**
One or more courses of HMA over an existing pavement.

**MAINTENANCE MIX**
A mixture of asphalt emulsion and mineral aggregate used in relatively small areas to patch holes, depressions and distressed areas in existing pavements.

**PAVEMENT BASE**
The lower or underlying pavement course atop the subbase or subgrade and under the top or wearing course.

**RECLAIMED ASPHALT PAVEMENT (RAP)**
Pulverized excavated asphalt that is used as an aggregate in the recycling of asphalt pavements. Factory-rejected roofing shingles can also be added to RAP.

**RECYCLED ASPHALT MIX**
A mixture produced after processing existing asphalt pavement materials such as shingles and rubber.

**SHEET ASPHALT**
A non-porous material used in reservoir liners and landfill caps.

Sources: Asphalt Institute, National Asphalt Pavement Association