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HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION

It is the policy of the Florida Department of Transportation to conserve, protect, restore, and enhance Florida's natural resources and scenic beauty. Consistent with **Section 334.044(26), Florida Statutes**, no less than 1.5% of the amount contracted for construction projects in each fiscal year is allocated to beautification programs. Under this policy, Florida can have:

- The nation's most beautiful highways.
- Safe roadsides that are durable, and ecologically and economically sustainable.
- Measurable returns on its investment.

In carrying out this policy, the Department will:

- Integrate highway beautification into the processes that are used to plan, design, construct and maintain roadways.
- Utilize color, texture, pattern, and form to develop naturally beautiful and enjoyable transportation facilities that are context sensitive, and conserve scenic, aesthetic, historic, and environmental resources while maintaining safety and mobility.
- Utilize innovative design strategies to minimize costs of high quality vegetation management.
- Utilize innovative vegetation management practices and measures to maintain safety, improve aesthetics and environmental quality, while reducing life cycle costs.
- Develop and implement a system to track costs and the accomplishments of the programs.


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