

ATTACHMENT A

ROADSIDE VEGETATION MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

The following characteristics meet the desired maintenance conditions when:

Vegetation around structures	85% of structures are not obstructed
Waterborne & Exotic/Nuisance Vegetation	Ditch areas, retention and detention ponds are 75% free of Undesirable vegetation
Roadside Mowing	Turf height shall be kept between 5” and 18”. Not more than 1% of vegetation exceeds 18” inches high. This excludes allowable seed stalks and decorative flowers allowed to remain for aesthetics. Mower decks shall be set at 5”. Herbicide applications to control growth will be allowed. No excessive brownout will be allowed, except on invasive weed species. Rural Limited Access – 5” – 18” Urban Limited Access – 5” – 12”
Slope Mowing	Not more than 2% of vegetation exceeds 18” in height. This excludes allowable seed stalks and decorative flowers allowed to remain for aesthetics. The area shall be evaluated in accordance with the mowing.
Litter Removal	The volume of litter does not exceed 3 cubic feet per 1 acre excluding all travel way pavement. When performed concurrently with the mowing operation, the contractor shall pick up and properly dispose of all trash and debris ahead of the mowing operation. Trash and debris picked up and piled or bagged on the roadside must be removed by the contractor from the right of way by the close of business the same work day. Bagged trash and debris shall not be piled on travel lanes or paved shoulders.
Turf	Turf in the mowable areas is 75% free of undesirable vegetation. Non-mowable areas within the right-of-way are 60% free of undesirable vegetation.

Invasive/Noxious Weeds

Invasive/Noxious Weeds shall be controlled by herbicide applications. Invasive/Noxious Weeds shall not cover more than 25% of the total right-of-way per acre. Compliance with all State and Federal regulations shall be met at all times.

Tree Trimming/Brush Control

There is no encroachment of trees, tree limbs or vegetation in or over travel way or clear zone, lower than 14 ½ feet or lower than 10 feet over sidewalks. There shall be no vegetation that violates the horizontal clearance as defined by this standard.

Landscape and Wildflower Areas

Vegetation is maintained in a healthy, attractive condition.