



Caltrans Adopt-A-Highway Program Fact Sheet

- The Caltrans Adopt-A-Highway Program was established in 1989. California was the 20th state in the nation to develop an Adopt-A-Highway Program.
- The Adopt-A-Highway Program allows the public to donate materials, equipment, and services for roadside maintenance or enhancement.
- Adoption opportunities include litter removal, graffiti removal, vegetation control, tree planting, and wildflower planting.
- In addition to the aesthetic benefits of cleaner and more beautiful roadsides, participants help to prevent potential pollutants from entering our waterways.
- The Adopt-A-Highway Program provides a great opportunity for both volunteer and sponsor groups to promote civic responsibility and community pride.
- An Adopt-A-Highway courtesy sign is erected to recognize participants for their contributions.
- There are approximately 2,693 active groups, representing an estimated 12,670 participants.
 - 70% of the groups are volunteers who perform the services themselves.
 - 30% of the groups are sponsors who hire a contractor to perform the work on their behalf.
- Approximately 8,540 shoulder-miles of highway are currently adopted for litter removal.
- From July 2009 through June 2010, program participants collected nearly 16,741 cubic yards of litter from California's roadsides, a value of \$11,280,000 to California's taxpayers.

