Instructions for Completing an Adopt-A-Highway Program Application

Unless otherwise noted, information requested on the Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) Program Application is required.

**Date Received - Date Completed:** This section is for Caltrans use. The District AAH Coordinator will enter these dates.

**Adoption Type(s):** At least one adoption type must be checked.

**Adoption Site(s) Requested:** Each row must list a single site:
- **Type:** Enter the adoption type abbreviation shown in the “Adoption Type(s)” section of the application. For example, “LR” is shown as the abbreviation for “Litter Removal.”
- **County:** Enter the county where the site is located. If the adoption site crosses county lines, ask the District AAH Coordinator which county to enter.
- **Route:** Enter the route number where the site is located. For park and rides and bike trails, use the route the site is nearest to.
- **Post Mile Range - Location Type:** Applicants may leave this field empty or may contact the District AAH Coordinator to obtain this information. If the field is left empty, the District AAH Coordinator will contact the applicant to discuss the desired location and will enter the post mile range and location type on the applicant’s behalf.
- **Directions(s):** Check one or both directions. Litter removal participants normally adopt both sides of conventional (two-lane) highways but may adopt one or both sides of freeways or wide expressways.
- **Unlabeled Fields** (see circled fields in the example above): These fields are for Caltrans use. The District AAH Coordinator will enter a code into the fields, indicating the action to be taken for the requested locations.

**Applicant Information:** The name entered into the “Individual, Organization, Agency, or Business Name” field determines what may be displayed on the AAH recognition panel. For more information regarding recognition panel rules, please obtain a copy of the Adopt-A-Highway Recognition Panel Design Guidelines from the District AAH Coordinator.

- **Individual:** An individual must apply using his or her legal first and last name. Use of a middle name or initial is optional. Use of a nickname will be considered on a case-by-case basis. If the applicant is an individual, the name of the primary contact must be the person entered into this field.
- **Organization:** An organization must apply using the organization’s complete name.
- **Agency:** An agency must apply using the agency’s legal name.
- **Business:** A business must apply using the business’ legal name. Use of a corporate indicator, such as Inc., Co., etc., is optional. Business applicants must provide proof of legal business name when a Program Application is submitted. The following documents can be used to verify a business name: business license, city or county tax certificate, articles of incorporation, or screen print displaying the business name from the Secretary of State’s business portal (http://kepler.sos.ca.gov). Please contact the District AAH Coordinator if you are unable to provide any of the documents listed above.
- **Memorials:** An applicant may wish to participate in honor of a deceased person. In this case, instead of the applicant’s name, the words, “In Memory of,” plus the deceased person’s name(s) are entered into the field. For example, “In Memory of John Doe.” The deceased person’s first name may be entered without the last name. Use of a middle name or initial is optional. Use of a nickname will be considered on a case-by-case basis. If several persons are to be memorialized, a group name will be considered on a case-by-case basis. For example, “In Memory of the Doe Family.”
- **Work Will Be Performed By:** An anticipated crew type must be checked. Adopters may perform adoption tasks as volunteers or they may hire a contractor to perform adoption tasks on their behalf. A list of approved contractors is available from the District AAH Coordinator. The name of the contractor does not need to be submitted with the Program Application.
- **Remaining Contact Information:** Shaded fields in the example above (Title, E-Mail, Alt. Phone No., FAX) are optional. All other information is required. A contractor may not list themselves as the alternate contact.
- **Authorized Signature:** This must be the primary contact’s signature. A contractor may not sign on behalf of its sponsor.

**Contractor Information:** The fields in this section must be left empty unless the Program Application is being submitted by a Caltrans-approved contractor of behalf of the adopter.

**Applicant Eligibility Approval:** This section is for Caltrans use. A District Deputy Director of Maintenance will approve or deny each applicant’s eligibility.

**CAUTION:** Pressing the “Lock Data on Form Button” will disable your ability to edit the form. Instead, perform a “Save As” to save the Permit Application.