



## Caltrans Adopt-A-Highway Program Fact Sheet

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- 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.
- As of July 2016 there are approximately 3,033 active groups, representing an estimated 11,594 participants.
  - 73% of the groups are volunteers who perform the services themselves.
  - 27% of the groups are sponsors who hire a contractor to perform the work on their behalf.
- Approximately 9,706 shoulder-miles of highway are currently adopted for litter removal.
- From July 2012 through June 2016, program participants collected over 77,000 cubic yards of litter from California's roadsides, a value of approximately \$18,000,000 a year to California's taxpayers.

