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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 when constructing and maintaining the State Highway System. Under this policy, Florida can have:

- The nation's most beautiful highways that attract and grow business.
- Safe roadsides that are durable, and ecologically and economically sustainable.
- Measurable returns on investments that grow in value over time.

In carrying out this policy, the Department will:

- Make highway beautification *everyone's* business.
- Accommodate existing and proposed trees and other long lived plants by consistently integrating landscape conservation and highway beautification into the processes that are used to plan, design, construct, and maintain roadways.
- Utilize design strategies that enhance Florida's distinctive sense of place, create lasting curb appeal, and minimize the cost to conserve and maintain high quality landscapes.
- Accept responsibility for maintenance of the state's highest priority landscapes, as established by the Department, when necessary to implement this policy.
- Develop and implement a system to track costs and accomplishments of programs contributing to highway beautification.

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