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**SUBJECT: ROADSIDE DEVELOPMENT LANDSCAPE POLICY**

**REFERENCES:**

Manual of Aesthetic Design Practice  
Landscape Design Standards for B.C. Highways  
R.T.A.C. Manual  
Safety Rest Area Policy

**BACKGROUND:**

Landscaping is an integral part of highway development, and landscape requirements should be identified at the preliminary design stage for new highways. The Ministry is obliged to carry out landscape treatment on its right-of-way consistent with the nature of the project and considerate of adjacent property. The opportunities for landscaping will vary considerably, depending on whether the highway is new or existing construction, the adjacent lands are developed, or cost sharing arrangements can be made.

Current project design practices are outlined in the above references.

Ministry policy on implementation of the Landscape Policy has been accepted by the Executive Committee.

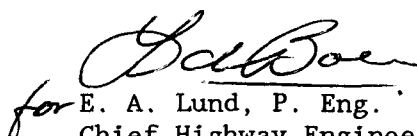
**PROCEDURE:**

The standard levels of landscape treatment for Ministry projects are described in a document entitled Landscape Policy, dated June 18, 1991, copies of which are now being distributed. Additional copies may be obtained from Mr. Planiden's office.

This Policy will be made part of an updated Policy and Procedures Manual as soon as possible.

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