

Landscaping Maintenance Responsibility UDOT 08A2-05

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Purpose

To establish a policy for the Utah Department of Transportation (Department) to define the maintenance responsibility when landscaping or a sprinkler or drip irrigation system is installed on a Department right-of-way.

Policy

The municipality is responsible to maintain landscaping, sprinkler or drip irrigation system, or site amenity items in perpetuity and requires an agreement whenever these items are installed on a Department right-of-way. It is the municipality's responsibility to maintain landscaping behind the curb and gutter within the city limits according to Utah Code 72-3-109. The project will only receive baseline landscape treatments if the municipality will not agree to maintain landscapes, sprinkler systems, or other site amenities. Refer to UDOT 08C-03.

Definitions

Landscaping

Includes any items such as the following: trees, shrubs, perennials, turf sod, rock or shredded bark mulches, weed barrier fabrics, mow strips, specialty paving, tree grates, planters, boulders, or boulder walls.

Sprinkler or Drip Irrigation System

Any temporary or permanent watering system designed to provide water to plants or turf sod.

Site Amenities

Items such as benches, trash receptacles, kiosks, bollards, decorative lighting, or railings. included on a Department project.

Procedures

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Responsibility: Project Manager

Actions

1. Inform the municipality during early coordination with the municipality on a Department project occurring within their boundaries that landscaping, sprinkler or drip irrigation systems, or site amenities installed with the project will be their responsibility to maintain.
2. Inform the municipality that water and electrical hookups for the sprinkler irrigation system will need to be provided by the municipality and that the power and water usage will need to be paid by them.
3. Verify that irrigation mainlines are not positioned in areas where their failure could jeopardize Department facilities and the system uses flow-sensing emergency shut-off valves on mainlines.
4. Inform the municipality that any funding beyond the aesthetics budget established for the project will need to be provided by the municipality and an agreement will need to be entered into and signed. Refer to UDOT 08C-03.
5. Prepare and sign agreements before landscape or irrigation plans are developed.
 - a. Only baseline treatments will be included on the project if agreements cannot be obtained early in the design process.