

Landscape and Aesthetics Design Manual

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Manual Notice 2017-1

From: Camille Thomason, P.E.

Manual: *Landscape and Aesthetics Design Manual*

Effective Date: November 01, 2017

Purpose

The *Landscape and Aesthetics Design Manual* is being revised:

- ◆ To reflect improved business practices; and
- ◆ To cover an area that had not been covered before.

Contents

Chapter 4, Section 9, Illumination has been revised to add aesthetic lighting guidelines. This section was also revised to add information about light emitting diode (LED) lighting under the new Lighting Sources heading and to remove references to outdated light sources that are no longer used by the department.

Supersedes

The revised manual supersedes prior versions of the manual.

Contact

You may contact the Design Division's Landscape Group at DES-LAND@TxDOT.gov if you have any questions.

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Manual Notice 2015-1

From: Rene Garcia, P.E.

Manual: *Landscape and Aesthetics Design Manual*

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Purpose

The *Landscape and Aesthetics Design Manual* is being revised:

- ◆ To comply with an administrative rule change.

Contents

The Construction Landscape Program has been replaced with the Transportation Alternatives Program in Section 3 of Chapter 1. References to Title 6, Texas Transportation Code in Section 7 have been updated, along with Texas Administrative Codes.

The Plant Selection Criteria described in Chapter 2 has been edited as well, in accordance with changes to the Texas Transportation Code.

Supersedes

The revised manual supersedes prior versions of the manual.

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Manual Notice 2012-1

From: Mark A. Marek, P.E.

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Effective Date: October 01, 2012

Purpose

The *Landscape and Aesthetics Design Manual* is being revised:

- ◆ To comply with an administrative rule change.

Contents

The commission reorganized policy regarding public participation programs for landscaping and litter removal. Content previously in Chapter 2 is now in Chapter 12.1 - 12.11 of the TAC. Only the numbering and cross references have changed. This affects Chapter 1, Section 7 - Policy and Authorities Impacting Landscape and Aesthetics Design.

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Manual Notice 2009-2

From: Mark A. Marek, P.E.

Manual: Landscape and Aesthetics Design Manual

Effective Date: November 01, 2009

Purpose

This revision is intended to update the Landscape and Aesthetics Design Manual, specifically to correct Chapter 4, Section 10 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Access. The subsection "Wide Curb Lanes" was modified so that the minimum curb lane width for urban streets where paved shoulders are not possible is 14 ft.

Contact

Address questions concerning the information contained in this manual to the Landscape Design and Enhancements Section in the Design Division (DES).

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Manual Notice 2009-1

From: Mark A. Marek, P.E.

Manual: Landscape and Aesthetics Design Manual

Effective Date: March 01, 2009

Purpose

This revision is intended to update the *Landscape and Aesthetics Design Manual*, specifically to include TxDOT's Nondiscrimination Policy.

Contact

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Manual Notice 2007-1

From: Mark A. Marek, P.E.

Manual: *Landscape and Aesthetics Design Manual*

Effective Date: September 01, 2007

Purpose

This revision is intended to update the Landscape and Aesthetic Design Manual. This manual represents a synthesis of current information and design practices related to development of landscape and aesthetic components for different classifications of roadway facilities.

Contents

The following revisions have been made to Chapter 1:

- ◆ Chapter 5, Section 5, was moved to Chapter 1, Section 4
- ◆ References to the Green Ribbon Program have been updated
- ◆ and the new Landscape Partnership Program was added.

Minor text edits have been made to each chapter to clarify information for the users.

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Address questions concerning information contained in this Manual Notice to the Landscape Design and Enhancement Section, Design Division, at (512) 416-3082.

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Manual Notice 2001-2

To: Districts and Divisions
From: Robert R. Kovar, P.E.
Subject: Manual Revision
Manual: Landscape and Aesthetics Design Manual
Effective Date: November 1, 2001

Purpose

This revision updates the manual to add new links to recently published manuals and deletes out of date links. The manual continues to provide guidance in the selection of landscape and aesthetic design criteria for highway and street project development. This manual represents a synthesis of current information and design practices related to development of landscape and aesthetic components for different classifications of roadway facilities.

Instructions

This manual applies to all highway and street project development, whether developed by the department or with consultant staff.

Supersedes

This manual supercedes the online manual published December 5, 2000.

Contents

The manual contains landscape and aesthetics design information with chapters on: Introduction to Landscape and Aesthetics Design; Assessment, Planning and Design; Project Development Process; Landscape and Aesthetics Guidelines for Common Structural Elements; and Landscape and Aesthetics Guidelines for Common Transportation Features. It contains online links to procedural manuals currently available online as well as those under development.

This release of the manual is in dual units representing both United States customary and metric units in accordance with unit relationships expressed in publications of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

Contact

For general comments and suggestions for future revisions of this manual, contact the Design Division.

Manual Notice 2001-1

To: All Districts and Divisions

From: Kirby W. Pickett, P.E.

Functional Manual: *Landscape and Aesthetics Design Manual*

Date: December 5, 2000

Purpose

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