



CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

POLICY STATEMENT

POLICY NO. EX.O.-36
December 13, 2017

SUBJECT: Municipal Maintenance of Transportation Amenities

This Policy establishes a requirement that certain amenities, when requested by a municipality and accommodated within State property interests, must be maintained by the municipality.

In the interest of community enhancement, the CT Department of Transportation (Department) may grant requests to include various items within State property interests. However, some items and features, though reasonable to accommodate, are impractical for the Department to maintain. Such features may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Benches,
- Bus shelters,
- Cross walks with decorative treatments,
- Decorative lighting,
- Non-standard ¹ fencing, guide rail, hand railings and traffic control signal appurtenances,
- Ornamental plantings and vegetation (e.g., trees and shrubs),
- Parking stall pavement markings,
- Special-purpose signing/pavement markings (e.g., destination, restricted-use/bicycle lanes pedestrian actuated warning systems, in-pavement lighting, legend/word pavement markings).

In addition to the restoration or replacement of specific features, such as those listed above, the Department's maintenance resources and priorities preclude certain other activities. These activities include, but are not limited to, routine maintenance of multi-use trails and snow removal beyond the roadway (e.g., parking areas between "bump outs").

As a condition of approving the amenity (e.g., within a project, via permit), the municipality will be required to enter into an agreement with the State stating that the municipality is fully responsible for maintenance and liability associated with features and activities that cannot reasonably be accomplished by State Maintenance. The agreement will also acknowledge the Department's right to remove features from State property that are not properly maintained.

Policy Nos. E&C-16 "Traffic Control Signals Ownership and Operations" and E&C-19 "Sidewalks" are not affected by this policy. When practical, a single agreement may be used to meet the requirements of both policies.

¹ Non-standard means deviating from Department standards in terms of color, type, style, location, or placement.


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