



## Roads & Transportation now has an ADOPT-A-ROAD program!

Help keep your favorite roadway shoulders free of trash in the unincorporated areas of Ventura County. Roadways may be adopted for litter cleanup by qualified persons or groups.

The Adopt-a-Road Program was incorporated into the update to the Encroachment Ordinance approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 19, 2019.

Our thanks to the Rotary Club of Moorpark and Simi Valley for being the first participant in this program.

For program information, see Guidelines on our Ordinances, Policies, and Guidelines page at <https://www.vcpublishworks.org/rt/encroachment/>.

For additional questions, contact us by email at [pwa.transpermits@ventura.org](mailto:pwa.transpermits@ventura.org) or phone at (805) 654-2055.

To apply for a permit, please submit application here below with a map showing the roadway and limits to be adopted. Email applications to [pwa.transpermits@ventura.org](mailto:pwa.transpermits@ventura.org).



**VENTURA COUNTY  
PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY ROADS & TRANSPORTATION (VCPWA-RT)**

**ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM**

Introduction

Non-profit organizations, clubs, and other entities may perform or sponsor roadside cleanup of county-maintained roadways in the unincorporated County. The Adopt-a-Road Program was incorporated into the update to the Encroachment Ordinance approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 19, 2019.

Ventura County Public Works Agency Roads & Transportation (VCPWA-RT) adopted the Caltrans “Adopt-a-Highway” program as a model. An encroachment permit is required to perform or sponsor cleanup of a county-maintained road. The County, entity, or sponsor may terminate the permit at any time for any reason. The permit is effective for the duration identified on the permit. Any changes to the permit will require a permit modification.

The Commissioner may, as part of any Adopt-a-Road Permit, install up to two road sponsorship signs on a sponsored segment of roadway, solely for the purposes of identifying the sponsor or entity and promoting the Adopt-a-Road Program. The Commissioner will specify the location, content, and design of all signs consistent with these purposes. Each sponsorship sign will constitute government speech by the County; is neither a public forum, a limited public forum, nor a non-public forum; and neither the sponsorship of the roadway nor the sponsorship signs constitute a forum for advertisement, solicitation, or public discourse.

As part of the program, VCPWA-RT may provide hard hats, safety vests, gloves, protective eye wear, and trash bags to the sponsors. VCPWA-RT will also provide a safety orientation for the sponsor’s designated group leader and alternate group leader. For each cleanup event, the sponsor will bag the collected trash and stack the bags together for cleanup. VCPWA-RT will collect the bagged trash and dispose of it. This will allow VCPWA-RT to verify and quantify the work performed.

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**ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM**

**ADOPT-A-ROAD CONDITIONS**

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**SECTION 1 – PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

1. Safety Training. No person may enter the County right-of-way to perform work until after the Entity or Sponsor’s designated group leader has received a safety orientation from the Maintenance Division of the Ventura County Public Works Agency Roads & Transportation Department as described below. Any person who will enter the right-of-way is to have received the safety training from the group leader as described below in Section 3.
2. Nature and frequency of work. The Entity or Sponsor is to remove litter and other debris from the right-of-way. Work performed under the permit may occur as frequently as they choose but shall be performed at least once every 180 days.
3. Right-of-Way. The Entity or Sponsor may not perform landscaping, planting, pruning, painting, construction, demolition, or alteration of the right-of-way.
4. Minors. No minor under the age of 14 may perform work unless otherwise approved by the permit. Minors aged 14 to 17 may perform work under the permit with written parental consent and one adult supervisor present, for every five minors at the work site. Each adult supervisor shall be at least 21 years of age.
5. Beginning of work. Work under the permit may be performed only after a safety orientation has been completed and all workers have received safety training, as described below. Work is to begin within 90 days of the effective date of the permit start date, regardless of whether any recognition sign has been installed. The Sponsor may not suspend, or delay work due to the absence of or damage to any recognition sign.
6. Advance notice of work. No fewer than five days and no greater than 30 days before beginning any work, the Sponsor shall notify the Permits Engineer of the Permits Section of the Public Works Agency Roads & Transportation Department, using the notice form attached and incorporated here as Exhibit A, of the Entity or Sponsor’s plan to work. This notice shall also designate the group leader and alternate group leader. Notification is to be made via email to: [pwa.transpermits@ventura.org](mailto:pwa.transpermits@ventura.org).
7. After cleanup. No fewer than five days and no less than 30 days after the cleanup day, the Sponsor is to provide an after-work cleanup report to the Permits Engineer using the form in Exhibit B. Email the report to: [pwa.transpermits@ventura.org](mailto:pwa.transpermits@ventura.org).
8. Work days and hours. All work is to be performed during daylight hours. No work shall be performed during peak traffic hours listed on the permit. If weather or other adverse circumstance causes decreased visibility or a hazard to workers, work is to be stopped immediately. No work may be conducted on, or within the 24 hours preceding, the following holidays, regardless of whether the notice form identifies them as the dates of work. The holidays are: New Year’s Day,

- President's Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving, or Christmas Day.
9. Conflicting encroachments. The Sponsor may not perform work at the site of ongoing or prior authorized work within the right-of-way.
  10. Permit at work site. The Sponsor shall keep a complete copy of the Permit and any plan or work schedule at the work site and show them upon request to any County representative or law enforcement officer. No work may be performed without these materials being present at the work site.
  11. Parking at work site. No vehicle may be parked or stopped in the right-of-way in a manner that interferes with the free flow of traffic or bicyclists or pedestrians. Vehicles used to transport workers to and from the work site may be parked in the right-of-way, provided each vehicle is located completely off the pavement and at least ten feet from any traffic lane.
  12. Work procedures. All work shall proceed in the direction facing traffic and workers shall face traffic whenever possible. The Sponsor is to post a safety lookout whenever workers are unable to watch oncoming traffic. No work may be performed on a median strip, or on or within ten feet of any traffic lane. Workers may not work on unstable or slippery ground, on steep slopes, on bridges, or inside culverts.
  13. Traffic control. No form of traffic control may be used, including, but not limited to, signs, cones, vehicles, or closures of lanes or shoulders.
  14. Safety equipment. All workers are to wear hard hats, safety vests, gloves, and protective eyewear while on the County's right-of-way unless stated otherwise on the permit. The County may provide these items. The Road Maintenance Adopt-A-Road Contact is listed in Section 6. All workers are to wear long pants and shoes or boots with ankle support. Any item furnished by County are to be returned upon termination of this Permit.
  15. Litter and debris removal. The Sponsor are to use only litter bags provided by the County. Filled bags are to be securely tied and placed at least ten feet from the edge of the nearest traffic lane and off the paved shoulder. Bags may not be placed where they obstruct drainage or where they cannot be easily or safely seen or retrieved by County personnel. Whenever possible, bags be stacked together and placed at least 100 feet from any structure. The Sponsor are to leave all filled bags at the work site, to enable verification of work frequency and quantification of the value of the work performed under the permit.
  16. Storage. Except for filled litter bags, the Sponsor may not store any equipment or materials in the right-of-way.
  17. Permits from other agencies. The Sponsor are to obtain and maintain all permits necessary and required by law from the appropriate agencies. This constitutes the required encroachment permit under Ventura County Ordinance Code section 12100 et seq.
  18. No excavation or digging. The Sponsor may not perform any excavation or digging while performing work under the permit.
  19. Archeological and historical resources. The Sponsor are to immediately stop all work and notify the Engineer if Sponsor finds any archeological or historical resources in the vicinity of the work site.
  20. Insurance Requirements. Certificates of insurance and endorsements with the County of Ventura as a certificate holder. The permittee shall maintain in full force and effect throughout the term of the permit, an adequate insurance policy or policies, including motor vehicle insurance, which fully protects the County from claims and suits for personal injury, death, and property damage. The Sponsor shall retain an insurance and amount as determined by County Risk Management. The insurance shall afford coverage for the permittee and in the amount or amounts as determined by County Risk Management. Risk Management will approve a

Volunteer Waiver (Exhibit C) in lieu of the low-risk minimum amount of insurance of \$500,000.

## **SECTION 2 - ROAD SPONSORSHIP SIGNS**

At the Sponsor's election, the County may manufacture, install, and maintain two road sponsorship recognition signs along the roadway for which the permit is issued, one facing each direction, to identify the Sponsor's name as the sponsor, in recognition of the Sponsor's contribution. Sponsorship signs will be of the County's design and will display "Sponsor's Name" in black, block letters on a white background. As an alternative, the Sponsor may furnish a customized identifying logo for placement on the signs, at their own expense. County retains sole and final authority for approval of the artwork's wording, size, color, type style, placement, and future modifications. The County and the Sponsor will agree that the sponsorship signs are government speech by the County; that the sponsorship signs are neither a public forum, a limited public forum, nor a non-public forum; and that neither the sponsorship of road nor the sponsorship signs are intended to provide a forum for advertisement, solicitation, or public discourse.

## **SECTION 3 - SAFETY PROCEDURES**

As part of the safety procedures the Sponsor are to comply with the following requirements:

1. Group leaders. Before beginning any work, the Sponsor shall designate to the Permit Engineer, using the form in Exhibit A, a group leader and an alternate group leader.
2. Safety orientation. Both the group leader and alternate group leader shall have attended a safety orientation given by the Road Maintenance Adopt-a-Road Maintenance Manager.
3. Safety equipment. During the safety orientation, the County will issue litter bags. The County may issue safety equipment. Additional equipment and litter bags may be obtained as needed from the Road Maintenance Adopt-a-Road Maintenance Manager.
4. Safety training. Before the beginning work, the group leader or alternate group leader are to provide safety training for all workers. This training shall include an explanation of this Permit, and all workers are encouraged to view a safety video that will be provided by the County.
5. Safety reviews. The group leader or alternate group leader are to conduct a brief safety review each time the group goes out to work. This review is to be conducted away from the work site, and the permit conditions for "Safety Requirements for Participants" and "Bag It, Move It, or Leave It?" are encouraged to be reviewed. The group leader or alternate group leader is to ensure each worker is equipped with safety gear and all minors supervised as required. The group leader or alternate group leader shall be present at the work site throughout the duration of the work.
6. Report injuries, accidents, and incidents. The Sponsor are to report to the Permit Engineer using the form in Exhibit B no later than the business day following the event, all of the following: An injury to any person resulting in that person seeking medical treatment; vehicular damage resulting in an insurance claim, police report, or both; and any incident for which a law enforcement agency was contacted.
7. Contacts. Report changes in contact information or leadership to the Permit Engineer using the form in Exhibit A. New group leaders appointed during the term of Permit are to attend a safety orientation given by the Road Maintenance Adopt-a-Road Maintenance Manager.

**SECTION 4 - COST OF WORK.**

The Sponsor is to bear all costs incurred for work under the Permit. The Sponsor is to jointly and severally waive all claims for indemnification or contribution from the County.

**SECTION 5 - COUNTY INDEMNIFICATION**

Neither the County nor any of its officers or employees will be liable in any manner for injury to or death of any person, or for property damage, from any cause. The Sponsor, jointly and severally, will be responsible for, and will hold harmless, indemnify, and defend County against all claims for property damage or injury to or death of any person, arising out of work or other activity under the permit, arising out of any Sponsor's failure to perform its obligations under the permit, or resulting from any other cause during the progress of work or other activity under the permit.

The Sponsor's duty to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend includes the duties to defend described in Civil Code section 2778. The Sponsor jointly and severally waive all rights to any type of express or implied indemnity against the County and its officers, employees, and contractors. The Sponsor are to, jointly and severally, hold harmless and indemnify County and its officers, employees, and contractors as described above, regardless of the existence or degree of fault or negligence, whether active or passive, primary or secondary, on the part of County; County's officers, employees, or contractors; the Sponsor; or persons employed by or acting on behalf of the Sponsor.

The Sponsor is to obtain hold harmless waivers from all participants using the form in Exhibit C.

## **SECTION 6 – ADOPT-A-ROAD RESOURCES**

### Links

Adopt-a-Road Program Guidelines:

<https://www.vcpwpublicworks.org/rt/ordinancespoliciesguidelines/>

Adopt-a-Road Program Municode VCCO Section 12219:

[https://library.municode.com/ca/ventura\\_county/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=DIV12HIEN\\_CH2GEPR\\_12219ADROPE](https://library.municode.com/ca/ventura_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=DIV12HIEN_CH2GEPR_12219ADROPE)

Adopt-a-Road Program Application Section 12401 and Insurance Section 12401(c)(5):

[https://library.municode.com/ca/ventura\\_county/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=DIV12HIEN\\_CH4APRE\\_12401PEAP](https://library.municode.com/ca/ventura_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=DIV12HIEN_CH4APRE_12401PEAP)

Apply for Permit: <https://www.vcpwpublicworks.org/applyforpermits/> (see bottom of webpage)

Contact VCPWA-RT:

Permits Section: [pwa.transpermits@ventura.org](mailto:pwa.transpermits@ventura.org) or (805) 654-2055 (Technicians).

Road Maintenance Section: (805) 672-2131 (Adopt-a-Road Contact).

County-Maintained Roads: See Maps.

Incidents: Use Exhibit B to report injuries, accidents, and incidents.

Insurance: \$500,000 minimum liability insurance required by Risk Management.

Amount: Amount may be waived for Adopt-a-Road Program.

Requirements: [https://s29422.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/EP\\_FilmPermitInsuranceRequirements.pdf](https://s29422.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/EP_FilmPermitInsuranceRequirements.pdf)

Waiver: See Exhibit C for Volunteer Release & Waiver of Liability.

Maps:

VCPWA-RT County-View: <https://maps.ventura.org/PWA-Transportation/>

Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/>

Bing Maps: <https://www.bing.com/maps/>

Safety Materials:

Note: Safety materials to be provided to all participants.

1. Bag It, Move It, or Leave It (Caltrans):

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/maintenance/documents/adopt-a-highway/bag-it-a11y.pdf>

2. Safety Requirements for Participants (Caltrans):

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/maintenance/documents/adopt-a-highway/crew-plans-a11y.pdf>

3. Safety Equipment and Materials, Trash/Litter Bags, and Signs: Contact VCPWA-RT Road Maintenance.

Safety Videos:

Note: Safety videos by others. Some requirements in video may differ with VCPWA-RT Permit. Permittees are to refer to permit conditions of approval.

1. Caltrans: Search YouTube for Caltrans Adopt A Highway Safety Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3MmhZ\\_frM0&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3MmhZ_frM0&feature=youtu.be)
2. Snohomish Co, WA: <https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/664/Adopt-A-Road#video>

Signs: Contact VCPWA-RT Road Maintenance.

Start of Work: Use Exhibit A to report work or cleanup date and time

Weather: <https://weather.com/>  
<https://www.accuweather.com/>

Websites:

VCPWA-RT:

<https://www.vcpwpublicworks.org/rt/>

Permits Section:

<https://www.vcpwpublicworks.org/rt/encroachment/>

Maintenance Section:

[https://www.vcpwpublicworks.org/rt/tsd\\_om/](https://www.vcpwpublicworks.org/rt/tsd_om/)





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**VOLUNTEER RELEASE & WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

***Please read carefully! This is a legal document that affects your legal rights.***

I want to participate in volunteer activities for the Ventura County Public Works Agency Roads and Transportation Department, henceforth referred to as County. As a County volunteer, I freely, voluntarily, and without duress execute this Release and Waiver under the following terms:

**1. Assumption of Risk.** I understand that my work for the County may include activities that are hazardous and/or physically strenuous and that I may be exposed to personal injury or damage to my property as a result of my activities, the activities of other persons, or the conditions under which my services are performed while participating in County volunteer activities. Though the County will provide me with support, supervision, training, and supplies to accomplish assigned tasks, I agree to assume the entire risk of injury, property damage or harm arising from my work as a volunteer regardless of such support, supervision, training and supplies provided by the County.

I also agree with the following:

- I will follow all instructions provided by the County, its employees, or volunteer coordinators.
- I will only use equipment that I know how to operate and use safely.
- I will not undertake any activity for which I do not feel sufficiently prepared or able and until I have received instructions.
- I will take all reasonable precautions to avoid injury to myself and to others and damage to property.

**2. Waiver and Release.** I hereby release and forever waive any causes of action of any type against the County of Ventura, its officers, directors, employees, and other County volunteers including all liability for my injury, illness, death, or property damages arising from my participation in this volunteer activity, on behalf of myself, my heirs, and my assigns.

**3. Indemnity Clause.** I do hereby agree to indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless the County, its officers, directors, agents, employees and each of them (indemnities) from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, damages, cost, expenses, actual attorneys' fees, judgments, losses and liabilities of every kind and nature whatsoever (Claims) arising out of my work as a volunteer. I understand that this release discharges the above entities from any liability that may result from my work whether caused by the negligence of the County or its employees to the extent allowed by law, but not arising from the sole negligence of the County of Ventura and/or its employees.

**4. Medical Treatment.** I release and discharge the County from any claim that arises or may arise due to any first aid, medical treatment, or service rendered to me.

**5. Insurance.** The County does not have responsibility for providing any health, medical or disability insurance coverage for me. IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY AS A VOLUNTEER TO ENSURE I HAVE MEDICAL/HEALTH INSURANCE.

- I understand that if I drive my personal vehicle for County business while volunteering, I must have a valid driver's license and proof of auto insurance.

**6. Photographic Release.** I grant to the County the right to use photographic images and video or audio recordings of me that are made by the County or others during my volunteer work for the County.

**7. Duration of Release.** My agreement to the terms in this Release & Waiver applies as long as I volunteer for the County.

**8. Other.** I agree that this Release and Waiver is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of California and that this Release and Waiver is governed by and will be interpreted according to the laws of California. I understand that should any part of this Release and Waiver be ruled invalid by a court, the other parts will remain valid and continue to be in effect.

***I certify that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age or have had this document signed by my parent or guardian.***

_____ PRINT Adult's Name	_____ If consenting a minor, print name(s) on lines provided.	
_____ Street Address	_____	
_____ City, State, Zip	_____ Telephone	_____ Email Address
_____ Signature	_____ Date	_____ Emergency Contact
		_____ Telephone

Please scan and email all the completed forms with Exhibit B to [pwa.transpermits@ventura.org](mailto:pwa.transpermits@ventura.org). **EXHIBIT C**