



Review of Mowing Practices (GA 2010, Budget Item 436 H)

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Prior Mowing Practices

LOCATIONS:

- Mow the entire mowable right-of-way
- Mow all shoulders, ditches and backslopes
- Mow entire interchange loops and ramps
- Mow entire median regardless of size

FREQUENCY:

- No limitation on mowing frequency
- Up to 8 times per year or more in some urban areas

PRIMARY BUSINESS REASON:

- Aesthetics and safety



Current Mowing Practices

LOCATIONS:

- Mow to ditchline on shoulders and medians
- Mow to maintain site distance and clear zones
- Mow entire right-of-way once every three years (woody species control)

FREQUENCY:

- One (1) to three (3) times per year
- Based on road category and average daily traffic counts
- May have greater frequency in some urban areas if justified

PRIMARY BUSINESS PURPOSE:

- Safety



Mowing Expenditure Comparison CY09 vs. CY10

MOWING EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	CY08	CY09
Hand Mowing	3,030,285	1,992,364
Mechanical Mowing	29,072,660	16,152,746
TOTAL COSTS	\$32,102,946	\$18,145,110

Mowing Comparison Summary





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