

## Landscaped Freeways - Questions and Answers

Question #1: How can I determine what post mile a specific location is at?

Answer: Post miles start at 0.0 at county lines and increase as you travel north or east. As you drive the freeway, post miles are identified on white paddles or on bridge abutments. Or, email me at [william.andersen@dot.ca.gov](mailto:william.andersen@dot.ca.gov) or phone me at (916) 651-8416 and I can look them up.

Question #2: Why is Caltrans in the business of controlling billboards on "Landscaped Freeways"?

Answer: It's required by the California Outdoor Advertising Act. The Act can be seen on the Internet at [http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/oda/download/ODA\\_Act\\_&\\_Regulations.pdf](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/oda/download/ODA_Act_&_Regulations.pdf).

Question #3: How do I read the Classified "Landscaped Freeways" list on the Internet?

Answer: Find the appropriate District first. Then find the county and route. Both sides of the freeway between the post mile limits are classified. The letter R means the freeway was "realigned", not the right side of the freeway. The dates in the preliminary determination column mean the section is currently classified but the planting project is recent or ongoing and the section still needs to be field-inspected.

Question #4: How do I request a section of "Landscaped Freeway" freeway be declassified?

Answer: First, make sure there is no planting on either side of the freeway in the area of your request. Then send a letter requesting declassification to Caltrans Principal Landscape Architect. An example letter with the name and address is on the Internet at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LandArch/lswfy/> We will inspect the location within 60 days and respond to you.

Question #5: How many times do you declassify a section of "Landscaped Freeway"?

Answer: From January 2005 to December 2010, we have received 51 requests and declassified 23 of those, for a rate of 46%. Typical reasons are that the planting has died or the freeway has been widened and the planting removed.

Question #6: Why are there other outdoor advertising displays in sections of "Landscaped Freeway"?

Answer: The displays may have been installed prior to the landscaping being installed or are on-premise displays, which are not controlled by Caltrans. For questions about specific displays, please contact Caltrans Outdoor Advertising Program.

Question #7: Is a "Landscaped Freeway" the same as a Scenic Highway?

Answer: No. A Landscaped Freeway is a section of freeway that has been landscaped within the State right-of-way and is generally in urban areas. A

Scenic Highway contains natural scenic beauty, requires local agencies to protect the scenic corridor and is generally found in rural areas.

Note: These questions and answers are for information purposes only and are not intended to have legal implications.