

## Roadside Vegetation Maintenance practices

typical cross section - *not to scale*

### Zone A: immediately adjacent to roadway

- Spray: keep vegetation free for pavement drainage and icing
- Spray widths conventionally based on road type
  - 2' for local
  - 3' for collectors
  - 5' for arterials

### Zone B: near top of ditch to center of ditch

- Tractor Mow to ditch catch point: May – Oct
- Machine Brush approximately every 5-years: Oct –April
- Spot-spray brush (*e.g. poison oak, blackberries, Scotch broom*)
- Ditch cleanings: *Approx. 8 to 10-year cycle*

### Zone C: behind ditch

Generally “County maintenance free” except for the following:

- Emergency and/ or dangerous circumstances
- Vision hazards
- Vegetation in Zone “C” is encroaching into Zones “A” or “B”

### Overhead Tree Vertical Clearance

- Tree limbs overhanging into the roadway or Zone “A” will be trimmed flush to the beginning of Zone “C”
  - Rural vertical clearance 16”
  - Urban vertical clearance 14”
- Additional Tree Vertical Clearance work for:
  - High Elevation Snow Loads on Limbs
  - Road Operation Maintenance equipment (*raised dump trucks, street sweepers, shoulder work*)

Crews will observe **vegetation management agreements** with abutting property owners

