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REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS

What’s changed in the Roadside Policy Manual for February 2022?

Roadside Policy Manual changes include the following:

- Added three new appendices (tools) to help streamline the process to meet Roadside Policy goals:
 - Tree Replacement Flow Chart
 - Tree Replacement Calculator Tool
 - Fee-in lieu and Vegetation Mitigation Agreements
- Updated portions of Chapter 2 to explain when and how to apply these tools above.
- Clarified language to explain how the Roadside Policy aligns with current Agency emphasis areas (i.e., preservation and management of assets, system resilience, promoting the health of pollinators)
- Provided additional policy guidance or clarity to a few sections of Chapter 2.2

Purpose:

WSDOT Roadside Policy goals encourage preservation of beneficial roadside vegetation and the continued maintenance and enhancement of roadside landscapes. This update does not change the baseline Policy expectations. Instead, the inclusion of the latest tools assists projects in meeting these Roadside Policy goals. Updated language provide clarity to Roadside Policy intent not clearly defined in last version.

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