

# Adopt-A-Highway Program

When you join Alaska DOT&PF's Adopt-A-Highway program, you become a vital part of a public/private partnership dedicated to keeping Alaska's roadsides clean and attractive. No special skills or experience are required – just a commitment to the community and a concern for the environment.

The Alaska Adopt-A-Highway program began in 1991. Since then more than 664 groups have cleaned and enhanced over 1,535 shoulder-miles of Alaska's roadsides.

## Our Thanks!

Trash is a problem in Alaska, but it's one problem we can solve together. We thank these partners for supporting the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities Adopt-A-Highway Program.



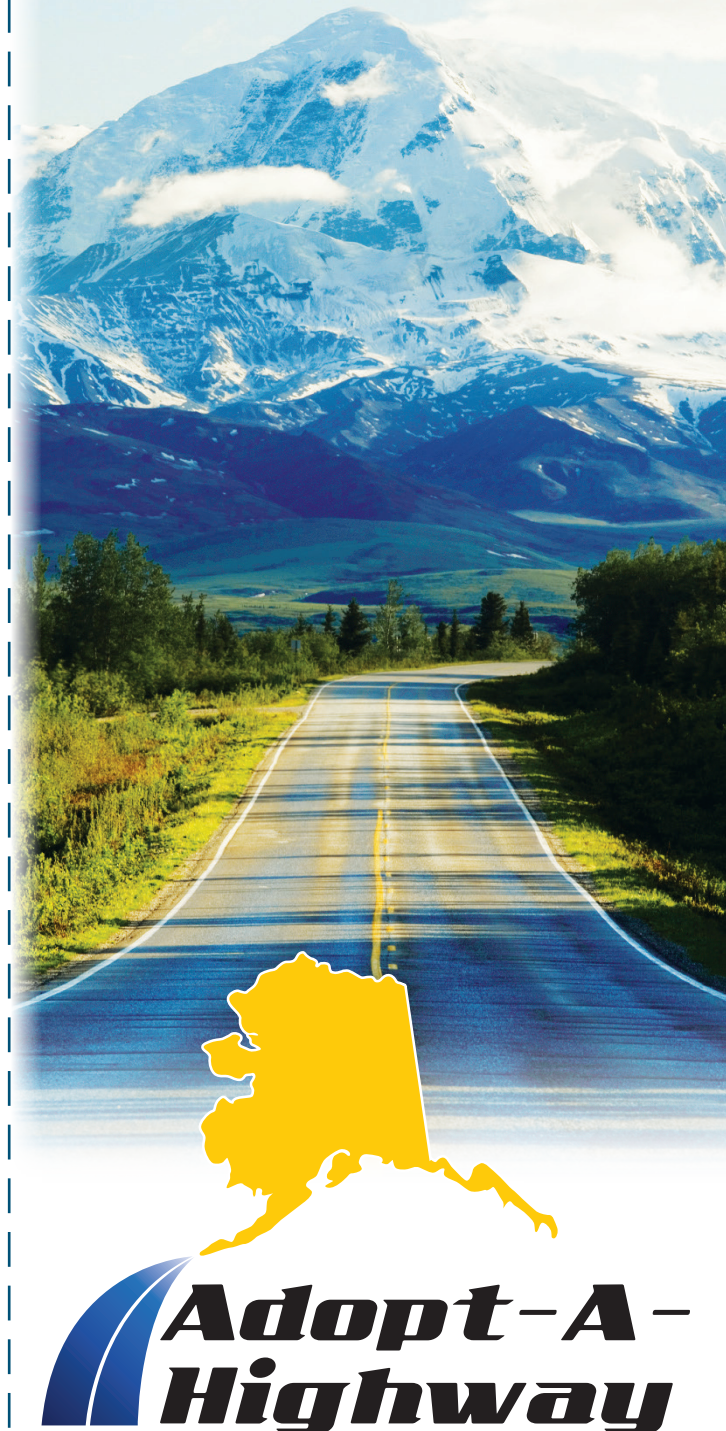
## How To Adopt:

Call 907-451-5307 or email [betsy.hess@alaska.gov](mailto:betsy.hess@alaska.gov) for more information about adopting a highway.



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Help Keep Alaska's Roadsides Clean & Attractive



# Who Should Adopt?



Many participate in the Adopt-A-Highway program including school, civic, business, professional, religious and social groups. Some sections of highways are adopted by individuals and families.



Alaska DOT&PF reserves the right to refuse any group adopting a section of highway when the adoption may create a safety hazard for DOT&PF employees or the public, jeopardize the Adopt-A-Highway program, or prove counter-productive to its purpose.

# How Does It Work?

Adopt-A-Highway Coordinators work with groups to adopt available sections of a state-maintained highway.

Each adopted section of highway is approximately one mile long. Volunteer groups sign contracts with Alaska DOT&PF agreeing to remove litter from their adopted stretch a minimum of three times each year. Heavily-traveled roads may require additional pickups.



Alaska DOT&PF posts signs at each end of the adopted section with a group's name to show its participation in the program. Alaska DOT&PF also provides safety training, safety vests and trash bags.



## Safety Comes First!

- Be careful out there.
- Be mentally alert.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Be a member of your team.
- Work in good weather.
- Always wear your safety vest.

## Adoption Time Frame...

The adopted highway is contracted for three years. A group may keep its adopted section of highway indefinitely if the contract is renewed at the end of each three year period and the required number of pickups is done.