

SANTA CRUZ WEED CONTROL PILOT PROJECT

Public Questionnaire

Total Responses: 400

Question 1:

Select the response that best describes your level of concern about the appearance of roadside weeds in Santa Cruz:

- A:** Weeds on the freeway median and shoulders detract from visual quality and should be removed
- B:** Weeds on the freeway median and shoulders do not detract from visual quality and should remain

Responses To Question 1:

	A	B	None	Blank
	212	167	0	21
	53.00%	41.75%	0.00%	5.25%

Question 2:

Select the response that best describes your level of concern about Caltrans using chemical herbicides to kill roadside weeds:

- A:** As long as safety procedures are carefully observed, I am not concerned about the use of herbicides
- B:** Herbicide usage should be restricted to areas where other methods of weed control would be unsafe
- C:** Herbicide usage is completely unacceptable anywhere in Santa Cruz, regardless of circumstances

Responses To Question 2:

	A	B	C	None	Blank
	96	142	152	0	10
	24.00%	35.50%	38.00%	0.00%	2.50%

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Question 3:

The weed control product that I like the best in the center median of Route 1 is:

- A:** Durotrim - black colored rubber mat from La Fonda Avenue to south of Morrissey Boulevard
- B:** Weedender - light gray/green colored mat from south of Morrissey Boulevard to Morrissey Boulevard
- C:** Polypavement - transparent sealer from Morrissey Boulevard to Market Street

Responses To Question 3:

	A	B	C	None	Blank
	23	148	86	30	112
	5.75%	37.00%	21.50%	7.50%	28.00%

Question 4:

The weed control product that I like best in the "Fish Hook" area of the Route 1/17 interchange is:

- A:** Weedender - light gray/green colored mat along the right shoulder of southbound Route 17
- B:** Polypavement - transparent sealer at the triangular (gore) point of southbound Route 17 to Route 1
- C:** Bio-Weed transparent corn gluten along the left shoulder of the northbound Route 1-to-southbound Route 1 ramp
- D:** Wood Chip Mulch - in the areas near the trees in the "Fish Hook" area
- E:** Seed Mixes - in the open areas throughout the "Fish Hook" area

Responses To Question 4:

	A	B	C	D	E	None	Blank
	25	14	12	170	137	3	39
	6.25%	3.50%	3.00%	42.50%	34.25%	0.75%	9.75%

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Question 5:

After viewing the finished project, I feel:

- A:** The weed control products are acceptable for Caltrans to use on other state highways in Santa Cruz
- B:** The weed control products are acceptable for Caltrans to use only in certain areas:_____
- C:** The weed control products are unacceptable for Caltrans to use on other state highways in Santa Cruz
- D:** The weed control products are completely unacceptable and should be removed from roadsides

Responses To Question 5:

	A	B	C	D	None	Blank
	216	33	22	38	2	88
	54.00%	8.25%	5.50%	9.50%	0.50%	22.00%

Question 6:

Select the response that best describes your level of concern about the traffic impacts of roadside maintenance in Santa Cruz:

- A:** Freeway lane closures to allow maintenance work are unacceptable during daylight hours
- B:** Freeway lane closures to allow maintenance work are unacceptable at any time of day
- C:** Freeway lane closures to allow maintenance work are acceptable except during peak traffic hours
- D:** Freeway lane closures to allow maintenance work are acceptable at any time of day

Responses To Question 6:

	A	B	C	D	None	Blank
	75	9	276	22	0	16
	18.75%	2.25%	69.00%	5.50%	0.00%	4.00%

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Question 7:

What matters to you most in regard to roadside maintenance activities:

- A:** Minimizing traffic impacts
- B:** Enhancing maintenance worker safety
- C:** Maintaining tidy (weed-free) highways
- D:** Establishing new ornamental plantings
- E:** Eliminating non-native, invasive plant species from the roadsides
- F:** I do not care about highway roadsides or how they look
- G:** Other Comments: _____

Responses To Question 7:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	None	Blank
	87	61	15	40	46	9	134	0	8
	21.75%	15.25%	3.75%	10.00%	11.50%	2.25%	33.50%	0.00%	2.00%

Question 8:

In general, do you feel that Caltrans adequately maintains the highway roadsides in Santa Cruz?

- A:** Caltrans does a great job maintaining roadsides in Santa Cruz
- B:** Caltrans does a fair job maintaining roadsides in Santa Cruz
- C:** Caltrans does a poor job maintaining roadsides in Santa Cruz
- D:** I have never noticed the condition of highway roadsides in Santa Cruz

Responses To Question 8:

	A	B	C	D	None	Blank
	128	202	21	19	1	28
	32.00%	50.50%	5.25%	4.75%	0.25%	7.00%

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