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Interactive Decision Support Tools for Roadside Vegetation Control Products from NCHRP Projects

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Overview

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- Control of vegetation along roadsides is required for fire prevention, aesthetics, and protection of roadside safety treatments.
- There are several ways of vegetation control: 1) managed succession, 2) routine mowing, and 3) permanent vegetation control.
- NCHRP manages two ongoing research projects:
  - **NCHRP 14-40: Transforming Roadside Management and Technology Practices for the Benefit of Safety, Ecology, and Economy**
    - Principal Investigator: Beverly Storey (TTI)
  - **NCHRP 14-41: Permanent Vegetation Control Treatments for Roadsides**
    - Principal Investigator: Jett McFalls (TTI)
- Both projects have developed protypes of Interactive Tools.

NCHRP Projects

NCHRP 14-40: Transforming Roadside Management and Technology Practices for the Benefit of Safety, Ecology, and Economy

Objectives

To identify and quantify the cost, safety, and environmental impacts of routine mowing compared with managed succession of vegetation for areas outside the clear zone and develop guidelines for recommended roadside vegetation management practices.

NCHRP 14-41: Permanent Vegetation Control Treatments for Roadsides

Objectives

To produce up-to-date guidance for transportation agencies for selecting appropriate permanent vegetation controls that will be effective in preventing or significantly retarding the growth of unwanted vegetation around roadside appurtenances and along roadsides.

Tools

Comparison of Cost, Safety, and Environmental Benefits of Routine Mowing and Managed Succession of Roadside Vegetation

NCHRP Project No. 14-40

Interactive Tool (Beta Version)

This tool will help you evaluate the cost, safety, and environmental impacts of routine mowing compared with managed succession of vegetation for areas outside the clear zone.

A comprehensive list of references is provided here

Interactive Tool: http://subasish.github.io/pages/NCHRP14_40v4/

Roadside Management Tool

General Instructions

Project Information

Project Name

Current Approach

Analyst Name

Site Location

Analyst Email

Project Start Date

Project Description

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Selection Criteria For Managed Succession

Is there enough ROW width beyond safety clear zone to eliminate one full mow pass (minimum 15')?

○ Yes ○ No

Is there enough median width beyond safety clear zone to eliminate one full mow pass (minimum 15')?

○ Yes ○ No

Will taller vegetation create sight distance issues?

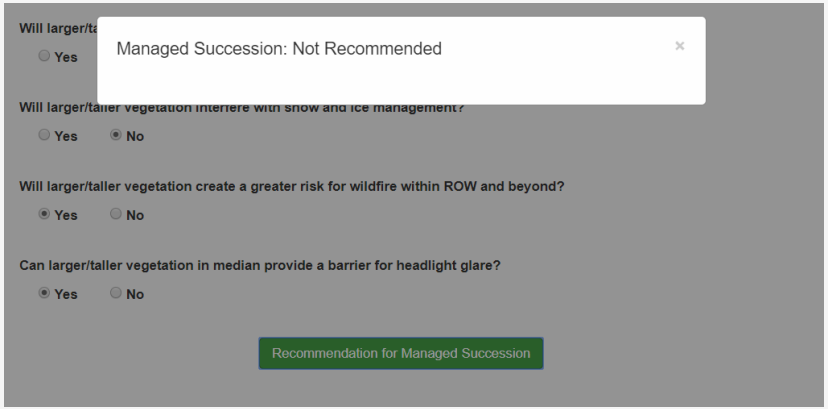
○ Yes ○ No

Does you site have mower damage on slope?

○ Yes ○ No

Does your site have drainage structures that may be impeded by proximity to larger vegetation?

○ Yes ○ No



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Control Treatment Selection Tool

General Introduction | Tool Instructions

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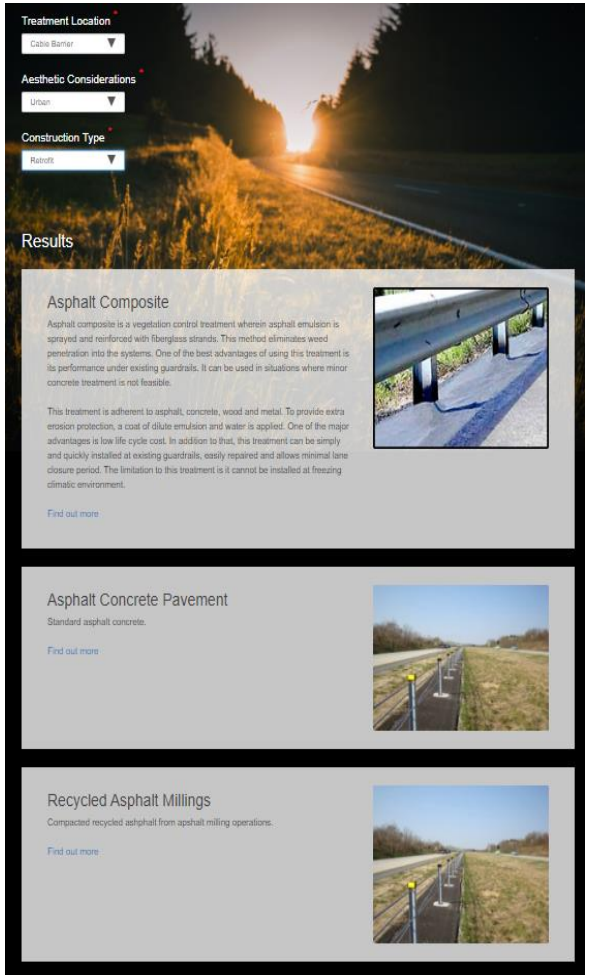
Example 1

Example 2



Example 3


Questions?

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