

**[MU-6] MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY ON STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM STREETS IN MUNICIPALITIES**

The NCDOT assumes full responsibility and liability for a desirable level of maintenance and preventive care for all State Highway System streets within the municipality. This maintenance is to provide a satisfactory condition of State Highway System streets.

- A. The maintenance of ditch section roadways, including median drainage where applicable and cross drainage pipes, outfalls and structures, is the responsibility of the NCDOT within the highway right of way or within a drainage easement area.
- B. Storm drainage/storm water systems - The maintenance of such systems draining State Highway System streets is the responsibility of the NCDOT, within the highway right of way or within a drainage easement area. Where systems draining State Highway System streets are enlarged and expanded to accommodate drainage from municipal streets, the initial cost and maintenance cost would be borne jointly by agreement between the municipality and the NCDOT.
- C. Attachment to drainage structures - Written approval of the NCDOT is required prior to any utility or other attachment being made to any bridge or structure to the State Highway System. Approval is also necessary before turning any utility under or through a bridge or drainage structure on the State Highway System.
- D. The NCDOT is responsible for all routine maintenance on paved State Highway System streets within the municipality and the maintenance of the curb and gutter section if one is in existence. If it is a shoulder section, the NCDOT is responsible for the shoulders and the ditch and mowing and other activities up to the right of way line.
- E. The NCDOT is responsible for snow and ice removal on State Highway System streets within the municipality within the same policies that are set forth for the primary and secondary rural State Highway System.
- F. The NCDOT is responsible for the maintenance of all signs and signals on State Highway System streets and for all signs protecting State Highway System streets that are placed upon municipal streets.
- G. The NCDOT is responsible for all appropriate lane marking and stop bars on State Highway System streets and their entrances.
- H. Generally (with the exceptions set forth in MU-7 which follows this section), the NCDOT has the same and total financial responsibility for maintenance of State Highway System streets within municipalities as it does for the primary and secondary State Highway System streets outside the corporate limits of municipalities.

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