Policy Change Is Proposed

RALEIGH — The N. C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has proposed a policy concerning the removal of vegetation along the state highway right of way. Notices advertising the location of facilities where the entire policy could be read and reviewed by interested persons have been placed in major daily newspapers across the state.

"The policy itself is a twopronged statement that recognized both the aesthetic and commercial use of North Carolina's highways," Secretary W. R. "Bill" Roberson, Jr. said.

"We are encouraging interested members of the public to share their comments with us on this proposal. After public comments are examined, the proposal will be submitted to our Board of Transportation for approval," the secretary said.

Copies of the policy are available for viewing at each of the 14 highway division offices across the state and in the Chief Engineer's office in Raleigh. In Ahoskie the number is 332-4021.

Written comments on the policy should be sent to the Chief Engineer's Office, NCDOT, P. O. Box 25201, Raleigh, N. C. 27611, no later than November 27.

Foundation Donates Van

It was a hardship. But they had no choice. Fifteen kidney patients from Cleveland County had to arrange transportation to the Nalle Clinic in Lowell, North Carolina, two or three times a week. There they underwent dialysis, a process in which a machine performs the job that normal kidneys cleansing the blood of impurities. The four to six hour process is vital to people with kidney failure, without it they would die.

Now that hardship is over.
Steve Metcalf, public information chairman of the National Kidney Foundation of North Carolina, announced that the Porter Foundation of Cleveland County has donated a nine passenger 1981 Dodge van to the Cleveland County Chapter of the National Kidney Foundation of North Carolina to transport patients to the dialysis center.

"When the appeal for help went out, it touched me and I responded to it," said Paul Porter, President of the Porter Foundation. The Porter family has been especially sensitive to the needs of kidney patients ever since Porter's youngest sister, Mary Porter Halsart died of kidney failure in 1954, at the age of 24.

"I am happy that the Porter Foundation is in a position to do this," he said. "I hope it will mean alot to the people who need it, and I hope it will generate interest in their needs."

Margaret Ledford, president of the local chapter, notes that the Porter donation satisfied the patients' greatest and most immediate need, particularly since Title XX money that was used to help pay transportation cost has not been available as of October 1st due because of federal cut backs. Fourteen patients will be served by the van.

Richard Moore, chairman of the Patient Services Committee for the statewide organization, stated that "the contribution by the Porter Foundation fills an urgent need by our patients." Moore added that he is hopeful that more private organizations will help fill the void created by cut backs in federal money.





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