

## **Rock Mulch Guidance**

### **Why was the Rock Mulch SSP Created?**

Landscaping with rock has become popular given the restrictions on water use and availability of maintenance personnel to care for more traditional landscapes that use live plant material and underground irrigation systems. Designers that are working in arid geographical areas use rock to beautify and protect roadways from water and wind erosion.

### **What does the Rock Mulch SSP and Bid Item do?**

The Rock Mulch SSP gives the designer flexibility in choosing rock sizes, shapes and color. The Designer also has a choice to use filter fabric or soil sterilant underneath the rock mulch.

The Rock Mulch bid item is 200112 and the unit of measurement is square feet.

### **When to use the Rock Mulch SSP?**

Design considerations are:

- Will the rock mulch be in the clear recovery zone and effect the purpose of the clear recovery zone?
- Will the rock be in a location that would be easy for pedestrians, maintenance equipment or traffic move it into traffic lanes?
- Will the rock be in a location that would be easy for pedestrians to throw it at traffic or others?
- What level of care will be required by maintenance personnel to keep the rock in place and free of weeds and trash?
- Will the rock be in a location that will maximize its ability to effectively control erosion and provide aesthetic benefits?