

**APPENDIX A:**  
**AESTHETICS COMMITTEE CHARTER & MEMBERS**



## HAMILTON I-75 AESTHETIC CHARTER

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is acutely aware of the communities' desire to provide for an aesthetically pleasing corridor through Hamilton County, Ohio. Because ODOT also believes that transportation projects can be attractive as well as safe and efficient, ODOT has decided to utilize the Implementation Committees to assist in the aesthetic vision for the corridor. The State is looking for a solution that involves a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach in which citizens and agencies are part of the planning and design team.

The participants shall provide assistance and input on the project corridor's vision, and shall be guided by the following general tenets:

- The participants shall provide input on the aesthetic guidelines and recommendations to be incorporated into the project's design. Overall design decisions for the project and design features based upon the aesthetic guidelines and recommendations shall be made by ODOT.
- Decisions need to be financially feasible, and capable of being implemented.
- Safety shall not be compromised.
- All design standards with regards to lighting, signing, and geometry shall be followed.
- Bridge structure types will be selected in accordance with current ODOT requirements. The participants will provide input on the aesthetic treatments of the selected alternative.
- Aesthetic treatments shall focus on pattern, color, texture, shape, lighting, and landscaping as opposed to adding extraneous elements solely for the sake of appearance.
- Funding considerations shall include initial costs and future maintenance costs.
- Aesthetic improvements can be achieved with minimal increases in anticipated construction cost; typically a cost of 1% of the total construction cost is allowed for aesthetic treatment.
- The state agencies shall have final approval and authority over inclusion of recommended aesthetic treatments and their necessary funding. Additional sources of funding may be identified or developed by participants to supplement the funding provided by the state agency. The State shall approve the use or make stipulations in the use of these additional funding sources.

### **Participants and Roles:**

The participants shall be made up of representatives from various community groups and organizations represented on the Implementation Committees. In addition, the Transportation agencies and the project consultant (Project Team) shall also be represented.

The participants shall aid in the development of the vision for the project, provide recommendations to the Project Team on aesthetic treatments, communicate decisions back to their respective agencies/constituents, and identify project issues and community values. The Project Team shall be responsible for developing the schedule for the project as well as determining specific points for aesthetic input. In addition, the Project Team will be responsible for documentation of meetings, recommendations, and decisions of all issues with respect to the project.

### **Decision Making Process:**

The Project Team and Participants shall seek consensus on all decisions. Consensus does not necessarily mean agreement or active support by each member. Those not objecting are not necessarily indicating that they favor a decision, but merely that they can "live with it." Final decisions on actions and recommendations shall be made by ODOT.



# I-75 Aesthetics Committee

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