

Project Aesthetics and Landscaping Plan Development and Review

UDOT 08A-03

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Purpose

To adhere to Utah Department of Transportation (Department) criteria on all aesthetics plans for Department projects.

Policy

During the preconstruction phase of all projects the Department will:

1. Assess Project Aesthetics and Landscaping.
2. Develop Aesthetics and Landscaping Design in accordance with the Department's Aesthetics Guidelines.
3. Review all Aesthetics and Landscaping Plans through a Project Aesthetics Committee. The Project Aesthetics Committee consists of members from the regions and Central. The members from Central include representatives of Preconstruction, Structures, and a Landscape Architect. The regions are represented by three members: one Preconstruction Engineer, one Landscape Architect, and one District Engineer.
4. Get approval from the Region Director for exceptions to the budgetary limits established in Department Aesthetics Guidelines.

Definitions

Betterment (as it refers to aesthetics)

An improvement that is greater than the baseline treatment as defined in the Department Aesthetics Guidelines.

Cost to cure

Costs for improvements required to make a property whole. Generally these are repairs to a property from the Department's use of construction easements or right-of-way purchases.

Other definitions

Refer to Department Aesthetics Guidelines for all other definitions.

Procedures

General Information

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Responsibility: Region PM and Region Landscape Architect

Actions

1. Assess project aesthetics and landscaping needs according to the Aesthetics Guidelines, and activity 1A1 (Assess Project Aesthetics and Landscaping) in the 2011 Project Delivery Network to determine if enhancements to baseline treatments will be included.
2. Set budget for aesthetic and landscape enhancements, up to 0.75 percent of construction cost based on the budgetary guidelines in the Aesthetics Guidelines. Betterments paid for by other entities and Costs to Cure are not included in the enhancement budget.
3. Develop treatment criteria to aesthetic and landscape enhancements according to the Aesthetics Guidelines, and activity 1A1, Assess Project Aesthetics and Landscaping in the 2011 Project Delivery Network.

Responsibility: Project Aesthetics Committee Chair

4. Schedule monthly meetings of Project Aesthetics Committee and make schedule available to the Region Landscape Architects.

Responsibility: Region PM

5. Work with the project team to develop conceptual themes following the process outlined in the Aesthetics Guidelines and submit them to the Project Aesthetics Committee Chair at least one week prior to the next monthly meeting.

Responsibility: Project Aesthetics Committee Chair

6. Coordinate meetings of the Project Aesthetics Committee.
7. Issue notification of the Project Aesthetics Committee decisions on conceptual themes.

Responsibility: Region PM and Region Landscape Architect

8. Work with the project team to develop conceptual project aesthetics and landscaping plans and submit them to the Project Aesthetics Committee Chair at least one week prior to the next monthly meeting.

Responsibility: Project Aesthetics Committee

9. Meet once per month to review and provide feedback on all submitted conceptual themes and conceptual project aesthetics and landscaping plans.
10. Evaluate conceptual themes according to the Aesthetics Guidelines. Committee consensus determines if a conceptual theme may be developed further.
11. Evaluate plans for satisfactory aesthetic treatments. Refer to Appendix B (Baseline Aesthetic Treatments) of Aesthetics Guidelines for explanation of acceptable treatments. Committee consensus determines whether treatment options may be included in final plans. The committee's decision is supported in writing when rejecting a particular treatment option.