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## Guidance Document – CBE Funding for Structure Aesthetics

To assure that only eligible items are charged to Bridge Enterprise funds, structure aesthetics will need to meet the following requirements.

### **Background and Purpose**

The aesthetics of a structure can improve the impact in our public spaces while providing safe transportation solutions. “Our day-to-day work on these roadways, and our projects to improve them, should respect community values and should be sensitive to the unique context of each community.” *Chief Engineer Policy Memo 26*. With this in mind, there is a limit to the amount of aesthetic treatments eligible for funding that can be incorporated into the structure. On a project by project basis, aesthetic enhancement eligibility will be determined at the funding eligibility meeting. Aesthetic enhancement costs shall be accounted for by the CDOT project team and costs reported to the BE at funding eligibility review. Eligibility will be based upon the context of each structure location and benefits to the traveling public and/or community. The Enterprise has established a maximum goal of 5% on any individual project and 2% at the statewide program level. The guidance is consistent with FHWA practices.

The following aesthetic enhancements may be eligible:

- Required in an Environmental document.
- Consistent with existing corridor aesthetics or documented CDOT corridor guidelines.
- Minor Treatments, including but not limited to form liners, rustications, staining, structural coating, colored concrete, etc.
- Lighting if it is consistent with the corridor, current corridor guidance, or current lighting standards.
- Pedestrian railing and or overlook if the pedestrian walkway was deemed eligible.
- Incorporation of Artwork

The following shall be deemed ineligible for CBE funding unless included in a NEPA document or documented CDOT corridor aesthetic guidelines. These items will need to be funded by local or private agencies.

- Facades
  - Where possible facades should not be attached to the primary superstructure elements.
- Monuments.



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- Where possible monuments should not be attached to or incorporated into structure.
- Proprietary products (where there is no market competition)
- Other aesthetic enhancements not identified as eligible.

Superstructure types that are chosen primarily for aesthetic value shall be reviewed by BE Engineer for eligibility.

Local Agency contributions that are greater than 10% of the total project cost may create TABOR implications beyond Enterprise limitations and will need to be reviewed by BE.