



## **WIS 57 – Community Sensitive Solutions (CSS) Community Guidance for CSS**

### **MAINTENANCE**

- Most CSS elements will require maintenance and/or cost share agreement. This agreement will need to be signed by the participating community prior to plan development.
- CSS elements must comply with Federal and State safety standards and signing guidelines.
- Local municipalities will be responsible for the maintenance of CSS components beyond normal improvement cycle.

### **STRUCTURES**

- WisDOT will strive to maintain similar construction of the structures throughout the project (retaining walls). WisDOT maintains five standard patterns/form liners that will not impact the CSS funding. Patterns include:
  - Broken Rib
  - Fieldstone – Random
  - Rectangular Brick
  - Rectangular Cut Stone
  - Rustic Ashlar
- WisDOT will allow the use of stain at high visibility locations. WisDOT recommends a limit of 3 colors per structure for ease of maintenance. Staining incidental to standard patterns/form liners listed above will also not impact the CSS funding.
- WisDOT will allow CSS treatments for decorative railings, provided they meet crash test standards.
- WisDOT will allow decorative treatment for fences installed on structures.
- WisDOT will consider CSS treatment for slope paving.

### **LANDSCAPING**

- WisDOT will consider community requested planting and/or native seeding within the project limits and WisDOT right-of-way.
- WisDOT will consider a CSS elements/streetscape within the project limit and WisDOT right-of-way as long as these elements are based on an existing community theme.

### **LIGHTING, SIGNALS, and SIGNING**

- WisDOT will allow special ornamental lighting. (Local municipalities will be responsible for the costs in excess of the standard WisDOT lighting)
- WisDOT will allow decorative poles for traffic signals.
- WisDOT will allow decorative signing (all signing must be approved by the WisDOT and must comply with federal and state signing guidelines).
- Local municipalities will be responsible for the costs in excess of the standard WisDOT poles/signs for municipal owned traffic signals and for local street signage.

### **FENCING**

- WisDOT will not allow decorative right-of-way fencing along the corridor.
- WisDOT will consider special decorative fencing or railings on retaining walls and box culverts.



## **SPECIAL FEATURES**

- WisDOT will consider streetscape improvements including special concrete pavement, crosswalk / terrace pavers, planters, benches, bump outs, trash receptacles and kiosks on reconstructed portions of local roads connecting to State Highway as long as these elements are based on an existing community theme.
- WisDOT will allow the connection of bicycle and pedestrian facilities to existing trails, bike/pedestrian facilities or recreation trails.
- Features must be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). (stamping on crosswalks cannot have deep grooves)

## **ITEMS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CSS FUNDING**

- Burying of utilities
- Public address or communication systems
- Pavement choice
- Parking Lanes (per state statute and policy)
- Irrigation systems
- Artwork
- Logos, advertising, political verbiage, business park and/or business district identification on structures and/or signage within the right-of-way.
- No welcome signage
- Signs cannot have name of municipality on them.

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