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## **AESTHETIC ENHANCEMENT POLICY**

### **I. PURPOSE**

It is the policy of the Greater Miami Expressway Agency (GMX) to enrich the roadway experience through the integration of Aesthetic Enhancements in its facilities. These enhancements are designed to augment the quality of experience for all users – drivers, transit users, pedestrians and cyclists – by adding visual and environmental value to the GMX system, and surrounding community.

Aesthetic Enhancements are defined as supplementary elements that complement the built environment, but do not alter the core functionality of the GMX roadways in facilitating efficient and safe mobility. These enhancements include but are not limited to architectural features, functional and aesthetic lighting, landscape materials, hardscape materials, finishes (surface and color), and public art. Aesthetic Enhancements can be applied to Aesthetic Features such as bridge structures, retaining wall structures, column structures, secondary structures (signage and tolling), noise walls, landscape areas, and hardscape areas.

### **II. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

#### **A. General Aesthetic Enhancements**

1. GMX staff shall implement this policy through the conceptualization, development, reviews, and adoption of an Aesthetics Enhancements Design Manual. This Manual shall serve as the primary reference and framework for incorporating new Aesthetic Enhancements within the GMX System.
2. The Aesthetic Enhancements Design Manual shall establish clear information on how it shall be utilized and applied in the planning and execution of projects within the GMX System. This includes guidance on the integration of Aesthetic Enhancements into existing facilities, and future project designs, and the process for achieving coherence within the GMX System.



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3. The Aesthetic Enhancements Design Manual shall provide a systematic approach to define and classify the elements and areas within the GMX System, ensuring a clear understanding of the types of Aesthetic Enhancements appropriate for each. The Manual shall serve as a comprehensive guide for project designers, enabling them to identify the classification of their project within the GMX System and understand the expectations for the type of Aesthetic Enhancements to be incorporated into their design.
  4. The Aesthetics Enhancements Design Manual shall include Aesthetic Lighting criteria, which will serve as the primary reference and framework for incorporating, operating, and maintaining aesthetic lighting in the GMX System.
  5. The Aesthetic Enhancements Design Manual shall be reviewed at least every five years to ensure alignment with evolving aesthetic trends, community feedback, and advancements in design and technology.
  6. Aesthetic Enhancements shall be coordinated with relevant stakeholders, as needed.
  7. An Aesthetic Enhancement Design Committee, chaired by the Director of Engineering and Emergency Management, shall be established for the purpose of reviewing and approving proposed Aesthetic Enhancements for existing and new projects. This committee shall also be responsible for management of the Aesthetic Enhancements Design Manual.

#### **B. Aesthetic Lighting Enhancements**

1. All aesthetic lighting colors and sequences shall come from a preset list developed and approved by the Aesthetic Enhancement Design Committee.
2. New or special aesthetic lighting themes may be requested by submitting an Aesthetic Lighting Special Request Form to the GMX Operations and



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Maintenance Manager. All requests shall be reviewed for approval on a first come basis by the Aesthetic Enhancement Design Committee.

- a. New or special aesthetic lighting themes requests shall be limited to the recognition of federal or state holidays/celebrations, and events of broad community interest and significance approved by county or local governments.
- b. New or special aesthetic lighting themes requests shall be submitted two months prior to the requested change.
- c. The Aesthetic Enhancement Design Committee, as defined in Section A.7, reserves the right to refuse any requests it deems offensive or not in the best public interest.

This policy shall be effective on the date on which it is adopted by the Governing Board and at such time this Policy rescinds all previous policies relating to GMX System Enhancements and Aesthetics.

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