

### **Contextual Design – Planting Plans/Aesthetics**

Detailed Planting Plans shall not be developed by VDOT for inclusion in the preliminary plan set. The L&D Landscape Architecture Section shall review subject roadway plans and develop a preliminary concept plan or document addressing project impacts and possible mitigation strategies to enable development of the technical requirements of the RFP as well as development of preliminary costs. The technical requirements shall provide for the composition and density for planting or other aesthetic mitigation where applicable and appropriate to the context.

Plan Graphics and/or Photo-simulations illustrating project impacts, footprint, etc. shall be provided for the Public Involvement process on an “as needed” basis as determined by the PM-D.

Aesthetic details including specifications and anticipated locations (specialty medians/sidewalks, decorative railing, wall treatments, specialty lighting, specialty signal poles, etc.) should be included in the RFP. It is also recommended that a note be placed on the preliminary plans delineating the anticipated location for aesthetic features.

### **Design – Right of Way**

Preliminary plans should include a conservative right of way footprint for the project. The PM-D and DM need to coordinate with District Right of Way to identify an early inventory of residential and commercial parcels. The District Right of Way POC shall complete the PCES R/W worksheets for inclusion in the overall estimate. A determination regarding the party best suited to acquire the right of way for the project shall be determined and documented in the RFP.

One of the key items that must be identified through the plan development process is the total number of right of way takes and parcels impacted. Increases in the number of parcels impacted may warrant the adjustment of the estimated contract value identified in the RFP.