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To: Pickering, John
Cc: May, Ricky (E-mail); Jansen, Randal; Kolb, Jeff
Subject: RE: Decorative Type Fences along Interstates

John,

Stucco can be used for ROW fencing/Noise walls. As we discussed last week, I am concerned about the durability of a stucco wall in a climate as humid as ours. There are options, such as using a concrete wall w/ a stucco finish. In any event, I think that the land owner be responsible for maintaining the wall.

I'm not sure of the exact location of the proposed wall, but the District should consider aesthetics of the stucco wall placed between chain link fences or whatever fencing material is currently on the ROW line at the adjacent properties.

Randy Jansen did a some research and found a website with information on noise walls/decorative fence. http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/ab_noise.htm

Let me know if you have additional questions or concerns.

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From: Pickering, John [mailto:jpickering@mdot.state.ms.us]
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Subject: Decorative Type Fences along Interstates

This email is similar to my previous email. Please do not allow this email to hold up your answer to the previous one regarding the use of vinyl coated chain link fence.

It is my understanding FHWA has a desire to use decorative type fencing along Interstate highways. I need to know your definition of decorative type fencing. From the AASHTO An Informational Guide on Fencing Controlled Access Highways dated November, 1990, in the section labeled Types of Fence, it says the following:

* Depending upon the specific purpose to be served, the following types of fence generally apply, either separately or in combination. 5. Miscellaneous types which serve as fence and sound barriers: fences/barriers of this type can consist of stone, masonry block, precast concrete panels, wood rails, etc.

* Each highway agency should, however, develop its own guidelines for types of fence.

From the guide, it appears just about anything can be used as long as it is decorative; however, I need to know your definition of decorative type fencing materials. Is a stucco fence acceptable?

If you have any questions, or if additional information is needed, please advise.

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