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## **1070 DECORATIVE ELEMENTS**

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### 1070.1 INTRODUCTION

Occasionally local governments desire to use decorative elements to enhance the aesthetics of an intersection or roadway. These special elements are typically decorative in nature and do not enhance the operation or safety of the intersection or roadway. These elements may also be substantially more expensive than standard items and are likely to create special maintenance issues.

Examples of these elements may include, but are not limited to:

- Colored or textured crosswalks
- Traffic structural elements and/or equipment (such as sign structures, luminare poles and mast arms, or signal poles and mast arms) differing from the ones in the ADOT Traffic Signal and Lighting Standard Drawings, or using decorative elements or colored coatings.

### 1070.2 COLORED OR TEXTURED CROSSWALKS

**Where colored or textured crosswalks are permitted to be installed, the local jurisdiction shall agree to assume the full and complete maintenance responsibility for the existing pavement improvements within the intersection area and for any affected distance on the approach to the intersection. All colored or textured crosswalks shall conform to Part 3 of the MUTCD.**

### 1070.3 NON-STANDARD TRAFFIC EQUIPMENT

**Where new traffic signal, luminare, or other traffic structural elements or other equipment are to be installed and the local jurisdiction is permitted to install decorative traffic structural elements or equipment in lieu of standard ADOT items, ADOT shall require the local jurisdiction to pay the normal prorated share of the cost of standard elements and/or equipment plus the difference between the cost of using decorative elements and/or equipment versus the cost of standard elements and/or equipment. Where a local jurisdiction requests that existing traffic signal or lighting elements and/or equipment be replaced with traffic signal or lighting elements and/or equipment differing from the ones in the ADOT Traffic Signal and Lighting Standard Drawings and the existing standard elements and/or equipment has useful life remaining, the requesting local jurisdiction shall pay for the new elements and/or equipment according to Table 1070-A:**

**Table 1070-A. Local Jurisdiction Share of Cost**

<b>Age of Existing Traffic Structural Element / Equipment in Years</b>	<b>% Local Agency Required to Pay</b>
0 - 4	100
4.1 - 8	90
8.1 -12	80
12.1 - 16	70
16.1 - 20	60
Over 20	50

**ADOT's share shall not exceed the normal prorated share of the cost for standard traffic signal or lighting elements and/or equipment.**

**The local agency shall be required to maintain the non-standard traffic elements and/or equipment until terminated by mutual consent. The local jurisdiction shall maintain sufficient spares to perform timely maintenance to protect the safety and welfare of the traveling public. An approved agreement between the State and local jurisdiction should be in place prior to the installation of these devices or elements.**

**The authorization to use colored or decorative crosswalks and/or decorative traffic structural elements shall be obtained from the State Engineer or their designee. Approval shall be given prior to issuing a State permit for the installation of decorative or colored crosswalks.**