

AASHTO's Center for Environmental Excellence chose TxDOT's Safety Rest Area Program as **Best Program** of the 2006 Best Practices in Context Sensitive Solutions Competition.



# SOLUTIONS COMPETITION

AASHTO'S Context Sensitive Solutions "consider the total context within which a transportation improvement project will exist. CSS is a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that involves all stakeholders to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic, and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility. This competition showcases outstanding examples of the work being done throughout the country to intergrate CSS principles with the planning and delivery of transportation projects, programs and services."

**DONLEY COUNTY SAFETY REST AREA ON US-287**

A SKETCH BY A LOCAL SCHOOL STUDENT PROVIDED VISION FOR THE TxDOT DESIGN

**WATER FROM ROOFS AND RUN-OFFS IS COLLECTED AND RECYCLED FOR IRRIGATION**

**THE DESIGN REFLECTS A NEARBY TOWN'S HISTORIC ROLE AS A "RAILROAD HAMLET"**

**WASTE WATER FROM THE FACILITY IS TREATED USING CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS WHICH RESEMBLE THE PLAYA LAKES NATIVE TO THE AREA**

**HARDEMAN COUNTY SAFETY REST AREA**

A LOCAL FARM STRUCTURE WAS A SOURCE OF DESIGN INSPIRATIONS

**DISPLAYS IN THE LOBBY INTERPRET LOCAL HERITAGE**

**THE EXTERIOR DESIGN AND INTERIOR INTERPRETIVE DISPLAYS FOR THIS FACILITY FOLLOW AN "AGRARIAN" THEME IN REFLECTION OF THE FARMING AND RANCHING CULTURE OF NORTHERN TEXAS**

**SHARING, RESEARCHING, PROMOTING INFORMATION & IDEAS**

**MEETING WITH COMMUNITIES, HILL COUNTY SAFETY REST AREA**

**GRAD STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON PRESENT DESIGN IDEAS FOR THE CHAMBERS COUNTY SAFETY REST AREA**

**A FUTURISTIC DESIGN PROPOSED BY A STUDENT FROM TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY**

**STUDENT GROUP FROM TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY**

**SHARING, RESEARCHING, PROMOTING INFORMATION & IDEAS**

**INTERPRETATION DISPLAY USING RECYCLED AUTOMOBILE PARTS AT A FACILITY THAT RESEMBLES A RECYCLED BRIDGE ABUTMENT**

**INTERPRETATION DISPLAYS OF COTTON FARMING, ONCE WAS & HAS BEEN THE LIVELIHOOD OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES, HALE CO. SAFETY REST AREAS**

**MEETING WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES & VISITING HISTORIC STRUCTURES IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF A CONTEXT SENSITIVE DESIGN PROCESS**

Examples of TxDOT's application entry of the competition