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**Tensioned, Cable-Suspended Mesh System from Cambridge Architectural Smartly  
Dresses New Parking Garage at The Ohio State University**

**CAMBRIDGE, MD...** Versatile stainless steel metal fabric from Cambridge Architectural dynamically enhances the look and performance of the new Lane Avenue Parking Garage on the campus of The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH.

Located at the southeast corner of Lane Avenue and Tuttle Park Place, the new 1,400-space parking garage services the central campus area. Points of interest surrounding the garage include the Fisher College of Business, Jesse Owens Recreational Center North, St. John Arena, and the Ice Rink. The Lane Avenue Garage offers OSU keycard parking to faculty/staff and students, as well as hourly pay parking to visitors.

The garage also provides designated, low emission, fuel-efficient (LEFE) vehicle parking spaces on the first and fourth levels of the garage. Built for sustainability, this forward-thinking LEFE design aligns with Cambridge's contemporary use of mesh for modern structures.

A Cambridge Architectural Parkade™ system adds a completely new dimension and unique texture to the garage. Woven metal fabric, held in tension and suspended by cables using Cambridge's Eclipse™ attachment method, creates the illusion that the material is floating weightlessly on the outside of the structure. The project team chose stainless steel not only to endure the fluctuating Columbus climate, but also to improve visibility and ventilation.

"We were excited to develop this new and unique method to suspend the mesh panels for the Lane Avenue Garage," says Heather Collins, Director of Marketing at Cambridge Architectural. "The architect's vision, in combination with our engineering experience, created a modern building element for a modern structure."

The architect worked with Cambridge to integrate linear LED lighting along the structural tubing at the bottom of the Eclipse system. The colored light is projected onto the mesh at night, and the mesh reflects an elegant, soft glow. This enhancement makes the garage just as visually engaging at night as it is during the day.

"The architectural mesh's transparency created a visually lightweight and dramatic textural surface on the building during the day, and at night, the fabric was dense enough to reflect warm hued LED lighting integrated into the panel design." says Pete Confar, Principal with Acock Associates Architects, the architect of the project. "Cambridge was very helpful in the design and execution of both the mesh and lighting details, which met all of our requirements."

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Functionally, architectural mesh is an ideal material for the Lane Avenue Garage because of its strength and simplicity. Cambridge's Parkade system functions as a protective barrier for occupants of the garage, but its open style facilitates air flow and provides picturesque views of the Ohio State campus.

Cambridge is committed to supporting the design and construction team from preliminary ideas to final installation on every project. For the Lane Avenue Garage, Cambridge worked closely with the entire team to engineer a custom façade system for the building's exterior, assuring a streamlined installation and a look that complemented the architect's overall design concept.

"Cambridge has been the best architectural mesh manufacturer to work with," comments Bob Lutz, associate at DESMAN Associates, the project's Parking Consultant. "Their expertise and ability to keep us focused always leads to great results."

The Parkade system was engineered with mesh in Cambridge's Mid-Balance pattern, which features large scaled, flexible open weaves that shade the screen structures including facades, parking garages and pavilions.

Cambridge's Eclipse cable tension attachment hardware system was used to install the Mid-Balance product. Tailored edges are provided for expanses of flexible metal fabric in tension. Elegant, custom cut apertures receive the metal fabric ends in tubing that is integrated into a bracket and structural support design. The tubing and mesh panels are strung by cables, which allow them to appear delicate and weightless.

Construction on the Lane Avenue Parking Garage was completed in November 2009. The project team consists of architect Acock Associates Architects, Columbus, OH, subcontractor cHe Fabricating, Cincinnati, OH, and parking consultant DESMAN Associates, Chicago, IL.

Cambridge Architectural Parkade metal fabric solutions lend unique aesthetic appeal, functionality, affordability and sustainable benefits to parking structure. As exterior cladding for parking garages, Parkade applications provide ventilation, fall protection, visibility, headlight attenuation, safety, security, and many additional functional benefits. Crafted of stainless steel and other alloys, Cambridge's metal fabric products are offered in a variety of weaves, scales and finished for interior and exterior use. Each Cambridge system offers various attachment systems to provide support for architectural specification and installation.

Cambridge Architectural is the world's most experienced – and only – full-service provider of sustainable architectural mesh systems for both interior and exterior building applications. Cambridge offers full system design, engineering and collaboration from concept through installation – including highly challenging building projects, environments and budgets. Cambridge metal fabric systems are categorized by the primary application the system serves. These include: Parkade™, Solucent™, LandscapeInteriors™, MeshFX™, MeshDefense™ and Meshellaneous™. For more information about Cambridge Architectural call 1-866-806-2385 or visit [www.CambridgeArchitectural.com](http://www.CambridgeArchitectural.com).