

CITY OF COOS BAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE April 5, 2016	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
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TO: Chair Jennifer Groth and Board Members

FROM: Jim Hossley, Public Works Director *JH*

Through: Rodger Craddock, City Manager *RC*

ISSUE: Proposal by Councilor Vaughan – Public Art in Highway 101 Median

BACKGROUND:

Councilor Vaughan has requested the opportunity to present a proposal to the URA Board regarding placement of public art in the Highway 101 median north of the Super 8 motel. As this right-of-way is owned by ODOT, any placement of art within their right-of-way is subject to ODOT rules and regulations. Before proposals for art can be submitted to ODOT for consideration, the URA Board would have to agree to sponsor the proposal.

Should the Board want to pursue sponsorship, staff will bring back more detail regarding the budget implications and requirements for ODOT approval at a future URA meeting.

ADVANTAGES:

A well planned streetscape design concept, including public art, for Highway 101 will add to the image and beauty of the City's major transportation corridor.

DISADVANTAGES:

Other than initial capital cost and ongoing maintenance cost, none

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Impact to the budget are not known at this time.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases the Agency, consider Councilor Vaughan's proposal, consider sponsoring the project, and provide direction.