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# Florence Urban Renewal Agency

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## Memorandum

To: Florence Urban Renewal Board  
From: Megan Messmer, City Project Manager  
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### ReVision Florence Scoping Considerations

In February, the Florence Urban Renewal (FURA) Board reviewed several scoping questions for the ReVision Florence Streetscape Project. The purpose of reviewing those scoping questions was to consider possible cost reductions. The FURA Board also authorized Murray Smith and Associates (MSA) to proceed with the right-of-way administration process and to the 60% design milestone. The due date for the 60% design submission to ODOT is July 6, 2017. In order to meet that deadline, the FURA Board needs to provide direction on those scoping questions.

#### Scoping Questions

As MSA and staff have reviewed the project estimates, there are areas that the Board may want to consider as cost saving measures. The items that we have been reviewing are outlined below.

- Gateway Arch at Maple Street – There is a potential project savings of up to \$250,000, including construction and engineering, if the gateway arch is eliminated. There is also the option to scale it back to be a monument or something smaller, which would still have a cost associated with it but there would be cost savings compared to the full arch structure. The savings would be due to removing the need for engineering of a structure that spans the roadway.
- Highway 126
  - Elimination – The Board could choose to focus ReVision Florence solely on Highway 101 and eliminate the Highway 126 piece. This would include the landscaping and Quince Street gateway monuments. The potential savings here would be up to \$300,000, including construction, right-of-way and engineering.
  - Bid as an Alternate – The second option for Highway 126 is to continue designing it, but bid it as an alternate during the construction bidding process. That would allow the Board to choose whether or not to move forward with that portion once they know what the construction bids come in as.

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- Utility Undergrounding – The Board has expressed the desire to underground the utilities along the Highway 101 corridor. The extent to which the undergrounding is done could be scaled back slightly. The majority of the utility lines that run parallel to the highway are used for the street lighting. These will be underground as part of the street light updates. There are three aerial crossings over Highway 101 that are main lines providing the electricity connectivity. If we leave those three main aerial lines, there is a potential cost savings of \$160,000.

### **Decision Points**

There are several decision points before the FURA Board as discussed throughout and are summarized below.

- Old Town Gateway – There are several options for the Maple Street gateway into Old Town. Does the Board want to proceed with the arched gateway at Maple Street? Would you prefer a monument gateway feature? Should that feature be eliminated? Is there another alternative?
- Highway 126 – Does the Board want to proceed with designing this section of the project? If so, do you want to bid it as an alternate to the project to make a final decision on timing once we receive the construction bids?
- Utility Undergrounding – Does the Board want to proceed with undergrounding all utilities or undergrounding all but the three major aerial lines that cross the highway?