

CULTURAL COMMISSION

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2015

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3B

STAFF: John L. L'Etoile – NDOT Senior Landscape Architect
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REQUEST: Presentation and discussion only by the Nevada Department of Transportation on the Carson City Freeway's Phase 2B-3 Aesthetic Features.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: On June 15, 2015, the Nevada Department of Transportation will issue a Notice to Proceed to the Freeway's Phase 2B-3 contractor to begin construction work on the final section of the Carson City Freeway. Over the past couple of years, City staff has been working with NDOT and their consultant team to create aesthetic features, landscape concepts, boulder/rock talus locations, and re-vegetation plans for Phase 2B-3. The freeway's aesthetic designs continue the "History in Motion" theming created by Gardeners Reclaiming Our Waysides (GROW) for the north leg of the freeway.

With the beginning of the freeway's construction, City staff decided it would be appropriate to share with the Commission and public the aesthetic features to be constructed along the southern leg of the freeway. These features will continue the goal of providing Carson City visitors a unique place to visit and current residents pride in their community. These unique features also serve in attracting new businesses and residents to the area while educating about the compelling history that helped form the community. NDOT's landscape architects will be at this meeting to present a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed freeway's aesthetic features and answer any questions regarding the planned aesthetics.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This agenda item is for informational purposes only. No formal action can be taken at this time.