CALL TO ARTISTS
Truckee River Pipe Art 2015

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Call Summary

We are inviting proposals for Truckee River Pipe Art, a permanent public art installation to be placed on the surface of a metal sewer pipe that spans the Truckee River just downstream from the outlet gates in Tahoe City, CA. The pipe is visible from Highway 89 between Tahoe City and the Alpine Meadows turn off, and is highly visible from the Truckee River, especially for rafters who float beneath it.

The existing pipe is going to be replaced in 2015: this call is for art to be applied to the pipe prior to its installation. The art is to be environmental in theme, or "fit" with the surrounding environment.

One proposal will be chosen: the proposal can be from an individual artist or a group of artists.

This project is commissioned by the Tahoe Public Utility District (TCPUD), working with Tahoe Public Art (TPA), a formal consortium of North Tahoe Arts, North Tahoe Business Association and Tahoe City Downtown Association. This is a Request For Proposal (RFP) process and **proposals must be postmarked/electronic time-stamped no later than 6PM, Pacific time, July 10, 2015.**

There will be two rounds of selection: the first by a jury and the final selection by the TCPUD Board of Directors. The first jury will sit July 14, 2015, and the TCPUD Board of Directors will make the final selection on July 17, 2015. The art application will take place during two consecutive weeks (14 days) in September. The artist(s) must be able to complete the art within the 14 day period. Exact dates will be determined by the Construction Contractor. The pipe will be installed on or before October 15, 2015. If any repairs to mural are required, they will be done immediately following installation.

The artist honorarium will not exceed $4600. This includes all labor, transportation, and materials costs.

Artists from California and Nevada are eligible to apply: however, local artists are especially encouraged to apply.

Project Description

For this project, the artist(s) will be creating a memorable work of permanent art on a metal pipe that will be highly visible at all times—24/7—because the pipe spans the Truckee River alongside CA State Highway 89, between Tahoe City and Truckee. Lake Tahoe, a natural international treasure, attracts more than 3.5 million visitors each year from around the world, so this art will be viewed by millions of people over its lifespan.

This task is to incorporate art into an important infrastructure element of local life. It will augment the natural beauty of the immediate surroundings and transform something utilitarian into an enjoyable and relevant art experience.

The existing pipe has spanned the Truckee River for decades and has collected an impressive array of river rafters' chewing gum on its underside. It is impossible to predict whether or not the art on the new replacement pipe will discourage this informal tradition or not, so artists might be advised to consider integrating this potential into their

mural design so they are not dismayed if gum does appear on the pipe.

Gum on the current pipe

Project Details:

TCPUD is overseeing and managing the pipe replacement project. TPA is working with TCPUD to oversee the art creation and placement on the pipe.

The art painting/application will take place on TCPUD property, or at a place arranged by TCPUD. The pipe will be elevated slightly, sitting on supports, to enable the artist(s) to access it for mural application. The finished pipe will ultimately be installed spanning the Truckee River on the outskirts of Tahoe City.

The metal pipe has a 3 foot diameter. The construction contractor will prepare (weld) one continuous 65-foot length of pipe where the art will be placed. Prior to the art's application, the pipe will be epoxy-coated and covered with an ultraviolet (UV) protection coating; 3M Scotchkote Urethane Coating UV840, or approved equivalent. The art's material (paint, "skin," etc.) must be compatible with this urethane UV coating.

The art will be applied prior to the pipe's installation. Both sides of the pipe may be painted/wrapped, but the downstream side of the pipe will have a conduit assembly welded to it per the Conduit Attachment Detail on sheet C1, approximately 45 degrees from the top of the pipe.

After the art is created/applied, the pipe will be coated with an additional UV protective coating to prolong the lifespan of the art (the TCPUD's Construction Contractor will make this application). After the TCPUD Construction Contractor has installed the pipe, limited mural touch-up may be applied if the art is scratched during installation. This touch-up, if necessary, will be done by the artist(s).

For detailed sketches of the project plan, please see Attachment A of this document.

Art criteria and goals

- The art will highlight and blend with the river's natural environment
- The art will reflect a local environmental focus and present a non-urban appearance
- The art is encouraged to create and/or contribute to a "sense of place" within the community and for visitors
- Proposal must include a recommended maintenance plan for art, acknowledging that the lifespan of the pipe is estimated to be roughly 50 years. This plan should address: How often would the UV-protectant coating need to be re-applied over the image to protect it? Would any other maintenance/reapplication be required? At what point would it be expected to require replacement? (This information is to enable TCPUD to plan for the future. If a design image cannot be expected to last beyond 10 years, this enables TCPUD to plan for the necessary replacement/repair. If that is difficult to determine, it needs to be noted [with explanation] and considered as well.)
- Preference will be given to local/regional artists. Artists living/working within the TCPUD boundaries will receive eight (8) points in the evaluation process. Those living/working within the Tahoe Basin and/or Truckee but outside TCPUD boundaries will receive five (5) points; those living/working in northern CA or NV will receive three (3) points; those outside of these areas will receive no additional points.

Possible Media:

TCPUD and TPA realize that this mural can be created using different media and will

consider any viable proposal. Some possible media include, along with their anticipated advantages and disadvantages:

Material	Application	Time required	Repair options once installed	Advantage/Disadvantage
Paint	1 or more artists	2 week max	Requires artist access, probably from river	Timeless, traditional approach/Most challenging in terms of time and repair access
Spray paint	1 or more artists	2 week max	May require artist access from river depending upon location	Less application time than brush paint; faster drying time; easier repair process; innovative/?
Photographic "Skin"	Installation instructions from manufacturer	Hours for application; less than a week to dry	Unknown currently	Less time in total; photograph could be of local scenery; innovative/Durability (vs. pipe lifespan of 50 yrs.); requires experienced installers

Site or Art Location Plans

The Truckee River flows out of Lake Tahoe at Tahoe City's outlet gates, at the "Y" where CA State Highways 89 and 28 meet. The pipe that is the subject for this Call to Artists spans the Truckee River a short ways downstream from the outlet gates. The river and the pipe will remain in place for the foreseeable future. A project to build a roadway and bridge spanning the river nearby downstream is under consideration but this will not affect the placement of this pipe.

Budget

The artist(s) with the winning proposal will receive an honorarium of $4,600.00. This will cover the costs of all artists' fees including design, labor, materials, and transportation. Costs such as insurance, taxes, studio overhead, and miscellaneous items are not eligible for inclusion.

Artist Eligibility

- This call is open to artists living in California or Nevada.
- Both professional artists and students are eligible.
- Artist teams are eligible for the project.
- Local artists are encouraged to apply.

- Artists living/working within the TCPUD district are strongly encouraged to apply.

This Call to Artists is an Equal Artistic Opportunity: selection of the winning proposal will be made without regard to sex, race, color, age, national origin, religion, disability, genetic information, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity/reassignment, citizenship, pregnancy or maternity, veteran status, or any other status protected by applicable national, federal, state or local law.

Application Requirements

Proposals may be sent via USPS ("snail mail") or via email including attachments.

Send via USPS to the following address:

Tahoe Public Art
c/o TCPUD
P.O. Box 5249
Tahoe City, CA 96145

If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your submission within 7 days, we have most likely not received it. Please do follow up in this case.

Send via email to *both* of the following email addresses (including necessary attachments):

1. tahoepublicart@gmail.com
2. kalthof@tcpud.org

If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your submission within 24 hours, we have most likely not received it. Please follow up in this case.

Proposals must be postmarked/electronic time-stamped no later than 6PM, Pacific time, July 10, 2015. You are encouraged to submit prior to this date and time!

Proposals should include:

1. Project description including sketch of proposed art and description of materials;
2. Artist/Artists Statement of interest (500 words or less);
3. Resume or short biography;
4. Up to 5 high resolution jpeg images of previous pieces: label with piece name, date created, location of piece, materials used. You may submit images on a

DVD included with the application;

5. Annotated list of previous projects, including: description, dimensions, material, location, budget, client or commissioning organization, and any other relevant project information;

6. Budget breakdown which includes the design fee and materials costs.

Selection Criteria

Art selection will be judged on a weighted system based on the following criteria (in no particular order):

- Completeness of proposal (does it include all 6 requested elements? = 12 pts)
- Artist's/Artists' living/work location (TCPUD Boundaries = 8 pts; North Lake Tahoe/Truckee = 5 pts; NorCal/NorNV = 3 pts);
- Art Piece Content: Does the art interpret the natural environment? (10 pts)
- Required maintenance. (Maintenance plan inclusion = 5 pts; Plan includes viable maintenance steps = 3 additional pts)

Maximum points possible: 38

Project Timeline

The timeline includes dates for the following milestones, as they apply:

1. Submission deadline: July 10, 2015
2. First Jury Panel review: July 14, 2015
3. Final artist selection: July 16, 2015
4. Artists notified: July 20, 2015
5. Artist contracts finalized and signed: July 31, 2015
6. Art Work: Two consecutive weeks between September 1-30, 2015
7. Installation: on or before October 15, 2015
8. Unveiling and celebration: TBD based on construction completion

Sources for Additional Information

For additional information that may be of use, please go online to the following sites:

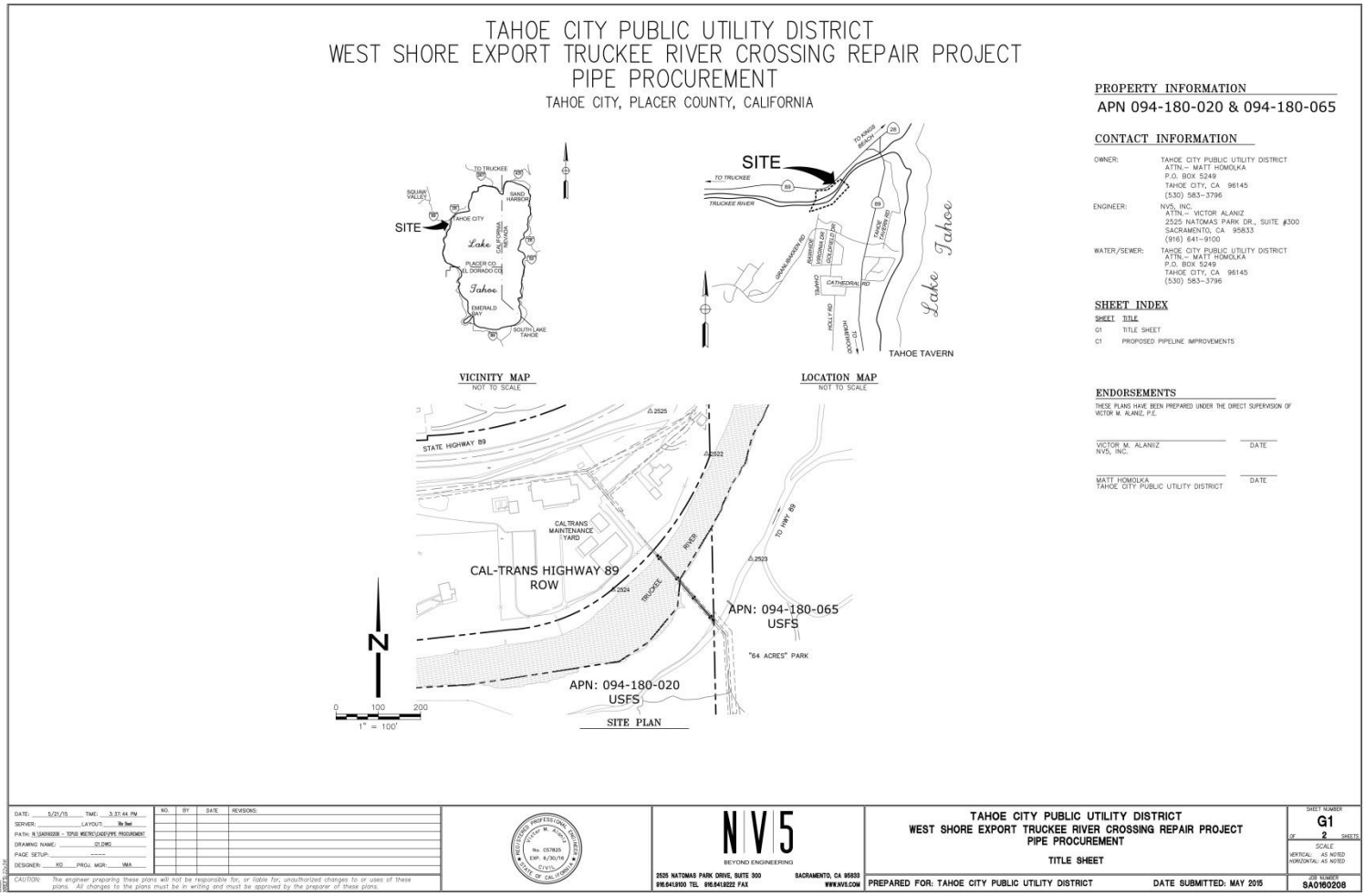
- Tahoe Public Utility District: http:/www.tcpud.org
- Tahoe Public Art: http:/www.tahoepublicart.com/
- North Tahoe Arts: http://www.northtahoearts.com
- North Tahoe Business Association: http://www.northtahoebusiness.org
- Tahoe City Downtown Association: http://www/visittahoecity.org
- Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation: http://www.ttcf.net

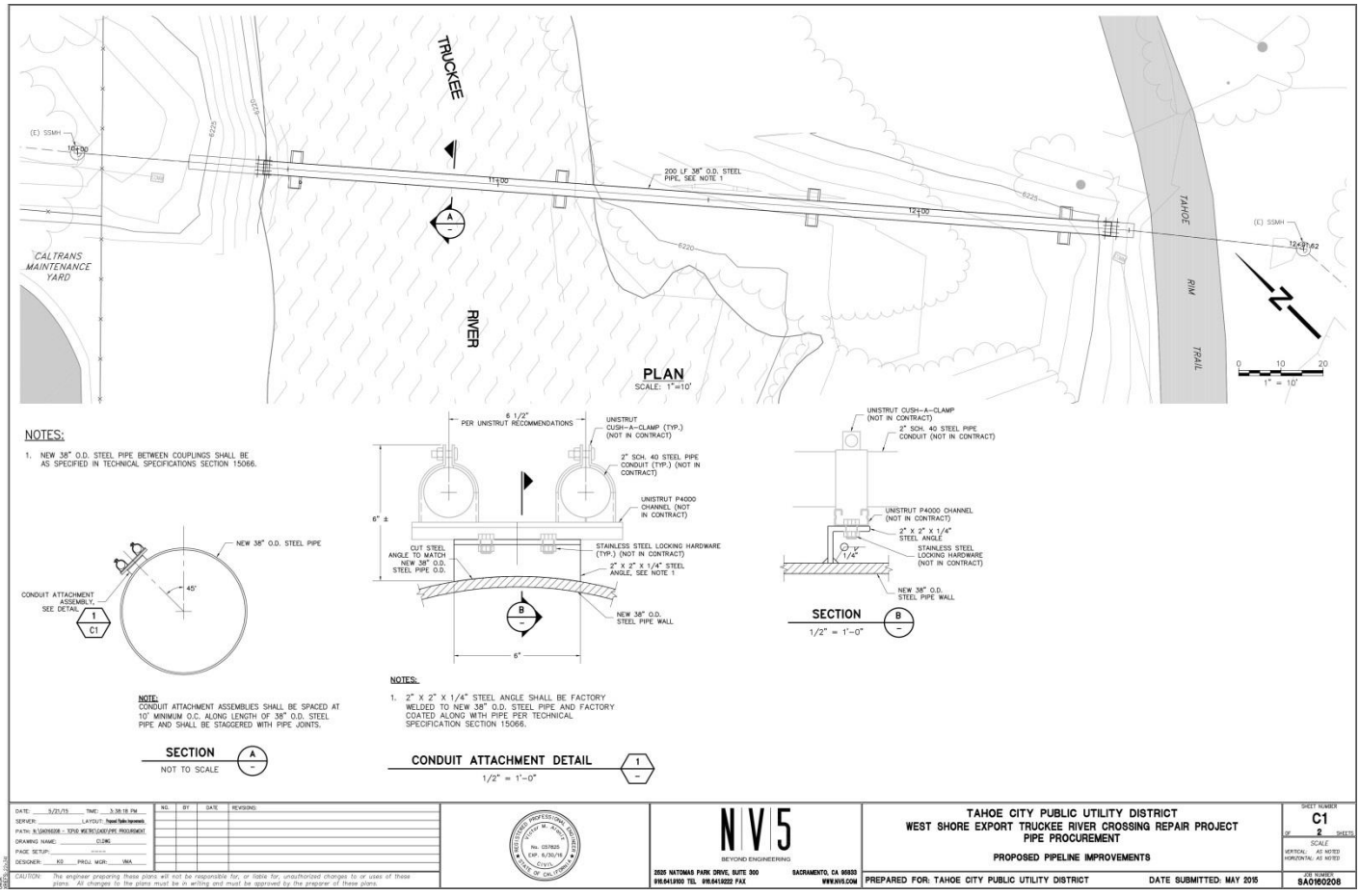
For information about the North Lake Tahoe community: http://www.gotahoenorth.com

Resources for Questions

For questions or additional information, please email the Tahoe Public Art Program Coordinator, Marguerite Sprague, at tahoepublicart@gmail.com.

Attachment A: Project Plan Sketches

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NOTES:
1. NEW 38" O.D. STEEL PIPE BETWEEN COUPLINGS SHALL BE AS SPECIFIED IN TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS SECTION 15066.
NEW 38" O.D. STEEL PIPE
CONDUIT ATTACHMENT ASSEMBLY, SEE DETAIL 1/C1
45°
NOTE:
CONDUIT ATTACHMENT ASSEMBLIES SHALL BE SPACED AT 10' MINIMUM O.C. ALONG LENGTH OF 38" O.D. STEEL PIPE AND SHALL BE STAGGERED WITH PIPE JOINTS.
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6 1/2" PER UNISTRUT RECOMMENDATIONS
UNISTRUT CUSH-A-CLAMP (TYP.) (NOT IN CONTRACT)
2" SCH. 40 STEEL PIPE CONDUIT (TYP.) (NOT IN CONTRACT)
UNISTRUT P4000 CHANNEL (NOT IN CONTRACT)
6" ±
CUT STEEL ANGLE TO MATCH NEW 38" O.D. STEEL PIPE O.D.
STAINLESS STEEL LOCKING HARDWARE (TYP.) (NOT IN CONTRACT)
2" X 2" X 1/4" STEEL ANGLE, SEE NOTE 1
NEW 38" O.D. STEEL PIPE WALL
6"
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NOTES:
1. 2" X 2" X 1/4" STEEL ANGLE SHALL BE FACTORY WELDED TO NEW 38" O.D. STEEL PIPE AND FACTORY COATED ALONG WITH PIPE PER TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION SECTION 15066.
CONDUIT ATTACHMENT DETAIL
1/2" = 1'-0"
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