

**March 15, 2011**

The City’s Urban Renewal Agency recently conducted an in-depth facilities evaluation of the Egyptian Theatre for the purpose of identifying building improvement needs and creating a facilities improvement plan. The facilities improvement plan was presented to the Coos Bay Urban Renewal Agency and the Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association on December 22, 2010. The facilities evaluation and subsequent report revealed substantial structural deficiencies, and the cost to correct those deficiencies is projected to be $3,743,682. The identified deficiencies in the building’s foundation, west walls, roof structure, and balcony are such that the repair efforts will need to be undertaken in one phase.

The Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association and the Coos Bay Urban Renewal Agency are partnering together to begin a funding campaign to raise the funds to save and restore the Egyptian Theatre. Out of concern for public safety, the theatre will be closed until the necessary repairs can be undertaken. Patty Scott, SOCC President, and Greg Mulkey, MHS Principle have offered to help the Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association through the use of their facilities to house upcoming events.

Donations for Renovation of the Egyptian Theatre may be sent to:

Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association

c/o Susan Watson, Treasurer

290 South 4th Street

Coos Bay, OR 97420

For Information on upcoming events, visit the theatre’s website at [**www.egyptian-theatre.com**](http://www.egyptian-theatre.com)

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