



REA Building is on right, looking northeast from Jennifer Street Bridge.

Council Approves Railroad District Master Plan

At its June 2, 1998, meeting the San Luis Obispo City Council gave tentative approval to the Railroad District master Plan. Final approval will be voted on at the June 16th Council Meeting.

Once the Council has given its final approval to the plan, we can start working with City staff to get the museum started.

One idea, proposed at the last SLORRM meeting, is to move the caboos from behind The Graduate restaurant to the old track near Emily Street so that it will be visible to the public and so that restoration work can begin on it.

REA Building as Interim Museum?

On May 14, 1998, at the last meeting of the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum, it was suggested that the old Railway Express Agency building, next to the Amtrak station, could be used as an interim museum site. A portion of the building, property of Union Pacific Railroad, is being used by the Union Pacific Railroad Police as a office. The majority of the building, including the freight storage area, is vacant. We will be contacting the railroad in an attempt to lease a portion of the building for a nominal fee.

If we can obtain use of a portion of the building, and if we can get all the necessary permits, licenses and insurance, we will open an interim museum and gift shop.

The opening of an interim museum will show the City that we are serious about having a museum. The proximity to the Amtrak station will make it visible to travelers that, hopefully, will make a quick visit during their layover. The gift shop will sell souvenirs, postcards, etc., to raise money for the museum.

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Emily Street, looking north. Sears warehouse is on right.



View looking southwest toward Emily Street.

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 (yes, both exist) in Paso Robles. We would then be transported south to our starting point in San Luis Obispo via chartered motor coach. All for a very low price! Sounds great. However, Karl Hovanitz informed us that Amtrak will not reserve a block of seats in their cars for a group departing SLO. This probably is due to the seats needing to be kept reserved and empty the entire trip from Los Angeles to SLO so that they would be available for us. Well, so much for a great idea. Maybe we will contact Amtrak next year and work this out. Meantime, we can still conduct another "Sunset Train," where we had an early dinner in Santa Barbara and leisurely watched the sun set in the Pacific Ocean from our train going home to San Luis Obispo.

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Timetable

Tuesday, June 16th

San Luis Obispo
 City Council
 Final vote on Railroad
 District Master Plan
 7:00 p.m. City Hall
 990 Palm Street

June 19-21

**Railroad Days
 Dunsmuir, California**

Saturday, June 27

North County Rail
 History Tour
 Departs 7 a.m.
 Returns 7:30 p.m.
 \$29.00

Santa Margarita to King City
 Lunch at King City or
 bring your own

Thursday, July 9th

San Luis Obispo Railroad
 Museum Meeting
 7:00 p.m.
 Embassy Suites
 Madonna Road, SLO

Saturday, August 1

Roaring Camp &
 Big Trees Railroad
 Departs 7 a.m.
 Returns 7:30 p.m.
 \$49.00

Lunch at Roaring Camp or
 bring your own

September 26, 27

**Railroad Days
 Truckee, California**

Sunday, October 18

Pacific Locomotive Assoc.,
 Niles Canyon Railway
 Ardenwood Historic Farm,
 Fremont

Kelly Park, San Jose
 Departs 7 a.m.
 Returns 8 p.m.

\$49.00, photo run by,
 \$6/person donation included.

