

SPTC Corridor Segment Plan

Segment: Missouri Flat to Mother Lode

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Segment Issue Statement: Within this stretch of the SPTC Corridor the Museum Division of the County Library Department is planning the El Dorado Historic Railroad Museum Park. The Department of Transportation (DOT) is working in conjunction with Museums to plan, design, and find grant funding for this park. The Museum and volunteers are actively working on the historic rail component.

Additionally, this segment is immediately west of the recently completed Class I trail constructed from Forni Road to Missouri Flat Road. Therefore, interest by the trails community is high to ensure a continuation of the trail system across Missouri Flat Road and west to Mother Lode.

With the high hopes by all potential users of the Corridor, this segment has become a focal point for the goal of a mixed use enhancement for the residents of the County. The DOT has submitted grant applications that, if awarded, would fund the extension of the trail as well as the development of the park site. With the goal of developing a collaborative approach to this segment, a working group was developed to air differing group goals, determine agreements and work through controversies, and produce a plan that all users could support in some fashion.

Working Group:

PARTICIPANT	AFFILIATION	INTEREST
Eileen Crim	TrailsNOW, TAC	Hiking/Riding
Bob Snyder	Motorcar Operators West	Rail Speeders
Donna Snyder	Motorcar Operators West	Rail Speeders
Jeff Sellwood	Friends of the E. D. Trail	Class 1 Trail / Nature Trail
Mike Kennison	Friends of the E. D. Trail	Class 1 Trail / Nature Trail
Ed Cunha	Railway Museum - E D Western RR Found.	Rails/Train Museum
Keith Berry	Railway Museum - E D Western RR Found.	Rails/Train Museum
Lynn Murray	Placerville Spinal Cord Injury Support Group	Wheelchair / ADA trail use - Pedestrians
Randy Hackbarth	Equestrian Groups, TAC	Equestrian Use
Jeanne Amos	E.D. County Library	Rail Museum
Mary Cory	E.D. County Museum	Rail Museum
Russ Nygaard	DOT/Facilities/Engineering	County Staff

Segment Plan:

Consensus within the working group was reached to work as a community of volunteers toward the goal of mixed use through this corridor segment. Mixed use includes rail, class 1 trail, and nature trail to accommodate equestrians, bikers, and hikers. All groups agreed that the historic railroad park is a benefit to the County. The DOT will continue efforts to fully fund the trail and park development. The rail use will be self-supporting.

A schedule was accepted by the working group to accommodate the development of the rail use, as follows:

- From the westerly end of the park site in El Dorado east to Missouri Flat Road – the demonstration train shall be running within three years of the Board of Supervisors’ acceptance of this plan.
- From the westerly end of the park site in El Dorado west to Mother Load Drive at the “Y” – the demonstration train shall be running within five years of the Board of Supervisors’ acceptance of this plan

If these goals are not reached, the stretch between the park site at El Dorado and Blanchard Road is still understood to be planned for rail use. The remainder of the segment will be re-evaluated.

In addition to the rail volunteers, much discussion was focused around the use of volunteerism for trails development. The DOT will be pursuing this opportunity to increase the trails development and extend available funds.