

COUNTY OF EL DORADO

Chief Administrative Office

STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 3, 2013
TO: Board of Supervisor's
FROM: Vickie Sanders
SUBJECT: Agenda Item #13-0606

Background:

On February 25, 2003, the Board of Supervisors adopted the SPTC Master Plan and certified its associated Environmental Impact Report. The initial draft master plan segmented the corridor into geographically similar areas and assigned compatible uses to each segment. That approach was rejected by the Planning Commission, leading to the final Master Plan that contemplates multiple uses along the entire length of the corridor. In addition to establishing uses of the corridor, the Master Plan establishes design guidelines for trail improvements. The EIR for the Master Plan analyzed a "trail intensive" and a "rail intensive" alternative, both of which were rejected in favor of the preferred alternative contemplating multiple uses along the entire corridor.

On March 28, 2011, your board approved the following motion:

Adopt map establishing priority uses: Segment 1-17.5 mile from county line to Mother Lode Crossing as multi-use including bike path and equestrian; Segment 2-6 mile length from Mother Lode Crossing to Missouri Flat to be set aside as joint multi-use trail for all trail uses, historical railroad and excursion train; Segment 3-Bike routes to the east of Missouri Flat Road to existing Class 1 Bike Path lanes and bike route.

On May 15, 2012 your board denied the request from the SPTC JPA and P&SVRR on the Compromise License Agreement for excursion rail. Another motion was made and approved to refer the compromise proposal for the License Agreement to the SPTC Oversight Committee to come up with a joint use plan.

The proposal on your agenda is from Placerville & Sacramento Valley Rail Road (P&SVRR) to run an excursion train to Latrobe on the last Sunday of every month through the end of the year for the Latrobe Pancake Fundraiser Breakfast.

This proposal was on the Trails Advisory Committee (TAC) agenda on May 13, 2013. This was

the action from that meeting:

A motion was made by Member Kenison, seconded by Member McErlane to deny the Placerville and Sacramento Valley Railroad (P&SVRR) access to corridor for a proposed excursion rail to the Latrobe Community Pancake Fundraising Event.

Yes: 2 - Kenison, McErlane

No: 4 - Gilmore, Price, Hackbarth, Ramsay

Motion Failed

A second motion was made by Member Gilmore, seconded by Member Price to allow the Placerville and Sacramento Valley Railroad (P&SVRR) access to the corridor for a proposed excursion rail to the Latrobe Community Pancake Fundraising Event on the last Sunday of each month through December 2013.

Yes: 4 - Gilmore, Price, Hackbarth, Ramsay

No: 2 - Kenison, McErlane

Motion Approved

This proposal was on the SPTC Oversight Committee agenda for May 13, 2013. This was the action from that meeting:

A motion was made by Member Gilmore, seconded by Member Eaton to allow the Placerville and Sacramento Valley Railroad (P&SVRR) access to the corridor for a proposed excursion rail to the Latrobe Community Pancake Fundraising Event on the last Sunday of each month through December 2013.

Yes: 3 - Hackbarth, Eaton, Gilmore

No: 2 - Kenison, Jackson

Abstain: 2 - Harville, Berry (Alternate)

Motion Carried

The recommendations from both of these committees were presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission on May 16, 2013 for their recommendation to your board. This was the action from that meeting:

A motion was made by Member Hidahl, seconded by Member Callahan to allow the Placerville and Sacramento Valley Railroad (P&SVRR) access to the corridor for a proposed excursion rail to the Latrobe Community Pancake Fundraising Event on the last Sunday of each month through December 2013.

Yes: 3 - Callahan, Smart, Hidahl

Absent: 2 - Russo, Yonker

Staff Recommendation:

Parks staff recommends your board approve the request from Placerville & Sacramento Valley Rail Road to run an excursion train on the last Sunday of the month through the end of 2013 and support the recommendations from your two committees and your Parks and Recreation Commission.

This recommendation would be in conflict with the motion from March 28, 2011 on Segment 1, but would be following the adopted Master Plan.

Action(s) to be taken following Board approval

- 1) Parks staff will prepare an operating plan for the corridor use to be submitted to the CPUC.
- 2) Parks staff to issue an access acknowledgement permit outlining the operations and a right of entry permits to P&SVRR.