

April 21, 2016

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Vickie Sanders, Parks Manager
RE: Recommendation regarding P&SVRR request

The Latrobe Breakfast Special for excursion rail comes to your board every year. On March 21, 2016, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended excursion rail in segment 1 and to rename the segments according to use. The commission made the following motion:

A motion by Commissioner Arenz, seconded by Commissioner Morgan to recommend to the BOS the 11 Latrobe Breakfast Specials (of which three runs have already taken place per the Board of Supervisors approval on January 26, 2016), the Latrobe Country Fair-Date TBD, 4 Latrobe Community Hall Extras-Date TBD and the Lime Mine Gap educational trip be approved with the caveat that the required and safety signs recommended by the Ad-Hoc Committee be placed before the trips and that a 20 day written notice be given prior to each date and event.

The following is the memo prepared for the Parks and Recreation Commission with my recommendation.

Background

Last year the Parks and Recreation Commission received a presentation and request from the Placerville and Sacramento Valley Rail Road (P&SVRR) at their February 19, 2015 meeting. The request was for the Latrobe Pancake Breakfast run which runs from the Folsom to Latrobe on the last Sunday of the month with thirty (30) additional excursion runs requested. This was the motion from that meeting:

A motion was made by Commissioner Payne, seconded by Commissioner Callahan, to renew the Latrobe Breakfast Special excursion for not more than 9 trips.

A request was submitted on December 28, 2015 for the 2016 season. The request is attached but I have summarized as:

- 11 Breakfast Specials (Last Sunday of the month January – November) *Recommended*

- June “Summer Breeze Extras” one weekend for trips to Deer Creek Bridge (Twice Daily) =4 trips *Not Recommended, there is no benefit to the Latrobe Community*
- July Latrobe Country Fair=1 trip *Recommended*
- 4 Latrobe Community Hall Extras-One trip each day= 4 trips *Recommended as determined appropriate by staff*
- 5 Weekday School Field Trips to Deer Creek Bridge (two runs each)=10 trips *Not Recommended, the Master Plan does not allow for weekday excursion runs*
- May-Sept-Latrobe Local-Round trips Folsom to Latrobe during 4 Holiday Weekends=16 trips –*Not Recommended staff does not see the benefit to the Latrobe Community*
- Sept 24-25 Latrobe Local Railfest Edition=4 trips *Not Recommended staff does not see the benefit to the Latrobe Community*
- Lime Mine Gap=1 trip *Not Recommended staff does not see the benefit to the Latrobe Community and no runs beyond Latrobe.*

On January 26, 2016 the Board of Supervisors approved three Pancake Breakfast Runs, January, February and March, with the expectation of a workshop and update on the whole corridor which was scheduled for April 26, 2016, and since moved to May 10, 2016.

The request before you today is for eight (8) runs, May through December including a request for forty (40) additional runs.

Reason for Recommendation

Staff recommends approving only runs that benefit the Latrobe Community and are as follows:

- Eight Pancake Breakfast Runs
- July Country Fair
- 4 Latrobe Community Hall Extras (These extras are to be determined by staff as to the benefit of the Latrobe Community)

There will be no upgrades to the tracks for Class 1 certification.

All rail signage to be installed by P&SVRR.

The track warrant process will be followed.

Next Steps

If the Board approves County Museum Administrator as the manager of the El Dorado Western Railroad program, the Museum will take over the approval of track access permits and process rail use.

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Request for Rail Access in El Dorado County – 2016 Operating Season:

(1) Renew the Latrobe Breakfast Special for 2016:

In 2015 P&SVRR offered eight (8) LBS Excursions out of the nine approved, generating nearly \$1300 in revenue for the Community Hall. Approval of this request will allow us to offer an additional seven (7) Breakfast Specials this year, for a total of nine(9) LBS Excursions in 2016.

(2) Allow a limited number of additional excursions:

June - “Summer Breeze Extras” - One Weekend for Trips to Deer Creek Bridge - (twice daily).

July - “Latrobe Country Fair” - One Trip Only - (date tbd).

4 “Latrobe Community Hall Extras” - One Trip Each Day - (date tbd).

5 Weekday School Field Trips to Deer Creek Bridge – (two runs each, dates tbd)

(3) Bring back the “Latrobe Local” on a limited trial basis:

May-Sept - “Latrobe Local” - Round Trips Folsom to Latrobe during 4 Holiday Weekends - Memorial Day, Father's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day (twice daily - Sat-Sun only).

Sept 24th-25th - “Latrobe Local - RailFest Edition” - Round Trips Folsom to Latrobe during our 6th Annual RailFest Event (twice daily).

(4) Approve a fact finding trip to the “Lime Mine Gap” for Supervisors/Staff:

By allowing P&SVRR to offer this trip, the County can begin to measure and address legitimate impacts of rail use in this section and separate those impacts from the political hyperbole. This will empower the County as they move forward in developing a balanced policy for the SPTC.

NOTE: P&SVRR to give County 20 days written notice prior to each date/event.

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