

Chief Administrative Office, Parks Division Presents an update on:

SACRAMENTO-PLACERVILLE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR (SPTC)

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Original Board Action – 03/28/2011 Legistar Item 10-1169, March 28, 2011, the Board of Supervisors took the following action: *Adopt the map establishing priority uses as follows:*

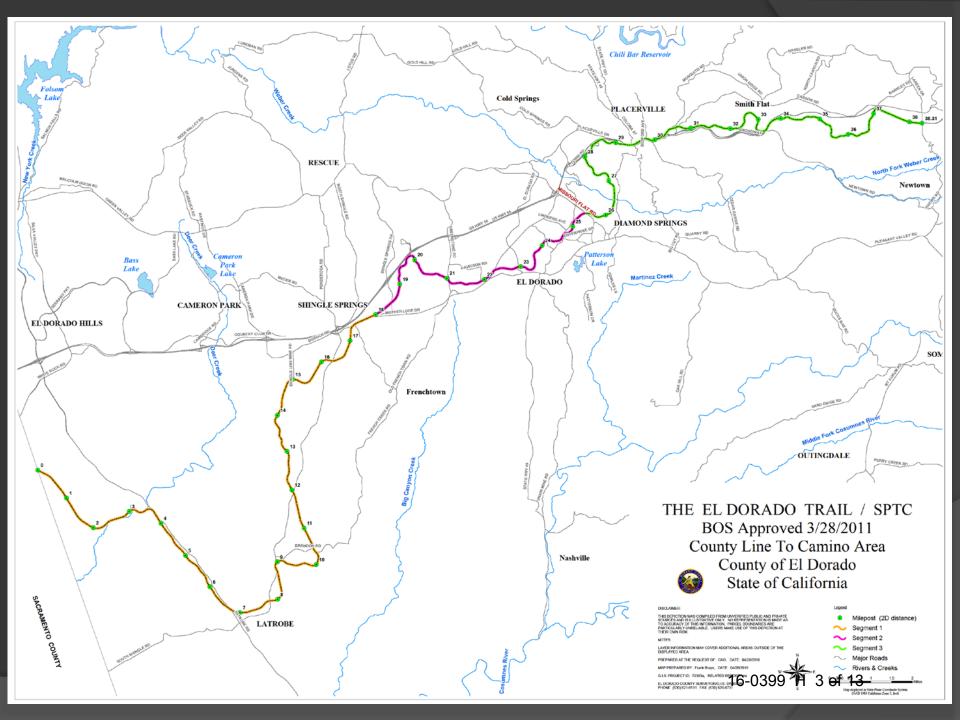
a) Segment 1 – 17.5 mile length from the County line through Latrobe to Mother Lode crossing as a multi-use trail including bike path and equestrian trail;

b) Segment 2 – 6 mile length from Mother Lode crossing (mile marker 17.5) through Shingle Springs and El Dorado to Missouri Flat Road to be set aside as a joint multiuse trail for all trail uses, historical railroad and an excursion train;

c) Segment 3 – Bike routes to the east of Missouri Flat Road existing Class 1 bike path, bike lanes, and bike route;

2) Direct staff to explore the feasibility and legality of removing the tracks in Segment 1 and consider if there are other alternatives to removing the tracks; and

3) Direct staff to return with further information on May 17, 2011, H 2 of 13

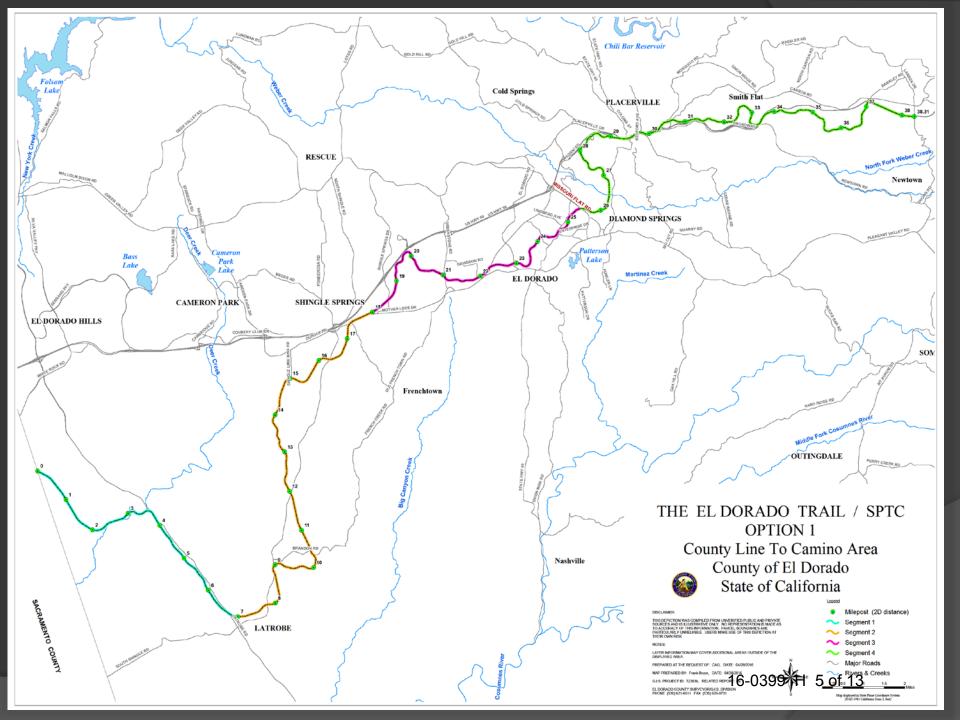


Option 1

If the board decides to continue with rail use on the lower section, the corridor needs to be divided into four segments.

- Segment 1-County line to Latrobe, 7 miles, multi-use including excursion rail
- Segment 2-Latrobe to Mother Lode Drive, 11 miles, trails only. Maintenance of the tracks will be proved by EDWRR on the tracks only, twice a year.
- Segment 3-Mother Lode Drive to Missouri Flat Road, 8 miles, multiuse including excursion rail
- Segment 4-Missouri Flat Road east as Class I Bike Path.

Signage will be a requirement of each group as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission. No maintenance will be done to bring the tracks to Class I Federal Railroad A certification. There will be no large locomotive on this Segments 1 through 3.



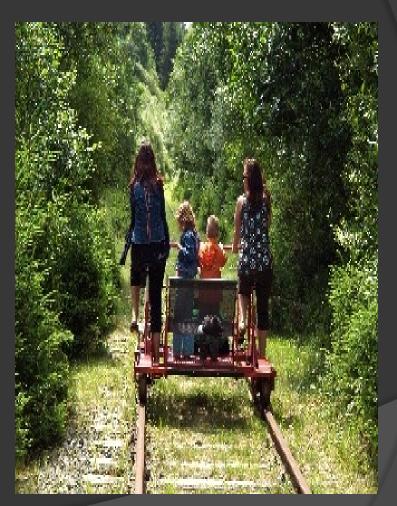


Cherry Avenue Bridge Chicago, Illinois <u>Rails w/ trails co-existence</u>

The Chicago Department of Transportation refurbished the Cherry Avenue Bridge between North Avenue and the northern end of Goose Island for freight trains (Chicago Terminal Railroad), bicyclists, and pedestrians only (no motorcycles, cars, or trucks). Work was completed in 2009.

Pedal Powered Railbikes Adirondack Park, New York state





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requesting the Board take action on the following item;

- A. Confirm the naming of the rail corridor as the SPTC and the Class I Bike Path as the EI Dorado Trail
- <u>Staff Recommendation:</u>

The name remain the SPTC corridor as the 26 miles of rail corridor is owned by the SPTC JPA and has the tracks in place, which will remain as directed by the JPA.

• Parks and Recreation Commission Recommendation:

The rail corridor be identified as the SPTC and the natural and Class I trail be identified as the El Dorado Trail.

requesting the Board take action on the following item;

- B. Signage will be placed by each group in accordance with the sign recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Commission
- <u>Staff Recommendation;</u>

Staff will continue to install signage as the natural trail is developed. The rail group will continue to install the required signage.

Parks and Recreation Commission Recommendation;
Signage will be provided by each group as required.

requesting the Board take action on the following item;

- C. Request that the SPTC JPA approve a contract with the County for weed abatement in El Dorado County
- Staff Recommendation;

That the SPTC JPA contract with El Dorado County for weed abatement services, 10 feet from center line of tracks on each side of the tracks in El Dorado County.

Parks and Recreation Commission Recommendation;

That the SPTC JPA approve a contract with El Dorado Western Railroad (El Dorado County) for week abatement.

requesting the Board take action on the following item;

- D. Provide direction on corridor use;
- Staff Recommendation;

If the board decides to continue with rail use on the lower section, staff recommends that the corridor needs to be divided into four segments. Segment 1-County line to Latrobe, 7 miles, multi-use including excursion rail; Segment 2-Latrobe to Mother Lode Drive, 11 miles, trails only. Maintenance of the tracks will be provided by El Dorado Western Railroad Program on the tracks only twice a year; Segment 3-Mother Lode Drive to Missouri Flat Road, 8 miles, multi-use including excursion rail; Segment 4-Missouri Flat Road east as Class I Bike Path. Segment 1 signage will be a requirement of Placerville-Sacramento Valley Rail Road (PSVRR). No maintenance will be done to bring the tracks to Class I Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) certification. There will be no large locomotive on this section. Once a month pancake runs would be recommended as well as runs that would benefit the community of Latrobe. Runs will be approved by the County Museum Administrator in coordination with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Parks and Recreation Commission Recommendation;

The options as listed in the staff report be adopted with the addition of Segment 4-Missouri Flat east, trails only, striking the words twice a year in Segment 2 and the deletion of the sentences referencing the monthly runs.

Library Department

Recommending the Board;

- A. Approve the updated Railroad History Center and Park Plan
- B. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Memorandum of Understanding 220-M1610 between the El Dorado Western Railway Foundation and the El Dorado County Museum
- C. Make a determination that the EI Dorado Western Railway Foundation provides a public benefit
- D. Direct staff to prepare and return with a standard five year lease for parcel 90-040-031-10 with the El Dorado Western Railway Foundation for use by the El Dorado Western Railroad program and waive the lease fees
- E. Designate the County Museum Administrator as the manager of the Railroad operating corridor of the SPTC from the western County Line to the west edge of Missouri Flat Road in Diamond Springs, responsible for the operation, maintenance and preservation of the railroad and for ensuring compliance with all federal, state and local rail safety rules and regulations





Questions

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