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Fwd: Public Request

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We will attach this to the Parks commission agenda. We need an item for Mary again.

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Dear Jeanne Amos,

As the Director of Library Services, I'm hoping you can help me understand the functioning of El Dorado County Historical Museum's railroad program and its relationship to the El Dorado Western Railroad Foundation.

The Historical Museum railroad program operates under your department, the Department of Library Services, and as such, is part of a public agency. However, information or links to the Historical Museum's railroad program don't exist on the Department of Library Services website, only an email link to Mary Cory, Director of the Historical Museum.

On May 10, 2016, the Board of Supervisors voted to give Mary Cory authority over railroad operations in the Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor (SPTC) within El Dorado County. During that meeting the El Dorado Western Railroad Foundation was identified as a subset of the Historical Museum. Is there a Board of Supervisors resolution or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Historical Museum (El Dorado County) and the El Dorado Western Railroad Foundation that formalizes the relationship between El Dorado County, a public agency, and the El Dorado Western Railroad Foundation, a private entity? If those documents exist, please provide me with copies.

A search of other County websites for information on similar County programs such as the River Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) provide links to meeting agendas, program budget information, annual use reports, and other relevant information. However, none such information exists on the Library Services Department website for either the Historical Museum's railroad program or the El Dorado Western Railroad Foundation. This despite the fact that for approximately ten years the Historical Museum railroad program has participated in meetings with

the El Dorado Western Railway Foundation and the Historical Museum Director reportedly sits on the Foundation's Board as Secretary.

The SPTC Master Plan is clear that no public funds shall be expended for private enterprise with the SPTC: "Uses of the corridor for private enterprise (e.g. utility easements and excursion trains) will not be subsidized with taxpayer funds. Recently it came to my attention that contrary to the SPTC Master Plan, the Historical Museum's railroad program proposes to use public funds for expansion and maintenance of railroad operations. Has the Department of Library Services budget previously included funding for the railroad program?

Please provide me with the following financial information for the Historical Museum railroad program:

- Last ten years of public funds budgeted to the Historical Museum railroad program
- Public funds provided to the El Dorado Western Railway Foundation and how the funds were spent
- Last ten years of annual revenues and expenditures for the operation of the Historical Museum railroad program
- Accounting of revenues from ticket sales and where those funds are deposited

In 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved the El Dorado County Historical Railroad Park in the SPTC near the town of El Dorado. At the time the Board of Supervisors was informed that the railroad park "will be an attractive and welcoming place to exhibit, interpret and operate historical artifacts reflecting EDC's rich railroading history. It will have a short section of operating railroad, along with visitor services, exhibit and maintenance facilities." Has funding been identified to complete environmental documentation and begin design of the railroad park? Has a construction schedule been developed and funding secured? If so, please provide the project schedule and funding sources to me. If the answer to those questions is "no," then has the Historical Museum railroad program decided to cancel their plan for the railroad park or do they have plans to move it to another location such as at the end of the tracks near Missouri Flat Road?

Lastly, meetings with the SPTC-JPA CAO, the museum director, the county parks manager, the CPUC and EDCTC were held in November of 2013 and again in the Spring of 2014 to discuss how the crossings of the natural trail over the tracks were going to be addressed, including bridges, cuts and any other areas in the SPTC where all users need to share the rail bed. The CPUC was clear in their direction that 4-way stops at those locations would be required for public safety. Five years later the Historical Museum railroad program has failed to install any of the required stop signs. When do they anticipate installing them?

This is a formal public request to see the financials of El Dorado County Historical Museum's railroad program (aka El Dorado Western Railroad), and for the MOU, BOS resolution, or any other formal agreements between the El Dorado County, the El Dorado Western Railway Foundation, and the El Dorado Western Railroad.

Thank You,
Jackie Neau