

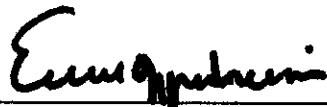
DATE May 2, 2001

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: Travel Town Museum - Donation of
Funding for Track Work

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board accept with thanks the generous donation of \$9,460 from the Travel Town Museum Foundation to directly fund railroad track realignment work by professional contractors at the Travel Town Museum.

SUMMARY:

The Travel Town Museum Foundation (Post Office Box 39846, Los Angeles, California, 90039) is a relatively new operating subsidiary of the non-profit American Southwestern Railway Association, Inc., and was organized in 1999 to seek private and grant funding support for the Travel Town Museum Master Plan implementation. In early 2000, this organization undertook to operate the Travel Town Gift Shop when the former for-profit concessionaire gave sudden 30-day notice to give up the operation; this emergency assumption prevented a break in service. Net revenues after expenses and rent to the City have been designated by the Foundation for funding projects and programs at the Museum.

To meet an express need of the Museum, the Foundation offered to the City the direct payment of \$9460.00 to a professional track

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construction firm for the purposes of re-aligning and re-building certain portions of railroad track at the Museum, specifically the section generally referred to as the *lead track* in the restoration yard. This re-building is an important element in the overall plan for completion of the Tail Track Project, which will provide storage for historic railroad equipment during the construction of the Locomotive Pavilion. It involved several days work by the professional railroad crew and was satisfactorily completed over three days in April (9th through 11th). Not only did the project succeed in achieving the necessary re-alignment of existing track, it also gave a learning opportunity for prospective Museum volunteers to watch professional track building techniques. Staff heartily recommends that the Foundation's contribution to the Museum be accepted with thanks.

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