

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 03-166

DATE May 21, 2003

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN SOUTHWESTERN RAILWAY ASSOCIATION, INC., TO ACCEPT A GIFT OF FUNDS FOR THE TRAVEL TOWN MUSEUM LOCOMOTIVE PAVILION PROJECT (#1507C)

J. Combs _____
*A. Corrales _____
J. Duggan _____

J. Kolb _____
B. Lukehart _____
H. Fujita _____



General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Accept a gift of \$20,000.00 from the American Southwestern Railway Association, Inc., for the purposes of supplementing funding for the Locomotive Pavilion Project (#1507) at the Travel Town Museum, under construction by West Valley Investment Group, Inc. (Contract No. 3049), subject to the conditions in the attached Agreement to Accept Gift;
2. Approve the Agreement to Accept Gift, and submit the proposed Agreement to the Mayor, in accordance with Executive Directive No. 16, and to the City Attorney for review and approval as to form, and that the Board President and Secretary be authorized to execute the Agreement subsequent to all necessary approvals; and,
3. Direct that upon receipt, the gift funds be deposited in the Travel Town Development Fund Account 918.

SUMMARY:

On February 20, 2002, the Board awarded Contract No. 3049 to West Valley Investment Group, Inc., to construct the Locomotive Pavilion at the Travel Town Museum. Designed by Brenda Levin and Associates, this 27,000 square foot exhibit structure of steel and glass is reminiscent of early 20th century industrial railroad structures, and will provide urgently needed protection from the elements

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for the most valuable locomotives and railroad cars in the Travel Town Museum Collection. This project is funded through Proposition AII and State Proposition 12. However, an additive alternate to replace some chainlink portions of the roof for skylight glass was not included in the original bid, and the cost of this desirable change used a significant portion of the contingency money. The American Southwestern Railway Association, whose members are registered City volunteers working on restoration projects and docent services at the Museum, undertook to apply for grant funding to supplement the cost of the project. In April, they received a \$20,000.00 grant from a donor who requests anonymity. The Locomotive Pavilion project is nearing completion, with the remaining work to finish the painting, replace the railroad display track, and pour the walkways. It is timely to accept this gift and insure that the full gift is applied to the final billings on the project, as the gift requires all funds to be expended on this project. The Travel Town Development Fund is a previously established Department account against which staff can draw payments to the contractor.

This generous gift via the American Southwestern Railway Association's efforts is gratefully appreciated by Museum staff.

Report prepared by Linda Barth