

Friends of Light Rail & Transit

Historic Streetcar Project Update Summer 2005



Presentation Overview

- History of FLRT's Involvement
- Inventory Overview
- Project Update
- New Concepts and Ideas
- Project Timeline



History of Project

- 1995 Korve Engineering Study
- Fundraising effort
- Purchasing of cars
- Restoration of Car 35
- Post acquisition - *a new strategy*



FLRT Assists in the Acquisition of Car Bodies

- Five cars in the fleet
- Three under tarps
- One in the “Shed”
- Historic Car 35



In the Shed



- Car 65 - on blocks in restoration shed (GRP)
- Former Fish Emplorium Car (purchased)
- Body in good condition (best condition of all in the fleet)
- Needs considerable rehabilitation (parts)



Under the Tarps *(at Granite Regional Park)*

- Car bodies only
 - Car 18 (purchased)
 - Car 27 (donated)
 - Car 36 ((purchased)
 - Car 356 (scraped)
- Weather beaten
- Varying degrees of disrepair
- Will be moved





Historic Car 35



- Rehabilitated in San Jose, CA
- Owned and operated by Regional Transit
- Limited use
- Compatible with LRT system
- Embraced by the community



Project Update

- Committee defines purpose for historic streetcar system
- Exploration committee discusses past activities, outlines new concepts, engages prospective partners and discusses possible streetcar routes (first phases)
- Committee establishes short and long term goals
- Project "Champions" identified
- Streetcar Summit to share ideas



Key Concepts and Recommendations

- Electrified system
- Route that capitalizes on tourists AND links workers/residents to sites in the downtown (*moves Sacramentans*)
- Replicas of historic streetcars for day-to-day operations
- RT key partner/proponent



Partners and Supporters

- CADA
- Regional Transit
- Local Jurisdictions
- State of California
- Educational Institutions
- Railroad Museum
- SACOG
- Downtown Partnership
- Metro Chamber
- Neighborhood Associations and CBOs
- Private Sector



Potential Routes

Phase Ia (demonstration project)

- Historic Depot
- 13th/R Streets
- Alhambra

Phase I ("starter route")

- Historic Depot
- Old Sac
- Riverfront
- R Street

Phase II (options for Phase I)

- New CSR Museum
- Railyard Development
- Tower Bridge - West Sacramento
- North/South Connector Street



Opportunities

- Serving community by filling a “transportation need” (need may open doors to other types of funding - e.g. historic preservation funding)
- Timing is good with other planning efforts
- Could provide support to Light Rail and Bus Systems - costs competitive with other transportation options
- Community support has been strong



Constraints and Challenges

- Neighborhood concerns (noise, etc.)
- High number of quality transit projects in the region
- Limited transportation funding
- Many agencies/jurisdictions to work with to implement project(s)



Information Needed

- Level of support (community, city, etc.)
- Data from other projects (Memphis, etc.)
- Ridership projections
- Design and infrastructure assessment
- Cost estimates
- Funding opportunities/support
- Phase I scope (route, tracks, etc.)



Timeline and Next Steps

- ✓ FLRT Trolley Work Session November 2004
- ✓ Update and New Concepts November 2004
- ✓ FLRT Board Retreat (*review*) December 2004
- ✓ FLRT Trolley Work Session #2 January 2005
- ✓ Preliminary Concepts March 2005
- ✓ Project Promotion Spring - Summer 2005
- ✓ Funding Concepts Spring 2005
- ✓ FLRT Annual Event September 22, 2005
- ✓ Streetcar Summit September 23, 2005
- Project Development (2006-08)


