



CITY OF
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RE: Removing the Southern Pacific Passenger Coach from the National Register of Historic Places (eligibility)

Dear Ms. Rowland-Nawi:

This letter is to request that a Southern Pacific Railroad Passenger Coach located in the City of Folsom, Sacramento County be removed as a contributing element from the Folsom Depot National Register of Historic Places listing because the coach was not associated with Folsom's railroad operations and has been subjected to vandalism and deterioration from natural causes, resulting in compromised integrity. Two additional cars (a Southern Pacific Caboose and a Southern Pacific Box Car) were also included in the original nomination. These two rolling stock have a direct association with the Folsom Depot and railroad property, based on their operation on Southern Pacific RR's Folsom line and retain high levels of integrity. The caboose remains on the Depot Grounds. The Box Car has been moved off-site to a site near the historic Folsom Railroad Supervisor's House at an intersection of two lines (the Wye). The Box Car is a movable object still in a railroad setting integral to Folsom's railroad history and thus remains a listed property.

The Pullman Interurban Passenger Coach SP 2110 was originally included in the Depot's nomination when that property was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on February 19, 1982. The coach was originally located at UTM zone 10, 658350mE 4282540mN, NAD 83, next to the railroad depot. The passenger coach was moved in 2011 to a new site near the historic Folsom Railroad Supervisor's House and is now located at UTM Zone 10, 658152mE, 4281584mN, NAD 83. There are no plans to return it to the depot grounds.

Since its nomination and listing, historical research has determined that the passenger coach was built for, and used exclusively on, the San Francisco Peninsula's commuter lines and was not

originally associated with Folsom. In 1970 the SPRR donated the depot building and three decommissioned rolling stock, including this coach, to the City of Folsom. It was included in the *Passenger Coach NRHP Delisting Request* Page 2
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original nomination because it was parked on sidetracks adjacent to the Depot, not because of a relationship with the historic railroad operations in Folsom. In addition, the coach has been vacant and abandoned for nearly 30 years. During this time it has been used for storage, stripped of many of its original features (including seats) and subjected to vandalism and water damage from a leaking roof. These actions have compromised the integrity as is shown in the attached photographs.

The current condition of the Passenger Coach is described in a 2012 evaluation report that is attached to this request. In that report, you will notice that integrity has been compromised and that there are other similar coaches in northern California that are preserved or retain a higher level of integrity, including one of the same age that operated on the San Francisco Peninsula's commuter line. Please find attached digital photographs of the coach that will verify its current condition. .

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 355-7223, (email: sjohnson@folsom.ca.us) or the City's consultant, Cindy Baker, at PAR Environmental Services, Inc. at 916-739-8356 (office) or email at folsomite@aol.com. Thank you for your consideration of this submittal.

Cordially,



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