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June 21, 2019

Nevada County Board of Supervisors
950 Maidu Avenue
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Honorable Chair and Board Members:

At our June 21, 2019 meeting, the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Board that the Town of Truckee's application for landmark designation of a plaque commemorating the historic Lake Tahoe Railway be approved and the plaque designated as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 19-03.

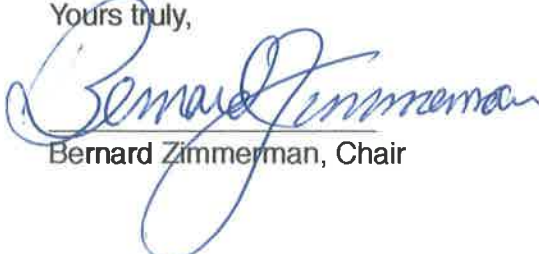
The Lake Tahoe Railway & Transportation Company was instrumental in the development of the Lake Tahoe Area. It operated from 1900 to 1943. The line ran from the Southern Pacific Depot in Truckee, 15 miles south to the shores of Lake Tahoe. There it met the steamer SS Tahoe, which traveled to lakeside locations. A plaque commemorating the Railway was vandalized many years ago. This replacement is being dedicated with the cooperation of the Union Pacific Railroad.

The applicant has provided a thorough level of research and documentation to accompany the application, which has been reviewed by the Commission for historical accuracy. The application and supporting documentation are enclosed.

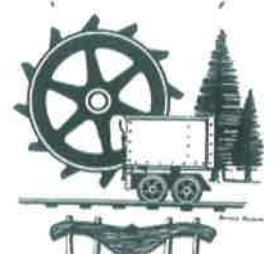
If you approve the application, please forward the resolution and accompanying documents to the County Recorder.

If you have any further questions do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly,


Bernard Zimmerman, Chair

cc: Francisco J. Castillo, Jr.
Union Pacific Railroad





County of Nevada State of California

Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission Application for Registration of Historical Landmark

Name of proposed landmark: **Lake Tahoe Railway & Transportation Company ("LTRTCO.")**

Location: **Truckee Railroad Station**

Name of applicant: **Town of Truckee**

Address: **10183 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee, CA. 96161**

Home or work phone: **530.582.7700** cell phone: Not Available


Name and address of landowner upon whose property proposed landmark is located, if owner is not applicant:

Town of Truckee, 10065 Donner Pass Road, Truckee

I authorize the placing of a plaque or marker on site.



Landowner's signature



Date

Brief history and description of proposed landmark:

(Attach additional sheets as necessary)

Just south of the transcontinental railroad tracks, lay the tracks of The Lake Tahoe Railway & Transportation Company, which was instrumental in the development of the Lake Tahoe Area. Incorporated in December 1898 by Duane Leroy Bliss, its narrow gauge railroad opened for seasonal traffic on May 1, 1900. The line ran from the Southern Pacific Depot in Truckee, 15 miles south to the shores of Lake Tahoe. Tahoe City hosted the railroad's shops. The train met the Bliss steamer *SS TAHOE* at the Tahoe Tavern Hotel and pier, which then travelled to lakeside locations. Southern Pacific purchased the line and converted it to standard gauge in 1926. Passenger service operated until abandonment in November 1943.

Unique aspects or properties of proposed landmark.

The LTRTCO. is unique in that it was at the intersection of the main transcontinental Southern Pacific rail line and the route from Truckee to Lake Tahoe which brought world-wide attention to the area as a tourist destination.

How will the landmark be protected and maintained?

As there are two other landmark designations in the same general area (Theodore Dehone Judah dedication plaque, ECT 25, and the First Transcontinental Railroad Truckee plaque, CHL 780-6), the Town of Truckee will maintain this plaque in the public area of the Truckee Train Depot with coordination from the Truckee Donner Railroad Society.

Bibliography. Cite or attach available books, records, articles or other materials pertaining to the proposed landmark. Books and articles:

Books:

Ferrell, Mallory Hope (2011). *Rails around Lake Tahoe: steam trains and steamboats of the Tahoe Region*. Berkeley and Wilton, CA: Signature Press. ISBN 978-1-930013-32-2

McKeon, Owen F. (1942). *The railroads and steamers of Lake Tahoe*. The Western Railroader for the Western Railfan. San Mateo, CA: Francis Guido editor and publisher. No numbers (pages 23-26 S.P. bulletin inside) paperback. **Notes:** Frank Titus, Sr. mentioned in this book.

McLaughlin, Mark (1997). *Sierra Stories: true tales of Tahoe*. Carnelian Bay, CA: MicMac Publishing. @ ISBN 0-9657202-1-7.

McLaughlin, Mark (1998). *Sierra Stories: true tales of Tahoe, volume 2*. Carnelian Bay, CA: MicMac Publishing. @ ISBN 0-9657202-2-5

Myrick, David F. (1962-1963). *Railroads of Nevada and eastern California, Volume I and II*. Reno, NV: University of Nevada Press (Reprint, with revisions and a new preface. Originally published: Berkeley, Calif.: Howell-North Books, 1962-1963.) ISBN 0874171954 (set: alk. Paper)

Southern Pacific Company (1915?). *Lake Tahoe, California, reached by South Pacific, Ogden Route and Lake Tahoe Ry. & T. Co*. San Francisco? Author. OCLC Number: 25932285.

Wheeler, Session S. with William W. Bliss (1992). *Tahoe Heritage: The Bliss family of Glenbrook, Nevada*. Reno, NV: University of Nevada Press. ISBN 0874171857. **Notes:** Book donated to the TDHS from the Titus Family Estate. Inside book there are letters and newspaper clippings from F. Titus, Jr. Autographed to Frank Titus, Jr.-son of the engineer-see page 82, by Session S. Wheeler, for Frank-sharing an earlier day at Tahoe-Bill Bliss.

Web-sites:

ICC Abandonment Filings: Southern Pacific Railroad Docket:14310, 08/11/1943, Section: 1
Application for abandonment of portion of the Lake Tahoe Branch owned and operated by it, extending from a point near Truckee to the end of the track near Tahoe. a distance of 14.221 miles partly within Nevada County and Fisher County, California. Length: 14.221 miles, Citation: 254 ICC 829

www.abandonedrails.com/Lake_Tahoe_Branch

Wikipedia: Lake Tahoe Railway and Transportation Company

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Tahoe_Railway_and_Transportation_Company

TDHS Family Files:

Bliss, Duane Leroy (1833-1907), LTRT Developer and Owner

Pomin, Ernie (1878-1970), An engineer on the LTRT

Thomas, Lowell (1892-1981), CBS Radio Broadcaster 1950-1960s, "Mr. Truckee"

Titus, Frank Sr. (1877-???), An engineer on the LTRT

Famous Passengers:

1915 October 7, Thomas A. Edison and Henry Ford visited Truckee to take the Lake Tahoe Railway to Lake Tahoe (*Truckee Republican Newspaper* October 21, 1915) on their travel to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

Historical or civil records: (e.g., ownership, assessments, etc.)**Maps:**

Sanborn Fire Insurance Truckee Map, 1907


TDHS 1-161L Lake Tahoe Railway and Transportation, 1909

TDHS 1-163L Lake Tahoe Railway and Transportation, Co., about 1909

Other: (e.g. photographs, prints or drawings. Please list and attach separately)**Photograph:**

TDHS LTR0003_Wtrmk_small1000_LTRR train at Truckee Englehart.jpg circa 1907





Applicant's signature



Date

This completed form and all related documents shall be sent to the:
Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission
Attn: Chairman
P.O. Box 1014, Nevada City, CA 95959

An application must be considered solely on its historic or architectural merits and not for commercial gain, political benefits, or other non-historical reasons.

An individual Commissioner can advise and counsel an applicant but all applications must be considered by the full Commission, meeting in regular session