

Strategic Plan -- 2010 and Beyond

Southern Oregon Chapter/National Railway Historical Society, Medford, Oregon

- **Excursion Railroad -- Build and operate a steam powered excursion railroad in Jackson County, Oregon using locomotives and other equipment once used in Southern Oregon.**
 - **In the year 2010:**
 - Explore opportunities for short and long term location
 - Continue to develop community support
 - Develop and implement a training program for train crews
 - **In the following years:**
 - Acquire and develop a facility area of 5 acres or more
 - Build 3 or more miles of track
 - Construct a two stall engine house
 - Equip a machine shop
 - Erect a car shop building
 - Acquire and equip additional passenger cars for operation
 - Build a restoration shop
 - Build a depot
 - Construct crew quarters

- **Locomotive & Car Restoration -- Equipment which is on display now and/or to be restored for use on the excursion railroad and interpretive display at the Medford Railroad Park**
 - **In the year 2010:**
 - Substantial progress on rebuilding our Willamette Locomotive, the Medco 4:
 - Develop Critical Path and cost estimates
 - Seek funding to complete boiler
 - Work on sub-assemblies
 - Complete final details on our Baldwin S-8 switcher, the Medco 8
 - Repair Dining Car Roof
 - Refurbish one of our roller bearing equipped cars for excursion train service
 - **In the following years**
 - Boiler work and completion of the Medco 4
 - Inventory and catalog Baldwin parts
 - Recover No. 8's generator fixture from Portland
 - Restore OC&E caboose
 - Restore GN caboose
 - Paint ex-military box cars
 - Small tool purchase (maintenance and construction)
 - Acquire (go get) Sumpter motor car
 - Build or acquire a second motor car trailer
 - Rebuild S-2 Motor car

- **Park Presence and Development -- Maintain and improve our contributions to the public experience at the Medford Railroad Park**
 - **In the year 2010:**
 - Complete Mack Walch Museum and Archives Building
 - Move existing park fence back to enlarge our working area
 - Extend Motor Car track
 - Permanently locate Blacksmith Shop
 - Continue improvements to area:
 - Finish Telegrapher shack modifications
 - Concession stands -- Minor expansion
 - Interpretive signs

- **Park Presence and Development (continued)**
 - **In the following years:**
 - Increase trackage
 - Turnouts
 - Storage and work tracks
 - Motor car track
 - Cleanup and organize area and equipment
 - Large Park equipment acquisition
 - Develop working Blacksmith Shop
 - Build Carpenter Shop
 - Improve grounds

- **Museum and Archives -- Interpretive displays of historic documents and smaller items from Southern Oregon's and Northern California's railroad history**
 - **In the year 2010:**
 - Appoint Museum Curator
 - Gather and catalog archival materials
 - Develop displays for Mack Walch Building
 - Develop off site venues for displays of historical material

- **Large Static Displays -- Equipment and buildings on display to the public**
 - **In the year 2010:**
 - Finish Flanger and Hopper
 - Refinish passenger waiting bench
 - Complete baggage cart restoration
 - Retrieve Woodville depot doors and lumber
 - Initiate log car recovery from THA
 - **In the following years:**
 - Recover log car from THA
 - Erect Wig wag crossing signal
 - Reassemble Woodville depot
 - Finish 1107 caboose

- **Organizational Issues**
 - **In the year 2010:**
 - Enhance the staffing of our exhibits and concession stand at the Railroad Park.
 - Fund raising
 - Chapter newsgroups: Announcements and an online Bulletin Board
 - Pursue wireless Internet node and other communication alternatives at the RR Park
 - Web site makeover
 - **In the following years:**
 - Continue to develop community support
 - Dispose of (sell/trade) surplus property
 - Investigate for acquisition: Local equipment
 - Increase membership
 - Signal parts – Inventory -- keep and organize or dispose
 - Web site store
 - Develop a complete inventory of our acquisitions, including value and location.