




Memorandum

DATE: November 18, 2025

TO: Chair and Redevelopment Agency Board Members

THROUGH: Jackie Bryant, Executive Director
Ashley D. Turney, Assistant City Manager 

FROM: Dan Tresley, Project Manager

DEPT: Redevelopment Agency

SUBJECT: Reno Southern Pacific Railroad Depot and Amtrak Station Updates

This memo shall serve to provide an update to the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) regarding updates to the Reno Southern Pacific Railroad Depot and Amtrak Station since the last memo dated October 17, 2025.

The RDA approved \$350,000 in the FY26 budget for capital improvements to the train depot where Amtrak is co-located. While the station is a City-owned asset, the RDA investment supports the activation of an underutilized downtown property, consistent with the RDA Plan. These improvements will allow for the historic rail depot to be partitioned for potential lease or sale.

Project Updates:

- **Design Development:** Staff has received 30% design development documents from the contracted architect. Staff and Amtrak have provided initial review comments and expect 60% design returned by the end of November.
- **Boundary Line Adjustment:** The City has contracted with Odyssey Engineering Corporation to complete boundary line adjustment surveying. This step is necessary to properly align the parcels, which are currently not configured to allow for potential sale of either portion of the property.
- **Electrical Separation:** Staff identified that the Amtrak and historic sides of the building are not on separate electrical meters, resulting in Amtrak not being billed for power

usage. Preliminary options for sub-metering were determined to be cost-prohibitive. An electrical engineer has been retained to evaluate feasible alternatives for electrical separation.

- **Environmental Survey:** An Asbestos and Lead survey was completed, with negative results. This finding is expected to reduce potential construction-related costs.

Next Steps:

- Determine most appropriate electrical sub-monitoring system.
- Attend the December Historic Resources Commission meeting to provide an informational update. While no work is currently planned on the historic portion of the building, staff will continue to keep the Commission informed of adjacent activities. Staff does not have direction from either the RDA or the Reno City Council to take action on the historic side of the building.
- Present updated cost estimates, design plans, and timelines to the RDA Board on a quarterly basis or as significant updates arise.