



# FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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Re: Western Pacific Railroad Willow Glen Trestle

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that the Feather River Rail Society, a California 501c(3) preservation group dedicated to the history of the Western Pacific Railroad, supports the "San José Parks Foundation for Willow Glen Trestle" grant application "to Research and Document the History of the Willow Glen Trestle."

The Western Pacific reached San Jose in 1921, providing a competitive alternate to the existing Southern Pacific Railroad. For nearly 80 years the trestle in question served to carry products into and away from the valley behind the trains of the WP and later the Union Pacific Railroad.

The San Jose Branch of the Western Pacific was a major and important feeder to the railroad. The WP's largest shipper in its later years was located on the branch in Milpitas (the Ford Motor Company assembly plant) and the Del Monte Cannery in downtown San Jose (reached via the trestle) was another major generator of traffic.

To help keep this vital history alive, the FRRS supports the efforts to preserve this trestle and the history it represents.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eugene Vicknair".

Eugene Vicknair  
Secretary - FRRS

sent on behalf of the FRRS Board of Directors