



AUSTIN STEAM TRAIN ASSOCIATION

City Council Meeting, April 14th, 2026


Presented by:

Matt Jackson, Mechanical Foreman

Robert W. Schoen Jr. MD, President

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WHO WE ARE

- A non-profit excursion railroad
 - Operate, maintain, and preserve historic railroad equipment
 - Operator of the *Hill Country Flyer*
 - 25,000 passengers annually
 - Over 100 trips per year
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Upcoming Project

- Repaint two passenger cars currently known at the *Buckeye Lake* and *Buckeye Trail*
- Currently in two-tone Milwaukee Road colors.
- Both cars to be repainted in Southern Pacific Daylight colors



Why this color?

- The Southern Pacific *Daylight* train ran between San Francisco and Los Angeles from 1937 to 1974.
- Dubbed “The Most Beautiful Train in the World”
- Reflects organization and railroad history
- The Southern Pacific ran through the majority of Texas, including trackage through the City of Burnet.



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- First two coach cars to sell when ticket sales open
- Make up over 30% of coach ridership
- Equates to roughly 5,200 passengers per year
- Representative of community impact



Scope

- \$20,000 total cost to repaint both cars
- Supplies, paint and primer, contract labor, and vinyl lettering
- Prep, metal, and body work to be completed by ASTA volunteer labor
- Paint application to be completed by contract labor
- Lettering and final work to be completed by ASTA volunteer labor
- Work will begin in July over four to six weeks



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City of Burnet 1883

- Offer to rename the *Buckeye Lake* as the *City of Burnet* and renumber to founding year, 1883
- Will entertain naming rights for the *Buckeye Trail*
- Have a christening ceremony to welcome the new cars



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"The mission of the Austin Steam Train Association is to preserve, interpret and recreate the first-hand experience of historic steam-era railroading for the enjoyment and edification of today's families and the generations to come."