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- 1998** Petaluma Trolley Living History Railway Museum is incorporated.
- 2000** Original Petaluma & Santa Rosa Car “Express Motor” No. 8 is restored and shown in Butter & Eggs Days Parade.
- 2001** City Council approves Heritage Trolley as included in Central Petaluma Specific Plan draft.
- 2002** Petaluma Trolley obtains 501-(c)(3) non-profit status. Track survey of existing Right of Way (ROW) of P&SR line to Corona road is completed.
- Petaluma Community Development declares proposed Trolley not to have a negative environmental impact. This positive milestone is counter-intuitively known as a “negative declaration.”
- 2003** Proposed track preservation on Water St. approved by Petaluma City Council. Fantastic history of Petaluma & Santa Rosa Electric Railway (P&SR) written by Allen Tacy, paid for by a Heritage Homes of Petaluma grant.
- Water Street Trestle determined to be included in Petaluma National Historic Downtown District and to be a significant contributor to it. City Council approves Central Petaluma Specific Plan (CPSP) directing promotion of the Petaluma Trolley.
- Scenarios for Petaluma Trolley demonstrate economic benefit and community enhancement of the heritage trolley.
- Historic Survey of tracks completed: “An evaluation of cultural resources along the P&SR right of way.”
- 2004** Petaluma Trolley develops awareness & capital campaign to describe the potential of our phased operation.
- Petaluma Trolley produces an Operations Plan
- Track repair party resets Water St. North tracks (Poultry St.)
- 2005** Petaluma Trolley obtains use of DeCarli’s barn and yard as Museum on Baylis Street.
- Paul Class (who restored San Francisco’s F Line Historic Trolleys) starts a “California Car” for Petaluma.
- Received and restored Fairmont Motorcar, P&SR No. 6 designed for track inspection & right of way maintenance.
- Computer Aided Design movie of trolley on restored trestle done by P. deKramer, L. Evans, & C. Stevick.

North Water St. development agrees to realign tracks on Water St. North.

2006

Petaluma Trolley proves that the Trestle can be saved and restored as shown by Trestle engineers

Petaluma Trolley produces First Annual Music Extravaganza.

Friends of the Water Street Trestle campaign to demonstrate the importance of the Trestle restoration.

Water Street Trestle featured on cover of Heritage Homes, Historic Homes

Grand Tour book as a potential lost treasure

Petaluma City Council directs City to produce extensive Historic Structure Report (HSR) on the Water Street Trestle.

2007

NWPRRHS obtains Petaluma and Santa Rosa Rail Road Caboose #1 for restoration and installs it in the Baylis Street Trolley Yard.

Sesquicentennial logo with The Water Street Trestle prominently displayed is awarded selection as symbol of Petaluma's 150th anniversary celebration.

Petaluma Trolley acquires and then restores General Electric 25 Ton Diesel Electric Locomotive, P&SR No. 5

Historic Structure Report (HSR) completed, shows Trestle to be historic, significant and restorable.

Copperfield's window exhibits Trestle Historic Structure Report with CAD movie of Trolley on Trestle.

Petaluma Trolley initiates general business plan review and development

2008

Argus Courier poll shows their largest & most positive response ever: 92% in favor of Water Street Trestle preservation.

Argus Courier coins the phrase "Trestlemania" and poll reports that 80% said "yes" to trolley.

Trestle Historic Structure Report reviewed and accepted by City Council.

Petaluma Trolley vigorously seeks Trestle preservation grants producing interest & success.

Water Street Trestle with trolley line designated a Petaluma Landmark in approved General Plan.

Petaluma Trolley Living History Railway Museum is on Heritage Homes Grand Tour: Trolley Barn and Yard receive 1000 guests in one day.

SMART loans Petaluma Trolley nearly one mile of track, joint bars and tie plates.

Trolley organizers meet with North River Developers, SMART & NWP freight operator to discuss Right of Way plans.

- 2009** Finish work on the California Trolley Car motors, wheels frame and drive train finished. Carriage work will be complete in 2010.
- City of Petaluma is now actively perusing Trestle preservation and Trolley feasibility grants.
- June 20th, the fourth annual Trolley, Track, and Trestle Extravaganza was the better than ever.
- Heritage Homes grants \$5000 for Trolley Board to contract with WRA to write an application for a grant to restore the Water Street Trestle
- October 22nd Trolley Board approves finalized Business Plan and completed Economic Benefit Analysis.
- 2010** City of Petaluma files a 40 page grant application to Calif. Coastal Conservancy waterfront program to restore the trestle.
- California Coastal Conservancy Awards \$475,000 grant to the city of Petaluma for Trestle Design Review, Plans, all permits required and engineering.
- City completes RFP (Request For Proposals) for trestle design.
- 2011** Petaluma Parks and Recreation votes unanimous support for their efforts to save the Trestle and bring a trolley to Petaluma.
- Petaluma chooses firm to engineer Trestle plans for restoration.
- Christopher Stevick is awarded “Good Egg” and leads off the Butter and Eggs Parade.
- California Heritage Council awards Petaluma Trolley, NWPHS and DeCarli family for their success in preservation
- 2012** Petaluma City Council selects directives to design Trestle restoration to save the historic nature and design a restoration using original structural materials with needed repairs and protection in tidal waters. The deck will be of rebuilt with as close to original materials and dimensions as possible.
- Petaluma Department of Public Works obtains all of the soil test, permits, permissions, and stakeholder and City department reviews necessary to complete all of the Trestle drawings. All necessary permits, approvals, and legal permissions are reviewed for Trestle reconstruction and a negative declaration (of adverse impact) is accepted and is approved by City Council.
- 2013** Complete construction specification and drawings are 100% finished and finalized for Trestle reconstruction funding.
- 2014** This Place Matters demonstration all around trestle. Press Democrat article: 9/16/14
- Press democrat article on Lauren Williams and Chris Stevick: 11/26/2014
- 2015** Press Democrat article on Riverfront trestles history and potential future

Katherine Rinehart gives Presentation at museum and to Petaluma leaders on Trestle history advocating saving it. 9/6/15

Argus-Courier 160TH Anniversary Edition features the Water Street Trestle in multiple articles.

Petaluma Leaders group meet at barn for presentations on Trestle preservation and Petaluma history: 9/15/15

2016

Petaluma Trolley Living History Railway Museum launches a major multiphase campaign to get the public to be informed and get involved with us to reconstruct our iconic, historic Trestle.