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San Francisco Trains, Inc.
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Honorable Mayor and City Council,

On behalf of San Francisco Trains, a non profit railroad preservation group based in Brisbane, I would like to ask that City Council pass a resolution supporting our nomination of the Bayshore Roundhouse for the State and National Registers of Historic Places. This building is identified as a cultural resource in the city's General Plan and support for it's preservation comes from Brisbane citizens, preservation professionals, property owner Universal Paragon, and a larger community of social and industrial archeologists.

A Roundhouse is a building specifically built for the stabling and daily maintenance of railroad steam locomotives, a technology that passed into disuse in the late 1950's. Integral to the Roundhouse was the turntable, where locomotives could have their direction reversed as well as be driven into the roundhouse, and be tended to by hostlers. Completed in the early 1910's, used heavily thru the 1940's and 1950's, the roundhouse became outdated at the end of the steam era in the 1950's. The Southern Pacific continued to use the turntable and building for storage and minor maintenance up until abandonment in 1982. One of only five roundhouses left in the state, Bayshore is the only brick roundhouse still standing.

Passage of a resolution will help further this nomination and open the possibilities of funding for its restoration, giving Brisbane an important cultural artifact that can add to the social and economic vitality of the town.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cris Hart".

Cris Hart
President
San Francisco Trains, Inc
November 12, 2009