

# **AN EVALUATION OF CULTURAL RESOURCES ALONG THE PROPOSED PETALUMA TROLLEY MASTER PLAN PROJECT, PETALUMA, SONOMA COUNTY**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

As requested and authorized by Lauren William, President of the Petaluma Trolley, Archaeological Resource Service has conducted an archaeological evaluation of the proposed route of the Petaluma Trolley. The route follows the existing right of way of the Petaluma and Santa Rosa Railroad from Corona to the Foundry Wharf with an added loop along H Street from First Street to Second Street, along Second Street from H Street to E Street and along E Street from Second Street to First Street. The evaluation consisted of four separate aspects:

1. A check of the information on file with our office and the Northwest Information Center of the Historical Resources Information System at Sonoma State University, to determine the presence or absence of previously recorded historic or prehistoric cultural resources within or adjacent to the project area;
2. A check of appropriate historic references to determine the potential for historic era archaeological deposits or features such as standing structures greater than 45 years of age, to be located within the project area;
3. A surface reconnaissance of all accessible parts of the project area to locate any visible signs of potentially significant historic or prehistoric cultural deposits, features, or isolated artifacts that would be adversely affected by the proposed project, and;
4. Preliminary determinations of the potential eligibility to the National Register of resources within, or directly adjacent to, the proposed right of way.

## **SUMMARY**

The project consists of evaluation of approximately three linear miles along the right-of-way of the Petaluma and Santa Rosa Railroad from Corona Road, south to the Foundry Wharf, and a proposed loop that would extend along H Street from First Street to Second Street, along Second Street from H Street to E Street, and along E Street from Second Street to First Street where the loop would intersect with the existing track right-of-way. **The project passes within the boundaries of the Petaluma Historic Commercial District, which is listed to the National Register of Historic Places.** One historic structure is directly within the right of way and is likely to be impacted by the project. One prehistoric archaeological site and 42 historic properties are located adjacent to the proposed right of way; however, it does not appear that the proposed project will negatively affect any of the adjacent resources.