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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT:** PONY EXPRESS MONUMENT FOR OLD SACRAMENTO

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** Old Sacramento, Council District 1

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council accept a Pony Express Monument for Old Sacramento to commemorate the role river steamers played in carrying the mail during the Pony Express era.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Ed Astone, Old Sacramento Town Manager, 264-8209  
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**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** September 21, 1999

**SUMMARY:**

This report requests the City Council accept a Pony Express Monument for Old Sacramento which commemorates the role river steamers played in carrying the mail during the Pony Express era. The monument is being donated by the Pony Express Trail Association and would be placed on the waterfront just west of Front Street (at the end of K Street next to the railroad tracks). The resolution accepts the monument and expresses appreciation for the donation to the City.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:**

None.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Pony Express Trail Association is a nonprofit corporation whose goals are to mark, map, interpret, and protect the Pony Express route and related sites. The Association has placed monuments at various locations to commemorate the Pony Express route. The Association works with sponsors to finance the cost, installation, and other miscellaneous expenses of the monument.

The attached exhibits show the monument, its engraving, and location. The monument will be dedicated when completed and the resolution accepting it will be presented at that time to the Pony Express Trail Association. Old Sacramento Management is committed to maintaining the monument.

This project was reviewed and approved by the Old Sacramento Management Board.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

There are no costs for the monument as it is donated to the City. Old Sacramento Management will assume maintenance responsibility for the monument.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The actions recommended in this report are exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15378 (b) (3) of the California Environmental Quality Act, "general policy and procedure making".

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

The acceptance of this monument is in keeping with the City's policy to promote history and tourism in the Old Sacramento Historic District.

**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:**

There are no ESBD considerations regarding this report.

Respectfully submitted,



Ed Astone, Town manager  
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*Barbara E. Bonebrake*

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Economic Development & Regional  
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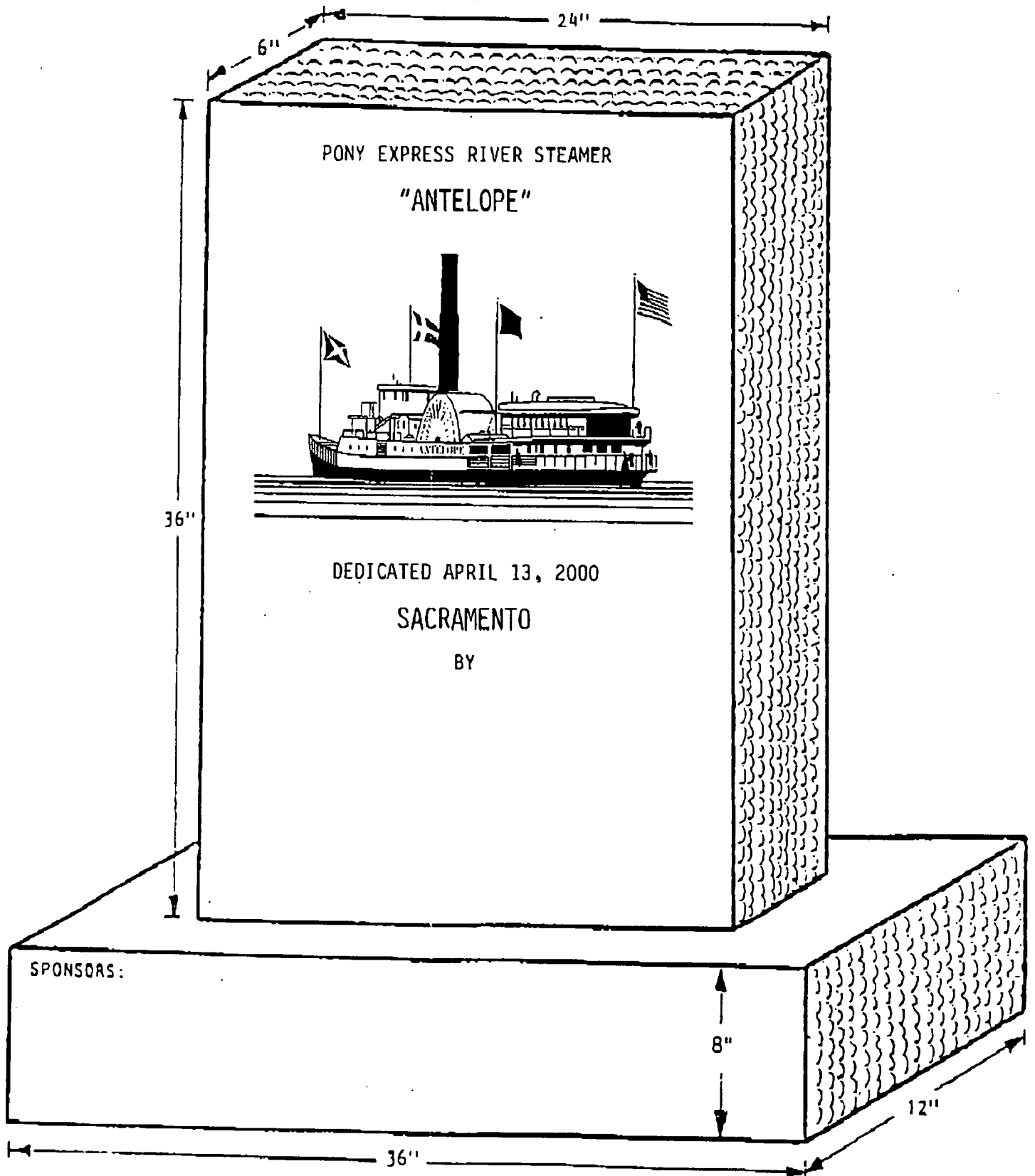
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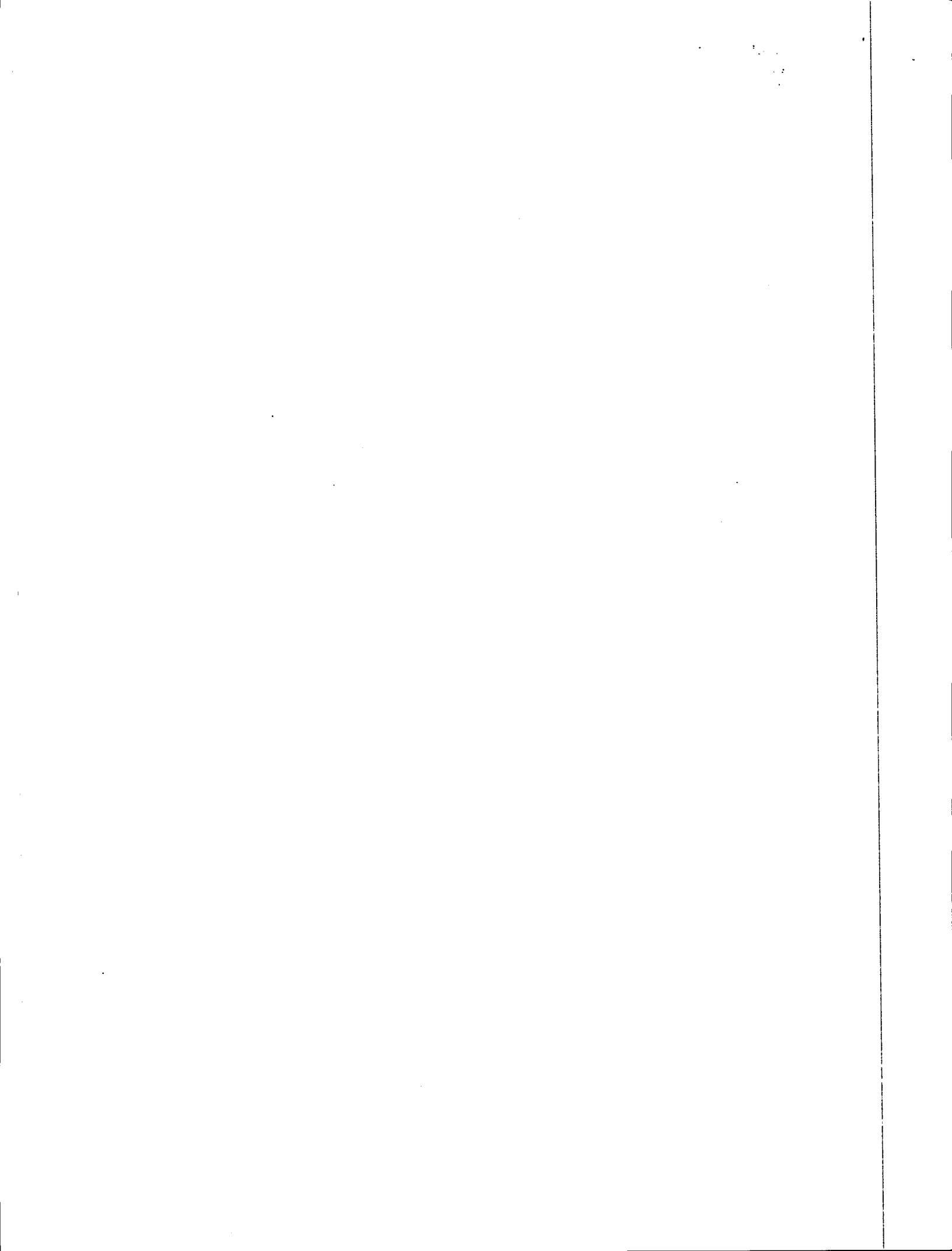
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DESIGN ON THE FRONT  
OF THE MONUMENT





Sacramento  
Old Town  
January 5, 1999

TEXT FOR THE BACK  
OF THE MONUMENT

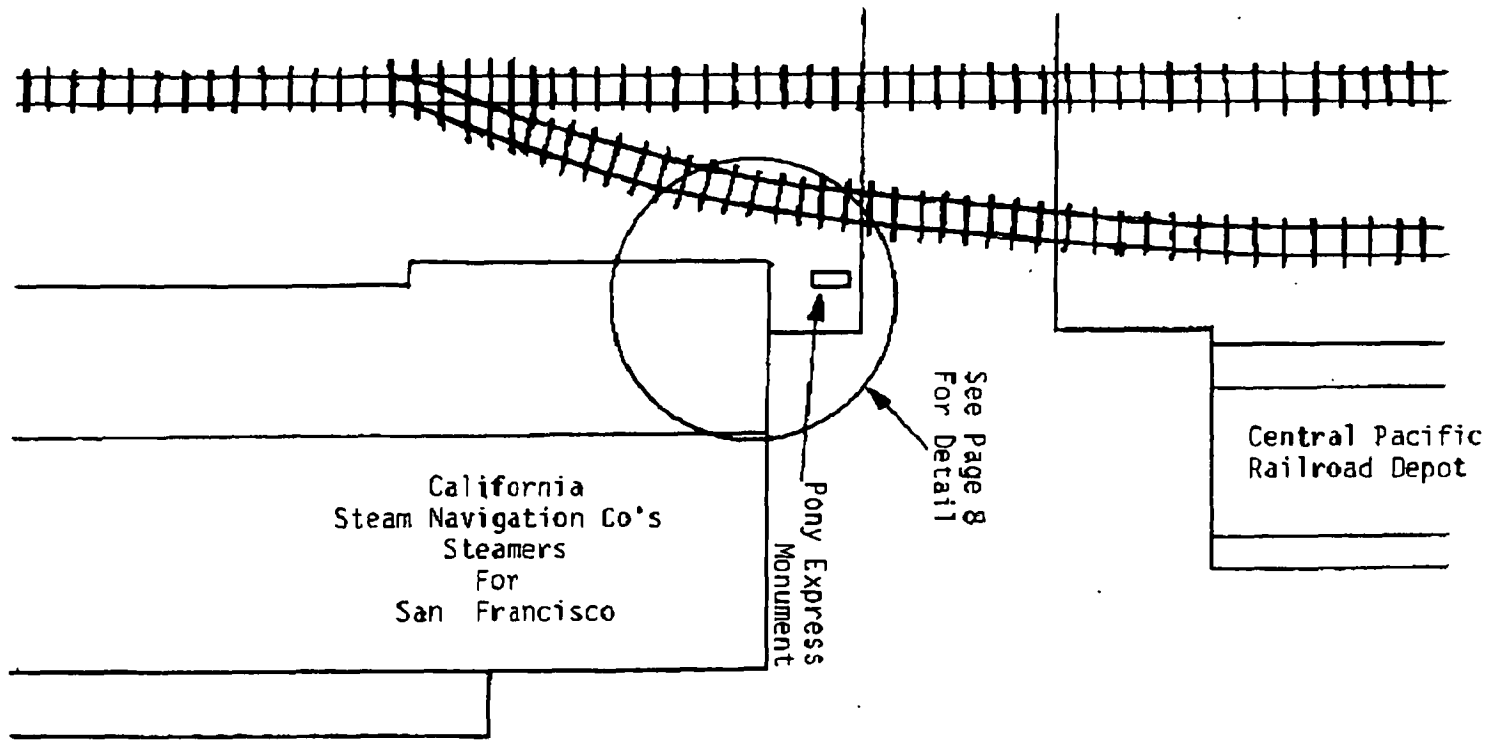
THE PONY EXPRESS MAIL WAS CARRIED BY RIVER STEAMERS OF THE "CALIFORNIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY" BETWEEN SACRAMENTO AND SAN FRANCISCO FOR 19 MONTHS FROM APRIL 3, 1860 TO NOVEMBER 20, 1861. THE STEAMERS USED WERE THE "ANTELOPE", "NEW WORLD", "ECLIPSE", "QUEEN CITY" AND "CHRYSOPOLIS".

THE FIRST EASTBOUND PONY EXPRESS MAIL ARRIVED HERE ON APRIL 4, 1860. THE FIRST WESTBOUND MAIL LEFT HERE ON THE "ANTELOPE" APRIL 13, 1860. THE RIVER STEAMERS ARRIVED AND DEPARTED HERE AT THE FOOT OF "K" STREET.

THESE STEAMERS LEFT AT 2:00 P.M. WITH THE MAIL FOR SAN FRANCISCO EVERY DAY BUT DID NOT OPERATE ON SUNDAY. THERE WERE 20 PONY EXPRESS TRIPS OVERLAND BY HORSEBACK TO SAN FRANCISCO. THIS WAS DUE TO THE MAIL ARRIVING AFTER 2:00 P.M. OR ON SUNDAY.

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OLD TOWN SACRAMENTO  
SITE PLAN



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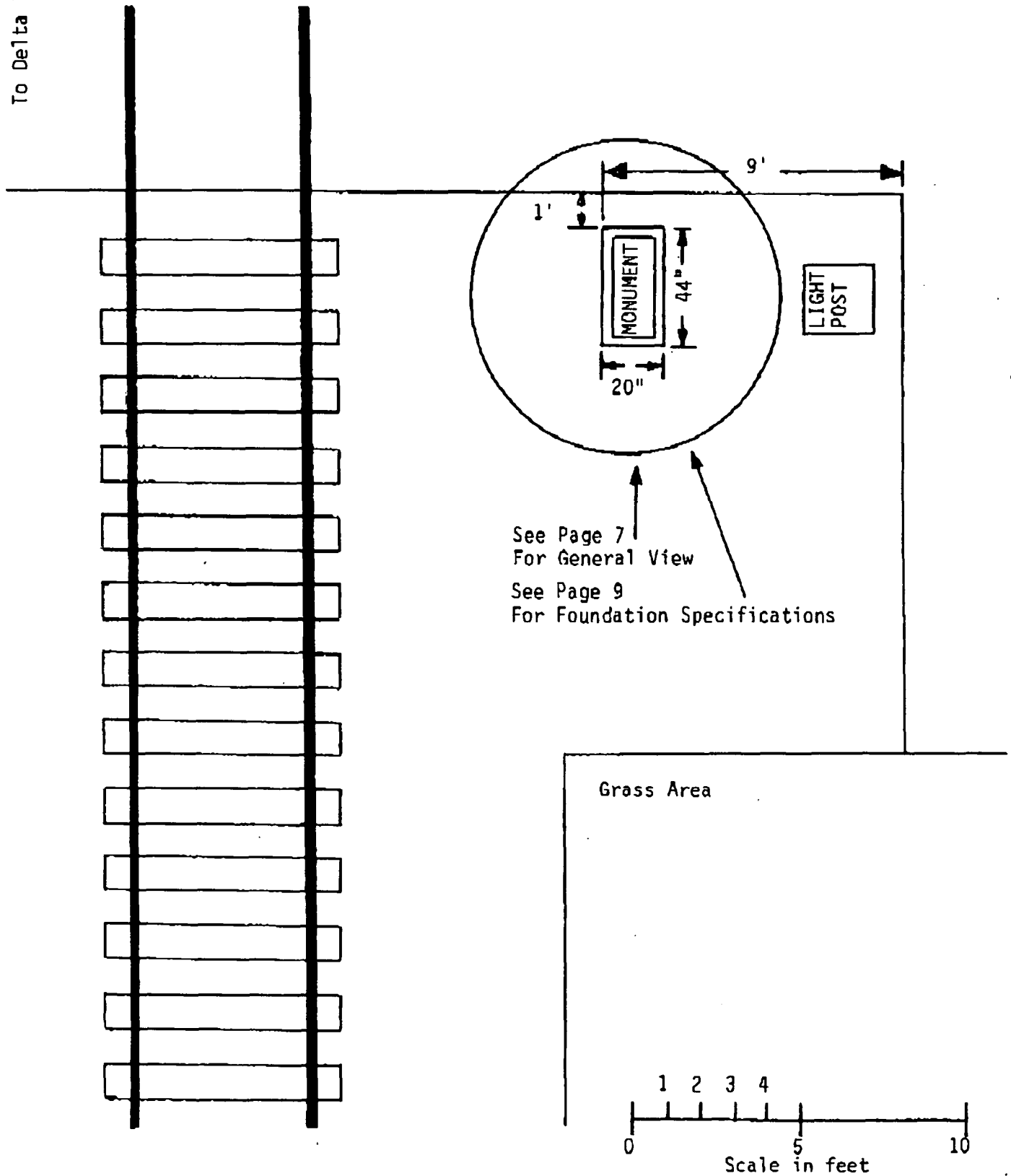
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OLD TOWN SACRAMENTO  
ENLARGEMENT OF SITE PLAN

NORTH



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**RESOLUTION NO. 99-526**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

ACCEPTANCE OF AND APPRECIATION FOR PONY EXPRESS  
MONUMENT FROM THE PONY EXPRESS TRAIL ASSOCIATION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1. The Pony Express Monument commemorating the role river steamers played in carrying the mail during the Pony Express era is accepted by the City of Sacramento to be located in Old Sacramento.

SECTION 2. The City expresses its appreciation to the Pony Express Trail Association for the donation of the monument.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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