

2. Central Shops Historic District

The Central Shops Historic District represent the historic core of the Railyards site. This District consists of the historic buildings and roundtable north of the Depot District, bordered on the west by Interstate 5, and on the east and north by the West End District. This location within the Railyards site provides close connectivity to Old Sacramento, the Riverfront District, and the newly created pedestrian-oriented West End District.

Utilizing the Central Shops as the primary thematic element of the Railyards development, this district will provide the City with an opportunity to reclaim and celebrate its history as a rail epicenter. The Central Shops consist of the existing seven historic brick railyard buildings from the original Central Pacific Railroad Yard constructed between 1868 and 1917. These structures are intended to be preserved, rehabilitated and adaptively-reused as a vibrant destination center. The structures may be home to a vibrant mix of uses, including a potential State Railroad museum. Additionally, a potential museum to celebrate Chinese culture and commemorate the contribution of the Chinese to Sacramento may also be included.

The Central Shops Historic District is defined not only by the historic structures, but also by the large and unique plazas and open hardscape areas between the structures. These plazas and open hardscape areas will provide places for uses such as open

air markets, museums and cafés. Additionally, the opportunity exists to preserve other features in this district such as the historic track alignment, the water tower and the roundhouse.

Along with its focus on the preservation and celebration of the Central Shops, this District also plays a key role in the integration of the Central City via the Railyards and to both Old Sacramento and the Sacramento River. Currently, the elevated portion of Interstate 5 blocks the site from the Sacramento River. Through its utilization of the Central Shops as a pedestrian center, the Central Shops Historic District will provide pedestrian connectivity between the Railyards, Old Sacramento and the Sacramento River

3. West End

The West End District is bounded by Jibboom Street and the Riverfront District to the west, the East End District to the east, South Park Street and the East End District to the north and the Central Shops Historic District and Depot District to the south.

The eastern portion of the West End consists of 5th, 6th, and 7th Streets and associated retail, residential, office, and open space uses. 5th Street acts as the thread that stitches together the districts, and its connection with Camille Lane pulls downtown back to the riverfront. To create a pedestrian-oriented