



THE TRAINS THAT BUILT OUR NATION
GENERAL OFFICES ~ FRISCO, TEXAS

October 20, 2016

To the Members of the Frisco CDC:

One of most popular attractions at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago is the operating train layout. This permanent exhibit is titled, "The Great Train Story" with the tag line, "Be Transported."

The Museum of the American Railroad would like to present an opportunity to the Community Development Corporation that will enhance and add value to the Frisco Discovery Center. The Museum has been offered a truly exceptional gift that will significantly further the entertainment and educational components of its public programs.

The Stephen and Jane Sanders family of Dallas has generously offered a professionally built large-scale operating model train layout to the Museum. It measures 40'x50', covers 2,000 square feet, and is valued at over \$1 million. The layout was designed and constructed by Robert Reid Studios of Fort Worth, builders of everything from museum exhibits, to theater sets, to miniature prototypes for aircraft manufacturers.

The G-Scale layout is accompanied by over 200 locomotives and cars made by Lehmann Gross Bahn (LGB) of Germany. The majority of these pieces are new in their original boxes. The large size of these trains creates a sense of scale that allows for much activity and interaction. Visitors become part of the experience through movement, sights, sounds, and dramatic lighting.

The Museum has been offered numerous model train layouts over the years, including one intended for Scottish Rite Hospital. While we have declined these offerings, the Sanders Layout is in a league of its own and deserves to be enjoyed by Museum visitors of all ages. It rivals the popular Trains at North Park. We see this opportunity as a revenue source for the Museum – one that will increase our sustainability.

We respectfully request the CDC's consideration of allocating Special Event Room #2 to house and display the Sanders Layout. The space is ideal from the standpoint of size and location. Such an attraction complements the existing programming at the Discovery Center and adds measurably to the Museum of the American Railroad's visitor experience.

On behalf of the Board, Staff, and Stakeholders,

Bob LaPrelle
CEO

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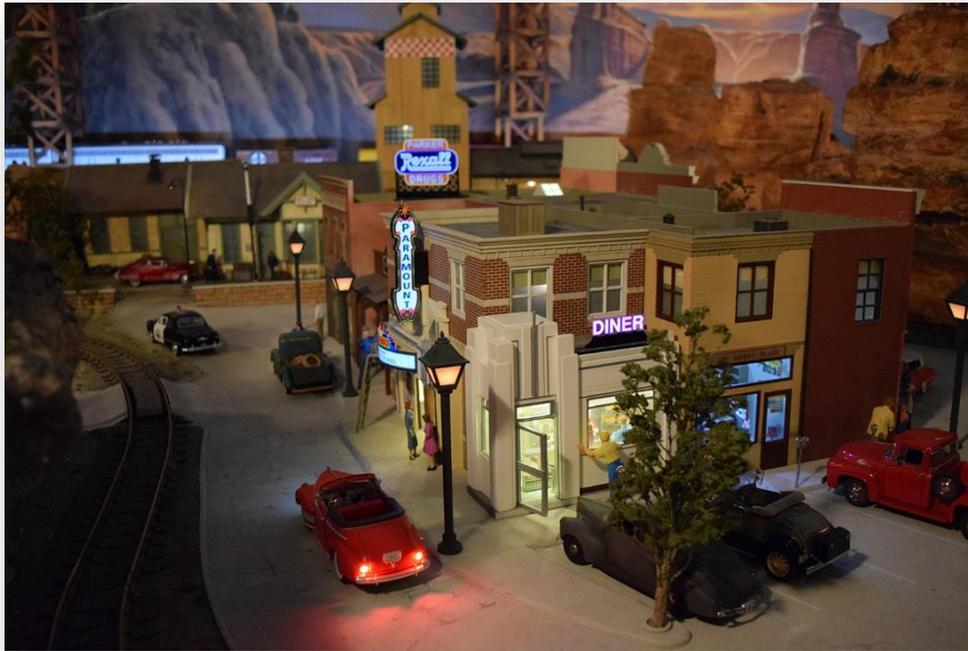
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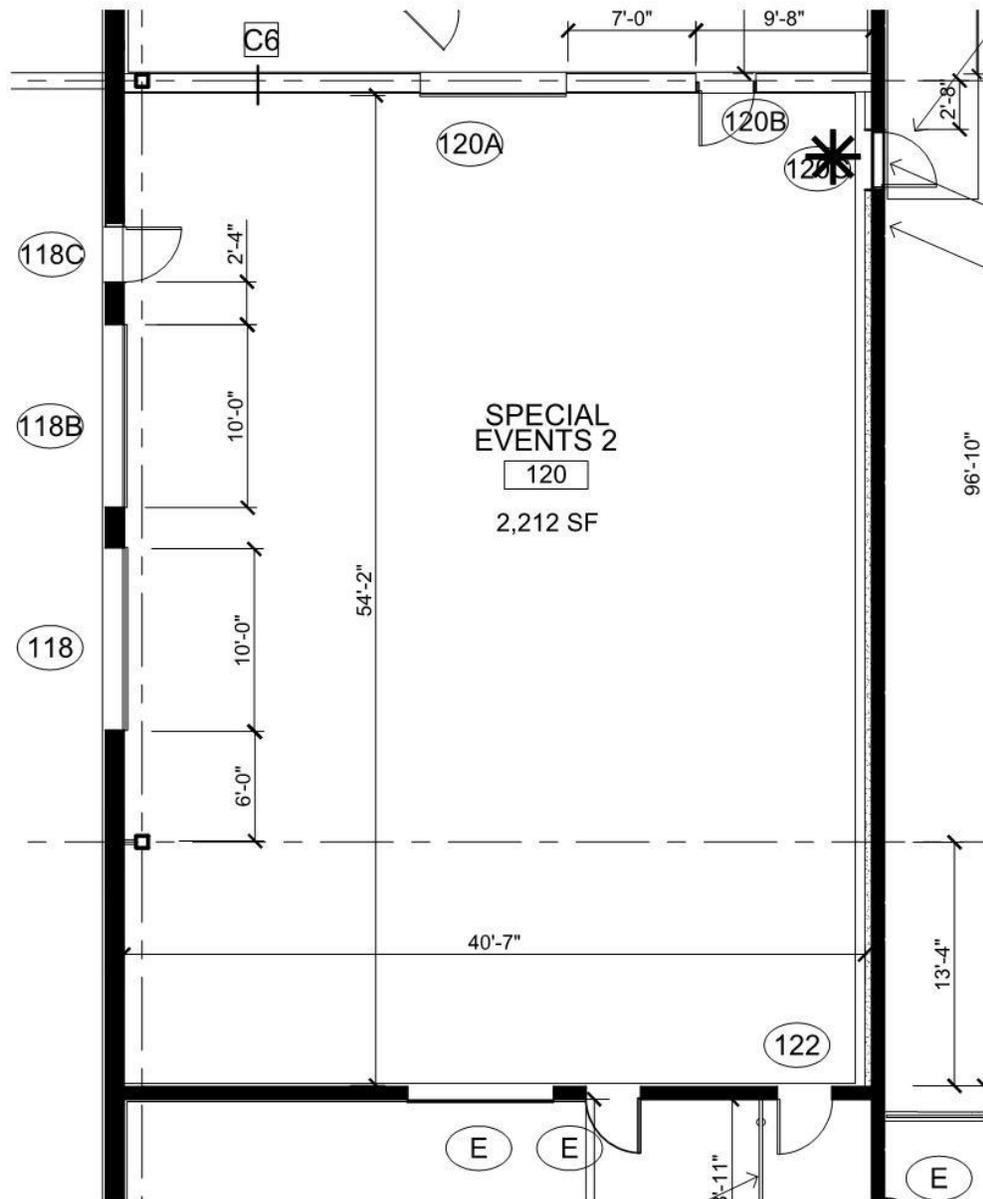
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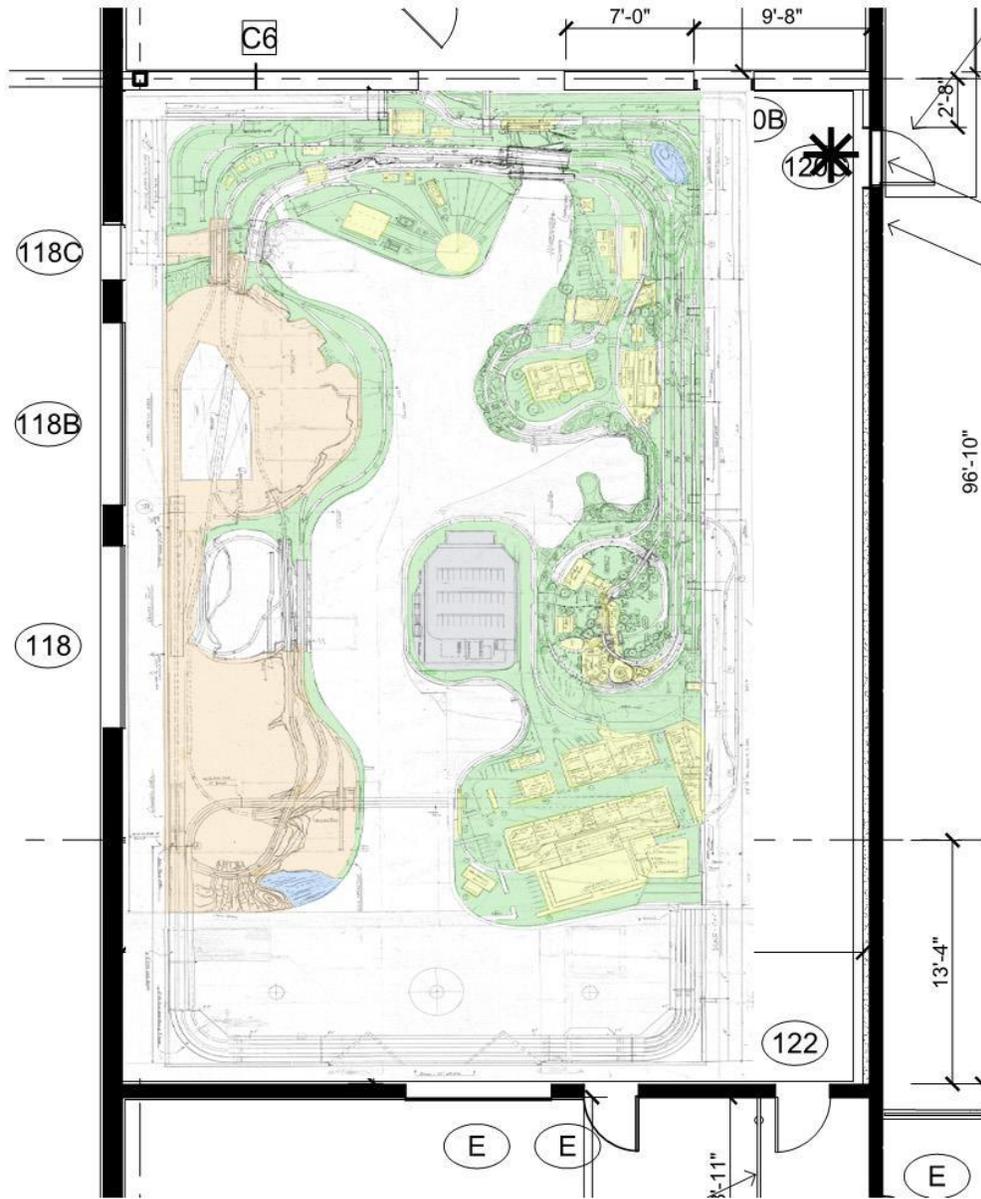
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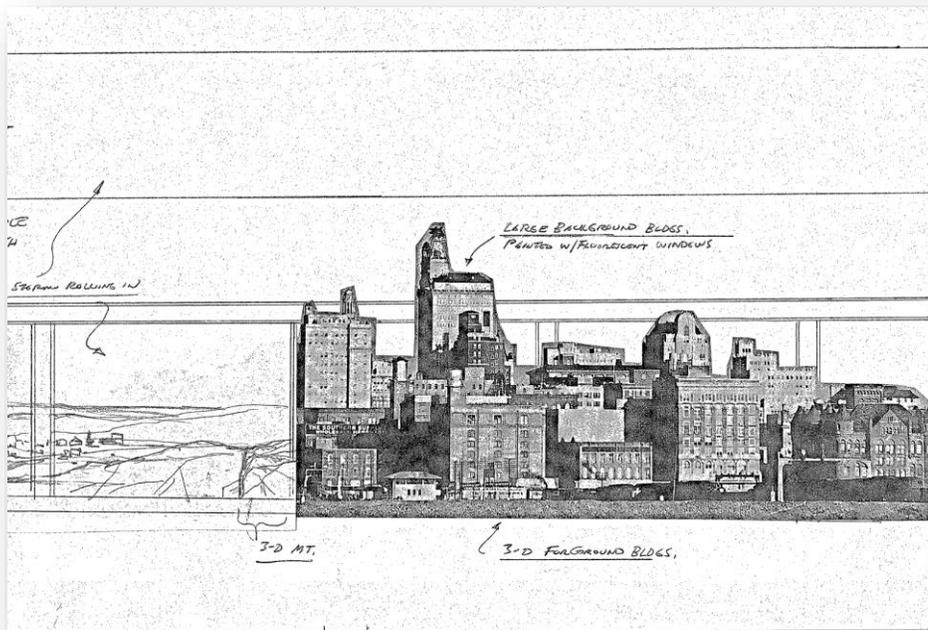
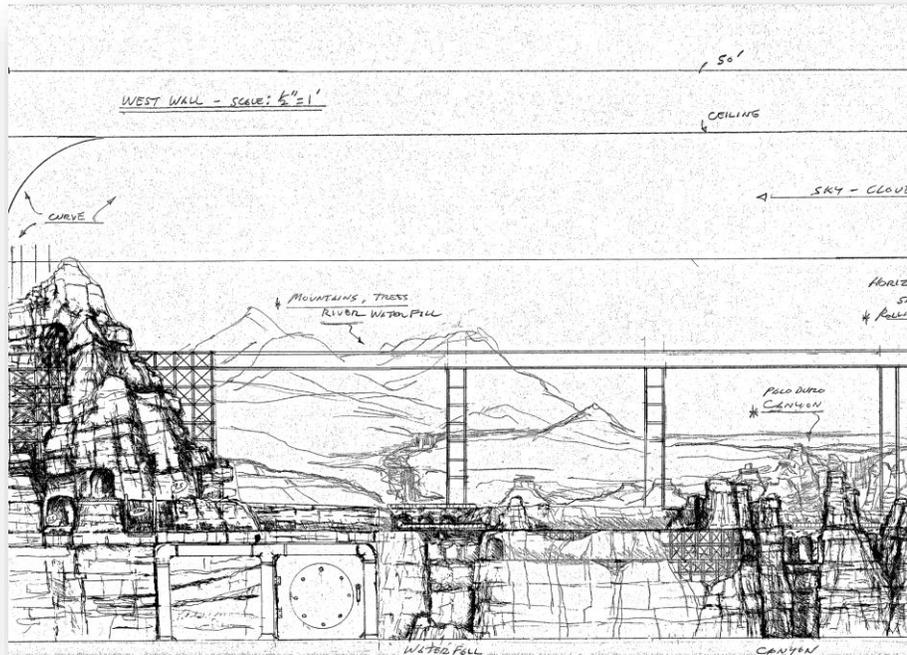
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