

AURORA LANDMARK PROPERTIES

NOMINATION FORM

City of Aurora
Historic Preservation Commission



SECTION A: SITE INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTION

1. *Name of Nominated Site*

Historic Name: Trolley Trailer 610

Current Name: Trolley Trailer 610

2. *Address of Property*

Street Address: Temporarily in restoration warehouse – 765 Telluride, B24, Aurora, CO

County: Arapahoe Zip Code N/A

3. *Geographic Description*

P.M.: N/A Township: N/A Range: N/A Quad Map: N/A Year: N/A

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UTM: Zone : mE mN

Lot(s): N/A Block: N/A Addition: N/A Year of Addition: N/A

Boundary Description:

4. *Site Description*

The trailer is currently located in a self-store warehouse where it is being restored. Its final display location has yet to be determined.

5. *Legislative Information*

Aurora Ward #: N/A Colorado House District: N/A Colorado Senate District: N/A

6. *Site Owner*

Current: Name: City of Aurora

Address: 15051 E. Alameda Ave. Phone: (303) 739-6660

City: Aurora State: CO Zip: 80012

(If the property has multiple owners, please give the names and addresses of all owners on a continuation sheet)

Historic: Name: Denver Tramway Company/William Perrott Family

Source of information: Family Records

7. *Site Classification*

building(s) district site structure object area

8. *Site Condition*

excellent good fair deteriorated ruins

9. *Site Location*

original location moved (date of move)

10. *Site Use*

Historic: Metropolitan Transportation Current: Being Restored

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SECTION B: DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

11. *Year(s) of Construction*

Original Structure: 1913 Additions or Alternations: 1950-1970

Source of information: Perrott Family Records

Alterations:

- **Converted to house (1950)**
- **Moved to City of Aurora Central Facilities (2006)**
- **Moved to restoration site (2007)**

12. *Architect, Builder, Engineer, Artist, or Designer*

Name: built by: Woeber Car Company, Denver Location: Denver/Aurora, Colorado

Source of information Don Robertson and Morris Cafky, *Denver's Street Railways: Volume II – 1901-1950*

13. *Architectural Style/Engineering Type*

Type/Style: 20th Century Trolley Trailer

Source of information: Same as above

SECTION C: SITE SIGNIFICANCE

14. *Significance of Property*

Nomination Criteria:

[] 1. The Property (District) Exemplifies or Reflects the Broad Cultural, Political, Economic, or Social History of the Nation, State, or Community.

[] 2. The Property (District) Is Identified With a Historic Person or Historic Group Significant To National, State, or Local History.

[] 3. The Property (District) Embodies Distinguishing Characteristics of an Architectural Type Inherently Valuable to the Study of a Period, Style, Method of Construction, or Indigenous Materials or Craftsmanship.

[] 4. The Property (District) Is Representative as the Work of a Master Builder or Architect.

[] 5. The Property (District) Contains the Possibility of Important Archaeological Discoveries in Prehistory or History.

[] 6. The District Consists of a Definite Area That, Due To Its Unique Location or Singular Characteristics, Represents Established and Familiar Visual Features of the Neighborhood, Community, or City

15. *Significance Statement*

Trolley Trailer No. 610 of the Denver Tramway Company is an artifact from the expansive years of the Denver metro area streetcar industry. This industry started from horse-drawn city streetcar lines. With the advent of electrically powered trolleys, the companies were able to expand their service out of the larger cities and into the suburbs and rural areas. Trailer 610, was an non-motorized car towed by a motorized trolley car and was used to relieve congestion during peak traffic times. Trailer No. 610 was constructed by the Woeber Car Company in Denver in 1913 and weighed 18,300 pounds, held 50 patrons seated, and 100 standing. The trailer body measures 8'4" wide, 40'8" long, and 8' 4 1/8" high.

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15. *Significance Statement - continued*

No. 610 was used on several lines including Line 14 until 1932 in Aurora up to the Geneva St. "wye". The Fitzsimons Bus and Taxi Company began operation in 1919 and provided transportation from the Geneva St. "wye" to Fitzsimons. In 1929 the line became a subsidiary of the Denver Tramway Company. From that point forward the companies were less prosperous, and the trolleys and services reflected the austere conditions of the companies. Aurora was served by bus service after that date. No. 610 is documented in the Robert and Sue Parkhurst Photographic Collection (Colorado Railroad Museum), as photographed in January 1, 1923 and is featured in *Denver's Street Railways Vol. II*, by Don Robertson and Rev. W. Morris Cafky.

In October 1932 the Trolley was assigned to the Denver & Intermountain Railroad, the Tramway's standard-gauge interurban line to Golden, where it was used to transport WPA workers assigned to Red Rocks Amphitheater and to Camp George West Station in Golden. After World War II the bus system in the metro area put the streetcars out of business. In the 1940's the Fitzsimons Bus and Taxi Company merged with the Denver Tramway Company. When the Trolley was no longer needed by the Denver Tramway Co. the trucks and other equipment were removed, and it was sold to Dr. Edwin Perrott for \$50 in 1950 and was moved to their family property in east Aurora on the northwest corner of East Colfax and Airport Road. In time a house was constructed around No. 610 that was later rented out by the family. The trailer, enclosed in the house, was protected from the elements and remained on the Perrott farm for 56 years. In 2006 William Perrott, son of Edwin, donated the trolley to the Aurora History Museum and it was removed from the site. The trailer is now housed in a warehouse where it is being restored by the Aurora Museum Foundation. The Trailer is an excellent example of tramway rolling stock.

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17. *Nomination Preparer*

Name: Brian Shaw Date: February 15, 2008

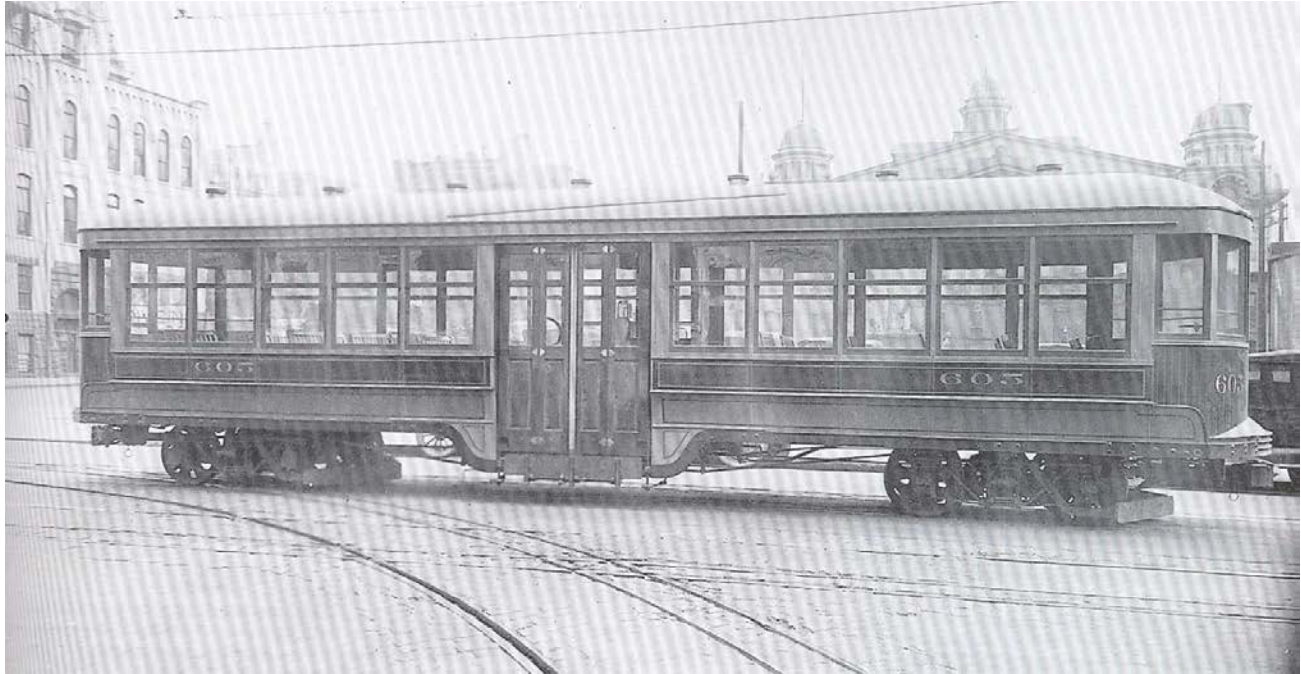
Organization: Historic Sites and Preservation Program - Aurora History Museum

Address: 15051 E. Alameda Pkwy. Phone: (303) 739-6661

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Trolley Trailer No. 605 identical to Trolley Trailer No. 610 featured on Arapahoe Street in Denver, January 1, 2003. (*Denver Street Railways Vol. II- 1901-1950*, Robertson and Cafky, p. 343)



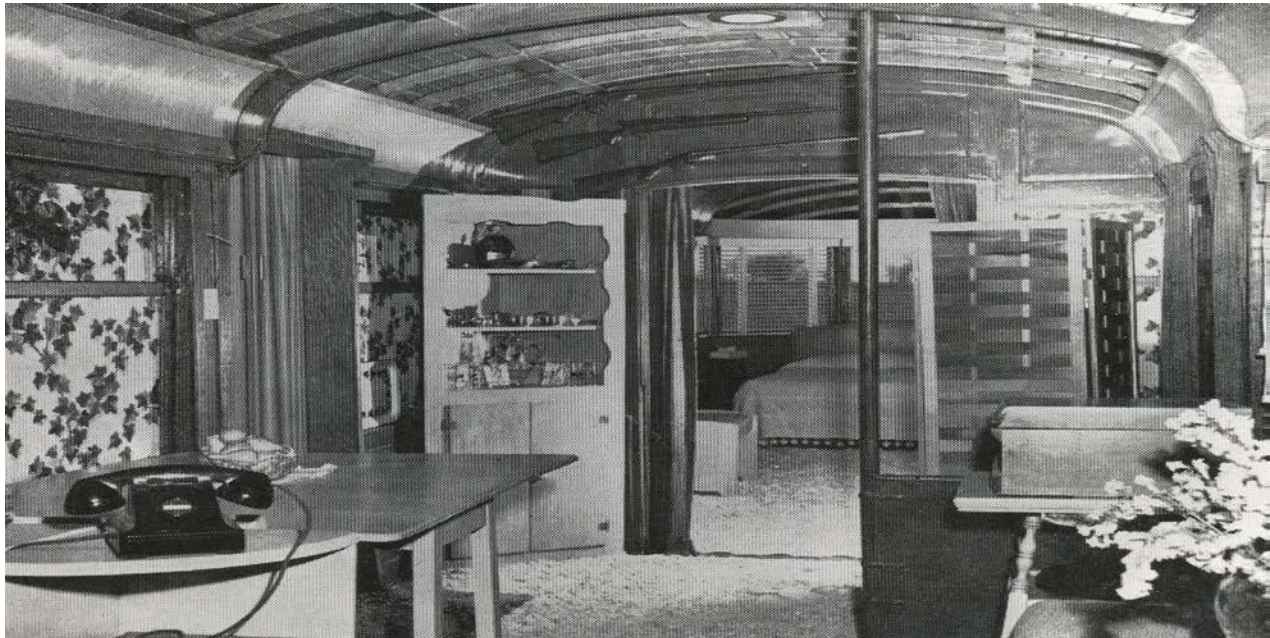
Trolley Trailer No. 610 showing Perrott farmhouse being constructed around the Trolley at the northwest corner of Colfax and Airport in east Aurora, early 1950s. (Photo courtesy- William Perrott)

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Trolley Trailer No. 610 with Perrott farmhouse build around it, early 1950s. (Photo courtesy-William Perrott)



Interior photo of Trolley Trailer No. 610 inside Perrott farmhouse, early 1950s. (Photo courtesy-William Perrott)

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Perrott farmhouse being demolished around the Trolley Trailer No. 610, July 2006.



Perrott farmhouse demolished around the Trolley Trailer No. 610, July 2006.

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Weitz Construction supervises the lifting of the Trolley Trailer No. 610 from the remains of the Perrott farm house, July 2006.



City of Aurora Street Services and Aurora Police moving Trolley Trailer No. 610 to Central Facilities, July 2006.

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Relocation to Trolley Trailer No. 610 from Central Facilities to Restoration Warehouse 765 Telluride B-24, July 12, 2007.



Trolley Trailer No. 610 on cribbing at Restoration Warehouse 765 Telluride B-24, July 12, 2007.

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Trolley Trailer No. 610 volunteers at 735 Telluride B-24, January 2008.



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Trolley Trailer No. 610 volunteers, March 2008.



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Trolley Trailer No. 610 volunteers, April 2008.

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ATTACHMENT 5: LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Aurora Museum FOUNDATION

"History in the Making"

Mission Statement: To provide
broad-based funding and community support
to ensure the continued viability of
the Aurora History Museum

May 12, 2008

Hon. Mayor and Members of City Council
Aurora Municipal Center
15051 East Alameda Parkway
Aurora, Colorado 80012

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

We, the officers and directors of the Aurora Museum Foundation, urge you to approve the recommendation of the Aurora Historic Preservation Commission, to landmark Aurora's Trolley Trailer No. 610.

We believe that when it is completely restored Trolley Trailer No. 610 will become one of Aurora's most important landmarks. It will be a vivid reminder of the city's earliest years when trolley transportation was Aurora's link with the rest of the world.

Once the Denver Tramway Company's Trolley Trailer No. 610 has become an Aurora landmark, the city or its agents will be eligible to apply for a grant from the State Historic Fund to complete its restoration.

Respectfully:

Lee Miller
Kathleen Sanders
Carol Drollinger
Donald E. Drollinger
Ruth S. Schmunk
Herold Penning
Jan Miller

Fred Jeybold
Joe Bobick
Dean Hughes
Harold S. Pypert
Bob Eisen
Sandy Sweeney

May 12, 2008

Honorable Mayor and City Council
Aurora Municipal Center
15051 East Alameda Parkway
Aurora, Colorado 80012

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

Those of us who have been working since January to restore your Denver Tramway Company Trolley Trailer No. 610 urge you to approve the recommendation of the Aurora Historic Preservation Commission to give the trolley landmark status.


As volunteers we have contributed nearly 800 hours of labor to restore the trolley trailer and we expect to contribute many hundreds of additional hours before the task is completed.

If Trolley Trailer No. 610 becomes a city landmark the city or its agents will be eligible to apply for a grant of State Historic Funds to complete the trolley restoration. A state grant could provide authentic wheels and trucks on which to rest the trolley.

We take great pride in our work and look forward to completing this unique restoration project. It won't be easy but we hope to have Trolley Trailer No. 610 looking like it just came out of the Woeber Car Company factory where it was built in 1913.

Trolley Trailer No. 610 will certainly be one of the city's most important historic landmarks.

Thank you for your consideration,

Maurice Miller	Clifford Lushbough
	Donald LeFurge
Jay W. Jay	Donald R. Cosby
Donald W. Meyer	Bill Baker
Bob Eise	Erin Johnson
Bruce Johnson	