

Railways of Bay Point

Since the early part of the 20th century, the Bay Point area has served as a hub of railway activity providing essential transportation routes for two transcontinental railroads and one electric railway.

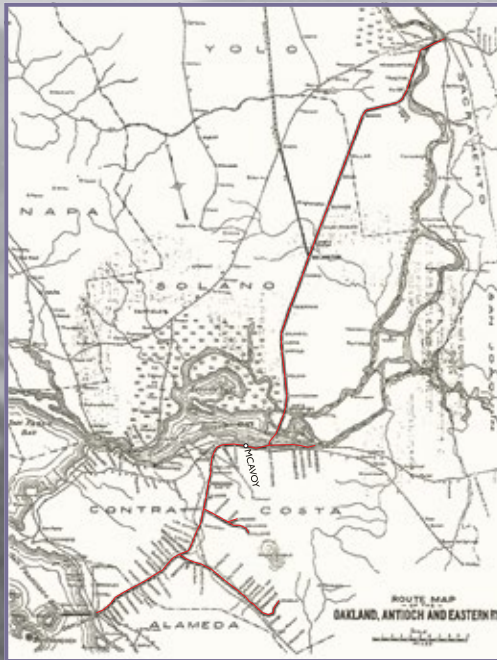
Located nearby was McAvoy, an early railway stop, presumably named for Oliver McAvoy who owned land in the area in the 1870s. This stop was utilized by the Oakland, Antioch, and Eastern (OA&E), a high-speed electric interurban railway. Although incorporated

as the Oakland and Antioch Railway on January 13, 1909, this rail line never reached the community of Antioch in Contra Costa County. In 1911 the railway was reorganized as the OA&E, and by September 1913, a 93-mile route was opened from San Francisco to Sacramento. The OA&E ceased operation in 1919, when it reorganized and became the San Francisco–Sacramento Railroad.

Today the Bay Point railways continue to serve as a vital transportation link for passengers and freight.



McAvoy Railroad Station.



Background photo: OA&E train East of Moraga Depot headed for Oakland.
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