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Vero Beach Council chugs ahead with railroad station plans

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The City Council Thursday approved a resolution in support of seeking funding for Amtrak service and naming the Historic Railroad Station as the preferred location for a station.

If funding can be obtained, there is a possibility service through the area could start in fall 2013.

Construction of a 1,000-foot platform at the Historic Railroad Station location, north of 23rd Street, could require the closing of the northern portion of 14th Avenue, which serves as a one-way, cut-through into downtown from U.S. 1.

While traffic engineers say the cut-through is well-traveled, City Manager Jim Gabbard said there has been discussion about closing that section of the road in the past for safety reasons.



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