

WEST PASCO MODEL RAILROAD

DESIGN TEAM MEETING NOTES

DATE: 09/13 and 09/15/2023

ATTENDEES: Ralph, Bill, Tom, Neil, Keith

TITLE: Trains, Tortoises and Tank Cars

This is a consolidation of activities for the week.

A design change for the paper mill being evaluated. The rear loading dock is to be shortened and a track laid against the side of the building into the loading area of the building parallel to the two loading doors. This will accept tank cars for fluid delivery and removal.

After discussions, the refinery against the elevated tracks seems like a non-prototypical idea. It was decided that, since the center lobe of the Port Charles area needed to be raised to match the lead tracks, the backdrop be extended onto the new platform area and the refinery gets installed on the side nearest the entry door. The backdrop will be reduced in height and a photo or other means of extending the refinery view to add depth to the scene. The refinery structures were brought out and roughly placed to get a feel for the orientation of the structures. A two track loading area in front of the refinery is envisioned to handling car routing activities. Elevating that platform is the next big construction project.

Bill had a suggestion for small panels for switches for mainline/diverted track control. Some experimenting and prototyping of examples to be done before the next session.

Those who brought equipment ran around the main lines. Not all the tortoises are installed and functional yet, but trains ran.