The design and concept of the monument focuses on the symbolism by utilizing building materials that are indicative to the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad.

We can't do this without your support on this ambitious project to cover the cost of the construction, installation, maintenance, and future projects and programs to honor these forgotten and unsung heroes can matriculate. All donations are tax-deductible.

## CHINESE RAILROAD WORKERS DESCENDANTS ASSOCIATION



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CRWDA is building the first monument in Utah that commemorates the resilience and

perseverance of the

Chinese railroad workers

at the Utah State Capitol

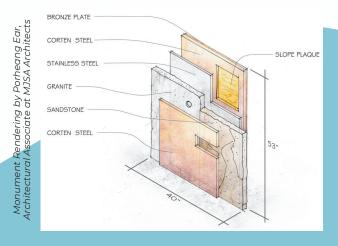
The number six has been selected for its significance to the duration and completion of the railroad as well as an important good luck number for the Chinese people. Hence, the total amount of the building materials is derived from the number six with six layers of material compressed together.

These materials will consist of: two layers each of corten steel, granite, sandstone, bronze, stainless steel along with the plaque.



The corten steel is symbolic in representing the rail line and tools that were used by the workers. Additionally, as the corten begins to age, its appearance will alter, symbolizing the history that was left behind by the individuals who partook in the construction of the railroad.

Right behind it are two natural stones: granite & sandstone which represents the Sierra Nevada Mountain where the construction of the railroad took place.



Lastly, anchoring all these materials together is stainless steel shaped like the state of Utah. It not only symbolizes the toughness of the individuals who worked on the railroad, but the location of which it was built and completed. A circular opening on the granite will reveal the stainless steel symbolizing the location of this monument - SLC, UT.

All materials will be fastened together by 4 bolts with the stainless-steel acting as the bearing wall by anchoring its L-shape leg into a 6" thick x 12" wide concrete base.

A small plaque will commemorate the actions of the Chinese workers as well as other immigrants, Native Americans, former slaves, Civil War veterans, and members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

## Resilience and Perseverance

In Honor of Utah's Chinese Pioneers

劈山開路日鋪十哩 華斧神功名垂千秋

Dedicated to the more than 12,000 Chinese pioneers who helped complete the First Transcontinental Railroad alongside many others of differing ethnicities, nationalities, and religions. Their strength, sacrifice, resolve, and hard work will always be remembered an Gorever honored.

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Plaque Design by Porheang Ear,
Architectural Associate at MJSA Architects

## 劈山开路日铺十哩 华斧神功名垂千秋

Loose translation:

"Cleave the mountain and carve out a way, Lay [they laid] 10 miles of tracks in one day!

Chinese railroad workers had superb railroad building skill, May their good reputation and hard work be remembered still (always)"

CRWDA thinks it is important to include Chinese text on the Monument Its inclusion may be the first time a living language other than English has ever been allowed at the Capitol.