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Marysville Votes to Buy Old Train Depot

MARYSVILLE, Kan. (AP) - The chances of a historic area northeast Kansas train depot avoiding the wrecking ball are looking better.

The Manhattan Mercury reports that the Marysville City Council voted this week to approve the purchase of the depot from Union Pacific for \$151,000. The railroad company also agreed to pay for the removal of the building's exterior asbestos and lead paint, up to a maximum of \$177,000.

If those costs aren't too high, the deal will close Dec. 19. The station then will be sold to the Union Pacific Depot Preservation Society for \$20,000. The deal allows the city to retain surrounding land, which can be sold to adjacent businesses and used for future development.

The depot was built in 1929. Union Pacific had been set to demolish the building.

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