



In 1880, the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway joined the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad to form the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad to build west from the AT&SF mainline at Isleta, New Mexico, to meet the Southern Pacific at Needles, California. The A&P reached Flagstaff, Arizona, in August 1882 and connected to the SP at Needles in August 1883, completing a transcontinental route and giving the AT&SF access to California. Flagstaff is the high point on the line in Arizona at an elevation of 6,900 feet.

The AT&SF Flagstaff Depot was built in 1886 by the A&P. The depot became a freight depot in 1926, when a newer passenger depot was built next door.



The 1926 AT&SF depot, like many "Santa Fe" depots, is an architectural masterpiece. Today, the depot is an Amtrak station and visitor center.





Steam on display in Flagstaff.

