

## Chapter 4 - Setting Up A Main Yard

We've established our stations and set up our staging tracks so the next thing to do is to establish the main yard on our railroad. This will be located at Actonvale.

### Actonvale Yard

1. Click on "Traffic" on the ProTrak toolbar and then choose "Yards and Interchanges" from the dropdown list and the "Yard and Interchange" window as shown in Figure 4-1 will appear. As in previous chapters, the data shown in Figure 4-1 was automatically copied from the sample railroad when we set up our railroad.

#	Yard name	City/State	SPOT	Tracks	Capacity	Storage Yard
10	New Yard	First Station	FST-Yd	5 tracks		
14	Interchange	Second Station	ST202y	1 track	18	

Change Yard    Yard Information System    Close

Figure 4-1

2. Double-click on the first yard listed (the one named "New Yard") to open up the "Changing a yard" edit window (Figure 4-2).

Figure 4-2

3. The yard at Actonvale is a yard with many tracks, so the radio button selection in the first panel – “Yd” – is correct (tt).
4. Click on the “City, State/Prov” (tt) data field and from the list in the right-hand panel, double-click on Actonvale.
5. Click on the “Yard name” (tt) data field and enter a name for this yard. The name should be something that is logical for you, and so we’ll call this yard “ACT Yard”.
6. You will notice that as soon as you chose Actonvale from the list for the “City State/Prov” data field, the SPOT Zone code data field also changed. It now shows ACT and the “appears as” data field shows ACT-Yd.
7. For now we’ll leave the “Storage yard” (tt) data field as ‘no storage yard’ and the “Number of classification tracks in this yard” data field at 5.
8. Uncheck the “Use Yard Information System at this yard”. Your window should now look like Figure 4-3. You will notice that the right-hand panel

is titled "Push To:" Blocks assigned to tracks <sup>(1)</sup>. In ProTrak you have the option of assigning a yard track to one specific function – cars to go to one of the staging yards, for example. Click on the dropdown arrow beside the "Track 1" data field for a list of the options (all the "Track x" data field options are the same). We'll leave ours at the default of "service track/no assignment". Figure 4-3 shows what the window should look like at this point.

Figure 4-3

9. Click on "OK" to complete the edit and close the "Changing a yard" window and return to the "Yards and Interchanges" window. Figure 4-4 shows what the "Yards and Interchanges" window should now look like.

<sup>1</sup> If for some reason the "Push To" window does not appear, you may have to check and then uncheck the "Use Yard Information" check box.



## **Summary**

In Chapter 4 you should have done the following:

- Used the TRAFFIC menu to open the "Yard and Interchange" window;
- Used the EDIT "Change Yard" menu.

You should also have done the following:

- Learned to identify the types of yards and used the radio buttons to select the correct type;
- Learned to use "Zone/Station" area to setup a yard name and a SPOT ZONE;
- Learned to disable the Yard Information System (YIS);
- Reviewed the PUSH TO windows and understood the dropdown options.

Again, we've set up more of the "tombstone" data - our main yard. We can now move on to Chapter 5 where we'll set up some trains for our railroad.