The City of San Francisco was built by American Car & Foundry in 1955 as dome lounge No. 9009 and named in 1993. It is the only dome lounge in the Union Pacific Heritage Passenger Fleet that is still configured for end-of-train service. The car still has windows in the back wall, and the necessary exterior lighting so it can be used as the last car of a train.

The City of San Francisco streamliner began service between Chicago and San Francisco in June 1936. It was a jointly owned train with the Chicago and North Western. The C&NW operated the train from Chicago to Omaha, Neb.; UP operated it between Omaha and Ogden, Utah; and Southern Pacific Railroad operated it from Ogden to San Francisco.

Although they operated over other railroads, all “city” trains were painted the Union Pacific colors leaf brown and armour yellow, with scarlet striping and lettering. Later the brown was changed to harbor mist gray, the color scheme Union Pacific continues to use to this day.

One innovation in the dining car service on the City of San Francisco was the introduction of continental dinners. These were elaborate, multi-course meals with appropriate beverage service. The meals soon were discontinued when complaints of too much food and the “outrageous cost” of $1.50 per meal were forwarded on to railroad headquarters in Omaha.

Configuration: City of San Francisco is a Dome Lounge with restrooms on the short end of the car, a bar in the belly and seating for 30 in the dome. There is additional seating for 34 in the long end of the car, for total seating of 64.