

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY – REPORT

DATE: September 9, 2014
FROM: Director Vicknair
ITEM: New Business 2
SUBJECT: **Archives Research Room**

For the past several years, there have been comments that we need to improve our working space at the museum for Archives research and cataloging. I spoke with a number of folks at the Convention who would like to see some projects relating to archives and have offered to help make those happen.

In discussions with President McClure and Director Carter, the MoP 14144 baggage car was suggested as an ideal space for creating an Archives Research space, which would be used by Archives Department volunteers to do cataloging and inventory work, and by public researchers seeking access.

To that end, I created a reference design and a budget based on that design. The budget assumes volunteer labor except for certain specialty items.

I would ask the Board for two things at this meeting:

1 –Consensus approval of the idea of creating an Archives Research Room and utilizing MoP 14144 for that purpose.

2 – Approval to pursue the 3 grants and prepare the direct fundraising appeal as outlined in the main report. The fundraising appeal would be separate from the Year End Fundraiser (being mailed in early 2015) and only targeted at members who have attended Historic Conventions or are otherwise known to support the archives.

I am NOT asking for approval of the proposed reference design at this time. I would like to solicit input and comments and then submit the final design in March 2015 along with a report on monies raised. At that time, if sufficient funds are in hand, I would seek Board approval to begin work on the MoP 14144 in late April 2015.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Consensus approval of idea and use of MoP 14144.
Approval to pursue funding through grants and direct appeal.