

November 7, 2014

RE: City of Manteca Donation of Tidewater Southern Grade Crossing Signals

To: FRRS Board of Directors

As noted in correspondence FRRS Board Meeting October 11, 2014. Members of the Calrailfans group stepped up at the extreme last minute to save this equipment. Members are myself, Ryan Clark, Jim Greco (Also City of Manteca Representative) and a 4th member who wishes to remain outside of printed material (his name has been given to Rod and Tom). He is both the mover and the storer.

Our anonymous member will store the equipment until the end of the year but cannot beyond that time due to they are delta farmers and will need the lot space as they prepare for the spring farming season immediately following the holidays.

It was our understanding that the museum would reimburse the fuel to bring the equipment up to the museum. Accordingly, I was not aware that we as the Calrailfans group were going to raise the funds for the fuel. The plan as I understood it to be was to bring the signals up on one of the 3 Santa Train dates early enough to be unloaded and out of the way before the start of operations.

Additionally, I t was brought to my attention that members of the Calraifans group as identified above, were going to come up with a plan on where to display these signals. Again, this is news to me.

However, if that is the desire of the board, I was advised that there was talk about putting these at the new entrance gate to the museum when it is moved. These are designed for a 4 lane road. I think they would look out of place on our small 2 lane entry road. Therefore I propose we split them up.

Place one set at the front gate as mentioned. as a static display (or operational, be kinda cool to have them flashing over the entrance during business hours, maybe explore solar power for them to offset energy costs.

The second set could be made operational at the sewer crossing.

Whatever is decided regarding display, I do need to know what to tell our storage benefactor regarding day to move the equipment up to the museum and the re-imbusement of his diesel fuel as it is a Ford Diesel F250 and a 25" flatbed trailer.

At the meeting in person (I cannot attend, Rod and or Tom can Identify our move and store benefactor.

S/David Epling - FRRS member/Calrailfans Group Leader.