

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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ITEM: New Business 1
FROM: Eugene Vicknair

WP PFE REEFER 55069 DONATION

The California Trolley and Rail Corporation has approved our partnership request and offered us a place at their restoration facility at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds to place and restore WP 55069. It will require some prep work, consisting of leveling the ground and putting down gravel and weed mesh should cost less than \$350 and be doable by a team of 3-4 volunteers over a few hours. I am looking into covering the site prep costs myself.

I have one quote from a trucking company to move the car for \$1,800. This proposal is just for trucking and would still require FRRS volunteer crew to lift the car and then lower it at the new site. CTRC has some jacks that could be useful and the FRRS has car jacks. However, there is still an issue with one corner behind very near a non-removable fence.

I have also requested a quote from a house moving company for full lift and transport. They are inspecting the car Friday or Monday and will provide a quote. As stated, the current car owners and a former owner had offered to donate money toward this.

To restore the car, I am proposing that we acquire a large tent shelter (16' X 50') to keep the car covered. I will be providing access to the shop tools at my company for woodwork and would also propose purchasing some tools, ladders and scaffold to be stored in the car itself for work.

If / When we get the car moved, restoration steps would look like this:

1. Prep site
2. Move car to site
3. Acquire canopy tent and cover car
4. Photo document car and prepare detailed restoration steps and graphic layout for repainting
5. Remove damaged exterior wood on sides of car and replace
6. Repair door frames and hinge mounting
7. Repair roof hatches, do any roof repairs
8. Replace missing fans and wall board on interior ice bunker missing these parts (other is intact)
9. Acquire replacement exterior grab irons and ladders (replicate if needed)
10. Acquire or fabricate missing center sill steel
11. Lift car and place onto center sill and trucks donated by CTRC

12. Repaint car
13. Replace couplers and brake systems
14. Complete final detail work

My estimate is that with sufficient volunteer assistance, we could complete the car restoration in 2-3 years. Proposal is to display completed car at History San Jose for 1 year, then move to Portola.

I will have a better idea of budget once I receive housemover estimate. The proposed canopy is \$3,200 and ladder / scaffold, power cords, storage, cordless drill, cordless saw and other tools proposed for acquisition total about \$1,000 to \$1,200.

Once we have further moving / lifting estimates back, I propose running a GoFundMe campaign to raise the funds using the already offered donations as matching.

I have already lined up some possible additional donors and am working on possible sources for donated wood and hardware.

REQUESTED ACTION: I would like the Board to formally approve the donation agreement attached. Agreement would not be executed until movement is worked out and we know car will be secured. I will confirm with President Steve Habeck and get his formal approval before executing agreement. Contingent upon movement being worked out and feasible, I would like approval of this draft plan and permission to begin seeking donations to cover movement and initial costs.