FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY – AGENDA REPORT

DATE: July 30, 2014

FROM: Eugene Vicknair - Director

ITEM: New Business Item 1

SUBJECT: Budget to Create New Equipment Information Signs

I have been pushing on on-going effort to create simple, inexpensive information signs for our equipment for many years. To date, all previous versions have been less than successful for a variety of reasons, some due to materials that do not do well outdoors, to signs that require being moved independent of equipment, to poor workmanship by vendors.

I have now found a new sign vendor as well as a company that supplies stainless steel encased outdoor magnets. As a test, I funded the creation of 4 signs, 2 each for the WP FP7 805-A and the WP GP7 707. One sign has been placed on each locomotive and overall comments have been positive. These are fairly large signs, 30" wide by 18" high. They are printed on a material called "dibond" which is two sheets of aluminum sandwiching an outdoor grade plastic. When sealed with a UV spray coating they should last 5-7 years. As they are placed with four 20 pound pull force magnets, they take some force to remove, but can be removed if needed without tools. While there is some chance of leaving impressions in the paint, these should not trap water or debris and the magnets will not rust and corrode the metal.

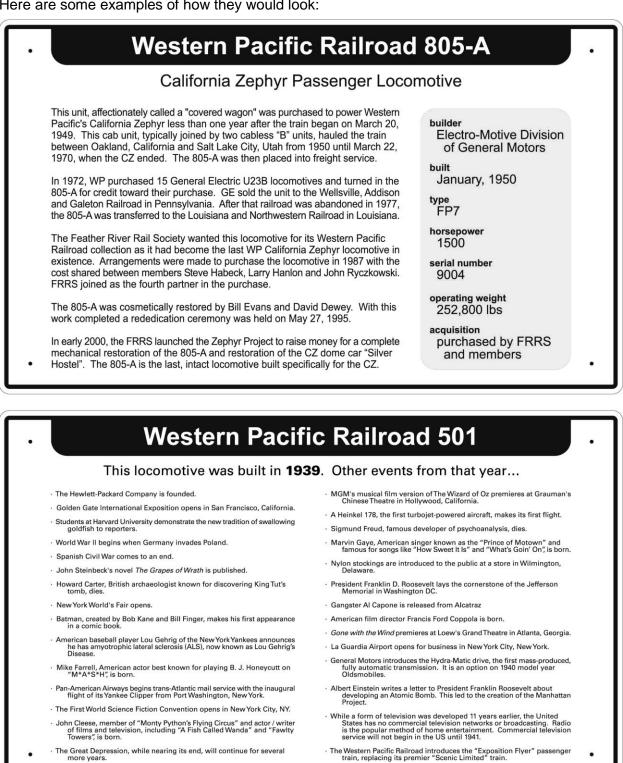
I have enough text to create signs for 12 additional pieces of equipment, plus some signs with supplemental information for certain pieces. I am proposing creating 2 copies of 16 different signs, for a total of 32, so that we can place one on each side of a locomotive or car. The cost of these new signs, with tax and shipping factored in, is about \$62.00 each.

The proposed signs are:

WP SW1 501 +supplemental sign "Other Events in 1939" WP caboose 484 +supplemental sign "Other Events in 1980" WP GP20 2001 +supplemental sign "Other Events in 1959" WP steel gon 6424 +supplemental sign "Other Events in 1953" WP business car "Charles O. Sweetwood" WP baggage / MOW car 123 WP caboose 428 WP NW2u 608 WP / CZ dining car "Silver Plate" UP DDA40X 6946 Pullman Troop Sleeper 8300 SP Rotary Snowplow MW208

Plus the already created signs for WP GP7 707 and WP FP7 805-A. There is not any particular reason for these pieces except that, over the years, I have already created the text for them.

Here are some examples of how they would look:



REQUESTED ACTION: Approve Director Vicknair to proceed in getting the signs printed and acquiring mounting hardware with a budget of \$2200 from line item TBD. We may be able to have them delivered by Railroad Days.