



The carbody is now lifted free. While the lower metal will need to be replaced, the damage seen in the siding boards is mostly contained to the lower part of the boards and does not invade the main structure. The remaining metal work on the doors is in great shape, with only the kick plate at the bottom suffering any damage.

- photo by Eugene Vicknair

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Things were moving along. Funds were coming to, work was progressing, the crew was reporting the carbody felt solid and the restoration site was prepared. The goal was to move the car the following Saturday, but trucking issues nearly sank the plan.

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More photos of the WP 55069 move are shown on the society's web page (www.WPLives.org) in the WPRM Photo & Video Gallery on the "About Us" pull-down menu.



EMD GP20 -WP 2001

- photo by Mike Mucklin

WP 2001 Returns to RAL Fleet

Western Pacific 2001 is arguably one of the most historic preserved diesel locomotives in the world. 2001 is the first production turbocharged EMD locomotive, the first of thousands of turbocharged EMD diesel locomotives to roll off the assembly line in 1959. Competitors American Locomotive Company (ALCO) and General Electric were wringing 2500 horsepower out of their new locomotives at a time where the highest horsepower EMD offered out of their Supercharged locomotives was 1800 from the GP18. EMD realized that to remain competitive, they too would have to adopt turbo charging for their next series of locomotives, and the GP20 was added to EMD's catalog.

Our 2001 was the first production GP20 built, and EMD showed it off around the country before releasing it to the WP.

After a long absence, the WP 2001 has returned to our Run-A-Locomotive Fleet and you can operate this piece of railroad history. Check out the details on the RAL webpage or call the museum and ask about the *2001 Special!*

Prime Mover: EMD 567D2 - 16 Cylinder Turbocharged
Horsepower: 2000

Built: November 1959

Operating Weight: 256,890 lbs. (128.5 Tons)

Builder #: 25623

Length: 56 ft. 2 in.

Maximum Speed: 65 MP