

**Determination of Eligibility (DOE)**

**Inventory #: LIN0009**

DOE Review Date: 9/13/23

Date Received: 8/29/2023

Final DOE Approved: Yes

**Property Name: Flying Yankee (Boston & Maine Railroad No. 6000)**

Area:

Address: 64 Railroad Street

Town: Lincoln

County: Grafton

Reviewed For: R&C

DOE Program(s):

DOT Department of Transportation

**Determination of Eligibility:**

National Register eligible, individually			Integrity: Yes	Level: State		
Criteria:	A: Yes	B: No	C: Yes	D: No	E:	

Areas of Significance(s):

Transportation  
Engineering

Period of Significance: 1934 to 1957

Boundary:

Dimensions of Cars A, B, and C

**Statement of Significance:**

The Flying Yankee is the second of 10 original zephyr-type trains built in the 1930s, and the only one to operate outside of the Midwest. Boston & Maine RR No. 6000 is a diesel-electric powered, stainless steel, articulated, 3-car train with a streamlined design and Art Moderne-styled interior. The significance of each of these features is addressed in the form.

The form provides a comprehensive but concise history of the development of the zephyr railroad type, a regional context of the zephyr's introduction to New England, the train's operation in the northeast between 1935-1957, and the post-operation period of preservation efforts.

The form also provides a detailed physical description of the train exterior and each of Cars A (partially intact), B (restored), and C (currently stripped), and extant historic materials in storage. A comprehensive discussion of comparable resources notes the status and condition of the few other surviving zephyr examples (none of which are NR listed) and streamlined but non-zephyr train resources. The Flying Yankee is the only streamlined zephyr in New England and 1 of 4 of 10 Edward G. Budd Manufacturing Co.-built zephyrs to survive fully or mostly intact.

The DOE committee concurred that the train is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criteria A and C, for its particular role in "a shining moment" in railroading/transportation history in mid-20th century in northern New England and as a significant surviving example of the zephyr property type.

The DOE committee concurred that the resource has significance at the state level. Further research may conclude that it also has national significance.

Note that the integrity of the Flying Yankee was fully assessed using NPS' 2009 policy

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clarification for locomotives and other rolling stock. It was determined to retain the integrity necessary to convey its significance.

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