

## **- REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS -**

The State of New Hampshire, Department of Transportation (NHDOT) will accept electronic proposals on or before the **3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2024**, for the relocation and encouraged restoration of the historic train known as the Flying Yankee, currently located in the town of Lincoln, NH. To be considered, all proposals must be submitted electronically to [Bureau16@dot.nh.gov](mailto:Bureau16@dot.nh.gov), and the subject line must read: **“PROPOSAL FOR THE FLYING YANKEE,”** and address all required information in this notice.

### **DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION**



**Flying Yankee Train  
94-98 Railroad Street  
Lincoln, NH 03251**

**Flying Yankee Train Components and Trucks  
NHDOT Patrol Shed – Twin Mountain  
502 Route 302 West, Twin Mountain, NH 03595**

The Flying Yankee is a diesel-electric powered, streamlined, stainless steel body, three-car train that operated on the Boston and Maine Railroad and Maine Central Railroad systems in New England from 1935 to 1957. The Edward G. Budd Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia designed and fabricated the train, which has a distinctive appearance and mode of operation that was envisioned at the time as revolutionizing passenger travel. The streamlined design of the train’s rounded nose and tail, and

its gleaming, fluted, stainless-steel skin with its strong emphasis on horizontal lines and curves, evoked a forward-looking vision of the rapidly increasing pace of travel in the mid-20th century.

**The Flying Yankee is available for inspection on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The Flying Yankee components are available for inspection the same day from 1:00-2:30 pm. These inspections will be under the observation of staff from NHDOT. Attendees are encouraged to wear closed-toed footwear.**

### **HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The Flying Yankee is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C, for its particular role in “a shining moment” in railroading/transportation history in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century in northern New England and as a significant surviving example of the zephyr property type.

### **PROPOSAL RATING CRITERIA**

**Preservation proposals shall be for the train and its components only.** Evaluation of proposals shall consider the following:

1. Applying “*The Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties,*” and associated National Park Service Guidelines. Project plans meeting the Standards would reestablish and/or retain the Flying Yankee’s integrity of Location, Setting, Design, Materials, Workmanship, Association, and Feeling that support the resource’s National Register of Historic Places eligibility.
  - a. Location: Consideration will be given as to how a proposal might include relocation to a place where the Flying Yankee was historically built, maintained, or housed for a significant part of its productive life.
  - b. Setting: Consideration will be given as to how a proposal includes relocation to a railyard or within the vicinity of a rail-related facility, and which will allow public access and/or viewing. Placing the Flying Yankee on actual railroad track is significant to the integrity of setting, though not required as part of the preservation plan.
  - c. Design: Consideration will be given as to how a proposal incorporates sensitivity of the following character defining features:
    - i. The original three-car trainset with articulated joints, retaining original massing, form, and dimensions.
    - ii. Welded stainless-steel car-body frames.
    - iii. Streamlined, stainless-steel skin with appropriately placed corrugated and smooth panels.
    - iv. Original placement and shape of all doors and window openings with appropriate finishes and glazing.
    - v. Arrangement of interior spaces, as extant or historically documented.
    - vi. Refurbished interior furnishings, as extant or historically documented.
    - vii. The train’s power plant in Car A.
    - viii. Numerous other minor design details, including placement of exterior and interior lights.
  - d. Materials: Consideration will be given as to how a proposal includes sensitive treatment of the original materials.
  - e. Workmanship: Consideration will be given as to how a proposal includes preservation of integrity of workmanship, including: the “shot welding” technique used to assemble the stainless-steel car frames.

- f. **Association:** Consideration will be given as to how a proposal includes retaining integrity of association through linkages to railroad transportation, including the name of the Boston and Maine and Maine Central Railroads stenciled on Car A and the “Flying Yankee” nameplates on Car C.
  - g. **Feeling:** Consideration will be given as to how a proposal includes retaining integrity of feeling. It is expressed in the streamlined aesthetic and the combination of its design, materials, workmanship and setting, even as it rests on temporary blocks without its wheeled trucks.
2. Prioritization of the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for preservation and restoration over rehabilitation.
  3. The overall quality and feasibility of the proposal.
  4. How the Flying Yankee will be moved, including the project schedule, site cleanup, and overall cost.
  5. How the Flying Yankee will be preserved and relocated, ideally in New Hampshire, including the proposed setting, long-term maintenance provisions, and opportunities for public access.

The successful bidder will be the one whose proposal most satisfactorily meets the criteria listed above. **Permanent restrictive covenants regarding the preservation and maintenance of the Flying Yankee must be signed by the successful proposer at closing. The draft covenants will be refined in consultation with the Grantor, Grantee and NH Division of Historical Resources.**

Proposal information including copies of the location map, inventory form, and draft historic covenants, are available on the NHDOT Cultural Resources webpage at: <https://www.dot.nh.gov/projects-plans-and-programs/programs/cultural-resources>, under the heading “The Flying Yankee Information and Documentation.”

### **CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS/SITE CLEANUP**

The successful proposer must remove the Flying Yankee from its current location unless Patriot Rail, the owner of the Hobo Railroad, provides written permission for the Flying Yankee to remain onsite. The move and site cleanup must commence within forty-five (45) days of executing a Bill of Sale, unless an alternative start date is arranged with Patriot Rail for the Flying Yankee train cars, and with the NHDOT District 1 Office for the Flying Yankee components and trucks. Once started, forty-five (45) days will be allowed for all work to be completed (date to be determined). **A ten-thousand-dollar (\$10,000.00) deposit will be required from the successful proposer at the time a Bill of Sale is executed and will be returned upon the approved site cleanup.** All rubbish and debris must be removed, and the site shall be left in a clean and safe condition within forty-five (45) days from start of removal. The deposit will be returned upon the final inspection and approval of the site by the State. The return of this deposit takes approximately two (2) to three (3) weeks after approval. The NHDOT reserves the right to retain this site cleanup deposit if the site is deemed unsatisfactory, unsafe, or the work is not completed within the given timeframe. The State shall be the sole judge of what shall constitute a satisfactory clean up and shall work with the proposer to ensure a clean, safe, and acceptable site.

The successful proposer will be responsible for securing all oversize and overweight permits to transport the materials. All safety precautions shall be followed, and personal protective equipment utilized, and approved by Patriot Rail. Materials to be removed include:

1. Flying Yankee train cars – There are three (3) cars located in Lincoln measuring as follows:
  - a. Car A: 74’-9” x 9’-1”
  - b. Car B: 58’ x 9’-1”
  - c. Car C: 64’-3 ½” x 9’-1”.

2. Trucks – Located in Twin Mountain, four (4) plywood crates have been built around the trucks. One measures approximately 16’x9’, and three (3) measure approximately 15’x10’.
3. Components – There are a total of five (5) shipping containers measuring approximately 40’x8’ in Twin Mountain.

Prior to relocation of the Flying Yankee, the successful proposer must complete an environmental review of the train’s future permanent relocation site to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, with the guidance of the NHDOT Bureau of Environment (<https://www.dot.nh.gov/project-environmental-process-manual>). In addition, the successful proposer must obtain all necessary environmental permits and approvals from the Department of Environmental Services and/or the US Army Corps of Engineers, should they be required.

### **QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Questions and/or requests for additional information regarding the Flying Yankee, preservation restrictions, site cleanup, schedule, etc. should be addressed to Mr. Lou Barker, Bureau of Rail & Transit, at [Louis.A.Barker@dot.nh.gov](mailto:Louis.A.Barker@dot.nh.gov), with a courtesy copy to [railroadproperty@dot.nh.gov](mailto:railroadproperty@dot.nh.gov). **All questions and/or requests for additional information must be received by 3:00 pm on December 1, 2023. The NHDOT will respond by December 12, 2023.**

### **PROPOSAL SUBMISSION AND POST-SELECTION REQUIREMENTS**

Proposals must be submitted electronically to [Bureau16@dot.nh.gov](mailto:Bureau16@dot.nh.gov). The subject line must read: **“PROPOSAL FOR THE FLYING YANKEE,” and be received by 3:00 pm on January 3, 2024. Receipt will be confirmed.** The NHDOT will notify the successful entity after all submitted proposals are reviewed and approved by the Director of Aeronautics, Rail & Transit. All proposers will be notified of results within 60 days following selection of the successful proposal. The successful entity will save the State of New Hampshire, its agents, and employees harmless from any and all claims or demands of any nature.

Proposals shall be submitted as indicated in this notice. It shall be the responsibility of the proposer to ensure the proposal is submitted as specified. **The NHDOT will not accept responsibility for any reason if a proposal is not submitted as specified by the required time and date. Any proposal received after 3:00 pm on January 3, 2024 will be returned to the proposer unread.**

The NHDOT reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive technicalities, correct minor discrepancies, or solicit for new proposals if, in the judgment of the Commissioner, the best interest of the State will be promoted thereby.

**Following selection, the successful proposer must sign a Bill of Sale for \$1.00 and enter into an agreement with NHDOT to include provisions for restrictive covenants for a fifteen (15) year period regarding the preservation and maintenance of the Flying Yankee.**

**This sale is “AS IS, AS SHOWN”**

DATED CONCORD, NH THIS  
3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023

WILLIAM J. CASS  
COMMISSIONER