

Seashore Trolley Museum Deaccession List: Railway Work Vehicles Re-Homing 2021

Seashore Trolley Museum (STM) seeks museums, other nonprofits and other groups and individuals with interest in equipment on our railway work vehicles deaccession list. We are soliciting proposals at this time from museums, nonprofits, for-profits and transit hobbyists who would welcome the opportunity to re-home one or more of the items listed below.

1. **No. 3283** is a wood-frame Line Car built in 1950 by Henry Dow for the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA), predecessor of the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) and has a rich history during its decades of service. Initially, No. 3283 operated from North Point Car House in South Boston until it closed in 1953. The car was instrumental in constructing the Blue Line extensions to Orient Heights and Wonderland in 1952-4 and was later used in the construction of the Riverside Line in 1957-59.

Ten years later, on October 16, 1969, 3283 started a routine late night wire maintenance trip on the Highland Branch. At 3:38AM, 3283 and Motor Flat 2026 met head on under the Washington Street Bridge near Brookline Village. The load of rails No. 2026 carried slid off the flat and nearly halfway through No. 3283, while the large reel of trolley wire moored in the center of No 3283 broke loose and rolled forward. No. 2026 lost its leading cab with no. 3238 receiving major damage all the way back to the center door. No. 2026 and No. 3283 were so tightly jammed together they could not be separated at the scene. One crew member was killed and sixteen others injured. The cause of the accident was found to be sloppy dispatching and alcohol use by the crews on both cars.

Being without a line car, the MBTA borrowed Seashore's former Claremont Railway Line Car No. 4. No. 3283 was rushed to the Everett Shop and returned to service in December 1970. No. 3283 continued its routine career until March 1992, when it received damage to the fuse panel area from a minor fire. Sent to the Watertown Carhouse Shop for moderate repairs, an inspection revealed major rot on the roof, deteriorated wiring and a non-functioning line tower. No. 3238 received a complete overhaul and returned to line department service on April 9, 1993. By early 2005 it was decided the car needed another major overhaul, and was taken out of service early that year. Following two years of non-action, in September 2007 No. 3283 was moved to Maine to join Seashore Trolley Museum's non-accessioned collection.

In May 2021, the museum's Curatorial Committee made the difficult decision to re-home the **body of No. 3283**, in an attempt to find another preservation institution who would be able to give the car more attention than Seashore's current collection priorities allow. The museum will keep the trucks, motors, interior wire spool apparatus, and controllers for use in other restoration projects.

The body once again needs repair. The car is experiencing rot in several places, from the area above the door frame to the roof, several areas on the roof, the exterior panels, and the doors. The interior of the car is intact.





Seashore Trolley Museum (STM) seeks museums, other nonprofits, for profits, individuals and transit hobbyists, with interest in equipment on our railway work equipment deaccession list. We are soliciting proposals at this time from groups or individuals who would welcome the opportunity to re-home one or more of the items listed above. STM's goal is for the continued preservation of the items on the deaccession list, if possible.

In this round of re-homing, museums and other nonprofits are encouraged to submit proposals, with no expectation to include a bid in your proposal. For profits, individuals and transit hobbyists are encouraged to submit proposals, with a bid for each piece of equipment of interest included.

Understanding that the museum has invested a substantial amount of resources in these items in the past to obtain, transport, and store for an extended period of time, we appreciate your sensitivity around our decision to part with them.

Please note that all equipment is as is, where is. STM does not have the resources currently to relocate items on our deaccession list to alternate locations on our property. All items are outdoors and accessible, most are away from overhead wire.

If you wish to view these items prior to submitting a proposal, please visit the museum during hours of operation only. Business hours year-round are Monday-Friday 9AM-3PM. Appointments outside of these hours may be considered based on staff and volunteer ability. Before you visit, please email our Curator (contact info below) to set up a date/time to do so.

All proposals submitted by an organization or group must be submitted on the inquiring organization's or group's letterhead, and signed by an official with authorization to do so on behalf of the entity.

All equipment after the selection phase will be transferred to the ownership of the entity selected.

All Contractors and non-profit organizations involved with removing equipment from STM shall have in effect liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 with STM named as additional insured.

Coordination for moving of equipment and removal from property must be coordinated with STM as to not interfere with the museum operations.

Please include in your proposal:

1. Your intentions for equipment (preservation, scrapping and using parts for other projects, etc.)
2. Your expected time frame for preparation and moving of the item(s).
3. A copy of your tax exempt form
4. For profits and transit hobbyists: Your proposed bid for the equipment you are interested in acquiring
5. Time frame of when you would be able to arrange for transport of the item/s from our property. If you need time to fundraise for transportation costs, please be transparent in your proposal with this information and an estimated timeline for when you anticipate raising the funds needed to move forward with the acquisition. Ideally, we would like to re-home all items by the end of 2021, so please let us know if you would like to request an alternate timeline.

Proposals missing information requested will not be considered in this round.

To submit your proposal, please email or mail your proposals to the attention of our Executive Director, Katie Orlando at director@trolleymuseum.org or Seashore Trolley Museum, PO Box A, Kennebunkport, ME 04046.

For questions about any of the items on our deaccession list, please contact our Museum Curator at curator@trolleymuseum.org.

STM reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, and to enter into negotiations with any non-profit organization for any equipment listed on the deaccession list above.