



19 October, 2021

Roy Hemmingway, President
Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation
2250 SE Water Ave
Portland OR 97214

Dear Mr. Hemmingway,

Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District (HAND) has been a supporter of ORHF since it was founded two decades ago. A HAND member joined the ORHF board more than a decade ago, and members of the HAND board have been volunteers at your museum.

We also recognize the connection both of our groups have to the City of Portland—HAND as an officially recognized Portland neighborhood association and ORHF as the custodian of Portland's three historic steam locomotives.

HAND helps neighbors connect with one another to make our neighborhood an even better place to live, work and play. We represent the neighborhood's interests in activities by public and private entities affecting building and development, air quality and transportation in our neighborhood.

We therefore have a stake in seeing ORHF thrive. ORHF is a significant attraction in our neighborhood for residents and visitors alike, and your project to restore the nearly 100-year-old Brooklyn Turntable will benefit us all. The sight of a massive steam locomotive slowly turning in front of the rail center will draw attention from everyone passing by in cars, on bikes, by foot and on MAX trains and Portland Streetcars. It will enhance ORHF's prominence as a visitor attraction and enliven this southern corner of our neighborhood. We recognize the transportation benefits in this project, as an operating turntable will make it easier for ORHF to move its rail equipment and connect to Oregon's rail network.

For these reasons HAND endorses ORHF's application for funding for the turntable project from the Connect Oregon program. We encourage the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Oregon Transportation Commission to support your project.

Sincerely,

Chris Eykamp
Chair, Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District