

## REQUEST TO PORTOLA CITY COUNCIL

### Funding to support Big Boy Celebration Event – July 10, 2024

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The Feather River Rail Society is currently at work to prepare for a major event on July 10, 2024: the display of Union Pacific “Big Boy” Steam Locomotive 4014, the largest operating steam locomotive in the world. The UP is graciously allowing a day for the FRRS to exhibit the locomotive to the public during its upcoming “Westward Bound” tour. While there will be other locations in California and Nevada where the public can see this locomotive, either passing by or during stops at UP yard facilities, Portola will be to only location where the engine will stop in cooperation with a museum. This has the possibility of being a major event for the community. Some early indicators include the fact that, as of middle of May, all local lodging has already been booked and visitors are reportedly taking lodging in Reno and Truckee in anticipation of the visit. Within the first week of ticket sales, starting May 24, the museum had already sold over 200 tickets and have many more inquiries.

To help support this event, the FRRS is asking for a one-time monetary support from the City of Portola to help offset the preparation costs for the event.

The total request is for \$4,000. The budget breaks down as follows:

\$500 – general supplies, paint, cleaning materials

- Supplies to support clean-up, preparation and beautification of the museum grounds for the event.

\$500 – event signage

- Directional, guide and information signage and mounting frames to help visitors navigate the museum grounds.

\$1,000 – barricades and path marking materials (guide ropes / chains, chain posts, etc.)

- Support the purchase of additional barricades, safety rails and path marking supplies to create the pathways and Big Boy public viewing area. Materials will mark the safe zones where the public can walk when outside the museum fencing.

\$2,000 – rental of Porta-Potties and sinks

- Help off-set the cost of providing these needed facilities. Will include ADA accessible units and hand washing stations