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East Troy Railroad Museum Receives \$20,500 Grant from John H. Emery Rail Heritage Trust

Grant will help finish the restoration of CNS&M Car 761

EAST TROY, WI – March 25, 2020 – The East Troy Railroad Museum is pleased to announce that it will receive a \$20,500 grant from the Emery Rail Heritage Trust to help the organization finish the restoration of *Chicago, North Shore & Milwaukee Car 761*.

Car 761 is an interurban car built by the Standard Steel Car Company in Butler, PA in 1930. It ran between downtown Chicago and downtown Milwaukee from 1930 until the North Shore Line shut down in 1963. The East Troy Railroad Museum purchased the car from the Michigan Transit Museum in 2001 and started restoration efforts soon afterward. Restoration efforts stopped when volunteers discovered significant structural damage to the frame of the car. When a certified welder began volunteering at the railroad, the Board of Directors agreed to resume restoration efforts.

John H. Emery established the John H. Emery Rail Heritage Trust specifically to fund restoration projects that can help re-create and preserve the rail passenger experience as it was in the U.S. from approximately 1920 through 1960. The Grant to the East Troy Railroad Museum is one of 18 grants awarded to railroad museums and historical societies in 2020. The Trust has awarded more than 100 grants since 2015.

The \$20,500 grant toward the restoration of Car 761 will be used to pay for the seats to be re-upholstered, for new flooring to be installed, for re-plating some of the seat frames and all the luggage racks, and for other interior repair work necessary to return the car to operating condition. The volunteers in East Troy hope to have the car operating again before the end of the 2020 operating season.

If you would like to contribute toward this restoration effort and another project underway to restore Chicago South Shore & South Bend Car 6, please visit our GoFundMe page at: charity.gofundme.com/ss-car-6-and-ns-car-761-restoration -- or visit our website at easttroyrr.org. Sign up for our newsletter to receive updates on the progress of these and other restoration projects at the East Troy Railroad Museum.

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More about us:

The East Troy Railroad Museum operates 14-mile round trip train rides from its historic East Troy depot and museum to Indianhead Park in Mukwonago, with a stop at the popular Elegant Farmer store and deli. We are celebrating 113 years of riding the rails through Southeast Wisconsin's Kettle Moraine countryside. Our not-for-profit museum is operated, maintained and managed by over 130 volunteers dedicated to engaging visitors in the heritage of electric interurban railways and trolley systems through restoration, preservation and operation of historic Equipment.

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