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Trains magazine 2013 Preservation Award
P.O. Box 1612
Waukesha, WI 53187

Dear *Trains* Magazine,

The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) is delighted to submit the following grant proposal and respectfully requests \$10,000 to support the efforts to restore Steam Engine 577.

ACF works collaboratively with the Engine 557 Restoration Company and was awarded a \$350,000 Rasmuson Foundation challenge grant. A grant from the *Trains* magazine 2013 Preservation Award will be doubled.

Returned home in 2012 after 48 years, former Alaska Railroad Engine 557 is being restored to again polish the rails of the Last Frontier. Engine 557 is historically significant as the last steam locomotive to operate on the Alaska Railroad and will be the only train of its kind to be fully functional in the western United States.

Please feel free to contact ACF for further information if needed.

Sincerely,



Candace Winkler
President/CEO
The Alaska Community Foundation

Engine 557 project Trains magazine 2013 Preservation Award Proposal

This proposal is for assistance to replace the boiler fire box in U.S. Army Transportation Corps S-160 Consolidation, ex-Alaska Railroad #557.

About Engine 557 and the project:

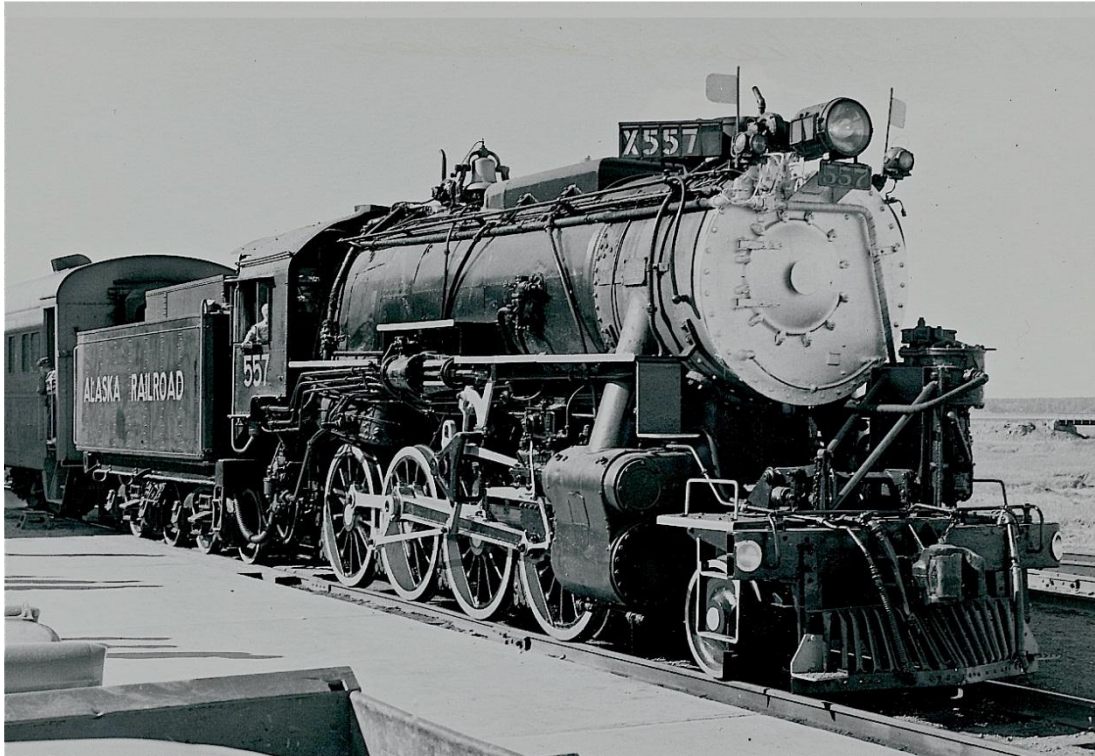
- Regionally significant as the last Alaska Railroad steam locomotive, operating until 1962. Nationally and internationally significant as one of 2,120 identical locomotives jointly designed and built by ALCO, Baldwin, and Lima to meet emergency wartime needs. S-160's operated in over 20 countries, some into the late 1980's.
- Will be the only operating standard gauge steam locomotive in Alaska, and the only operating example of a USATC S-160 Consolidation in the western U.S.
- ACF was awarded a \$350,000 Rasmuson Foundation challenge grant to support the restoration. Trains' award will receive a \$10,000 match.
- Key volunteers have extensive steam locomotive experience. Robert Franzen of Steam Services of America is consulting Professional Engineer.
- Disassembly and engineering survey has been completed. Restoration to FRA standards is underway.
- The Alaska Railroad Corporation is highly supportive of the project and has a business plan to regularly operate #557.



President and CEO of the Alaska Railroad, Christopher Aadnesen and Patrick Durand, President of Engine 557 Restoration Company with the restored cab of 557. photo credit to Robert deBerry.



557 welcomes inspection by visitors from the National Railway Historical Society 2013 Convention in Alaska. Photo by Stewart Sterling



Last revenue run of locomotive 557 to the first Alaska State Fair in September of 1959. John Henderson photo from 557 Collection



Alaska Railroad 557 rounding Beluga Point on Turnagain Arm coming home January 3, 2012. Photo by Dave Blazejewski

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ARR 557 in Whittier, Alaska in June 1959 chartered by the California, Nevada Railroad Society. From the 557 collection

Engine 557 Restoration Company Project Budget Summary June 27, 2012 - September 15, 2013	Projected Cost	Funds Spent	Donated and In Kind	Pledged In- Kind Donations	Donated Volunteer Labor (see note)	Difference
Consulting Fees	40,188	14,149	-	-	-	26,039
Locomotive Repairs	1,328,001	1,157	5,724	4,000	91,613	1,172,182
Tender Repairs	46,500	-	-	-	1,138	45,363
Shop Support Tools, Supplies, and Equipment	38,000	15,154	10,150	-	8,512	4,183
Rental Equipment	58,515	179	25,017	33,070	-	249
Insurance	22,528	22,528	-	-	-	0
Safety Equipment	800	347	-	-	-	453
Shop expendibles	20,000	7,726	183	-	-	12,092
Space Rental	224,000	-	111,960	112,040	-	-
Transportation of Locomotive and Tender	11,694	-	11,694	-	-	-
Locomotive and Tender Purchase (see note)						
Building	9,800	164	4,756	-	2,807	2,073
Taxes	1,000	162	-	-	-	838
Utilities	9,812	305	5,420	3,892	-	195
Total Direct Project Costs	1,810,838	61,871	174,904	153,002	104,069	1,263,667
Administrative Costs						
Letterhead and business card design and production	1,200		933			267
PR material	12,500	5,697	116		5,390	1,297
Fundraising	20,000	2,967	4,658		9,240	3,135
Office equipment	1,000	75	100			825
Travel expenses	-					-
Licenses and 501(c)(3) application costs	1,200					1,200
Organization dues or fees	0					0
Administration and Project Management	70,000				31,584	38,416
Bank Fees	100	15				85
Other	1,000	667				333
Total Administrative Costs	107,000	9,421	5,807	-	46,214	45,558
Project Totals	1,917,838	81,017	191,938	156,894	196,497	1,354,979

Notes:

Donated labor covers period from June 27, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Donated labor is calculated at \$35 per hour.

Engine 557, its tender, and other designated historic artifacts acquired by the Corporation and so designated are not treated as capital assets and no value is assigned.