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The New Hampshire Department of Transportation Awards The Flying Yankee Association Ownership of B&M 6000 *The Flying Yankee*

Nashua, New Hampshire, April 8, 2024 — The Flying Yankee Association (FYA) announced at its Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 6, 2024, that it has been selected by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) to receive ownership of the historic "*Flying Yankee*" train. This announcement comes after the state conducted a competitive and comprehensive Request For Proposal (RFP) process.

"We are both honored and thrilled to be receiving this historic train from the State," said Brian LaPlant, President of the FYA. "The *Flying Yankee* has languished for far too long, and we look forward to preserving, relocating and restoring the train, thanks to the State, as well as our friends, partners, and supporters that will help make this dream become a reality. A beautiful piece of New England history has been saved today."

The FYA will first meet with the state later this month to finalize the transfer details. Afterwards, the State's Executive Council will meet to approve the details and transfer ownership. Mr. LaPlant expects that to take place sometime in the summer of 2024.

The NHDOT formally released an RFP in November of 2023, searching for a responsible entity to complete the restoration of the historic train. The successful bidder will receive ownership of the train from the State, the current owners of the train. The RFP's submission window officially closed on January 3, 2024.

The Flying Yankee Restoration Group d/b/a Flying Yankee Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization that is responsible for raising and managing funds related to the restoration of the famous Flying Yankee train, originally owned and operated by the Boston & Maine Railroad. For more information, please visit the FYA website at www.flyingyankee.org, or find the organization on Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), and Instagram.