

Renée Barron

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Sent: Monday, August 5, 2024 1:31 PM
To: Renée Barron; Patricia West; Eric Buckman; Joe Thompson
Subject: Gladstone Michigan Soo Line Steam Engine #730 Authority Request

Dear Ren'ee, Patricia, City of Gladstone Planning Commission,

I kindly request that the following be given due consideration:

In recent years, our Authority has presented plans and objectives to the city outlining our future vision for the historical steam locomotive #730 and its current location. However, it has come to our attention that the current master plan may impede future opportunities by lacking a clear purpose to guide our Authority's allocation of resources and objectives for the future expansion and ongoing improvement of locomotive #730.

While previous master plans have acknowledged the need to develop this site, the new master plan fails to address any potential growth for this location. Therefore, I respectfully ask to be included on the agenda for a discussion on appropriate strategies that our Authority would like to see incorporated into the master plan for this site.

Best regards,

John Pickard
President
Gladstone Michigan Soo Line #730 Authority