



## CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM

DEPARTMENT	PRESENTED BY	DATE
Public Works	David Lady - Public Works Director	December 7, 2021

### **ITEM**

Council Action – Award Caboose Restoration Project

Consent Agenda

### **BACKGROUND**

The caboose located at the north end of F Street is a Registered Local Landmark that has become a staple fixture within the community. It is one of the remaining remnants of Salida's 140 years of railroad history. The Salida City Council has desired for this landmark to be restored and staff along with several instrumental community members have made progress in completing planning efforts to support that effort over the past several years.

In 2018, the City was awarded a \$4,800 grant from the State Historical Fund (SHF) to complete a Historical Structural Assessment of the caboose. In 2019, the City was awarded a \$11,800 grant from the SHF to perform the design documents necessary for restoration work and pricing. This portion of the project was completed in 2020. The City applied for subsequent grants from the SHF in 2020 and 2021 for a portion of the restoration. These grants were not awarded. The SHF provided additional information indicating that grant funding has been limited for these types of projects due to revenue supporting these programs.

Over the past two years, staff and Barbara Darden (preservation architect working on the project) have worked with Klinke & Lew Contractors out of Silverton, Colorado to identify construction feasibility, design considerations, and preparing a detailed proposal to perform the work. Narrow gauge train car restoration is a specialized service due to the limited historical knowledge and techniques necessary to fabricate the cast iron parts and other processes necessary for restoration. Few contractors across the Country offer these services. Klinke & Lew in Silverton specialize in this work and have completed similar projects for different train organizations and communities across the state.

Staff has been able to work with another narrow gauge enthusiast in the Monte Vista area to obtain much of the cast iron components necessary to complete the restoration. The acquisition of these parts has provided a considerable costs savings from original proposed costs.

The restoration of the caboose would require it to be temporarily relocated to Silverton. It is anticipated to take a year but is dependent on availability of materials. During that time, a display will be constructed by staff at the location of the caboose site. Jim Dixon (former Mayor) has proposed a design for a display which would also contain updates of the restoration progress.



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**D&RGW Caboose - Salida**  
**SHF#2020-M2-012 Construction Documents**  
**Deliverable 3 - Historic Photos**  
**Longitudinal Elevation**  
**Circa 1920s**

## FISCAL NOTE

A budget allocation of \$150,000 is included in the 2022 budget under the Capital Improvement Fund and listed as:

- Caboose Restoration (32-54-6080-3)

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT	\$ 150,000.00
CONTINGENCY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (10%)	\$ 15,000.00
ESTIMATED LOADING AND TRANSPORT (2X)	\$ 10,000.00
<b>TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 175,000.00</b>

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending award of a contract for the Caboose Restoration Project and authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement between the City of Salida and Klink & Lew Contractors in the amount of **\$150,000.00** with a total project budget of \$175,000.00.

## SUGGESTED MOTION

A Council member should make the motion to “combine and approved items on the consent agenda.”