

2021 PROJECT GUIDE for the COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM

Here's some of what we hope to accomplish in 2021, with your help:

Upcoming capital improvement projects include **roof replacement on our 30-year-old Roundhouse complex**, a large and expensive undertaking. A much-needed **trainshed-style shelter for two cars** still needs to be completed—Chicago, Burlington & Quincy private car No. 96 and 1888-vintage Colorado Midland observation car No. 111 (this project had to be postponed in 2020 due to a lack of funds). We also hope to complete detailed planning for a **paved pathway to the roundhouse** this year, so we can then construct an accessible, all-weather route to one of our most popular guest attractions.

In our Roundhouse and shop, we will be performing significant rail vehicle rehabilitation and maintenance. For instance, one of the wood-bodied **Denver & Rio Grande Western coaches** we use in regular service needs repairs to its end platforms, which are sagging. D&RGW K-37 No. 491 will see **major running gear repairs**, helping to keep this massive locomotive in operation. Colorado's oldest locomotive--Denver, Leadville &

Gunnison 2-8-0 **No. 191—needs its cab rebuilt**, along with new paint and lettering. We'll also complete work on the **restoration of our UTXL "GRAMPS" tank car**, a long-awaited project that got under way in mid-2020, following the rollout of Rio Grande Southern No. 20 and RGS caboose No. 0404.



With regard to education and exhibits, 2020 saw completion of the Interpretive Master Plan (IMP), which we've been working on for two years. With this IMP completed, we're moving forward on several IMP recommendations, including creating and installing **revamped and improved signage**, and upgrading and **expanding our OnCell audio tours**. We also are planning to equip our Pavilion (which we upgraded this year with roll-down vinyl sides) with **projection and sound equipment**, so we can resume offering programs that have been shuttered by the pandemic, and in the process **expand audience sizes** for programs such as "Colorado Rails & Cocktails" which regularly was booked to capacity prior to 2020.

And finally, in the areas of our Library and Collections, we anticipate **completing a Significance Assessment** for our full-sized rail vehicle collection in 2021, a major step in our collections planning and management for the future. In addition, we have applied for a significant grant through the Institute for Museum & Library Services. If funded, this will assist us in **launching an oral history program**; creating an outline of Colorado's cultural history as it relates to railroads; and also, **catching up on our backlog of collections cataloguing**. We won't know if the application is funded until mid-2021, but in the meantime we will continue to work on preparing for these important undertakings.

