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B&O Railroad Museum Receives \$500,000 Grant to Restore the B&O #3316 "Washington" Pullman Tavern-Observation car

Baltimore, MD – September 21, 2021 – The B&O Railroad Museum is pleased to announce that the Federal Saving America's Treasures program, a National Park Service grant program in collaboration with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), awarded it a \$500,000 grant to be matched 1:1 with private funding to cosmetically restore both the exterior and interior of the beautiful B&O #3316 "Washington" Pullman Observation-Tavern car built in 1949.

The "Washington" was a streamlined observation car with 17-seat observation area and a 24-seat tavern. Additionally, it has a beautiful cherry blossom mural near the cocktail lounge. The "Washington" and its sister, "The Chicago," were designed for the "Columbian," which was a post-war Washington-Chicago overnight streamliner. The "Columbian" was an all-coach flagship that followed the route of the all-Pullman "Capitol Limited." In 1961, the "Washington" became a part of the "Capitol Limited." In 1971, the "Washington" was retired from service and was donated to the B&O Railroad Museum.



“It will be an important piece to our interpretative story (post WWII – pre-Civil Rights) as we prepare for the 200th anniversary of American railroading in 2027,” said Kris Hoellen, Executive Director for B&O Railroad Museum. “Arguably, it will be one of the most unique venue spaces in the area once restored.”

About the B&O Railroad Museum

The B&O Railroad Museum, a full affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of American railroading and its impact on American society, culture and economy. The Museum is home to the oldest, most comprehensive collection of railroad artifacts in the Western Hemisphere including an unparalleled roster of 19th and 20th century railroad equipment. The 40-acre historic site is regarded as the birthplace of American Railroading and includes the 1851 Mt. Clare Station, the 1884 Baldwin Roundhouse and first mile of commercial railroad track in America. In 2019, the Museum welcomed guests from all 50 states and 40 countries. For further information on the B&O Railroad Museum, please call 410-752-2490 or visit www.BORail.org.

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