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Santa's Coming to Town by Train to The B&O Railroad Museum

Baltimore, MD – November 24, 2020 – On Friday, November 27th, the B&O Railroad Museum and Northeast Maglev are excited to welcome Santa's official arrival into Baltimore by train!

The holiday season is officially here when Santa comes to town, and we hope you'll join us in greeting him when he arrives back in Baltimore aboard the B&O No. 6944! Maybe one year Santa will arrive on a high-speed Maglev train! Santa's locomotive will pull into the B&O Railroad Museum's spacious Roundhouse, creating the perfect opportunity to take the first safe, socially distanced festive photos of the season. "We can't have Christmas without Santa" said Kris Hoellen, Executive Director of the B&O Railroad Museum. "We are fortunate to have a large naturally ventilated beautiful space for children to take pictures with Santa so parents won't miss a year!"

Once Santa enters the B&O to celebrate the Holiday Festival of Trains with you, additional seated photos will be available for purchase. Santa and his helpers will be wearing masks and the photo area is expanded to incorporate safe physical distancing. All activities and events are designed for a safe and fun visit so families can focus on the joy of the season.

Tickets include full access to the B&O Holiday Festival of Trains offering a holiday wonderland of lights, Santa's Winter Village shops and spectacular model train layouts to explore. Visit <u>www.BORail.org</u> for tickets or more information.

The B&O Holiday Festival of Trains featuring the Reindeer Railway will be open Monday-Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM, and Sunday,11 AM - 4 PM. The Museum is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

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.

About Northeast Maglev

Northeast Maglev is a private, 100% U.S.-owned company working to promote the world's fastest ground transportation system – the Superconducting Maglev (SCMAGLEV) – in the Northeast Corridor of the United States. The SCMAGLEV train is a safe and transformative transportation solution that will revolutionize how people live and work in the most congested region of the U.S. The first leg will provide 15-minute service between Baltimore and Washington, D.C., and ultimately one-hour service will be provided from Washington, D.C. to New York City. The Northeast Maglev is modeled on the Central Japan Railway SCMAGLEV project in operation since 1998. Learn more at www.northeastmaglev.com.

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