



# LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT

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FIRE CHIEF

February 28, 2020

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FILE NO. 20-026

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM:  Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: IN-KIND DONATION OF RAIL CAR PROP

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| FINAL ACTION: | <input type="checkbox"/> Approved | <input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |
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## SUMMARY

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway seeks to donate to the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) a decommissioned rail car to enhance the LAFD's hazardous materials training. The rail car prop will be used to train First Responders, HazMat Technicians and Specialists, as well as regional partners who operate within the Port of Los Angeles complex. The rail car prop will be outfitted and equipped in collaboration with BNSF, Union Pacific Railway, the LAFD Foundation, and the California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI). The prop and all necessary accessories are specifically outlined in California Code of Regulations (19 CCR § 2560). The rail car will be located on Terminal Island at the LAFD's Hazardous Materials regional training site. The value of the rail car and accessories is estimated between \$20,000.00 and \$40,000.00.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Receive this report for the In-Kind Donation by BNSF Railway for the items listed above, valued at between \$20,000.00 and \$40,000.00 to the Los Angeles Fire Department.
2. Request the Commission Executive Assistant to transmit this report to the Mayor's Office in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3 and to City Council in accordance with the Los Angeles Administrative Code, Ordinance 15514, Article 12, Section 5.111.4 , for consideration and approval.

## FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the Department's budget from the acceptance of this donation. Donations provide the necessary items meeting the needs of the respective fire stations or administration sections. Replacement or repair of items meeting City specifications and Fire Department business needs may be borne by General Fund, subject to budgetary constraints.

**CONCLUSION**

The Los Angeles Fire Department benefits tremendously from gracious donations and support provided by firms like BNSF Railway. The LAFD acknowledges BNSF Railway for their generosity.

Board report prepared by Public Information Director Peter Sanders, Community Liaison Office.

Attachment

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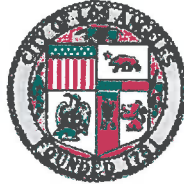
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February 6, 2020

James Farner, Manager  
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Dear James Farner:

**Hazardous Materials Rail Car Prop Donation**

It is requested that Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) donate a Rail Car Prop to enhance the Los Angeles Fire Department's Hazardous Materials training. The Rail Car will be used to train First Responders, HazMat Technicians and Specialists as well as Los Angeles Port regional partners. The training will further ensure a primary goal that "everyone goes home".

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) would accept the donation of a Rail Car prop and all necessary accessories. This Rail Car prop will be outfitted and equipped in collaboration with BNSF, Union Pacific Railway, the LAFD Fire Foundation, and California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI). The prop and all necessary accessories are specifically outlined in California Code of Regulations (19 CCR § 2560). The Rail Car will be located in Terminal Island, California at our Hazardous Materials regional training site.

Sincerely,

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Fire Chief