2014 Holiday Appeal
5706 and General Funds

As the Boston Street Railway Association continues the restoration of our Boston Type 5, 5706, and our educational and historic programs, we wish to thank all who have so generously contributed to these goals. Since October 1, 2013, 331 contributors have given a total of $46,899 to the BSRA, with $25,096 going to the 5706 Fund and $21,803 toward the General Fund.

Type Five 5706

With the steelwork of the body of the car finally complete and primed, we can now concentrate on the installation of new wiring and piping and the assembly of most of the interior components. With work on 5706 inside the shop building and out of the weather, new and restored wooden interior parts which are already on hand, including flooring, seats and windows, can be installed.

5706 ran in the Boston area for 35 years, over some poor roadbed and through slush and salt every winter. This has taken its toll on the trucks of the car, which require a much-needed rebuilding. We are currently looking into this work which would include disassembly, cleaning, parts repair as needed, painting and re-assembly. In addition, the severely worn wheels will either be replaced with new ones, if available, or rebuilt with new tires installed on the existing wheels. Our previously rebuilt motors can then be installed and the fully reconditioned trucks placed under the car. This is a vital project, and one which will need to be completed before the car can be safely operated.

Below are the 266 donors to the 5706 Fund who gave $25,096 in the period from October 1, 2013 to December 1 of this year. Asterisks indicate the 163 donors who gave to this fund more than once during this period. Again, thank you for your dedication to this project.

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The restoration of old streetcars is always a time-consuming process, and we are confident that your patience and ongoing support will continue to see great results. Again, we deeply appreciate your donations, and thank you very much.

The General Fund

The BSRA, in its role as a source of historic and current transportation information on Boston and surrounding area transportation systems, incurs many operating expenses which membership dues don’t cover. Your donations to the General Fund fills this gap and also allows us to purchase items outside our normal budget such as library and storage supplies, computers and software.

During the period from October 1, 2013 to December 1, 2014, we received cash donations totaling $21,794 from 236 members and friends of whom 142 gave more than once. We have listed on the opposite page the donors to the General Fund during this time, with an asterisk beside the names of those who made multiple contributions. Again, we deeply appreciate your continued support.

General Fund Contributors

We send fund raising appeals twice each year, one at the start of the summer, and this one at the end of the year. Many of you donate twice, and some even three times with your dues renewals. To each and every one of you, we offer our sincere and deepest thanks. Your donations, our publications sales program, and dues are our sole sources of revenue. No donation is too small and any amount you can spare is very helpful.

Enclosed with this appeal is a self-addressed envelope. If you prefer to donate online, you can make your donations by credit card or by PayPal on our website, thebsra.org. Contributions to the BSRA are eligible for
many employer matching gift programs. If your employer has such a program, please ask them if they match gifts to community historical organizations.

Again, all donations, regardless of size, are welcome and very much appreciated, and once again we thank you for your continued support and interest.

As 2015 approaches, The Officers and Board of Directors of the Boston Street Railway Association wish Association wish you all an outstanding Holiday Season and a great New Year!

Thank you all again!

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