

Donation and Gift Acceptance Policy

The Friends of the Burlington Northern Railroad (FOBNR) graciously accepts gifts and donations in all forms that will further the scope and mission of the organization. Donations and other forms of support will generally be accepted from individuals, partnerships, corporations, foundations, government agencies, or other entities.

Monetary Donations and Gifts

When considering whether to solicit or accept gifts, the FOBNR will consider the following factors:

- Whether the acceptance of the gift compromises any of the core values of the FOBNR.
- Whether there is compatibility between the intent of the donor and the organization's use of the gift.
- Whether acceptance of the gift damages the reputation of the FOBNR.
- Whether the primary benefit is to the FOBNR, versus the donor.
- Is acceptance of the gift consistent with prior practice?
- Is the gift offered in a form that the FOBNR can use without incurring substantial expense or difficulty?
- Will the gift encourage or discourage future gifts?

The decisions to solicit and/or accept potentially controversial gifts will be made by the FOBNR Board of Directors. The primary consideration will be the impact of the gift on the organization.

The acceptance of gifts and/or donations do not reflect FOBNR officers, board members and/or individual members' affiliation, alignment, position, viewpoints, or support of the donor. The FOBNR does not condone and will not accept any gift or donation which may result in real, or perceived, favoritism, bias, or reciprocation in any form.

As defined, donations and gifts are only accepted with the expectation that it is in the best interest of the charter of the organization. No other considerations will be evaluated.

Donations to the FOBNR Archives

"The FOBNR wishes to perpetuate the history of the Burlington Northern Railroad and its successors. We seek to collect and preserve any materials which help establish or illustrate the life, conditions, events, and activities of the railroad." In light of the above statement, the FOBNR will accept historical records, documents, books, photographs, slides, letters, and other



material in either printed or electronic formats. All items donated to our archives must be related to the Burlington Northern Railroad or its successors.

We do not seek collectibles or other items of railroadiana. Examples of such items not sought may include, but are not confined to, watches, apparel, pens, buttons, patches, china, key chains, etc. We also will not seek items of equipment from locomotives or rolling stock.

If items donated to our archives do not conform to our mission statement or are duplicates of items that we already own, the donor should expect that such items may be sold to the membership at the auction coinciding with our annual convention, or sold by other means, in order to raise funds for our publications or activities.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to ask what a donor wishes to give to our archives and, in their sole discretion, to accept or not accept items.

Contact Information

The Friends of the Burlington Northern Railroad welcomes questions or inquiries regarding this policy. Questions can be sent electronically to: contact@fobr.org, or by sending a letter to:

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