HERSHEY TRANSIT NO. 7



N0. 7 is being restored in her last and permanent home, the historic West Car Barn in Hershey, PA., and represents a tangible and important piece of Hershey's history.

RESTORATION CHRONOLOGY (in reverse order)

May 2014

Our wheels for Hershey Transit No. 7 arrived!

Your generous donations made it possible to kick start this campaign to purchase wheels for No. 7 and helped us complete the first phase of our project. Our next phase of restoration work has begun, and we greatly appreciate your continued support!

10am, Friday, May 9, 2014, Bill with Silk Road Transport pulled into the West Car Barn carrying our long-awaited trucks and motors for No. 7. The flatbed was backed into the Car Barn, the truck bed lowered, and the wheels were rolled off.

Fundraising for these trucks was completed last year and purchased from the Minnesota Streetcar Museum. We worked with the museum who coordinated the freight for our trucks and a pair of their trucks which were being worked on in Pennsylvania, saving both of our organizations significant freight dollars.

Thank you volunteers for coming out on Friday, Pete Davis and friend, Nelson Neff, and Bob Lawless.

Thank you everyone for your generous support, guidance, and vision. We have accomplished a significant step toward restoration of this streetcar and are one step closer to a complete restoration of No. 7 and seeing her operated once again.

2013

FOHT raised $25,000 for No. 7's wheels and motors! Thank you, friends, for your support!



2011

Help Trolley No. 7 get its wheels!

Our fund-raising efforts have begun. To purchase these trucks (wheels and motors); we needed to raise $25,000.

The trucks are a key element in the restoration and eventual operation of Hershey Transit Trolley No. 7, one of only two remaining from the era of street cars in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Currently housed in the former transit company car barn, No. 7 represents a tangible and important piece of Hershey's past.

One of three interurban cars built by the Cincinnati Car Company in 1913, No. 7 ran on the Hershey line between 1930 and 1946. Originally part of the Ephrata and Lebanon Street Railway Co., No. 7 was a full passenger car and one of the more ornate streetcars on the transit system.

It was a popular car used to transport patrons to the Hotel Hershey and Milton Hershey School's Senior Hall.





Press Release – August 2007

Friends of the Hershey Trolley acquired Hershey No. 7 trolley from Amy Dolbin in Enola, PA. No. 7 has been a residence for Amy and her family through the years since the 1940's after Hershey Transit ceased to exist. No. 7 will be returned to Hershey on Tuesday, Aug. 28th, where it is housed in the West Car Barn, along with No. 3, awaiting restoration.

No. 7 was built by the Cincinnati Car Co. in 1914 for the Ephrata & Lebanon Traction line and ran as No. 21 until 1931 when the line stopped operating. No. 21 was sold to Hershey Transit, along with No. 20 and No. 30, refurbished, and put into use as No's 4, 7, and 8 in 1934. The three Cincinnati cars ran on the Hershey Transit line until the end in 1946. These cars were slower, geared for mountainous terrain, which made them practical for climbing to Hotel Hershey.

Friends of the Hershey Trolley is a non-profit, run completely by volunteers, and is a committee of the Hershey History Center.