



**MINNESOTA STREETCAR MUSEUM**  
COMO-HARRIET STREETCAR LINE  
EXCELSIOR STREETCAR LINE

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## Long Range Plan

### GOALS

The Minnesota Streetcar Museum's operates the Como-Harriet Streetcar Line at Lake Harriet in Minneapolis and the Excelsior Streetcar Line at Lake Minnetonka. The goals of the Museum are:

1. Educate the citizens of the Twin Cities metropolitan area and the state of Minnesota, and museum members, volunteers and passengers about the history and historic significance of the electric street railway and public transit generally, and especially as they relate to Minnesota.
2. Preserve the methods and skills that were necessary to build and maintain electric street railways and public transit systems while authentically, economically, and safely interpreting, maintaining, operating and restoring the museum's streetcars and physical assets
3. Operate a historically correct, profitable, safe, well endowed, well maintained, and well run streetcar line at Lake Harriet in Minneapolis and at Excelsior on Lake Minnetonka.
4. Operate regularly scheduled, charter, special, and training streetcar operations at both operating sites.
5. Schedule special events on and off-site as appropriate to promote goodwill, membership, ridership, and volunteerism in the Linden Hills and Excelsior Communities and throughout the metropolitan area and the State.
6. Operate a variety of equipment, including but not limited to streetcars Winona No. 10, No. 78, No. 265, No. 322, No. 1239 and No. 1300.
7. Preserve and ultimately restore and operate a variety of equipment representing the broad spectrum of electric railway vehicles that operated in Minnesota for the Twin City Rapid Transit (TCRT) Company and other Minnesota electric interurban or street railway companies. These cars include, but are not limited to: interurban coach Mesaba Railway No. 10; streetcars Winona No. 10, Fargo & Moorhead St. Rwy. No. 28, and Duluth Street Railway No. 304.
8. Acquire, catalog, display, and properly store additional artifacts that assist the Division in developing and maintaining a collection that interprets and represents the broad spectrum of electric railway vehicles that operated in Minnesota for the Twin City Rapid Transit Company and other Minnesota electric traction operators.
9. Attract and maintain members and volunteers, including younger and more diverse persons, providing education, enjoyments, satisfaction and training.

## LONG RANGE PLANS

### 2007 Mechanical Department

- Perform maintenance on operating streetcars.
- Continue restoration of Winona No. 10.
- Continue restoration of TCRT No. 1300.

### Physical Plant Department

- Perform regular track and right-of-way inspection and maintenance.
- Continue with overhead wire inspection, repairs and improvements.
- Complete restoration of TCRT 1938 Ford line truck.

### Training and Safety Department

- Continue to develop, rewrite, and/or revise training programs based on training needs survey and training lessons learned.
- Continue to address issues found during safety inspections.

### 2008 Mechanical Department

- Perform maintenance on operating streetcars.
- Finish restoration of TCRT No. 1300.
- Finish restoration of Winona No. 10.

### Physical Plant Department

- Perform regular track and right-of-way inspection and maintenance.
- Continue with overhead wire inspection, repairs and improvements.

### Training and Safety Department

- Continue to develop, rewrite, and/or revise training programs based on training needs survey.
- Continue to address issues found during safety surveys.

### 2009 Mechanical Department

- Perform maintenance on operating streetcars.
- Begin restoration of Fargo & Moorhead Street Railway No. 28.

### Physical Plant Department

- Perform regular track and right-of-way inspection and maintenance.
- Continue with overhead wire inspection, repairs and improvements.

### Training and Safety Department

- Continue to rewrite and revise training programs based on training needs survey.
- Continue to address issues found during safety surveys.

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### 2010 Mechanical Department

- Continue restoration of streetcar Fargo & Moorhead St. Rwy. No. 28.
- Perform additional maintenance on operating streetcars

### Physical Plant Department

- Perform regular track and right-of-way inspection and maintenance.
- Continue with overhead wire inspection, repairs and improvements.

### Training and Safety Department

- Rewrite and revise training programs based on training needs survey and training lessons learned.
- Continue to address issues found the safety needs survey.

### 2011 Mechanical Department

- Continue restoration of Fargo & Moorhead St. Rwy. No. 28.
- Perform maintenance on operating streetcars.

### Physical Plant Department

- Perform regular track and right-of-way inspection and maintenance.
- Continue with overhead wire inspection, repairs and improvements.

### Training and Safety Department

- Continue to rewrite and revise training programs based on training needs survey and training lessons learned.
- Continue to address issues found during safety inspections.

### Operations

- Host annual meeting of the Association of Railway Museums.

### Other Long-Range Plans

(for which no definite funding or plans currently exist)

- Construct the “Lowry Meadow” picnic area in the general location of the present park Board archery range on the southeast corner of Lake Calhoun.
- Construct replica of circa 1914 “chalet style” depot at West 42d Street.
- Extend Como-Harriet Streetcar Line north to a new loop and terminal located at Lake Street or to the Uptown transit hub in cooperation with the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. Construct a turning loop, wye or turntable at West 42d Street in conjunction with this project.
- Improve the Linden Hills carbarn and shop by installing insulation, plumbing and fire suppression system and sheath the building with pressed brick siding.
- Install alarm and fire suppression system in the Excelsior carbarn.