

State of the Museum 2026



2025 Como-Harriet

- Depot platform concrete repaired
- Canopy constructed
- 1239 wheels, axles and gears received
- North end runoff completed
- New radios purchased
- 1300's air compressor, some siding replaced, roof painted
- TCRT No Trespassing sign restored
- Car barn computer replaced
- New depot and north platform signs
- Depot benches repaired and painted

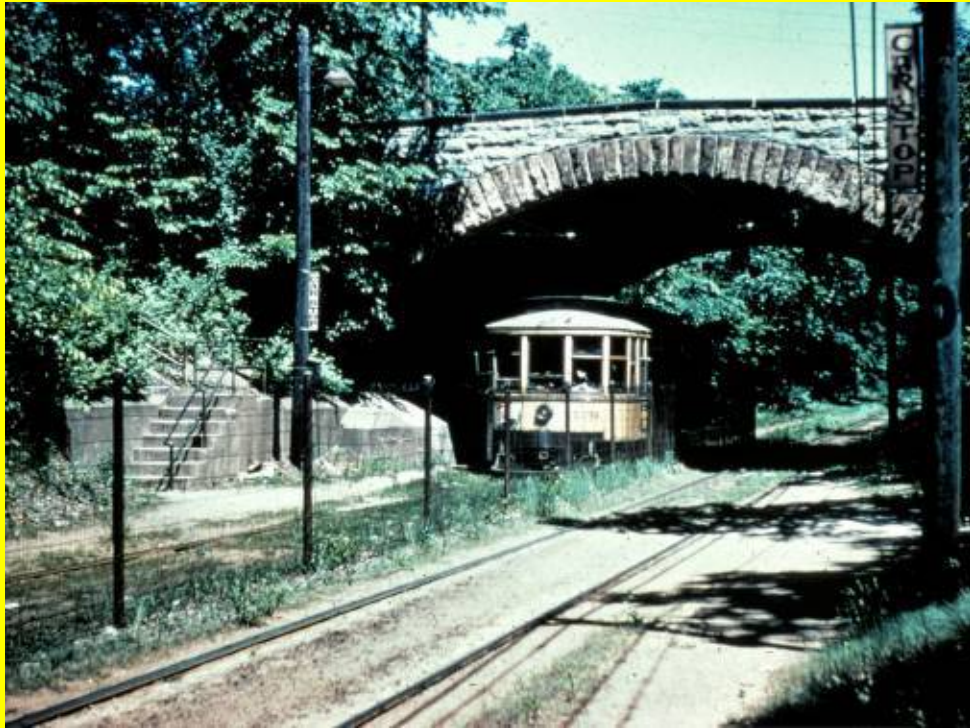












2025 Excelsior

- Electricity to Water Street ticket booth
- ESL car barn lighting replaced with LEDs
- Ties replaced and runoff constructed
- Car barn bathroom rebuilt
- Car barn pit covers and stairs built







2025 History Resources

- 171 new photos and artifacts catalogued into the database. Total now is 14,895
- Website history pages updated
- Streetcar history Zoom group started
- CHSL history signs replaced
- Dick Stoner streetcar models purchased
- Express boat Minnehaha model installed
- Stillwater Street Ry. history researched
- Motorette booklet published



Motorettes Minnesota's Streetcar Women



Personnel changes

- Special Events Coordinator: Pat Cosgrove to Katie Barron
- Facebook editor: Griffin Lawrence to Sarah Dibble
- CHSL Grounds Foreman: Jerry Betz to Tony Lebda
- Insurance Manager: Jim Vaitkunas to Tim Gephart
- Scott Benson to Streetcar Foreman
- Jerry Draeger to Assistant Chief Engineer
- Eric Werner to ESL Car Cleaning Foreman

In Memorium

Chris Hawyer

Art Abrahams

Ron Neitzel

LaVerne Leipold

Dave Ferch

Retiring operating volunteer

Greg Taylor

2026 coming attractions CHSL

- 1239's first truck completed
- Major carbarn cleanout
- Shop pit lengthened
- Drainage improvements at carbarn
- Roof leak repaired
- Roof gutter extended
- Front rock apron extended
- Carbarn doors repaired

New events: Military History Timeline and Trolley Path Tour

2026 coming attractions ESL

- Car barn roof replaced
- Car barn doors replaced
- Winona 10 enters service
- Mesaba 10 restoration begins
- First special event car barn docents