

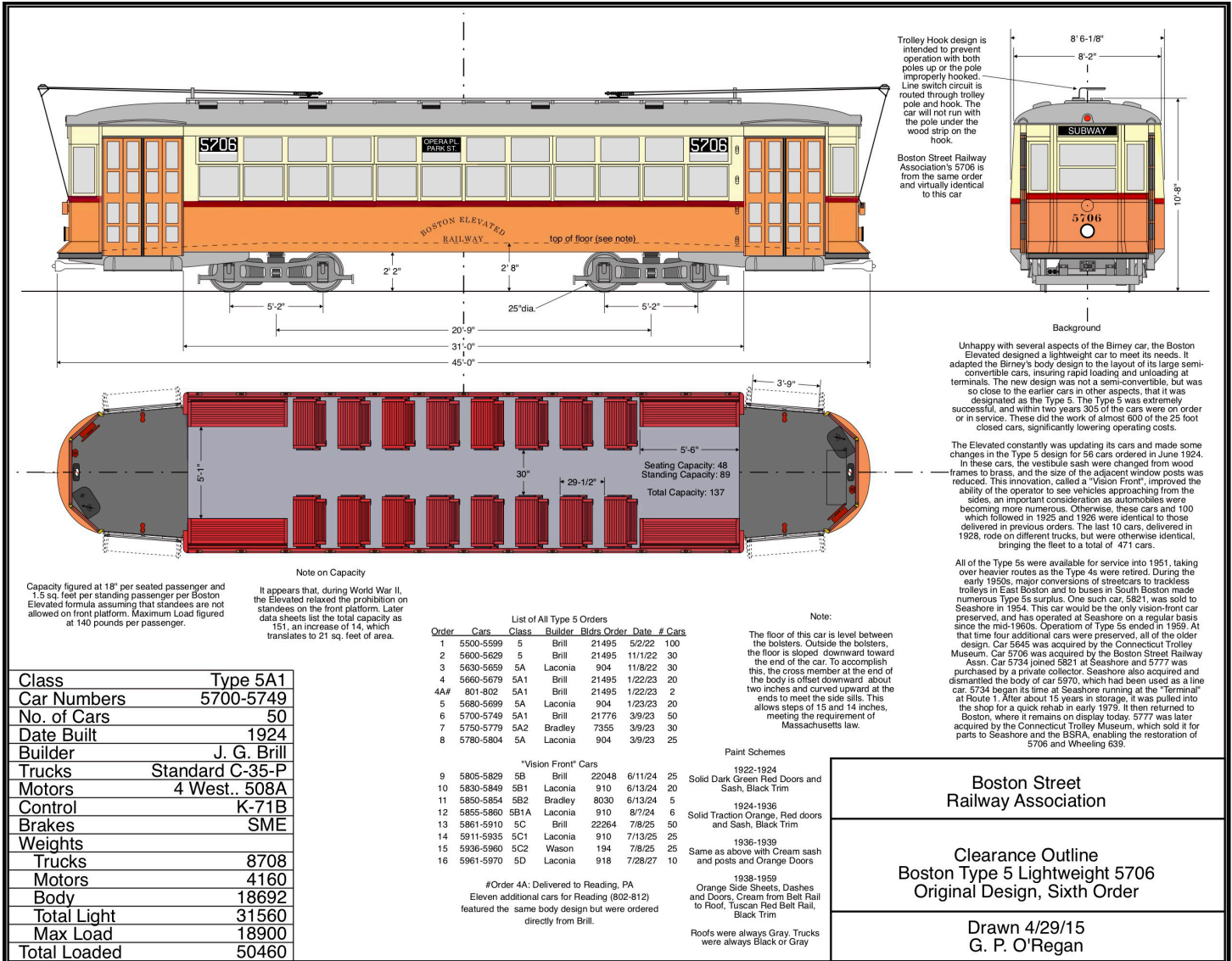
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2021 Holiday Annual Fund Drive for The 5706 Fund and The General Fund

Our fund-raising efforts this year have been very successful, thanks to your generosity and continuing interest in our projects and programs. The 5706 Fund has grown significantly despite our expenditure to move the car to Virginia and the purchase of safety glass for the twenty-four side windows and tempered glass for the end windows in the vestibules.



Our General Fund has also received your strong support, allowing us to handle our day to day expenditures comfortably. Thank you all very, very much.

Type Five 5706

The restoration of car No. 5706 will resume in short order with the completion of Keith Bray's shop building. The first thing we do will be to remove the white polyethylene boat wrap, which has served us well. New vestibule floors will come next, followed by roof work, including installation of the trolley boards, poles, and power wiring. We will continue with motor leads, interior wiring for headlights, interior lighting, roof monitor lights, control circuits, heating, and passenger stop buzzer buttons. We will also at this time install new air piping for braking, door, and step control.

Interior parts, which include seats, windows, and doors are on hand. These parts are either fully restored or new, and will follow for installation. Finally, interior work will include two urethane paint topcoats before the new window sash and new doors, both purchased earlier, are set in place.

Rebuilding the trucks will be the next task, including the installation of our rebuilt motors. Underbody piping and wiring, the brake rigging and brake cylinder, and our new air tanks, all of which are on hand, will follow. The remainder of the carbody will then receive at least two urethane paint topcoats. Operational testing will finalize the project.

We have raised \$440,376 as of November 30, 2021, for the 5706 restoration project. We are also waiting for the balance of a large bequest, which we have allocated to the 5706 Fund. Between October 1, 2020, and November 30, 2021, 295 cash donors have contributed \$30,624 to the 5706 Fund, 185 of whom gave more than once. In the following list, asterisks acknowledge donors who have contributed to this fund more than once during this time period. Your contributions will bring us closer to the day when the car will run on its own. Thank you all very much for your donations and continued support!

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Our wish list is long, and someday we hope to have a dedicated office space, where we can centralize our operations and bring together the large number of records and pieces of office equipment that we own, scattered in private homes around the Boston area. We need space for our library area to allow better access to our significant and important historical collection. If you know of affordable office space in metropolitan Boston, please keep us in mind. If you have office equipment that you think may be useful to us, please let us know. General Fund donations may eventually help us reach these goals, and others as well.

From October 1, 2020, to November 30, 2021, we received General Fund cash contributions totaling \$21,656 from 270 donors, 163 of whom gave more than once. In the following list, asterisks acknowledge donors who have contributed to this fund more than once during this time period. Thank you all very much!

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