

**TACOMA CHAPTER  
NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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Gentlemen:

Tacoma Chapter NRHS hereby invites the National Railway Historical Society to hold its 2011 National Convention in Tacoma, Washington. We currently suggest dates of June 20-26, 2011 and request approval of our proposal.

We have assembled a very capable and enthusiastic committee of qualified and experienced managers, who are each ready to proceed with Convention planning and execution. We are confident we can present an exciting program of events.

At least two suitable hotels in Tacoma have indicated sufficient rooms are presently available at potentially attractive rates. The Puget Sound area provides numerous railroad attractions, including busy main line freight and passenger operations, short lines and logging operations, new light-rail and streetcar operations, and several museums.

In addition, the area provides natural attractions such as Mount Rainier and Olympic National Parks, Mount St. Helens National Monument, and our large inland sea called Puget Sound.

We look forward to hosting the NRHS in Tacoma in 2011.



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## Tacoma Regional Convention + Visitor Bureau

August 7, 2009

National Railway Historical Society  
NRHS Board of Directors  
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Dear NRHS Board of Directors,

On behalf of the Tacoma community, I enthusiastically invite you to consider Tacoma, Washington for the 2011 NRHS Annual Convention. We look forward to welcoming the National Railway Historical Society to Tacoma and sharing the city we love with you and your fellow members.

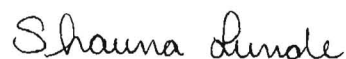
Tacoma is a vibrant city rich in art and nature. The city is large enough to have world-class attractions, restaurants, hotels and convention space, yet small enough to offer warm hospitality to its visitors. Located in the heart of Downtown Tacoma is our walkable Museum District featuring the Museum of Glass [where you can watch artists work with molten glass in the Hot Shop], the Tacoma Art Museum [featuring a permanent collection of Dale Chihuly's glass art] and the Washington State History Museum [with Native art and rotating exhibits].

Adding to the beauty and wonder of Tacoma is its close proximity to Mount Rainier and the Puget Sound waters. Visitors can take in the inspiring mountain views from the city or atop the majestic mountain itself. They can also enjoy a stroll along the waterfront to get in touch with Northwest nature.

Finally, access to Tacoma is convenient. We are served by 10 daily Amtrak trains, including the Coast Starlight, Amtrak Cascades service, and direct connections to the Empire Builder, plus Sounder commuter trains. Tacoma is directly served by Interstate 5, and Seattle/Tacoma International Airport is just 18 miles north. Visitors can comfortably get around town to explore the museums, theaters, restaurants and shops via the FREE Link Light Rail, running every 10-20 minutes.

Again, I am excited to invite the NRHS to Tacoma in 2011. If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at [shauna@traveltacoma.com](mailto:shauna@traveltacoma.com) or [253] 284-3270. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,



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