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To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Fort Pierce would like to express its continued support of the Steam Locomotive Association #253, Inc. and its museum.

The City is proud to have provided support since 2009 when the 1924 ALCO steam locomotive was brought back to her home rails in Fort Pierce. The Steam Locomotive Association's mission to preserve and restore this valuable historic legacy should emerge as a major tourist attraction and presents the opportunity for a significant impact on the economy of the area already rich in history.

The museum has the ability to create a living history center where our youth are exposed to the nostalgic days of steam transportation when steam railroads played a major role in the early development of Florida's growth and expansion.

We are pleased to recommend the restoration of Locomotive #253 to operating condition. The Association and its personnel have developed a sensible restoration plan for Locomotive #253 and bring years of experience and knowledge to this important project.

Please feel free to contact this office with any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

Linda Hudson
Mayor