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# LAKE SHORE RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## Norfolk Southern Railway Donates Erie-built General Electric Locomotive to Erie County Museum

North East, PA. May 15, 2013 —Norfolk Southern Railway has donated to Lake Shore Railway Historical Society of North East, PA, an Erie-built General Electric diesel-electric locomotive.

The locomotive, a “Dash 8-32B” model is a 1989 product of Erie’s General Electric Transportation locomotive assembly plant. It is the first “Dash-8” locomotive anywhere to be preserved at a museum. The 3,200 horsepower locomotive is one of just 49 ever built, of which 45 were purchased by Norfolk Southern. The locomotive, Norfolk Southern #3563, is currently in Roanoke, VA, and is being serviced and prepared for delivery. Delivery of the locomotive to the Lake Shore Railway Museum in North East is expected in June.

“We thank Norfolk Southern for the significant gift and for endorsing Lake Shore Railway Historical Society’s mission to preserve the transportation history of Erie’s General Electric” said Lake Shore Railway Historical Society President, Ray Grabowski, Jr. “This is the first GE Dash 8 locomotive to be preserved at a museum anywhere – most are still in regular railroad service. This gift is an honor and we are proud to be able to share it with our community and visiting guests from all of North America!”

The non-profit, all volunteer Lake Shore Railway Historical Society has operated the Lake Shore Railway Museum in North East, PA, since 1970. Four other historic General Electric locomotives now call the North East museum home. The museum is just 10 miles away from the Erie/Lawrence Park, PA, General Electric locomotive plant. A “recognition & homecoming ceremony” will occur at the Lake Shore Railway Museum when the locomotive arrives in North East.



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