

BRING THE TRAIN HOME UPDATE
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- Please go to wnctrain.com and vote!
- NC DOT conducted an extensive in-depth study in 2015 specifically about the reactivation of the train between Andrews and Murphy
- Total project cost estimated to be \$17.4 million in the year 2015
- The NC DOT Rail Director and the Assistant Director came to Murphy on August 22nd to discuss the train project. These officials agreed to review the 2015 Study and provide any updates
- The Great Smokey Mountain and Tweetsie Railroads are interested in providing train service
- The draft concept is to provide a tourism train between Murphy and Andrews
- There is an interest in the railroad being used for freight. A business case must be conducted to ensure the viability of freight service
- Ultimately our State's political leadership can approve a substantial amount of the funding required. It is expected that local government will have to fund a minimal amount (TBD) to fully fund the train
- The economic analysis in the 2015 DOT Study concluded the addition of nearly 1,900 jobs and \$60 million in additional wages providing a substantial boost to the economic vitality of Cherokee County
- Blue Ridge and Bryson City have obviously greatly benefited from the addition of tourism trains. The benefits continue today and are expected to continue for many years to come
- ***It is critical that you take an active role and make your voice heard on the RETURN OF THE TRAIN! Please contact NC House Representative Kevin Corbin, NC Senator Jim Davis and U.S.***

Congressman Mark Meadows. It will truly take ALL OF US to make the train a reality.