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MIDSTORY RECEIVES TOM E. DAILEY FOUNDATION GRANT TO BEGIN OHIO RAIL HISTORY MEDIA SERIES PRODUCTION

Midstory is pleased to announce the production of a multimedia series using history, current events and human narratives to explore Ohio's transportation ecosystem in a historically-grounded, locally-situated and nationally-relevant context.

TOLEDO, OHIO, (January 2, 2021) – Midstory has received a grant from the Tom E. Dailey Foundation to pursue a project designed to generate interest in rail and transportation history in Ohio. Drawing from Ohio's rich rail history, Midstory proposes a two-part series of short films and accompanying articles to convey and preserve meaning in a key factor in our culture and regional success: transportation. The project will focus on a specific topic, but is meant to be a gateway for a broader, younger audience to engage with issues surrounding transportation and rail.

This series will present a narrative of electric traction past and present in Ohio as a vehicle for understanding contemporary Ohio's transportation ecosystem. We hope to convey the importance of public transit in any city, but especially in post-industrial cities like Toledo or Cleveland. It also addresses broader questions exploring Ohio's transportation ecosystem today in a historically-grounded, locally-situated and nationally relevant context: given its extensive, expensive and conspicuous shortcomings, why is this how we move? Framed in terms of "how did we get here?" the series proceeds with a concise, engaging discussion of what used to be in Ohio and what may be someday.

The short video series is currently in production and is anticipated to be released in winter of 2021.

About Midstory: Midstory is a 501(c)(3) non-profit thinkhub that progresses the narrative of the Midwest by incubating bright, diverse and interdisciplinary thinkers to exchange ideas and envision the future of our region through multimedia storytelling and solutions-oriented research. As an educational media organization, we inform, interpret and inspire in and for the Midwest and believe that our region's challenges can be our greatest asset to drive renewed interest and human capital into post-industrial cities. Learn more at www.midstory.org.

About the Tom E. Dailey Foundation: The Tom E. Dailey Foundation Inc. was established through an endowment by Tom Dailey, a senior executive in the payments industry for over 30 years. It operates as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) Private Foundation under the Internal Revenue Code.

