



Patrick Corcoran works on the inside of the locomotive.

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A glimmer of light in the tunnel

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When the No. 21 Baldwin locomotive was purchased in 1991 and relocated to Astoria, John Niemann said the goal of the Astoria Railroad Preservation Association was to fix it up and get it back on the tracks. Niemann and a group of volunteers are closer to achieving that goal now that the locomotive has wheels again. And while the project is still a ways away from chugging along local railroad tracks, having a solid set of wheels underneath the massive machine is a step in the right direction.



John Niemann takes a break from working on the No. 21 Baldwin.



Robert Thompson works on the wheels of the No. 21 Baldwin locomotive.



With the locomotive in the background, Dave Hill prepares to machine a part.



LEFT: A photo of what the No. 21 Baldwin used to look like hangs in the shop.



RIGHT: Robert Thompson prepares the undercarriage, which will eventually be installed under the locomotive.