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MEDIA ADVISORY

Alderman Donovan will hold streetcar project news conference

Alderman Bob Donovan will hold a **news conference at 1:30 p.m. today** (May 15) to discuss the proposed downtown streetcar project. The news conference will take place in the third floor Council Chamber anteroom at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.

After receiving no response to an **April 19 letter** to the mayor urging a hold on the proposed downtown streetcar project because of uncertainty connected with the gubernatorial recall election, Alderman Donovan today sent a second letter (**attached**) to the mayor.

In today's letter, Alderman Donovan again urges the mayor to put the project on hold if he does not plan on subsidizing the project with state funds – should he become governor. He also again asks for a public referendum on the streetcar project, stating that he is convinced that 70% of city residents don't support the project.

But in today's letter Alderman Donovan also proposes a job creating option for the mayor to consider for the use of the \$65 million now targeted for the streetcar project. "I strongly urge you to consider using your influence in Washington, D.C. to allow us to use the \$65 million to rebuild our crumbling city streets. According to staff in the city's Legislative Reference Bureau, with \$65 million we could repave about 80 miles of local streets. That equates to approximately 1000 city blocks – about 65 per Aldermanic District," he states, adding that such a positive public project could create "up to 1000 jobs."

"We need those jobs, Mr. Mayor, and if you won't respond to me about this important public project, then I urge you to respond instead to the citizens of Milwaukee – they certainly deserve a response," the alderman said.

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