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MEDIA ADVISORY

News conference today to keep up streetcar hold pressure

Alderman Bob Donovan will hold a **news conference at 6:00 p.m. today (May 22)** to reiterate his request that the proposed downtown streetcar project be put on hold. The news conference will take place outside **McKiernan's Pub at S. 37th and W. Becher Streets**. The alderman will be joined by **dozens of citizens** who stand with him in opposition to the streetcar project.

Alderman Donovan said he has received no response to letters sent **April 19 and May 15** to the mayor urging a hold on the proposed downtown streetcar project because of uncertainty connected with the gubernatorial recall election. "I will not stop in my efforts to stop this boondoggle of a project that supporters are trying to ram down the throats of a large majority of Milwaukeeans," Alderman Donovan said. "Most city residents I'm in contact with think it's a huge waste and don't want anything to do with it."

"And anyone who thinks I'm going to quietly drop this thing is either delusional or hasn't been paying attention to my efforts," he said.

Alderman Donovan has urged 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 has also called repeatedly for a public referendum on the streetcar project, stating that he is convinced that 70% of city residents don't support the project.

Alderman Donovan has proposed using the \$65 million in federal money for the streetcar project to rebuild crumbling city streets – something he said that could potentially create up to 1000 jobs.

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