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March 5, 2013

Ald. Bob Donovan  
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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Alderman Donovan streetcar news conference will feature anti-rail expert

Cato Institute public policy analyst **Randal O'Toole** will join **Alderman Bob Donovan** at City Hall to offer his insight regarding the viability of Milwaukee's downtown streetcar project. They will appear together in a news conference at **11:00 a.m. Wednesday morning** in the third floor Council Chamber anteroom at City Hall.

Mr. O'Toole's analysis of similar projects in cities like Portland, Oregon debunks the myth that these types of projects fill a need or generate economic activity in the cities where they are built, and he is visiting Milwaukee for a speaking engagement at the Milwaukee Athletic Club Wednesday evening. Alderman Donovan is pleased that Mr. O'Toole is available to lend his expertise in an area of concern that could potentially cost Milwaukee taxpayers tens of millions of dollars.

"Rail supporters erroneously hold up cities like Portland as examples of successful rail projects," Alderman Donovan said. "I'm grateful there are numbers-crunchers like Randal O'Toole who aren't afraid to refute these misconceptions with hard facts."

**What:** Anti-rail expert debunks streetcar claims  
**When:** 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 6  
**Where:** Third floor Council Chamber anteroom  
City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.

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