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President Hines Welcomes Circus Parade Back to Milwaukee, Wants Public Transit to Return Too

Despite all the obstacles, Mayor Tom Barrett and County Executive Walker have demonstrated a willingness to collaborate. They made compromises. They found common ground. They identified stakeholders and got the right players to the table. After years of circling around the same arguments, Milwaukee's leadership stepped up in a significant way to deliver...

The Circus Parade.

The Circus Parade was always a tremendous event with a rich local tradition. I am glad it has returned for our citizens to enjoy. My children will have the opportunity to be a part of something special and unique to Milwaukee that I always enjoyed.

However, let us not forget that public transportation also once held a place of high esteem in Milwaukee. It too had a great legacy – a national reputation for excellence. Our once-proud Milwaukee County Transit System is now forced to cut routes right and left. The system is literally deteriorating before our eyes. The citizens who most rely on public transportation are the same ones who are being left out in the cold. More than \$91 million dollars of potential transportation funding has been squandered, largely because the Mayor and the County Executive have stubbornly refused to work together.

If Mayor Barrett and County Executive Walker think that the Circus Parade is important enough to team up to find a solution, then I know they can do the same thing for transportation. All over the region, employers are looking for people to hire, and too many individuals are searching for employment.

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Hines Statement/ADD ONE

We must work to connect our residents to those job opportunities that exist. Improving our public transportation is the answer. But we need leadership and a sense of urgency.

Mayor Barrett and County Executive Walker, thank you for restoring the Circus Parade to Milwaukee. Now, please collaborate on the big issues that face our city for the sake of your mutual constituents.