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MAYOR TOM BARRETT WELCOMES TALGO TO MILWAUKEE;

Partnership with Spanish High-Speed Train Manufacturer Will Bring Jobs and Economic Development to “Century City”

MILWAUKEE – This morning, Mayor Tom Barrett welcomed Talgo, the high-speed train manufacturer, to Milwaukee. The Spanish company is establishing its North American manufacturing facility in Milwaukee and will build high speed trains for Wisconsin and other states.

“Talgo’s investment in Milwaukee is an investment in our future,” Mayor Barrett said. “The company recognizes our strong workforce, our manufacturing tradition, and our commitment to work with Talgo as its business grows.”

In his remarks, Mayor Barrett said that the investment in high speed rail will have positive impacts on southeast Wisconsin’s freight rail industry and the Port of Milwaukee, giving our region a service advantage in a highly competitive and time sensitive industry.

“The investments being made in track upgrades, rail crossings and new freight right-of-ways will produce benefits for passenger and freight rail,” Barrett said.

Mayor Barrett expressed appreciation to Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle for his vision and his hard work to bring high-speed rail and Talgo to the state.

After considering proposals in various locations around Wisconsin, Talgo selected Milwaukee’s Century City site. The company will perform final manufacturing and assembly of high-speed trains in a completely refurbished building near the corner of Townsend and 28th Streets.

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“This type of partnership is exactly what we had in mind when we made the decision to purchase the Tower site,” Mayor Barrett said. “Today’s announcement is a beginning. It’s the first step in a multi-year project that will transform the collection of vacant buildings into a modern business park, meeting the manufacturing needs of 21st century businesses.”

Century City is the 84-acre city-owned business park that was once home to A.O. Smith and Tower Automotive manufacturing operations. Plans for the entire Century City site foresee up to 1,000 long-term jobs on the now vacant property. Talgo becomes the first business to locate within the city’s business park.

Mayor Barrett credited the combined efforts of his city development team, the regional Milwaukee 7 economic development effort, and the State of Wisconsin for successfully attracting Talgo to Milwaukee.

“Again, we have demonstrated that by working together, by using every appropriate economic development tool, and by selling Milwaukee’s strengths we can attract jobs to our community,” Mayor Barrett said. “I am confident our partnership with Talgo will produce benefits throughout the region.”