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## Surveillance Cameras Expanding To Stretches of W. Greenfield & W. Lincoln

*No Taxpayer Dollars Will be Used as Businesses Step Forward Again to Fund Exterior Video Cameras, Ald. Bob Donovan Says; News Conference Set For Thursday*

Exactly one year since crime deterring video surveillance cameras were installed along an 11-block stretch of W. National Ave., portions of W. Greenfield and W. Lincoln Aves. will also soon be monitored day and night by “eyes” in the sky.

According to Ald. Bob Donovan, the exterior video surveillance cameras will be mounted on private businesses on W. Greenfield between S. 21<sup>st</sup> and S. 27<sup>th</sup> (Layton Blvd.) and on W. Lincoln between S. 27<sup>th</sup> and S. 35<sup>th</sup> Streets. “This is a private venture that is very similar to the effort that brought surveillance cameras to National Avenue, where they’ve helped augment surveillance by Milwaukee police and where they’ve made a huge difference in terms of crime suppression,” Ald. Donovan said.

**A news conference launching the expansion of the cameras to W. Greenfield and W. Lincoln will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 24, 2007 at the corner of S. 22<sup>nd</sup> and W. Greenfield adjacent to Art Siemann Sign & Advertising.**

The expansion of the surveillance camera coverage to W. Greenfield and W. Lincoln was made possible by a generous donation from the Redmond Co., the alderman said.

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## **More Cameras Coming To Near South Side/ADD ONE**

A partnership with Badger Mutual Insurance and Roundy's brought the street-level surveillance cameras last year to W. National Ave. from S. Cesar Chavez Dr. (S. 16<sup>th</sup> St.) to S. 27<sup>th</sup> St. (Layton Blvd.). Those cameras – the first of their kind monitoring such a large area in the city – have acted as a strong deterrent against all types of crime, including theft, robbery, assault, drug activity, loitering, prostitution and vandalism, according to business owners along W. National and MPD officers who patrol the area daily, Ald. Donovan said.

“We've had known criminals tell our officers that they avoid frequenting National Avenue because they fear being watched by the video surveillance system,” Ald. Donovan said.

John Dobrzynski, loss prevention supervisor at Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center, worked on the camera initiative and other crime prevention issues with Ald. Donovan. He said the surveillance cameras offer an unobtrusive way to help law enforcement with crime prevention. “The cameras are a great tool for the Milwaukee Police Department to use in not only deterring crime but also identifying and apprehending suspects who are committing criminal acts,” Dobrzynski said.