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Alderman Bauman letter to Governor urges nighttime quiet on Hoan project

In his efforts to protect residents and businesses from the constant nighttime noise that accompanies ongoing work on the Hoan Bridge, Alderman Robert Bauman has sent a letter to Governor Scott Walker urging the Governor to intervene.

During a news conference at City Hall Friday morning, Alderman Bauman, chair of the Common Council's Public Works Committee, promised a multi-faceted plan to abate the noise that includes a letter to the Governor and possible legal action if the state Department of Transportation does not voluntarily comply with the city's noise ordinances. Alderman Bauman said neighbors have complained that noise-intensive concrete crushing activity has been occurring regularly in the heart of the city's historic Third Ward between 8:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. But when he approached DOT officials to get them to comply with local noise ordinances, they claimed to be exempt.

The response is "unacceptable," Alderman Bauman said in his letter to the Governor (enclosed below). "The noise is so bone-jarring and psychologically destructive that video footage taken by residents of their experiences sounds disturbingly similar to a shock-and-awe bombing campaign in the Iraq War."

The re-decking and reconstruction work on the Hoan Bridge is expected to last until late 2015. Alderman Bauman said he hopes for a quick response from the Governor.

[Click here to view Alderman Bauman's letter to Governor Walker.](#)

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