Third Ward shaking from disruptive after-hours Hoan Bridge work

News conference about the problem tomorrow at City Hall

Excessive and constant noise after hours from demolition crews working on the Hoan Bridge reconstruction project is robbing the sleep of Historic Third Ward residents who live just blocks away from the span, according to Alderman Robert J. Bauman.

Alderman Bauman, chair of the Common Council’s Public Works Committee, has scheduled a news conference about the issue at 10 a.m. tomorrow (Friday, February 7) in the first floor rotunda at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. Media coverage is invited.

Alderman Bauman said demolition crews are using large concrete-crushing, backhoe-mounted jackhammers and other heavy equipment on the bridge reportedly between the hours of 8 p.m. and 3 a.m., keeping nearby residents from getting quality sleep.

“The noise is bone-jarring and excessive, yet the (Wisconsin Department of Transportation) believes they are exempt from the city’s noise ordinance,” said Alderman Bauman, whose district includes the Historic Third Ward.

“Worse yet, residents and business owners are indicating that the demolition work is not happening during normal daytime business hours – it is taking place only at nighttime,” he said. “This is unacceptable to me and to the residents who live just blocks away from the bridge.”

The re-decking and reconstruction work on the Hoan Bridge is expected to last until late 2015.

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