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Regarding the Tuesday community meeting hosted by Alderman Stamper

Statement of Alderman Joe Davis, Sr. January 22, 2015

On Tuesday night, I was in attendance at the community meeting hosted by Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II on the downtown streetcar proposal, and Mayor Tom Barrett was also present. I attempted to ask Mayor Barrett if he could explain to the city residents in attendance why the streetcar funding, which was intended by Congress to finance transit projects that help Milwaukee's minority community get to employment opportunities, was now being diverted to downtown. He refused to answer, and Alderman Stamper ended the meeting.

The Mayor should answer this fundamental question, and the Mayor should also honor the original intent of the funding, since he served in Congress around the time it was originally supposed to be implemented. I appreciate my junior colleague on the Milwaukee Common Council, Alderman Stamper, for giving city residents a forum to discuss this very important matter. I look forward to continuing to work with him and my other colleagues on the Common Council to make the right decision for the taxpayers on this issue.

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