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Presidential visit to trigger downtown traffic gridlock and major parking restrictions at the expense of local taxpayers

Wednesday's overnight stay by President Trump at the Pfister Hotel will take place during one of the busiest nights of the year for downtown Milwaukee and the lakefront, and major traffic gridlock is expected, according to **Alderman Robert J. Bauman**.

The President's overnight stay – in conjunction with a fundraiser on Thursday (June 28) at the Pfister and a Foxconn groundbreaking event later that day in Racine County – will require street closures, entire square blocks cordoned off to traffic around the historic hotel and significant parking restrictions, Alderman Bauman said.

Tomorrow (Wednesday, June 27) is the first day of Summerfest and includes the Big Bang fireworks display tomorrow night. Thousands of spectators will be heading downtown and to the lakefront to view the fireworks.

“This visit is purely political, allowing the President to attend a fundraiser and then take part in a PR event for the future Foxconn operation in Racine County,” said Alderman Bauman, chair of the Public Works Committee. “This visit will cost city taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars in police and DPW overtime and operations and not one penny is reimbursed by the federal government.”

Alderman Bauman offers advice for anyone heading to Summerfest, downtown or to the Historic Third Ward tomorrow: “Take public transit, ride a bicycle or walk, since movement by motor vehicle will be severely limited,” he said.