

May 17, 2019

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c/o Jim Owczarski, City Clerk
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Sincerely,

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Mark F. Irgens
CEO/Manager

Edwards, Myra

From: Tabak, Jodie
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 10:46 AM
To: Edwards, Myra; Ashley Booth
Subject: Fwd: Streetcar letter

Categories: Red Category

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Peterson, Alexis" <Alexis.Peterson@milwaukee.gov>
Date: May 20, 2019 at 10:11:54 AM CDT
To: "Tabak, Jodie" <Jodie.Tabak@milwaukee.gov>, "Polenske, Jeffrey S." <jpolen@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: FW: Streetcar letter

Alexis Peterson | Special Assistant to the Mayor
Office of Mayor Tom Barrett
apeterson@milwaukee.gov

From: Jeff Sherman [<mailto:jeff@staff.onmilwaukee.com>]
Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2019 10:23 PM
To: Mayor Tom Barrett <mayor@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: Streetcar letter

Dear Common Council members,

Let's continue to build on the density, discovery, diversity and development that are truly driving success in Downtown Milwaukee.

As a passionate Milwaukee supporter, property owner and Westown Association board member, I urge you to support the expansion of the streetcar system, and embrace the urban plaza in the Westown neighborhood that is designed to provide important civic amenities, a boost to the Wisconsin Center and

needed transit connections in a portion of Downtown that is undergoing significant redevelopment.

Onward and upward. Let's build on Downtown's growth, and extend and grow The Hop! Thank you.

-Jeff Sherman

Jeff Sherman | Co-founder / President

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Daniel J. Jessup

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Patricia S. Algiers, ASID, CNU-A

President

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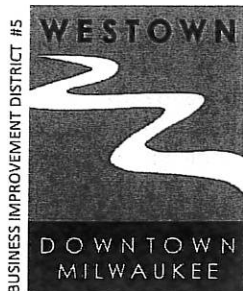
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Linda Gorens-Levey

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Stacie Callies
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Jim Plaisted, Executive Director
Historic Third Ward Association Inc.



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Brady Street BID#11

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I am writing in support of the next phase of growth for The Hop Streetcar, to extend it into the near neighborhoods of downtown Milwaukee. With the investment complete for the hub of the system, it is appropriate to begin creating the spokes that will serve neighborhoods and enhance the economic vitality of the City at large.

It is particularly appropriate that the first extensions of The Hop set the stage for expansion into the Bronzeville and Walker's Point neighborhoods. Extension into these neighborhoods provides streetcar service to areas where concentrations of poverty and unemployment exist, connecting our residents most in need with our greatest concentration of employment. Providing transportation alternatives that negate the need to own a car save household thousands of dollars for other costs that improve residents' overall quality of life. As is already occurring downtown, the extensions will serve to encourage compact, transit-oriented development that has proven to be more resilient and sustainable in urban neighborhoods.

Having been personally involved in the efforts to revitalize West Wisconsin Avenue for the past five years, I can foresee the impact the extension of The Hop will have as it grows to the north of the Intermodal Station. It is important to position our efforts for future funding and to complete an initial extension for the July 2020 DNC convention, which will earn Milwaukee global exposure.

This is our moment, let's not lose it. Let's propel Milwaukee into its brightest future with smart growth initiatives that set the stage for opportunity for those most in need. I respectfully ask for your support of this next phase of our streetcar system. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Monnat

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Partner | Chief Operating Officer



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May 21, 2019

Mayor Barrett
Members of the Common Council
c/o Jim Owczarski, City Clerk
City Hall
200 E. Wells St.
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Dear Mayor Barrett:

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Thomas R. Irgens
Vice President

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Our firm JLL, manages the 310W building located at the corner of 4th street and Wisconsin Avenue. The investors who purchased the building in late 2017 are committing over 17 million dollars to upgrade the building. Currently occupancy is at about 35%. Extending the Hop along 4th street will greatly help attract new tenants to the building and complement the investment by the 310W building owners.

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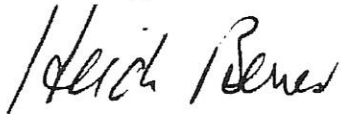
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Heidi L. Berres, RPA CPM®
Vice President, Group Manager
JLL



HISTORIC BREWERS HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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The Historic Brewers Hill Association (HBHA) Board of Directors has reviewed the proposed plan to extend The Hop Streetcar to Wisconsin Avenue and the Bronzeville and Walker's Point neighborhoods. We unanimously support the Hop Streetcar and the proposed extensions beyond downtown – especially as the proposed extension to the north is located along King Drive, the west edge of the Historic Brewers Hill neighborhood.

As you may know, Milwaukee's Historic Brewers Hill is a socially, racially, economically, and culturally diverse neighborhood just north of downtown Milwaukee. The neighborhood is bounded by Holton to the east, Pleasant to the south, King Drive to the west, and North Avenue to the north. Our neighborhood is one of two primarily residential areas from the City of Milwaukee's original settlement period in the mid-1800s and today is an urban, residential neighborhood comprised of over 900 household units. HBHA is a voluntary association, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit that was established over 30 years ago. We are a member and volunteer-driven organization, comprised of anyone who is committed to our goals as stated in our bylaws.

Since the beginning of the streetcar discussion, the City has always committed to extending the streetcar outside of downtown and we believe this plan is the next step in fulfilling that promise. In 2015, the HBHA Board of Directors unanimously supported the initial starter route knowing the full potential of a streetcar system to connect the near north side with downtown and beyond.

Additionally, this extension will pave the way for a more equitable and inclusive Milwaukee, resulting in new development opportunities and connecting people to jobs downtown and helping existing minority owned businesses on King Drive to further flourish.

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In closing, we ask that you support the plan for extension of the streetcar as the Hop is a catalyst to invigorate transit use in the city and a catalyst to increased economic activity, job creation, growth, and neighborhood connectivity. The time to act is now!

Sincere Regards,

Historic Brewers Hill Association Board of Directors

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P.O. Box 12270
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President, Downtown Neighbors Association
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For example, the Wisconsin Avenue extension will provide a destination-driven end-point for the M-Line, connecting the city's major attractions with the greater downtown district. Approving these funds now so this extension can be in place by the Democratic National Convention (DNC) will put our best foot forward as we welcome the country to Milwaukee in July 2020. This extension is the first leg to the additional, proposed extensions into Bronzeville and Walker's Point.


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Kristi Luzar
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ABOUT UEDA

The Urban Economic Development Association of Wisconsin (UEDA) is a 501(c)(3) membership association dedicated to facilitating effective, cross-sector collaboration, meaningful connections, and strengthening individual and organizational capacity in Wisconsin's community and economic development sector. Our vision is that the members and communities we serve are inspired and thriving, with equitable access to investment and opportunity. Learn more at www.uedawi.org.



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A comprehensive mass transit system is a critical component to successfully integrating our residential neighborhoods and the concentrations of jobs in the City. Ability to get to and from work and to and from other services is a key element of independence, and investment should be made to allow someone to do so without the having to spend their hard-earned money owning their own car to do so.

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Tracy Reichert
Community Manager
The Buckler Apartments
401 W. Michigan St.
Milwaukee, WI 53203



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R2 Companies is a real estate investment and development firm that owns, operates, and repositions commercial properties across the Midwest. R2 currently owns approximately 1.4M square feet of commercial property in downtown Milwaukee, including The Tannery in Walker's Point (5 building assemblage), the ASQ Center in Westown, and the Post Office building on St. Paul Avenue (immediately adjacent to the Hop).

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As a national real estate investor and developer focused on emerging neighborhoods, we believe access to affordable and efficient public transit is a huge opportunity to accelerate growth, density and investment. We have seen the success of the light-rail system in Minneapolis first-hand, and urge the City of Milwaukee to continue their investment in the Hop to bolster growth in downtown.

Sincerely,



Zachary Cupkovic
Partner
R2 Companies



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To provide a brief background on our organization, Milwaukee Downtown, BID #21 was established in 1998 to support the interests of the downtown Milwaukee business community. Milwaukee Downtown funds specific initiatives aimed at creating a clean, safe, friendly, and economically viable downtown for all to enjoy. The organization manages 150 blocks representing approximately 500 commercial property owners, including much of the area that the next Hop extension would transverse.

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In alignment with Milwaukee Downtown's adopted strategic plan, we ask that you support the plan for the extension of the streetcar. The Hop streetcar is a catalyst to invigorate transit use in the city and a catalyst to increased economic activity, job creation, and growth.

Sincerely,

Beth Weirick
CEO

Milwaukee Downtown,
Business Improvement District #21

Edwards, Myra

From: Polenske, Jeffrey S.
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 8:16 AM
To: Edwards, Myra; Ashley Booth
Subject: FW: Support the Hop Streetcar

Jeffrey S. Polenske, PE | Commissioner of Public Works | City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works
841 North Broadway, Room 501 | Milwaukee, WI 53202 | (414)286-3301 | jpolen@milwaukee.gov

From: Peterson, Alexis
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 4:39 PM
To: Tabak, Jodie; Polenske, Jeffrey S.
Subject: FW: Support the Hop Streetcar

Alexis Peterson | Special Assistant to the Mayor
Office of Mayor Tom Barrett
apeterson@milwaukee.gov

From: Scott Welsh [<mailto:scott.welsh@colliers.com>]
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 12:54 PM
To: Mayor Tom Barrett <mayor@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: Support the Hop Streetcar

Mayor Barrett
Members of the Common Council
c/o Jim Owczarski, City Clerk
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200 E. Wells St.
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As a local Commercial Real Estate professional, I believe it is our duty to provide a thorough diverse transportation system in Milwaukee. Even as Lyft, Uber the Bird and other forms of transportation are being offered throughout Milwaukee, the state and the world, It's important to connect places with people everywhere. I believe the current streetcar route is just the foundation to a longterm answer to providing "everyone" a easy, safe and economical way to maximize each and everyone living in the greater Milwaukee area to be productive citizens.

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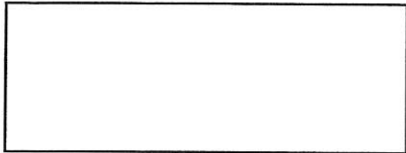
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Edwards, Myra

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Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 9:26 AM
To: Edwards, Myra; Ashley Booth
Subject: FW: Support the Hop

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To: Tabak, Jodie <Jodie.Tabak@milwaukee.gov>; Polenske, Jeffrey S. <jpolen@milwaukee.gov>
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As a local Real Estate Professional, I have been very active and supportive of the Hop Streetcar. With all the great things that have happened to the City of Milwaukee over the past 5 years, I believe even greater success is on the horizon! I know we have many doubters that cast doubt on the success of the Hop. This comes at a time when Uber, Lyft and the bird offer new forms of transportation. However, many of the people that don't believe in the streetcar don't have a vision for the city. We are moving forward and need to connect each and everyone within the city to opportunity and prosperity. I believe the current basic route of the streetcar is the foundation to greater prosperity for everyone. However, its just the foundation. The

step is the critical step, connecting the neighboring communities! After reviewing the current expansion and the Wisconsin Avenue extension I had the "Eureka" moment that this will create a new "front door" for downtown and Westown.

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From: [Bauman, Robert](#)
To: [Amelia Niesen](#)
Cc: [Lemmer, Jodi](#); [Lee, Chris](#)
Subject: Re: Dear Alderman Bauman
Date: Sunday, July 14, 2019 7:55:56 AM

Thanks for your comments and support of the Hop. The files should come up on July 23 and come before the full council on July 30.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 13, 2019, at 10:05 AM, Amelia Niesen <amyniesen@icloud.com> wrote:
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> I'm writing in support of the Hop. The DNC is expecting to ride the Hop. I'm excited to ride the Hop toward Bronzeville.
>
> I live near Cathedral Square and a frequent rider. I love the social mixing on the Hop. I favor a slight rise in tax if funding has to be subsidized that way to keep free. Better yet, charge the Couture developer for all of the delays...if ever to happen.
>
> Please do not hold The Hop hostage for late planning to walkers point.
>
> Thank you
> Amy Niesen 545 E Wells st unit 700
> Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bauman, Robert](#)
To: [Brendan Lenzner](#)
Cc: [Lemmer, Jodi](#); [Lee, Chris](#); [Hamilton, Ashanti](#); [Perez, Jose](#)
Subject: Re: The Hop Streetcar
Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:38:29 PM

Thank you for your comment. We will enter into the record. I appreciate your observations.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 16, 2019, at 10:33 PM, Brendan Lenzner <blenzner2614@icloud.com> wrote:
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> Hello,
>
> I currently live your district and I wanted to let you know how I feel that The Hop is actually very valuable and expansion should be considered, especially upwards towards Fiserv Forum. I find it useful to get from one side of downtown to the other. The bus system is okay, but The Hop provides a much better experience and is quicker since it doesn't have as many stops as a bus. I just wanted to voice my opinion since I know the city has been trying to pass funding for an extension to Wisconsin Ave. I just think the city shouldn't let any opportunities go to waste and shouldn't delay the decision too long.
>
> Thank you,
> Brendan Lenzner
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July 3, 2019

Mr. Robert Bauman
District 4 Alderman
City of Milwaukee – City Hall
200 E. Wells Street
Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Alderman Bauman:

On behalf of Hempel Companies, this letter reflects our full and continued support of the city's investment in the expansion of The Hop Streetcar system in Milwaukee. The streetcar while still in its infancy, already serves the public well and is beginning to add value to nearby business and properties (many of which our company and/or affiliates have a stake or interest in), as well as to the City of Milwaukee as a whole.

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Best regards,

Joshua D. Krsnak
President & Chief Manager



July 3, 2019

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District 4 Alderman
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Tony Janowiec
President & Chief Manager

From: [Bauman, Robert](#)
To: [Lee, Chris](#)
Subject: FW: Streetcar extensions
Date: Thursday, July 18, 2019 9:26:01 AM

[For streetcar files.](#)

From: MHatch@foley.com [mailto:MHatch@foley.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2019 9:12 AM
To: Rainey, Khalif
Cc: Hamilton, Ashanti; Bauman, Robert
Subject: Streetcar extensions

Dear Alderman Rainey,

I live in Downtown MKE and have worked here for over 45 years.

I welcome the renaissance we're experiencing in Downtown and am anxious for it to be extended into our neighborhoods. I think that a key to that happening is the extension of our streetcar system, and I look forward to its extension to Bronzeville and Walker's Point and the creation of Vel R. Phillips Plaza.

To enable that to happen, I encourage you to schedule these items for your July 23rd ZND meeting.

Many thanks,

Michael Hatch
825 N Prospect Ave

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May 23, 2019

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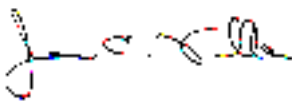
NAIOP Wisconsin wishes to express support for extending The Hop to Wisconsin Avenue and the Bronzeville and Walker's Point neighborhoods.

Extension into these neighborhoods will better connect underserved populations to new downtown job opportunities, assist in further promoting and supporting local neighborhood economic development, and will physically strengthen the connectivity between downtown and neighborhoods to the north and south. Moving forward with the extensions in advance of the DNC Convention in 2020 also provides an important tool to be able to showcase the entire City to our guests.

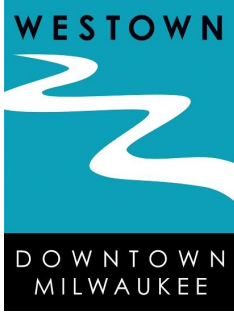
The members of NAIOP Wisconsin, the Commercial Development Association, believe that the Hop has the potential to continue to spur economic and real estate development and serve as an important amenity to residents and workers throughout the City.

On behalf of the members of NAIOP Wisconsin, thank you in advance for your work in extending the Hop to include the Bronzeville and Walker's Point neighborhoods, as well as to Fiserv Forum.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Villa".

James Villa, CAE
CEO



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July 16, 2019

To: Mayor Tom Barrett
President Ashanti Hamilton and Members of the Common Council
Rocky Marcoux
Dan Casanova

Subject: Grand Compromise Solution for Streetcar Needed

Dear Mayor Barrett, Common Council Members, Rocky and Dan:

We, as members of the Westown Board and on behalf of our member businesses and residents, share all of your interest and concern regarding the Milwaukee Streetcar. We see it as an exceptionally powerful economic catalyst/connector for Downtown and the surrounding neighborhoods, and indeed, in its initial run that potential is born out. With your help, Westown has worked hard to spread the word and build support in order to make the Milwaukee Streetcar a reality. Now we stand together with an incredible opportunity to multiply the economic effects of the Streetcar for Downtown, near Downtown neighborhoods, the City as a whole and the Metro Milwaukee region. Yet, surprisingly, we seem to be at an impasse.

Please know the Westown Association has supported and continues to support the following:

- The Milwaukee Streetcar Concept and Streetcar Network Vision
- The extension of the original planned route on Vel R. Phillips Avenue to Wisconsin Avenue
- The construction of the Vel R. Phillips Plaza at West Wisconsin Avenue and Vel R. Phillips Avenue
- The northern extension past the Fiserv Forum and along Martin Luther King Drive to North Avenue
- The southern extension connecting through 1st and Pittsburgh and extending through Walker's Point to National Avenue
- An alternative route study for the southern route to include analysis of cost (engineering, construction, etc.), funding and economic development impact
- Appropriate engineering for the northern and southern routes with southern route engineering planned, but further defined through the above-mentioned alternative route study
- The best and most expeditious build schedule so that the "Milwaukee Streetcar Network's" multiplicative economic effects can work for all of Milwaukee and can spur even greater economic development.

We urge you to find a way to come together, make compromises when needed and move the Milwaukee Streetcar forward. Now is the time. Milwaukee with all of us together is the place.

Sincerely,

John Hennessy,
Westown CED Committee Chair

Stacie Callies,
Executive Director