



# *Milwaukee County*

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## **PREMATURE DECISIONS ON FUTURE OF O'DONNELL PARK**

*More information needed before making long-term decision on O'Donnell parking garage*

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb is encouraging everyone to slow down and get more information before staking out firm positions regarding the future of the O'Donnell Park parking garage.

“It’s premature to jump to any conclusions so early in this process. A number of questions must be answered before anyone can make an informed decision,” Supervisor Lipscomb said. “Waiting for more information doesn’t preclude any of the options, but hasty action may lead to the wrong decision. It is our job to take the time necessary to make the best long-term decision for Milwaukee County.”

Supervisor Lipscomb indicated he needs a detailed cost/benefit analysis of the options. Some questions that need answers before proceeding:

- What is the real life expectancy of O'Donnell Park if the façade panels are removed and the suggested repairs are made?
- How will the building perform during that period of time?
- What are the prospects for rethinking the current site today?
- What is the potential for redeveloping that site ten years from now?

The final statement from Inspec Inc.’s engineering report on O'Donnell recommends, “The County may want to further compare a detailed cost/benefit analysis of these #1, #6 and #7 Options prior to any final decision on remediation strategy being made.”

Supervisor Lipscomb added, “The Walker Administration assures me that staff is working on a more detailed cost-benefit analysis; they need to finish this critical task before anyone, including the County Executive, hastily forms a final opinion.”

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