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SUPERVISOR TAYLOR ASKS FOR DELAY ON MILWAUKEE STREETCAR VOTE **Says More Time Needed for Analysis of Effects on MCTS**

Earlier today Supervisor Steve F. Taylor sent a letter to Milwaukee Common Council President Murphy asking for a delay on the streetcar vote.

"I am respectfully asking members of the Milwaukee Common Council to delay their vote on the streetcar in order for Milwaukee County Transit Services (MCTS) to have time to do an analysis on the negative affects the streetcar will have on our transit services," the letter said.

"The City of Milwaukee is projecting 1,840 daily riders (670,000 annually) and those riders must be coming from somewhere, which likely means a loss in ridership to MCTS. Milwaukee County needs to determine how we are going deal with this loss in ridership. Are we going to raise fares or cut routes in order to make up for the loss in revenue?"

"Some Milwaukee Aldermen should be concerned because their district does not benefit, yet many of their constituents may suffer the consequences of their vote. Many in the minority community rely on MCTS as their mode of transportation and some may not be able to afford an increase in fares. On the other hand it would be totally inappropriate for the taxpayers of Milwaukee County outside of the City of Milwaukee to have to pay for any losses MCTS has due to the streetcar."

<http://media.jrn.com/documents/streetcarcosts.pdf>

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