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President Hamilton and ZND Members,

Good afternoon, I'm following up on some of the questions that have come up regarding the timing constraints on the streetcar extensions. There are serious timing constraints on both portions of the project: (1) Construction to Wisconsin Ave with Vel R. Phillips Plaza and (2) Construction of Extensions to Bronzeville and Walker's Point. Those real constraints are outlined below.

### **1. Construction to Wisconsin Avenue and Construction of Vel R. Phillips Plaza**

Our stated goal was to have both this extension and plaza completed by July 2020 in time for the DNC. **At this point, even with an approval at the July 9th Common Council meeting, we can no longer guarantee that these items will be done by July 2020.** That would leave only 11 months to release funds, finish design, procure materials, move utilities, finish construction and do testing. The reasons for the time constraints are as follows:

- Notice to parking tenant: We have to give the tenant of the parking lot at 401 West Wisconsin Avenue 90-day notice before we can cancel or amend their lease. We had planned to send that notice after the May 29th Common Council meeting to allow construction of the streetcar and plaza to begin there by Sept 1. If the notice is sent after the July 9th Common Council meeting, construction there cannot start until October 9th, significantly cutting into the fall construction season.
- Funds needed to order materials: If the Common Council approves funding on July 9th, the earliest that funds will be released and made available for ordering materials is late July. There are several key items with long lead times, such as pre-curved track and track turnouts, whose schedule we do not control.
- Funds needed to enter into contracts: If the Common Council approves funding on July 9th, the earliest that funds will be released and made available to enter into contracts is late July. That means that none of the utility work can begin until August/September and that actual streetcar construction may not be able to begin until 2020. Many of these are private utilities whose schedules we do not control. Those utility contracts include:
  - City Underground Conduit, Lighting and Signals
  - City Water
  - We Energies Electric
  - We Energies Gas
  - We Energies Steam
  - Numerous private telecoms and ATC

### **2. Construction of Extensions to Bronzeville and Walker's Point**

In the TID files before the Common Council, we requested funds to do all of the planning and engineering work ("Project Development") on the Bronzeville and Walker's Point extensions so that we could be in position to come back in 2020 to request the capital funds to construct those extensions. Our proposed timeline is:

- Summer of 2019: Project Development funding approved
- Fall of 2019: Begin Project Development
- Summer of 2020: Approval local match for construction
- Fall of 2020: Submit application for federal funds
- 2022: Receive federal funding approval and begin construction
- 2024: Open the route for passenger service

This timeline puts us in position to request the apr. \$80m in federal funds needed to construct those extensions in 2020. To secure those federal funds, we need to provide our local match through existing TIDs along the route. In particular, TID 41 (Time Warner) and TID 48 (Park East) are our two best options to provide the local match for the Bronzeville Extension. *TID 41 cannot expend funds past 2022 and TID 48 cannot expend funds past 2024.* **If the Common Council does not move forward with the proposed TID files this year, those TIDs will likely expire before they can be used to construct the extensions. Without those TIDs, we will lose our path to fund the local match for construction of the Bronzeville Extension indefinitely.**

I hope this helps clarify the timing constraints related to both portions of the project. Lori Lutzka and I are available for any questions regarding this matter. We are respectfully asking to have the files heard at the July 2nd ZND meeting so that the projects can be funded in a timely manner and we can ensure that we maximize the incremental revenue from the TIDs.

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