

Dear Councilmembers,

Please do not use more of our tax dollars to study a streetcar for West 7th Street. My family and I live off West 7th and do not understand why we need another form of public transportation. The bus system on West 7th is perfectly acceptable and efficient to use already, which we do on a regular basis.

A streetcar on West 7th will not bring in more people to St. Paul - retail and better restaurants will. Downtown St. Paul remains a ghost town at night and on weekends when there isn't some kind of festival happening. I would hope you can spend your time, energy and our resources bringing in more tax producing properties, given that our property taxes have grown by 20%+ each year for the last few years with very little to show for it, versus wasting money on a study that has little to no value for the city.

You should also be aware that the early evening and weekend traffic on West 7th caused by Cossetta's parking, or lack thereof it, requires attention. It is difficult to believe that no one anticipated the gridlock that now occurs on a daily basis at West 7th and Chestnut. and planned for it accordingly. That will only get worse with the development slated for across the street.

Thank you for your consideration.

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