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Dear Michelle,

Thanks for taking time to talk with me yesterday. I appreciated our conversation.

I'm putting in writing my deep opposition to installing streetcars in St. Paul.

I can see no reason to undertake this expense and to once again load on to the taxpayers yet another project.

From what I have read, streetcars would be very disruptive to the avenues for which they have been proposed. Now we are spending many thousands of dollars to "study" this idea - another expense to us taxpayers.

My plea to the planners is to put the brakes on any more spending. I do not see how we can afford this.

I'm also very concerned about maintaining St. Paul's strong neighborhoods - how about maintaining our streets, keeping our libraries and rec centers strong and, especially, putting a lid on our property taxes?

I agree that we need a good public transit system but the streetcars seem to me to be redundant.

I will be following this issue and hoping that the City Council and Planning Commission will vote down the streetcars.

For the record I have also left phone messages about this with the Mayor's office and with my City Councilman, Chris Tolbert.

Thanks,

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