I cant think of a bigger waste of money for MN taxpayers(next to the Green Line) than the possibility of adding Trolleys to West 7th Street. An intriguing article by Joe Soucheray in the Pioneer Press shows that politicians may favor wasting $240+ million on a(another) frivolous train project instead of using the money for legitimate needs in the city of St. Paul(also my city, I live in Ward 7). The blatant lack of attention to Road Maintenance in St. Paul borders on criminal use of public funds. Before one cent is spent on a wasteful project like this, please take the other counsel members on a little ride on Johnson Parkway, or White Bear Avenue, and I dare you to tell me that either road is one that would make the city of St Paul proud.

I know a vote is coming soon on this, and I hope you vote to improve existing infrastructure first, before WASTING taxpayer dollars on something that benefits few, while becoming a financial burden for so many.

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Council Members:

A streetcar study for West 7th Street is an absolute waste of our tax dollars. The bus system on West 7th is perfectly acceptable and efficient mode of transport.

A streetcar on West 7th will not bring in more people to St. Paul - retail and better restaurants will. Downtown St. Paul feels like a ghost town at night and on weekends when there isn't a special event. We need more tax producing properties to alleviate the heavy tax burden placed on home owners.

Another concern is the early evening and weekend traffic on West 7th caused by Cossetta's parking situation. 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. This will only get worse with the development slated for across the street. And streetcars certainly will compound the situation.

I urge you to carefully consider all the negative aspects of this streetcar plan and reject spending the money to study it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Marilyn Natz