



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

— *Lee Holloway* —

Chairman of the Board

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**HOLLOWAY CALLS ON MAYOR TO
PROTECT INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CITY RESIDENTS**

Thanks Walker, Becker for support of existing mass transit

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway released the following statement in response to recent public comments in reference to mass transit:

“I’m pleased Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker recognizes the importance of preserving our mass transit system in Milwaukee County. I also thank Racine Mayor Gary Becker for his support of local mass transit systems.”

“Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, however, is not showing leadership in the City of Milwaukee. His recent talk of streetcars and commuter rail could damage funding for our existing rubber-tire mass transit system. I am not opposed to these projects *as long as they include dedicated funding for our bus service*. They are all inter-related. Mayor Barrett needs to include mass transit in the discussion of these supplemental transportation methods. Milwaukee County’s existing transit buses are the main infrastructure used by a wide variety of residents in the City of Milwaukee and surrounding suburbs.”

“Once again, I’m pleased with the support we’re getting from County Executive Walker and Mayor Becker. I hope we can make progress in identifying a dedicated funding source to take transit off the property tax rolls. By continuing to ignore the fiscal challenges facing mass transit funding in Milwaukee County, Mayor Barrett is ignoring the chance to protect a vital service used extensively by his constituents. He needs to understand a thriving mass transit system is necessary for any of these other proposals to succeed. And it is necessary for our community as a whole.”

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