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City Hosts Streetcar Information Open Houses

Cincinnati, OH ---The City of Cincinnati is hosting a series of 10 open houses throughout the city to provide information on the proposed modern streetcar system. City staff will be on hand to answer questions from the public and present information about topics such as what the modern streetcars look like, the economic benefits, the costs, how they operate, and the route.

Additionally, the public will be asked to provide comments on the system and particularly the “connector route” to Uptown. This is the path the streetcar will take from its downtown route to Uptown, which includes the area around the University of Cincinnati, the hospitals, and the zoo. These are the city’s two largest employment centers with about 130,000 workers everyday. The proposed system does not currently include a route that circulates through the streets in Uptown.

“We have found that once people see for themselves what is being proposed and how it will take this city from good to great, they are on board,” said Milton Dohoney, Jr. “The benefits of streetcars as a game changing agent for this city far outweigh any negatives.” The streetcar system is estimated to bring \$1.4 billion in benefits and bring more jobs and more money to the city that can be used in all neighborhoods. The feasibility study projected the streetcar will spur more than \$4 million annually in local and state revenue and more than \$2 million for Cincinnati Public Schools. Nearly 50 cities across the country are in some stage of planning for streetcars as an economic engine.

The open house schedule is:

Tuesday, September 22
 5-7 pm
 Aronoff Center for the Arts
 650 Walnut Street 45202

Tuesday, October 13
 6-8 pm Oakley Recreation Center
 3882 Paxton Avenue
 (Hyde Park Plaza) 45209

Wednesday, November 4
 6-8 pm
 LeBlond Recreation Center
 2335 Riverside Drive 45202

Thursday, September 24
 6-8 pm
 Bond Hill Recreation Center
 1501 Elizabeth Place 45237

Tuesday, October 20
 6:30-8:30 pm
 College Hill Recreation Center
 5545 Belmont Ave 45224

Tuesday, November 10
 5-7 pm
 City Hall, Room 115
 801 Plum Street 45202

Monday, September 28
 11 am–1 pm
 Fountain Square
 Corner of 5th St and Vine St. 45202

Tuesday, October 27
 6-8 pm
 Corryville Recreation Center
 2823 Eden Ave. 45219

Wednesday, November 18
 6:30-8:30 pm
 Price Hill Recreation Center
 959 Hawthorne Ave 45205

Tuesday, September 29
 5-7 pm
 The Public Library of Cincinnati
 and Hamilton County
 800 Vine Street 45202

Additionally, the City is accepting online donations from streetcar supporters at <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/> “streetcar information.”

Also, the City of Cincinnati is requesting information regarding the presence of any known cultural resources in the vicinity of the project. This is in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (codified as 36 CFR 800). Cultural resources include prehistoric and historic archaeological sites, historic bridges and historic buildings, sites and districts. These meetings are in compliance with Title VI, Section 601 of 41 USC 2000(d) which states that "[n]o person in the United States shall be excluded from participation in or otherwise discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." Other related statutes also include disability, sex, and age as protected classes.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if anyone has a disability and will require assistance to participate in this event, please notify Melissa McVay in the City's Department of Transportation & Engineering at 513.352.5269 with the necessary requirements no later than 24 hours in advance of the event.

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