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City Breaks Ground on Streetcar

Cincinnati – Mayor Mark Mallory, City Manager Milton Dohoney, Jr., and U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood today broke ground on the Cincinnati Streetcar Project. Hundreds of citizens attended the ground breaking ceremony that took place in front of Memorial Hall on Elm Street. The 3.6 mile Streetcar line will connect the Banks project and the Riverfront, through Downtown, to Over-the-Rhine.

“Today’s ground breaking belongs to the thousands of Cincinnatians who have enthusiastically worked to make the Streetcar a reality,” Mayor Mark Mallory said. “The Streetcar is another part of our efforts to build a better Cincinnati.”

“The supporters of the streetcar have carried a vision for the growth of this as a competitive city,” said Dohoney. “Transportation that helps support development is clearly the path to a prosperous future.”

"The streetcar represents a shift in our region's transit profile," said Terry Garcia Crews, Metro's CEO & General Manager. "No longer will we be a "bus-only" city. We are becoming multi-modal and, in doing so, we are becoming more competitive as a region."

“I applaud the leaders of our city and our nation for bringing us to this moment. I especially salute those who’ve worked so hard for so many years to bring us to this point. For sure, today’s a special day, but we’re just getting started,” Cincinnati John Schneider said.

The ground breaking kicks off the first phase of construction on the Streetcar project. There will be multiple construction components and phases related to the building of this transportation project. The first phase is a 4 month project to relocate water mains beginning on Elm Street at 12th Street.

The City is conducting the technical analysis in the process of selecting the vehicle, which should be finalized in the next few months. The designs are being finalized for the section of the Streetcar from 5th Street to 2nd Street that was added with the TIGER 3 grant from the Department of Transportation.

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