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BY E-MAIL @ 12Noon

Members of Cincinnati City Council:

I write to suggest you not count on funding from the State of Ohio for your streetcar project.

The State promised Hamilton County some \$80 million for our stadiums over a decade ago and we are still waiting for the final \$7.55 million to fulfill the commitment.

As you know, due to the condition of the County's Stadium Fund this year the County Commissioners felt they needed to reduce the stadium sales tax credit which was promised to county property owners.

Before any state capital funding comes to our area for any other project, it would only seem reasonable to expect the \$7.55 million to be delivered to help the Stadium Fund which would benefit the City as well as the County.

Your support for the State finishing its commitment to the Stadium Fund is encouraged. Please give consideration to contacting members of the Legislature to ask their assistance in making this happen before beginning another project depending on the same source of funds.

Dusty Rhodes
County Auditor

cc: County Commissioners