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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Council Members To Join Forces With County Board On RTA Action

*Ald. Hines, Chairman Holloway to Co-host News Conference Tomorrow*

Milwaukee **Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr. and Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway** have scheduled a rare joint news conference at Milwaukee City Hall to discuss action taken last week on the Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee commuter rail line.

**Ald. Hines and Chairman Holloway will be joined by Ald. Robert J. Bauman, Ald. Michael S. D'Amato, Ald. Michael J. Murphy and other members of the Common Council and the County Board for the news conference at 11:45 a.m. tomorrow (Tuesday, February 6, 2007) in the first floor Rotunda at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. Media coverage is welcome.**

Last week the seven-member Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Transit Authority – which includes City of Milwaukee Department of Administration Director Sharon Robinson – voted to recommend a \$13-per-vehicle increase in the car rental tax to fund the proposed KRM line. No money was earmarked for the Milwaukee County Transit System or other local transit systems. The recommendation was blasted by Ald. Hines and other members of the Council because just days earlier Ms. Robinson promised the Council's Steering and Rules Committee (on January 25) that she would not support a dedicated funding source that only funded KRM commuter service. During tomorrow's regular Council meeting members are expected to address the KRM funding proposal, including taking up a resolution that has been endorsed at the committee level opposing any RTA local funding source proposal that does not also include local transit systems.

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