(2/4/11): Cincinnati NAACP Asks Governor Kasich to Stop $50 Million Funding for Streetcar

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CINCINNATI, OHIO - FEBRUARY 4, 2011 - The Cincinnati NAACP today asks Governor John Kasich and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Director Jerry Wray to stop $50 million in wasteful spending on the Cincinnati Streetcar. It is important for members to send an e-mail to ODOT. The public comment period on the state funding portion of the project closes on February 11, 2011. In March, the State will make the final determination if $50 million in state funding will be committed to this project.
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Ohio is facing a massive $8 billion deficit in the coming biennial budget. Wasting $50 million on a project a majority of Cincinnati residents do not support is poor public policy. We have other priorities in our neighborhoods that need to be addressed before a streetcar. "City Council just voted this week to fire our entire Cincinnati police department to save money. However, the same majority of Council is still pushing a streetcar," Christopher Smitherman, president of the Cincinnati NAACP says.
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NAACP members may write to the official recipient of comments on the streetcar spending at ODOT at TRAC@dot.state.oh.us and may copy both the NAACP offices (naacp.cincinnati@gmail.com) and marianne.freed@dot.state.oh.us. Please write your e-mail today.