

## Construction of Milwaukee streetcar to begin in April

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**MILWAUKEE** — Milwaukee's streetcar is on track. City and project leaders announced Friday that construction of the rail lines will begin in early April. The first tracks will be delivered next month, and will go in on Saint Paul Avenue near the Milwaukee Intermodal Station.

The initial phase will connect the Third Ward with downtown, followed by a line linking to the city's lakefront.

Construction will mean lane closures along the route and a full street closure near the Milwaukee Public Market for a month or so late this year.

Public Works Commissioner Ghassan Korban said the city is working with local businesses and homeowners to reduce any impact from the construction. Project managers said construction will also be planned to minimize any interference with large events like Summerfest.

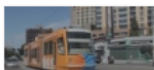
Milwaukee's streetcar is expected to begin operation in the Fall of 2018. The city has begun the search for a company to operate the line. The project is expected to cost nearly \$128 million dollars.



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