

City should consider extending trolley idea

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Chikwe writes: “It was reported that the City of Baltimore has approved \$200,000 toward an \$800,000 study to determine the feasibility of bringing a trolley to the Charles-St. Paul Street Corridor that would connect the Inner Harbor to Johns Hopkins University-Homewood.

“It is being sponsored by the Charles Street Development Corp. ... to increase the connectivity and subsequent vitality of this emerging destination corridor.

“... I can ... hope the city views this as an opportunity to think beyond, Charles Street, St. Paul Street and Hopkins.

“... Could this system be expanded to go further north to Hamden, Loyola College or even Towson? I think that it is incumbent on the city to look at this project more broadly than just Charles Street, though that may certainly be a Phase I.”

The only way things like this are going to get off the ground is if private businesses help foot the bill. After all, they have a vested interest and will see the results on their bottom lines.

Planning for the expansion of the project could greatly better the chances for its success.

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