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## Trolley Proposed For Charles Street

### *Street Cars' Potential Return To Baltimore Streets Stirs Memories*

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**BALTIMORE** -- Trolley cars last roamed Baltimore streets in 1963. Now, some community groups have the desire to resurrect them.

WBAL-TV 11 News reporter Rob Roblin said there once was a time when Baltimoreans relied on the trolley as a means to traverse the city's 74 square miles.

There's talk among community groups about creating a new trolley system to draw tourists to neighborhoods that aren't in easy walking distance from the Inner Harbor.

The [Charles Street Development Corp.](#) proposed creating a trolley line linking Johns Hopkins University in north Baltimore to the Inner Harbor downtown -- a distance of more than seven miles.

"Everybody I've talked to loves the idea," said Rebecca Gagalis, the CSDC's executive director.

The hope is that tourists would use it to travel to Mount Vernon and the arts district.

"Charles Street is fortunate to have so many important destinations, like the Basilica (Cathedral of Mary Our Queen), the Walter's Art Museum, the Peabody (and) Johns Hopkins University," said Robin Budish, of the Historic Charles Street Association.



**The Trolley Could Stop Here**

Once upon a time, Baltimoreans relied on the trolley as a means to traverse the city's 74 square miles.

#### Video



 **Rob Roblin Reports:**  
"Ding, Ding Goes The Trolley"

"All of those destinations are too far for the pedestrian to be able to take advantage of."

The group said building the trolley line could cost from \$30 million to \$150 million, and that they hope to find their own funding source.

"We don't want to compete with any other transit initiatives," Gagalis said.

Far from a done deal, Roblin said the proposal could take years before a trolley rings its bell in Baltimore.

"We're here to market and promote the Charles street identity, and I think a

trolley would enhance everything that we're trying to do," Budish said.

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