

Milwaukee streetcar construction to include residential hiring requirements

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Construction work for Milwaukee's streetcar project will include residential hiring preferences, officials working on the project announced Friday morning.

Ashley Booth, planning and technical services director at Kansas City-based HNTB Corp. and project manager of the final design team, told the city's Joint Committee on Downtown Streetcar Implementation Committee they have the green light from federal officials to include Residents Preference Program hiring requirements as part of the project's selection criteria.

The requirements are largely used on city contracts, but are often included in other projects that receive city funding. Under these hiring requirements, contracts usually have a goal to ensure 40 percent of all labor hours are performed by RPP workers.

Workers with RPP certification are typically city residents that come from economically disadvantaged populations.

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