

Rails for Streetcar arrive in Milwaukee

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While preparations continue along the route, some of the actual steel "sticks" that will make up the track for the streetcar have been delivered.



They're being stored in the curb lane of the street at five locations around downtown until they're installed.

The streetcars are expected to be up and running, carrying passengers, by the fall of next year.



WEBVTT REPORTER: THEY ROLLED IN, ONELOAD AFTER THE NEXT, 80-FOOTLONG STEEL STICKS AS THEY'RE CALLED THE RAILS THAT WILL, EVENTUALLY CARRY MILWAUKEE'S STREETCARS AND THEIR RIDERS. >> IT'S A SLOW PROCESS. THESE EXTRA-LONG FLATBEDS ARE BRINGING IN JUST ONE LAYER AT A TIME, 13 RAILS WHICH ARE THEN UNLOADED AND STORED HERE IN THE STREET. THE STEEL RAILS WILL-- THE STEEL RAILS WILL THEN BE WELDED TOGETHER INTO 320-FOOTLONG SECTIONS BEFORE THEY'RE SET IN THE STREET. MEANWHILE IN THE STREETS, PREPWORK CONTINUES ALONG THE ROUTE. CITY CREWS WORKING ABOVE AND BELOW GROUND WHILE A LINE DRAWN ON THE PAVEMENT MARKS THE SPOT WHERE THE TRACK WILL EVENTUALLY LAY. THE FIRST TRACKS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE INSTALLED ON SAINT PAUL AVENUE NEXT MONTH. IN MILWAUKEE, I'M KENT