

Civic leaders share streetcar desire

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Proposed trolleys would cross Tower Bridge into West Sac.

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Nearly 60 years after the last trolley run in Sacramento, civic leaders and transportation officials are dreaming of electric streetcars crossing the Tower Bridge.

If built, Sacramento would join a growing number of areas - including Portland, Seattle and San Francisco - that have added streetcar lines years after the overhead power cables had been snipped and tracks pulled up.

"I'd say we're still in the dreaming stage, but it seems to be getting some traction," said Sacramento Mayor Heather Fargo, who is teaming with West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon on the project. "It's really been capturing some people's imagination and enthusiasm."

The idea appears to have regional appeal. Placer County, Rancho Cordova, the Arden Fair mall area and the California State University, Sacramento, campus are talking about streetcar systems.

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