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Sen. Loudon Applauds East-West Gateway Council's Decision to Study Expanding MetroLink *'This Would Connect West County and St. Louis City'*

JEFFERSON CITY — Sen. John Loudon, R-Chesterfield, is commending the [East-West Gateway Council's](#) decision to pursue federal funding that could potentially extend [MetroLink](#) from Clayton to Westport — if [Proposition M](#) passes on Tuesday, November 4.

“The whole purpose of MetroLink is to bring the entire St. Louis metropolitan area together,” said Sen. Loudon. “Granted, getting every point will take some time, but I am glad to see this step being made to tie in West County. The East-West Gateway Council’s step could eventually connect West County and St. Louis City. It’s overdue that we get on the drawing board, but it’s nevertheless appreciated. My ultimate goal is to see Chesterfield connected to MetroLink’s route.”

St. Louis County made the request to the East-West Gateway’s Board of Directors, asking for their support of extending MetroLink from Clayton to the Westport area. The Gateway Council conducted a study in 2000 that determined the route was viable, but the funding to build it hasn’t been there. Passing Proposition M would help create the monies necessary for the local portion to build a Clayton-Westport extension. The other half of the funding would come from federal dollars.

“Extending MetroLink to Westport would help more West County businesses,” said Sen. Loudon. “It’s a win-win for the city and the county. People who work in the county would have more opportunities to go downtown and those who live in St. Louis would have more choices for seeing all the county has to offer as well. I remain hopeful MetroLink will be brought into Chesterfield in the future. This, combined with the expansion of Highway 141, will not only ease traffic concerns but will make the West St. Louis County area even more vibrant than it already is.”

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