

Visual presentation of streetcars to be made

Consultants designing the estimated \$200 million Miami Streetcar Project will make a visual presentation at the Miami Roads Neighborhood Civic Association monthly meeting Wednesday.

Grace Solares, president of the association and newly elected president of Miami

Neighborhoods United, said the city hopes to sway the association, which opposes the project.

The association thinks the project is too expensive and is a gift to developers of the Midtown Miami project, who they say would benefit from the streetcar.

"Nothing in the world is

going to convince us otherwise," Solares said.

Solares said City Manager Pete Hernandez arranged the presentation after a recent meeting, when the city learned the association has opposed the project and sent out its newsletter explaining its anti-streetcar stance.

City Commissioner Tomás

Regalado will be in attendance, Solares said.

Solares said she expects some members of Miami Neighborhoods United to attend also.

The Miami Roads Neighborhood Civic Association meets at 7 p.m. at Simpson Park, 55 SW 17th Rd.

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