Seattle's new streetcars may be too big for tracks

According to Mayor's Office,
Durkan halted work on downtown expansion in March; outside review was due last month

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration on Tuesday announced up to $12 billion in emergency funding to assist farmers facing tariffs in China, escalating the trade war, seeking to broker a deal to end the dispute.

The project, which was expected to cost $150 million, initially was reviewed by the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) after 10 new streetcars were ordered in 2016. The ads, all approved by Facebook, were in some cases stating that people of certain ethnicities need not apply; another ad was blatantly racist:

The Seattle Department of Transportation's (SDOT) independent review of the project concluded, after a Seattle Times report, that costs to operate the new system could be $5 billion higher than SDOT had public—

This independent review, by consultants KPMG, was supposed to be completed within the past year. The previous news article that the project already has run to $250 million from what

Durkan halted that work in March and ordered an independent review of the project; a Milwaukee, Mayor Jenny Durkan's office said Tuesday.

The KPMG report, the mayor's office said, found a possible “additional capital shortfall” to build the new line. Durkan's office has declined to share draft reports from KPMG. It now says the report will be finished by August.

The mayor's office said a more detailed engineering review is critical to understand the cost and feasibility of the project.