

For awhile, that trolley was really something in downtown La Crosse. Great for giving historic tours around town. That was two summers ago. Before the city realized its streetcar-bus hybrid wasn't getting used in a way that was acceptable to the feds. "It was purchased with federal dollars and the regulations on the city for using it as something other than public transit is the reason it's not getting used," says MTU boss Keith Carlson. So, now, the trolley's going bye-bye. Not a simple thing, says Carlson. The same federal money that went into the trolley also makes it difficult to get rid of.