

Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Program Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce Tour of Mercer Corridor/North Portal Proposed Plan – DRAFT Updated 10/22/09

Objective: Describe the planned Mercer Corridor and planned access to SR 99 proposed bored tunnel from northwest Seattle Communities.

Some of the main points to be addressed include:

1. Functionality of Mercer (capacity, lane configuration, bike/ped facilities, etc.)
2. Freight / truck routes
3. Need access from Mercer Street or Denny Way to the tunnel
4. Provide adequate egress and exits from SR 99
5. Show how Roy, Mercer, Nickerson, Westlake, and Dexter will connect to the tunnel
6. Designate surface streets near the tunnel as SR 99
7. Replace the east-west capacity lost with vacation of Broad Street under Aurora Avenue
8. Understand planned changes to accessing/exiting I-5 from Magnolia and points northwest
9. Enhance the Mercer corridor from 15th Avenue West to the tunnel and I-5
10. Address impediment created by north portal to accessing I-5 via Mercer
11. Investigate a Roy Street underpass to facilitate east-west access to the tunnel and I-5
12. Design Alaskan Way with capacity to carry expected traffic in lieu of traveling on SR 99
13. Parking
14. Elliott Ave Intersection

Logistics

- October 26, 2009, 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.
- *Begin and end at Office of Neighborhoods – 160 Roy Street, Suite 100, Seattle, WA*
- *Transportation: Rented shuttle van (15-20 people each)*

Tour Leaders and Staff Support

- Bob Chandler (SDOT transportation)
- Eric Tweit (SDOT transportation)
- Stephanie Brown (SDOT transportation)
- Angie Brady (SDOT transportation)
- John White (WSDOT transportation)
- *Mike Merritt (Port of Seattle) – tentative*
- Dawn Schellenberg (SDOT)
- Sonia Palma (SDOT)

Attendees

- Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce – Board Members – to be confirmed
- Phil Fujii, Vulcan Inc.
- Pearl H. Leung, Vulcan Inc.

Materials

- Presentation and proposed bored tunnel video
- Tour map
- Mercer west (boards and folio)
- North portal configuration – both options (boards and folio handout)

Driving/Walking Tour - Tentative

Time	Location	Issues to Discuss/View
20 minutes	<i>Office of Neighborhoods</i> A. Welcome, introductions, overview of tour itinerary – by Marnie Heffron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mercer corridor overview PowerPoint • Show bored tunnel video
5 minutes (stay in van)	B. Roy Street and Queen Anne Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mercer and Roy current and future configurations • Parking loss on Roy
10 minutes	Travel (via Mercer St – Taylor to Roy)	
15 minutes	C. Northwest corner of Sixth Ave. and Roy St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Sixth Ave. alignment • SR 99 and Mercer St grade separation • Two-way Mercer St. • Vehicle access to SR 99 from north of Mercer Street.
10 minutes	Travel (via Fifth Ave to Harrison) Walk along Aurora to Republican, Harrison	
20 minutes	D. Sixth Ave. between Harrison and Thomas; corner of Republican and Aurora Ave. E. Shuttle pick up at 6th & Harrison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New east-west streets • Access to tunnel at Republican St. • New Aurora Avenue surface street • Denny Way access
10 minutes	Travel (via Broad to Dexter)	
10 minutes	F. Dexter – walk over to Broad G. Fairview Ave. and I-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mercer St. connection to I-5 • Two-way Mercer St.
10 minutes	Travel (via Valley to Broad St. to Denny to Elliott)	
15 minutes	H. Elliott Ave. and Mercer St. (exact location TBD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two-way Mercer St. to Elliott/15th Avenue
5 minutes	I. Travel to <i>Office of Neighborhoods</i>	

TOTAL TIME: **2.10 hours**



