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Subject: Media request - details on bored tunnel
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Mike Lindblom, Seattle Times, just called with some technical questions regarding a bored tunnel. Ron or Dave - either one of you want to be the contact on these? Lindblom is writing for tomorrow. Below are the questions he asked:

1. Is this the same type of bored tunnel as was examined earlier this year? (single versus twin bored?)
2. Is there a diagram available that shows the perspective underground, identifying other things that are under our city? Lindblom also asked about the alignment -- if due to those other underground things such as the bus tunnel and the railroad tunnel, is our needed alignment pretty set? How deep?
3. How does this tunnel compare to the Sound Transit tunnel? Width, amount of dirt we'd need to remove, etc. Is the ST tunneling experience helpful? Cost/difficulty of building it?
4. How would the north portal work with the SLU area? Would the north portal interchange impact the COS's Mercer project (and their strategy to make it "slower, more graceful.")? How would it work with the I-5/Mercer interchange?

Thoughts on a response/spokesperson? Lindblom's work number is 206.515.5631.

Thanks,
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