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Mercer Corridor Project: Weekend Closures of I-5 on- and off-ramps at Mercer Street Coming this Spring

SEATTLE—The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) announces the need for full weekend closures of the I-5 on- and off-ramps at Mercer Street as part of Phase I of the Mercer Corridor Project. SDOT anticipates approximately twenty weekend closures over the course of the project, which is scheduled for completion in 2013. The first closures are tentatively scheduled to begin this spring.

Weekend closures will occur from Friday at 11:00 p.m. to Monday at 5:00 a.m. Specific dates will be announced as soon as they are available. Closures are being closely coordinated with other construction and special events in the area, including activities at the Seattle Center.

Ramp closures are required for utility installations on Fairview Avenue N at Mercer Street, including water, sewer, electrical and communications line installations, as well as to align the existing on- and off-ramps with future westbound lanes of Mercer Street. Fairview Avenue N will also be closed between Mercer Street and Valley Street during the ramp closures.

Detour routes will be clearly marked and will direct travelers to the I-5 on- and off-ramps at Stewart Street and Olive Way. Travelers are encouraged to carpool and use alternate modes of transportation. Transit information can be found at:

- King County Metro at www.kingcounty.gov/metro
- Sound Transit at www.soundtransit.org
- Community Transit at www.commtrans.org

Detour maps and additional details will be provided as soon as they become available. Media inquiries should be directed to Richard Sheridan (SDOT) at 206-684-8540 or richard.sheridan@seattle.gov. Inquiries from the public should be directed to the Mercer Corridor Project's 24-hour construction hotline at (206) 419-5818 or emailed to mercercorridor@seattle.gov. For more information about the Mercer Corridor Project, visit the project website at www.seattle.gov/transportation/ppmp_mercer.htm.

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