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Mercer Corridor Project: Ninth Avenue N and eastbound Broad Street closures scheduled to begin October 12, weather permitting

SEATTLE—Weather permitting, closures of eastbound Broad Street and of Ninth Avenue N to thru traffic are scheduled to be in effect for the morning commute on Tuesday, October 12. Overnight on Monday, October 11, crews are scheduled to complete installation of temporary signals and detour striping to accommodate implementation of these closures. See below for further details.

Ninth Avenue N

Closure: Ninth Avenue N between Aloha Street and Republican Street closed to through traffic, with access for Metro transit and local business traffic only. Businesses will remain open and access to businesses will be maintained.

Duration: Approximately six months.

Purpose: Allow replacement of a nearly 100-year-old sewer line; additional utility and roadway work.

Detour: Westlake Avenue N between Aloha Street and Valley Street will be re-striped as a two-way street to provide an alternate to Ninth Avenue N; Dexter Avenue N is also an alternate route. Advanced warning signs are located at the intersection just west of the Fremont Bridge to alert drivers to traffic revisions.

Metro routes: Metro Transit Route 17 will have some temporary detours and bus stop relocations during this construction. Rider Alerts about the changes will be posted at the affected bus stops and online. Route 30 will continue on its regular route until further notice. Please visit Metro Online at www.kingcounty.gov/metro and check the "Alerts Center" for adjustments to these routes.

Eastbound Broad Street

Closure: Eastbound Broad Street between Fifth Avenue N and Ninth Avenue N. Westbound Broad Street will remain open during this period.

Duration: Approximately 12 months.

Purpose: Allow construction of an interim connection from future westbound Mercer Street lanes to westbound Broad Street, as well as a new eastbound Broad Street connection at Eighth Avenue N.

Detour: Detour route is northbound Fifth Avenue N to eastbound Mercer Street. An advanced warning sign is in place at Broad Street and Denny Avenue N alerting drivers to this upcoming closure.

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