

## Mercer Corridor Project

As you may have heard, the Mercer Corridor Project was recently selected to receive \$30 million in stimulus funds through the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) federal grant program. The City of Seattle is incredibly honored to have been selected, as fewer than 3% of applicants nationwide will receive TIGER funding. This grant award completes the City's overall funding plan for the project and allows us to move forward with construction.

We are excited to let you know that the Mercer Corridor Project will be advertising for construction this Wednesday, 3/10/2010. The bidding period is expected to last 8 weeks, which provides for a bid opening date of Wednesday, 5/5/2010. SDOT will then evaluate the low bidder and present low bid information, along with a final funding plan, to City Council for final approval to award a contract. Assuming all goes well, we expect physical construction of utility and roadway work to begin in July/August 2010.

Meanwhile, the first stage of the Mercer Corridor Project begins this week, as **building demolition** and construction site preparation get underway. SDOT's contractor will demolish eight buildings along the north side of Mercer and along the west side of Fairview between Mercer and Valley streets. Building demolition activities will continue for approximately three months.

[Click here](#) to view a building demolition flyer, including a map of the demolition area.

The buildings scheduled for demolition are:

- 1120 Mercer St. (old Lincoln Towing)
- 1123 Valley St. (old Sport Boat NW)
- 613 Fairview Ave. N. (old Pong building)
- 1104 Mercer St. (old Taco Del Mar)
- 601 Boren Ave. N (old Shell station)
- 1000 Mercer St. (old West Marine)
- 800/816 Mercer St. (located at Mercer and Broad St.)
- 601 Westlake Ave. N. (parking garage at McKay site)

During this time crews will also prepare much of the demolished area for the future roadway. Crews will place a temporary 5-foot layer of soil over a two-block area between Fairview and Terry Avenue on the north side of Mercer to compact the ground below and reduce the risk of future settling. A temporary 5-foot wall will be installed to support the soil.

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## Work Hours

Construction will typically occur Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## Potential Temporary Impacts

- Noise, dust and vibration
- Increased truck and oversized vehicle traffic
- Temporary parking restrictions
- Temporary pedestrian detours

## Safety is our #1 concern.

Emergency vehicles will always have access to your property. Help us keep a safe construction area by driving slowly and keeping a safe distance from construction and equipment. Please be courteous and flexible with the workers; we are working diligently to minimize disruptions.

## Contacts and Information

If you have comments or questions about this upcoming work, please contact us at:

### ***Project and Construction Information***

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For more information about project purpose, benefits, and other information, please visit our website at: [www.seattle.gov/Transportation/ppmp\\_mercer.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/Transportation/ppmp_mercer.htm).

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