

Mercer East Corridor Construction Phase

Transportation Committee Briefing

May 25, 2010



Mercer Corridor Project - East Phase

Purpose of Briefing:

- Mercer Corridor Construction Update

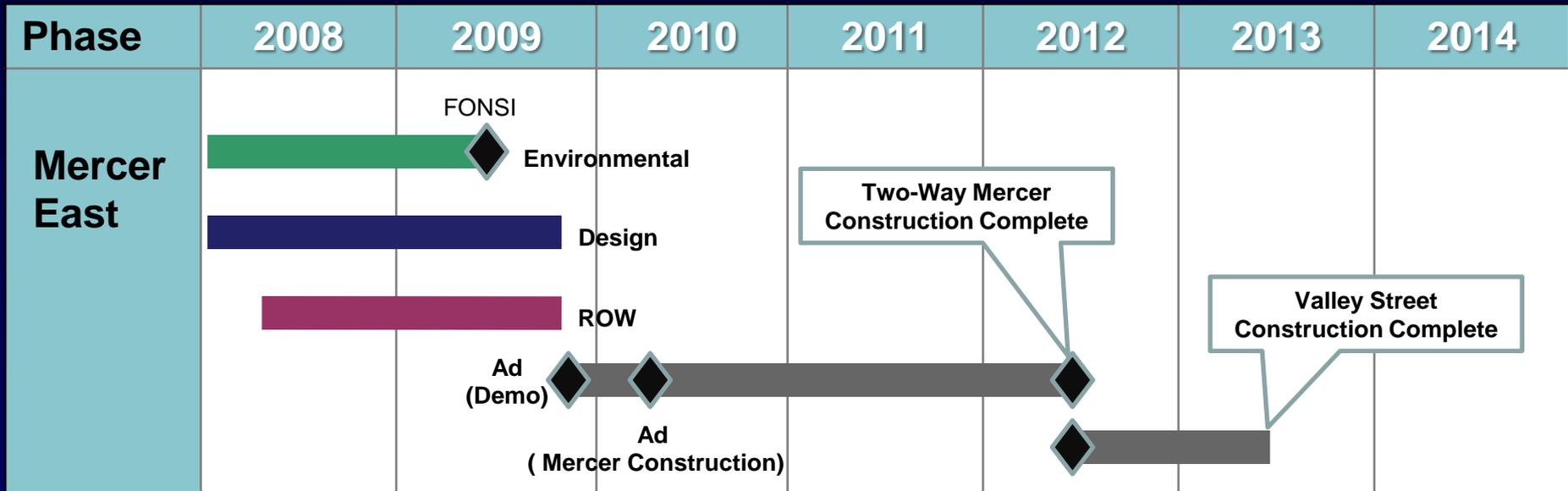


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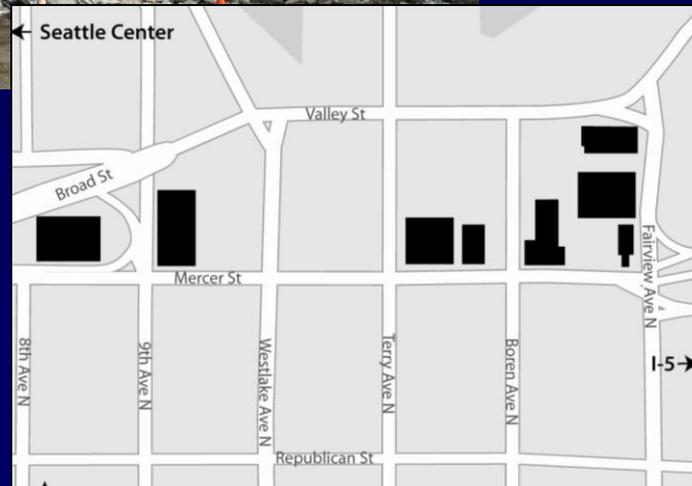


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Mercer East Schedule



Mercer East – Construction Status Building Demolition Began Mar. 2010



Shaded buildings to be demolished

- Duration 3 to 4 months
- Expect completion at end of June
- On schedule
- Under budget

Mercer East Bids Received on 5/19/2010

	Engineer's Estimate:	Apparent Low Bid:
Building Demolition & Site Prep:	\$4M	\$2.5M *
Mercer Corridor Project:	\$62M **	\$48M
TOTAL:	\$66M	\$50.5M

MERCER BID SAVINGS: \$15.5M (23%)

* *Includes base bid plus change orders*

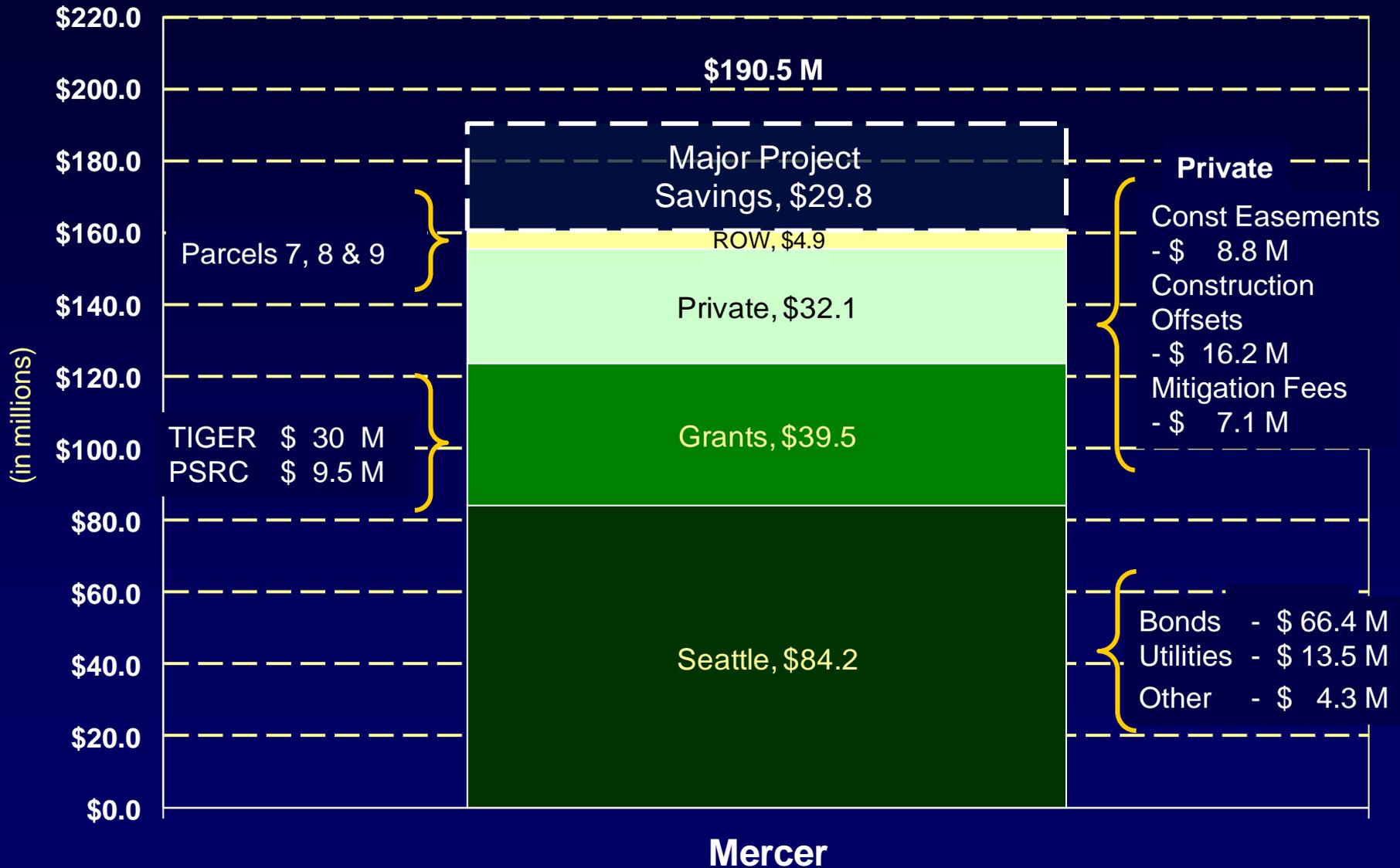
** *CIP Budget includes \$76M ; after the CIP Budget was adopted, the Engineer's Estimate was adjusted down to \$62M based on market conditions*

*** *All costs above do NOT include construction management, administration, or contingencies*

Mercer East Project - Next Steps

- **Open Bids: May 19**
- **Bid prices good for 60 days, award contract by July 11**
- **Evaluate Bidders and Recommend Award: June 8**
- **Council adopts proviso lift legislation: June 14**
- **Contractor obtains bonding and insurance prior to Award**
- **Award / Execute the Contract: June 29**
- **Begin Construction: July/August**

SDOT Mercer Project Final Funding Plan



Mercer– TIGER Grant Award

- Received \$30M from the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program
- Part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
- Less than 3% of applicants nationwide awarded TIGER funding
- One of only two projects funded in state of Washington



Mercer– Private Contributions

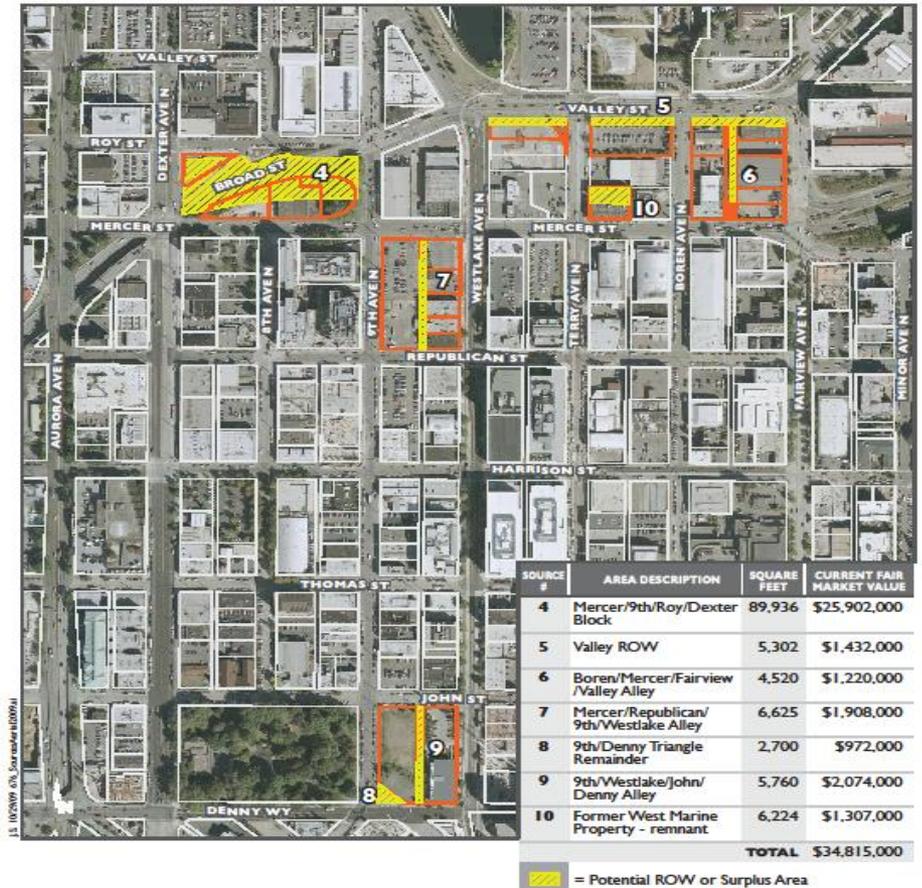
- \$ 8.8M value of construction easements
 - \$16.2M construction cost offsets (ROW improvements)
 - \$ 7.1M SEPA traffic mitigation
 - \$32.1M Total Private Contributions
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- Refund portion of private contributions if project not completed as currently designed



Mercer funding – Surplus Property

- 7 properties identified by SDOT and City Council
- Estimated Value in 5 years or sooner = \$42M (valuation 10/09)
- Mercer East funding plan assumes current market value for three parcels (7, 8, & 9) or \$4.9M

POTENTIAL SDOT ROW & SURPLUS PROPERTY SALES
SUPPORT FOR SOURCE #4 THROUGH 10





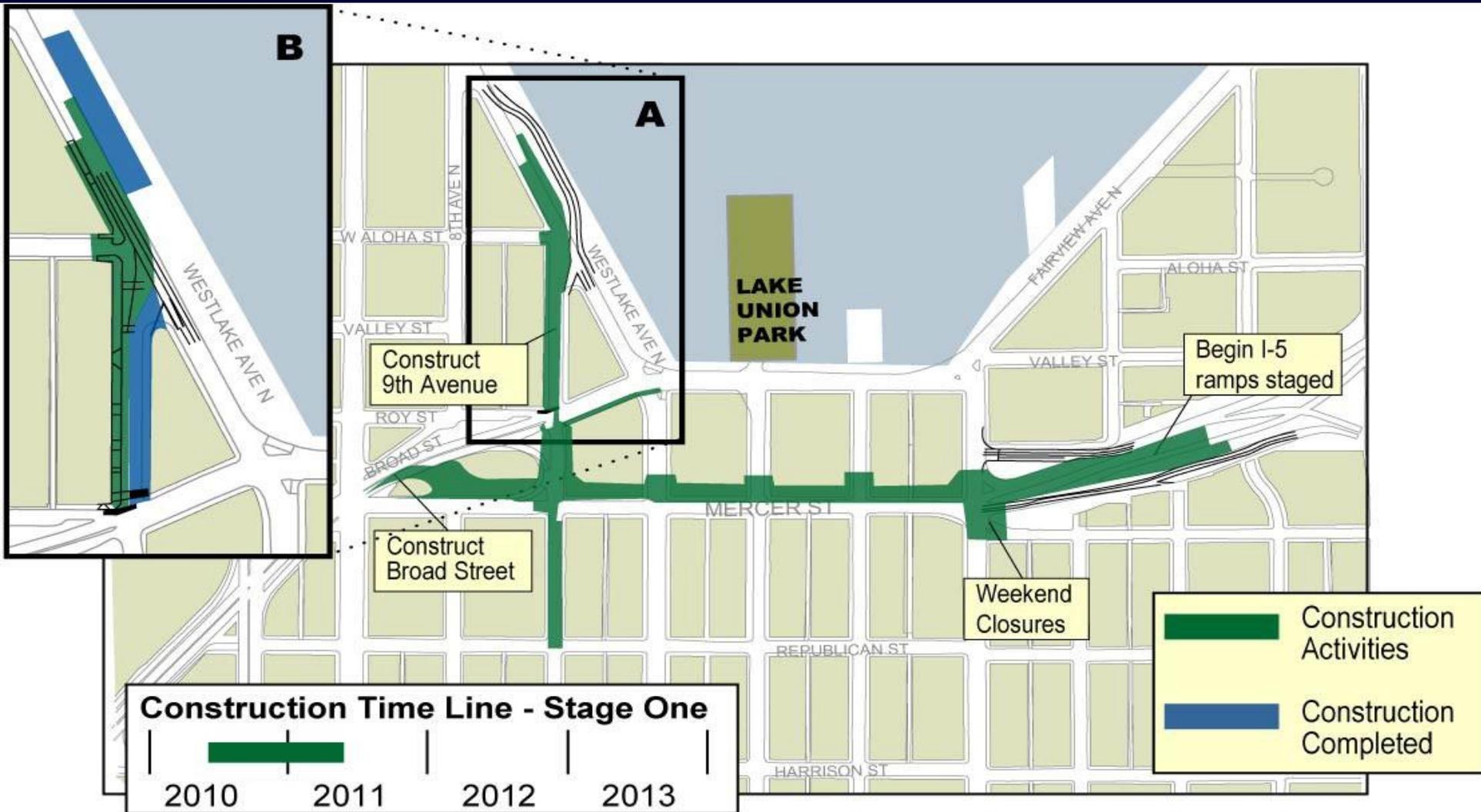
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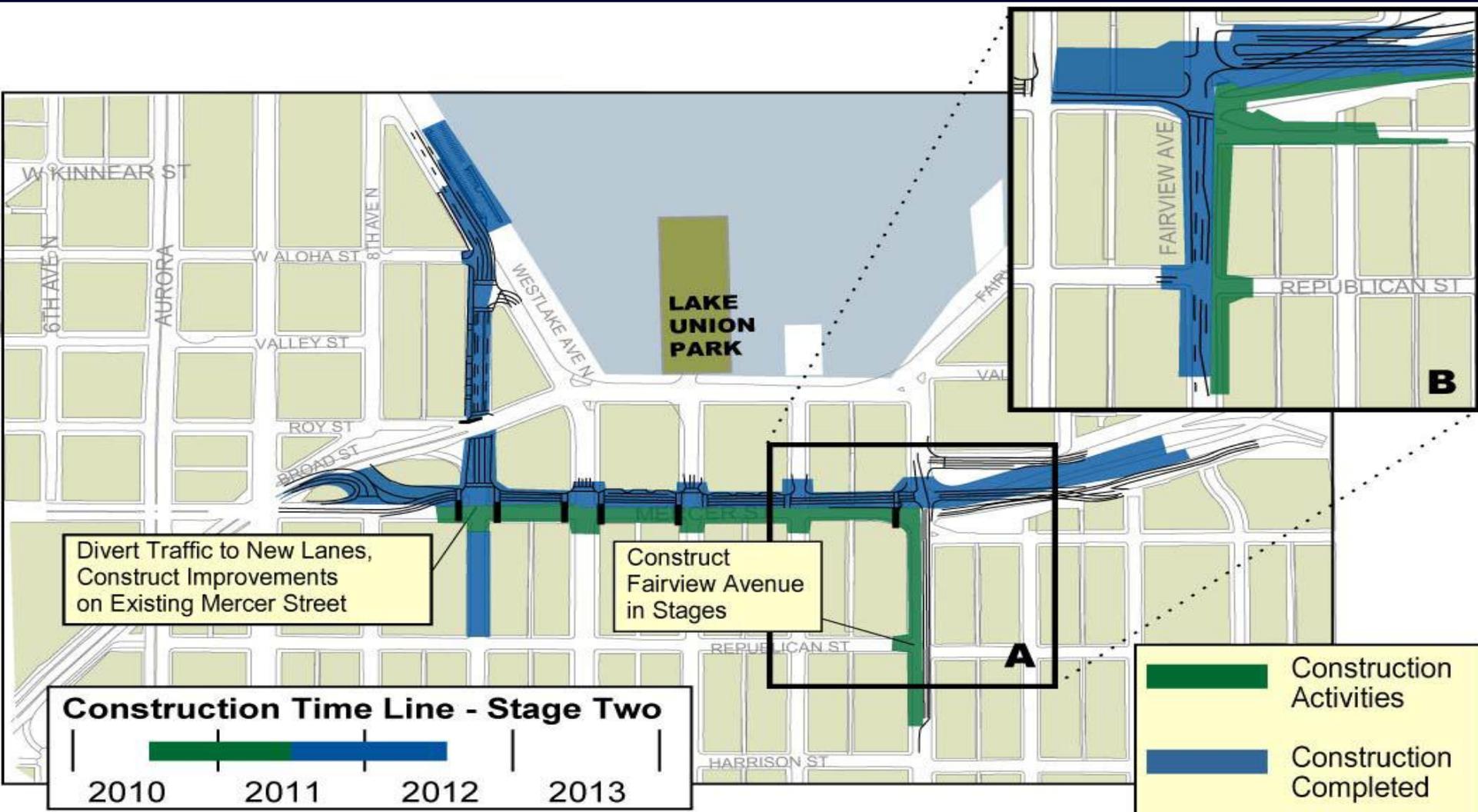


Pocket Slides

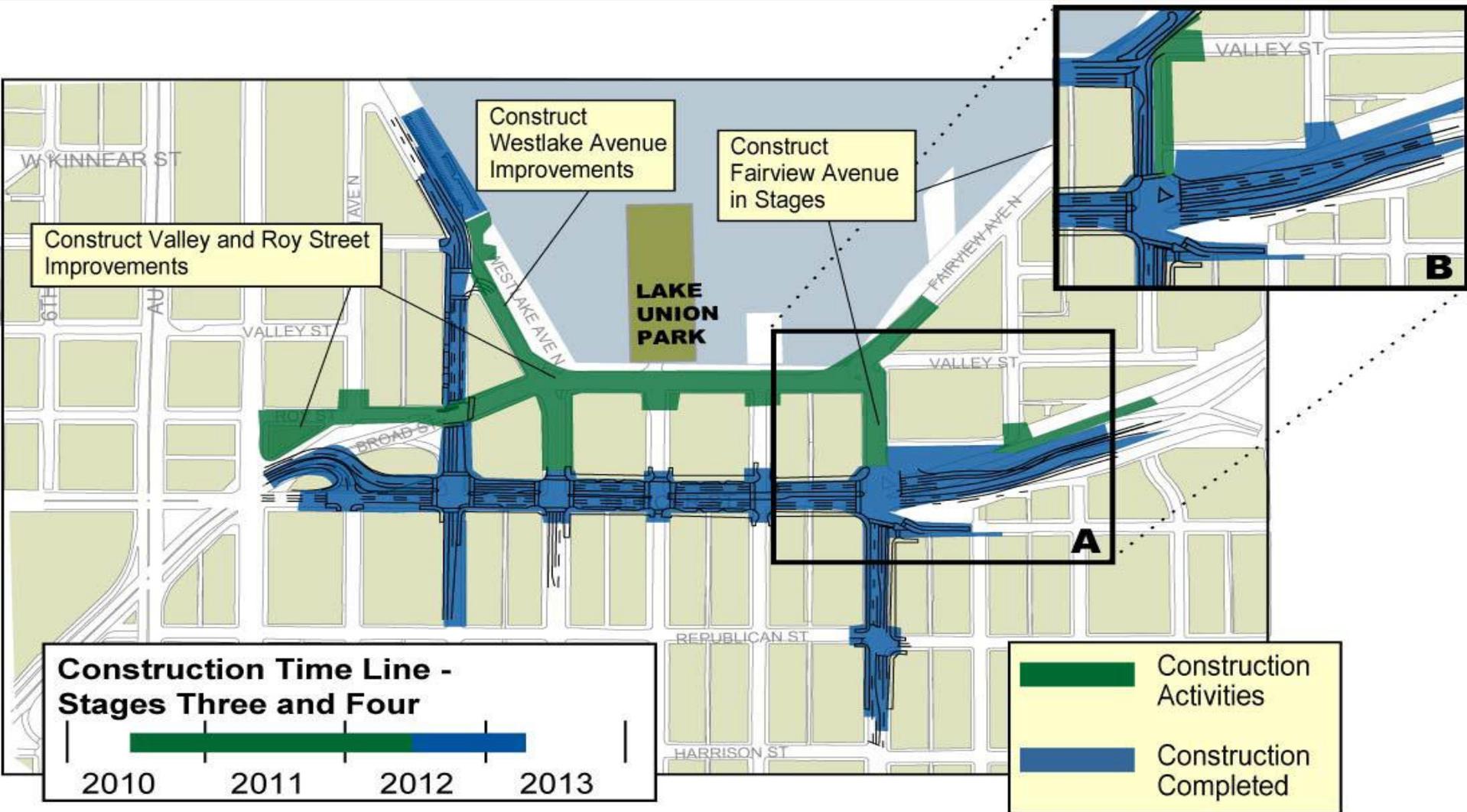
Mercer East Stage 1 Construction



Mercer East Stage 2 Construction



Mercer East Stage 3 and Stage 4



Mercer Corridor Project

Current Budget Provisos

Ordinances 122953 and 123175 – Budget Provisos

- Authorize SDOT to bid the project, but restrict spending on construction activities

Ordinance 123177 – Budget Proviso

Authorizes SDOT to begin building demolition activities supporting Mercer construction, but restricts further construction spending

Ordinance 123006 – Budget Provisos

Restrict City Light spending on the Mercer Project

Mercer Corridor Project
Council Action – Next Step

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Current Proviso lift legislation will remove restrictions on all Mercer (East Phase) funding, allowing for construction to begin.

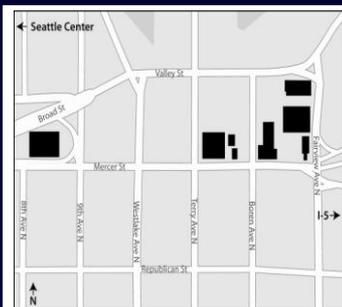
Mercer Corridor Program Benefits

- Provides a direct two-way route between I-5 and Elliott Ave W.
- Enhances the freight route to Fremont/Interbay
- Improves traffic flow off I-5
- Reconnects neighborhoods; supports existing and future land uses
- Reduces collision risks at high accident locations
- Provides improved access for bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit
- Supports 25,000 new jobs and 9,000 new housing units



Public Outreach Tools

- Live 24-hour hotline
- E-mail
- Web site
- Database
- Drop-in office
- Briefings
- Door-to-door outreach
- Daily coordination



Shaded buildings will be demolished to create a wider Mercer corridor.

What to Expect During Demolition

- Typical work hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- 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.

Schedule

- Demolition will begin in the next few weeks and continue for approximately three months.
- Roadway and utility construction on Mercer East is expected to begin in early summer 2010.

Construction Notice

Mercer Corridor Project Mercer East Construction

February 23, 2010

Building Demolition Starts Soon

The first stage of the Mercer Corridor Project begins in the next couple of weeks, as building demolition and construction site preparation get underway. SDOT's contractor, NRC Environmental Services, will demolish 8 vacant buildings (see map at left):

- 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.)

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 this area to compact the ground below and reduce the risk of future settling. A temporary 5-foot wall will be installed to support the soil.

Funding

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

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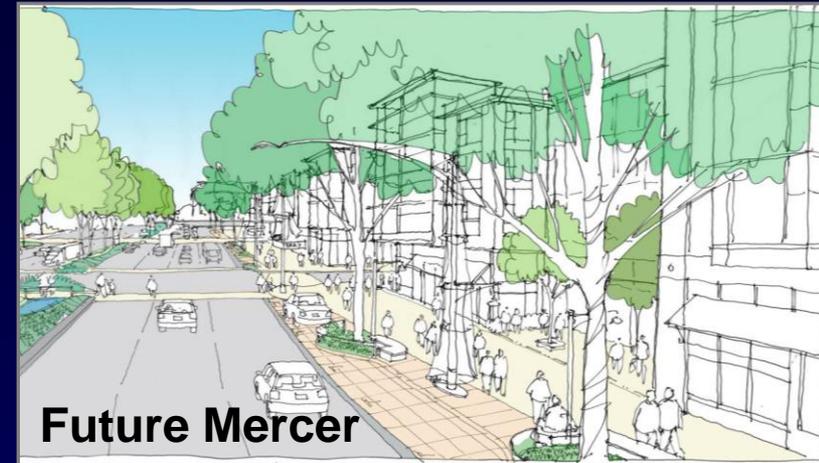


Your Transportation Levy Dollars at Work
- Mayor Greg Nickels

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- Enhances the environment around Lake Union Park.

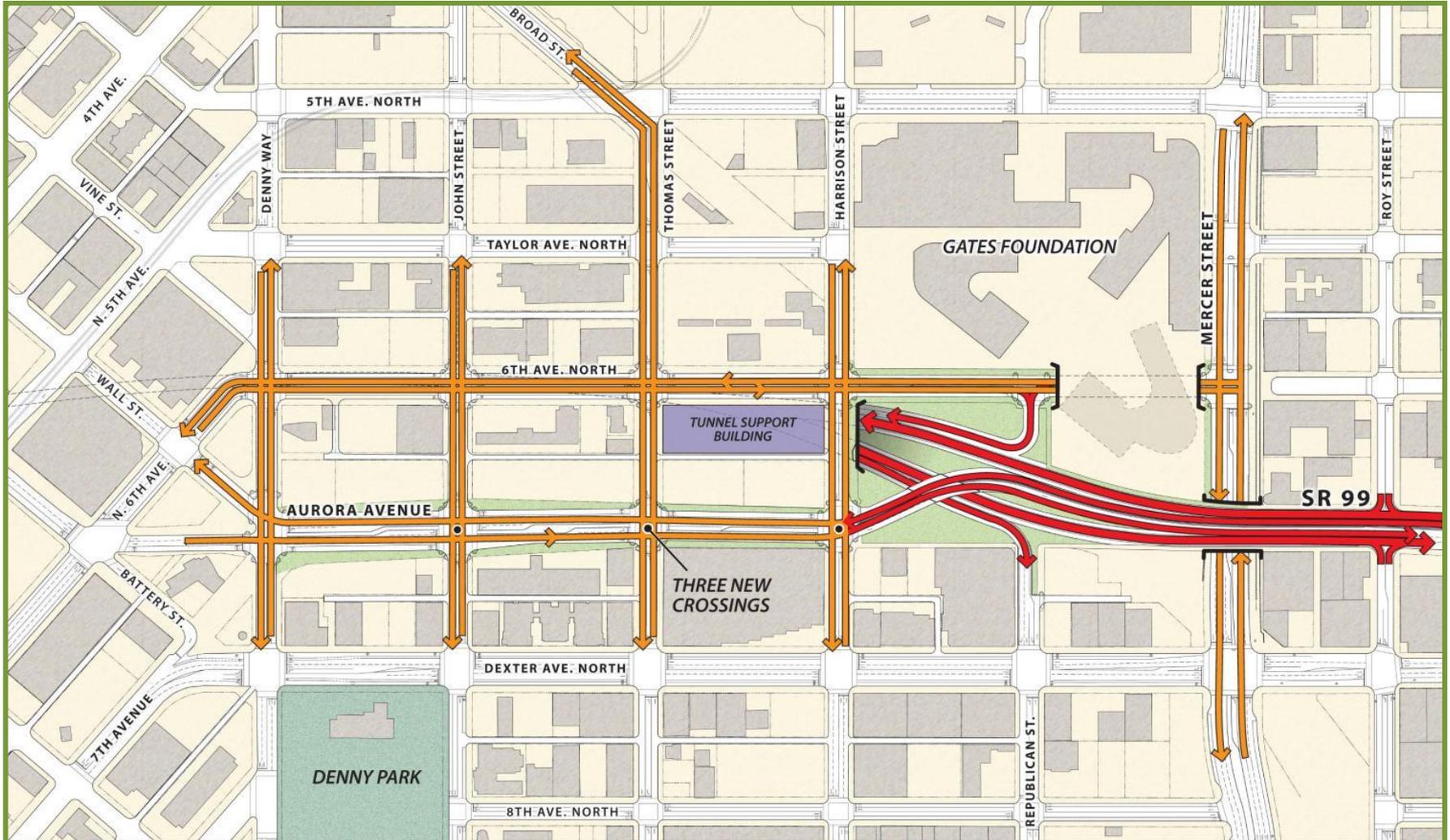


Proposed North Portal



North portal design concept with curved Sixth Avenue N.

New Proposed North Portal Straight Sixth Avenue Option



New Proposed North Portal Curved Sixth Avenue Option

