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What will be done to alleviate traffic on surface streets when 45% of cars that currently use SR 99 in the downtown area will no longer be able to access SR99 from the existing location. Mercer street is already a mess in the evenings (that's an understatement). What is the plan for the increased traffic on Mercer street and other surface streets, considering an estimated 25,000 additional cars using Mercer street in the evening to access 99? What will be done to ensure that traffic flow doesn't become worse downtown?

Thank you,
Stacy

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Traffic effects of the Bored Tunnel and other alternatives during operation are fully described in Chapter 5, Questions 2 through 15, of the Final EIS and in Appendix C, Transportation Discipline Report, Chapters 5 and 7. The City of Seattle is already working on improvements to Mercer Street separate from the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project. The City is currently constructing the Mercer Corridor Project's East Phase I and construction of the West Phase II is expected to begin in the fall of 2012. These projects will convert Mercer Street into a 2-way street and improve connections.

WSDOT, King County, and the City have developed and are implementing transportation improvements to minimize traffic effects during construction to keep people and goods moving. These mitigation measures are discussed in the Project Commitments section of the ROD.