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Metro Begins Last Street Decking for Eastside Tunnel Portal

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(Jan. 27, 2006) Metro began the last street decking operation over the portal to the Eastside Extension tunnel, Jan. 25. The decking is being installed on First Street between Evergreen Avenue and Lorena Street.

The operation involves construction of a concrete deck between piles that form the sides of the east portal of the tunnel.

After the concrete panels are installed, traffic can travel over the surface while the east portal is constructed.

The construction activity will last five days, until 6 a.m., Monday, Jan. 30. During that period, work will be continuous all day and night.

First Street will be closed between Evergreen and Lorena. Detour signs will be installed to divert the traffic off of First Street. Pedestrian access to homes and businesses will be maintained at all times.

To mitigate noise during construction, the contractor will install temporary sound walls on the south side of First Street.