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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Monday, November 28, 2016**

### **CITY OF EVERETT AND MBTA ANNOUNCES A BROADWAY BUS-ONLY LANE PILOT TEST FOR WEEK OF DEC. 5 FIRST OUTSIDE CITY OF BOSTON**

During the week of December 5 - 9, the City of Everett and the MBTA will be testing a bus-only lane on Broadway between Glendale Square and Sweetser Circle. The bus lane will utilize the existing parking lane on the southbound side of Broadway.

Parking, drop-offs and deliveries will be prohibited on the southbound side of Broadway between **4:00AM and 9:00AM** during each day of the pilot. Parking will still be permitted on the northbound side of Broadway. Cars parked in the bus lane will be subject to immediate towing. Orange cones will be placed in the roadway to separate the bus lane from the regular travel lane. All drivers must stay to the left of the cones.

The bus-only lane was a recommendation made by MassDOT as part of the Everett Transit Action Plan, which explored a number of ways to improve transit accessibility and reliability in the City. Currently, the route 104 and 109 busses carry nearly 50% of the people traveling along Broadway during morning rush hour. The bus-only lane could potentially shorten the trip from Glendale Square to Sullivan Square by up to 10 minutes.

Mayor DeMaria states, "My goal is to reduce traffic and increase the efficiency of our public transportation system by creating an express lane for buses. It could allow for more efficient flow of passenger cars by removing buses from the travel lane. While similar bus lanes exist on other parts of the MBTA bus system, the Broadway example would be the first one outside the City of Boston."

The pilot will run for one week in December in order to gather information regarding overall traffic flow and bus operations along the corridor. If deemed successful, this information will be used to develop a longer-term pilot program in the spring.

**Dates:** Monday 12/5 – Friday 12/9

**Time:** 4:00 AM – 9:00AM

**Location:** Broadway southbound between Glendale Square and Sweetser Circle. Drivers must keep left of orange cones.

**Parking:** No parking allowed on the southbound side of Broadway. Violators will be towed.

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