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Subject: RE: Street Vacation of 12th Avenue North and Block 9 Alley

MET currently operates route 1-METLink eastbound on 12th Ave between N 27th St and N 28th St; however, in MET's proposed route restructuring for fixed route, we would no longer operate fixed-route bus on 12th Ave N in said area. Regarding paratransit services, the Yellowstone Medical building is a regular destination for service; we had approximately 20+ paratransit riders at that location yesterday.

While Yellowstone Medical will remain accessible via N 30th and N 28th, traffic will become more congested in the area when less outlets are available. MET would expect to see an increase in traffic on 11th Ave N due to the 12th vacation, resulting in increased difficulty in routing options for fixed-route service in the medical corridor. Considering this vacation (as well as other discussed or approved street vacations within the medical corridor for both providers), accessibility for transit in the area continues to decrease. With each street vacation, congestion will continue to increase on both N 27th and N 30th directly affecting on time performance for routes in the area as well as overall walkability and connectivity for the neighborhoods on either side of the corridor.



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