



Tacoma to Puyallup Trail Connection

2021 Update: Pierce County Trails Conference



Background

Year	Milestone	Outcome
2016	Tahoma to Tacoma Trail Network Benefit Report Released	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Connecting a trail network from Mount Rainier to Point Defiance would bring \$13 million/year in health, transportation, environmental, economic, and equity benefits to our community• Led by the Puyallup Watershed Initiative Active Transportation COI• Decision to focus first on Tacoma to Puyallup; one of the highest impact and most complicated segments of the trail
2018	Tacoma to Puyallup Leadership Cohort Formed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brought together leaders from the Puyallup Tribe, WSDOT, Cities of Tacoma, Puyallup, and Fife, Port of Tacoma, Metro Parks Tacoma, and ForeverGreen Trails – led by the AT COI & Downtown On the Go• Stakeholders received grant to travel as a cohort to Copenhagen to learn about best practices in trail & bikeway design & implementation• Representatives from these organizations & additional community partners worked with WSDOT to incorporate the Tacoma to Puyallup trail vision into the SR167 Stage 1a/1b design
2020	Trail Analysis Study Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collectively funded by agencies listed above• Studied three routes to connect Tacoma to Puyallup:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• River Road• Levee Road• New SR167 alignment• SR167 route selected as top priority for implementation
2021	Washington State Legislative Session Wins!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$2.3 million in funding for Preliminary Engineering & environmental documentation• \$2.5 million funding for construction of Stage 1a/1b Segment 2 to facilitate future connection to NE Tacoma• While a full transportation package did not pass – draft language included construction funding for the entire trail

Tacoma to Puyallup Trail Alignment



Next Steps

Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Documentation

Scope of work is currently being finalized; will include community engagement, decision on routing into Tacoma, 30% design, environmental documentation, and development of a cost estimate.

Construction of Stage 1a/1b Trail

This segment of the trail is funded and will be completed as part of WSDOT's SR167 State 1a/1b work.

Future Funding Requests

Construction funding for the remainder of the trail will need to be secured – stay tuned for future opportunities to support this effort!

THANK YOU!

This project owes its progress & momentum to many organizations, agencies, and individuals, only a few of which are pictured here – thank you all for helping us realize this vision!

