

# How to Speak up for Walking and Biking

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## Prairie Line Trail Connection

The Prairie Line Trail is a multi-use trail following the historic rail corridor of the Trans-Pacific Railroad. Once completed, the project will not only connect the waterfront, downtown, the University, and the Brewery District; it will illuminate Tacoma's industrial past with public art and multimedia interpretation.

Phase I of the trail construction and the connection through the University of Washington Tacoma (UWT) campus have been completed; however, the City has been unsuccessful thus far in securing funding for the realization of Phase II.

The conceptual design for Phase II of the trail construction extends the route between S 21st Street and S 25th Street, a crucial link in the City's developing pedestrian and bicycle network. The City has promised to renew funding efforts in 2018,<sup>3</sup> but community advocacy will be necessary to maintain the Prairie Line Trail's status as a funding priority.



### Why is this important?

- Connection to Brewery District, an area that will see \$250 million of investment<sup>4</sup>
- Provides safe route for UWT's 4,600 students
- Connections to Water Flume Line Trail and other south accessing trails



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- Increase ease, efficiency, and accessibility
- Increase safety
- Increase connectivity
- Reflect the "green transportation hierarchy"
- Reinforce a compact, urban core

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