

# How to Speak up for Walking and Biking

YOUR ADVOCACY CHEAT-SHEET FOR TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY

## Tahoma-to-Tacoma Trail Network

The Tahoma-to-Tacoma Trail Network will link together new and existing trails over a span of 62.5 miles. It will offer the regional community nearly 13 million dollars per year in health, transportation, and environmental benefits. Additionally, it will provide access to affordable transportation options and safe space to exercise and enjoy the outdoors for the more than 45,000 people along the trail living below the poverty line.<sup>4</sup>

One third of the main alignment of this corridor is complete and available for use by the public along Tacoma's waterfront, the Puyallup Riverwalk Trail, and the Foothills Trail. Momentum is building. A show of community and political support will ensure this corridor is complete.



### Understanding the value:

- 62.5-mile multi-modal trail network stretching from Mount Rainier National Park to Point Defiance
- 30% of the trail network is already in place
- Trail could bring 84 more jobs in the tourism-related industry
- 8,041,000 lbs of CO2 will be diverted

<sup>4</sup> PWI's Tahoma-to-Tacoma Trail Benefit Report, pg. 5 <https://www.pwi.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewpage&pageid=508>  
[www.pwi.org/tahomatotacoma](http://www.pwi.org/tahomatotacoma)



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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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