

How to Speak up for a Connected Trail Network

YOUR ADVOCACY CHEAT-SHEET FOR TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY

Filling in the Gaps

The Tahoma to Tacoma Trail Network will link together new and existing trails. The main alignment, stretching from Point Defiance Park to Mount Rainier, 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.⁴

There were 376 people hit by cars while walking or bicycling in Pierce County in 2018 – more than one person every day. Trail connections will provide safer options for everyone in our community.

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.

⁴ Puyallup Watershed Initiative Tahoma to Tacoma Benefit Report, pg. 5



Benefits of a Connected Trail Network

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

Speak up for Schuster Parkway and the Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail Connection

1 Schuster Parkway Connection via Multi-use Trail

Why: Currently, from downtown, only cars can safely access the \$60-million public investments of Metro Parks Tacoma and the over \$1-billion private investments in Point Ruston.

The City is working toward designs to supplement this space with a 1.6-mile, multi-use trail. A traffic analysis has determined that, if this multi-use trail were built/constructed today, travel time for motorists through this area would be virtually unaffected, increasing by only 50 seconds during peak AM times.⁵ Daily CO2 emissions would be reduced by 204 kg.⁶

Tell your Tacoma City Council, Pierce County Council, and local electeds that this trail connection is critical.

⁵ Schuster Parkway Traffic Analysis

⁶ Schuster Parkway Air Quality Analysis, City of Tacoma



DOTG Advocacy Philosophies and Priorities: To advance the equity of all users of our local and regional transportation system, and specifically employees, students, and residents in downtown Tacoma. In accordance with our mission and vision, we aim to support measures which:

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

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2 Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail Connection

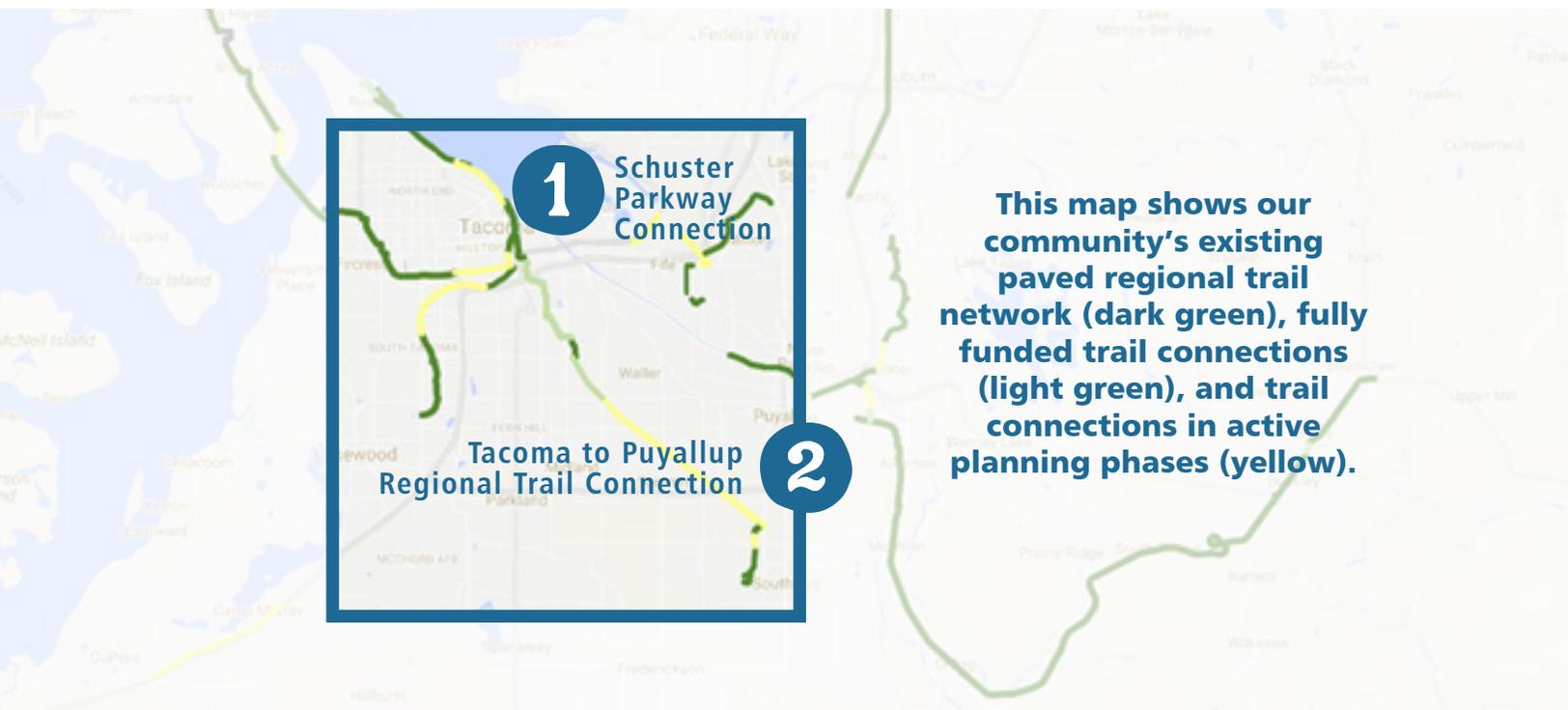
Why: Currently, there is no safe route between downtown Tacoma and downtown Puyallup for people travelling on foot or by bike. Natural barriers, including the Puyallup River and the 373-acre Swan Creek Park, make State Route 167/River Road the only direct route, but this 50 mph, five lane roadway has no sidewalks or bicycle facilities.

There are major infrastructure projects planned for the Tacoma to Puyallup corridor and critical decisions are being made now that will affect this corridor for decades to come. These projects include:

- WSDOT's Puget Sound Gateway Program: SR167 Completion Project
- Sound Transit's Tacoma Dome Link Light Rail Extension – including the Puyallup River crossing
- Pierce County's Canyon Road Northerly Extension – including the Puyallup River crossing

In the spring of 2019, WSDOT, local jurisdictions, and community partners are embarking on a route analysis study to determine which of 3 possible routes best meets the community's needs.

Look forward to a community meeting summer 2019, visit www.pwi.org/connect253 for more information.



Map: Regional Trail Connections: Existing, Funded, and Projects in Active Planning Stages

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