

PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

NARRATIVE PROJECT INFORMATION - October 2011

Due to Peter Heffernan (peter.heffernan@kingcounty.gov) no later than close of business Wednesday October 12.

Project Sponsor: *King County Parks/King County DOT*

Project Name: *Lake to Sound Trail, Segment, A Construction*

Project Location: *Cities of Renton and Tukwila, Naches Ave SW – Green River Trail*

What type of project is it: Support Centers Corridors Serving Centers

Plan Consistency:

- Transportation 2040 project number:
- Is the project consistent with the Transportation 2040: Yes No

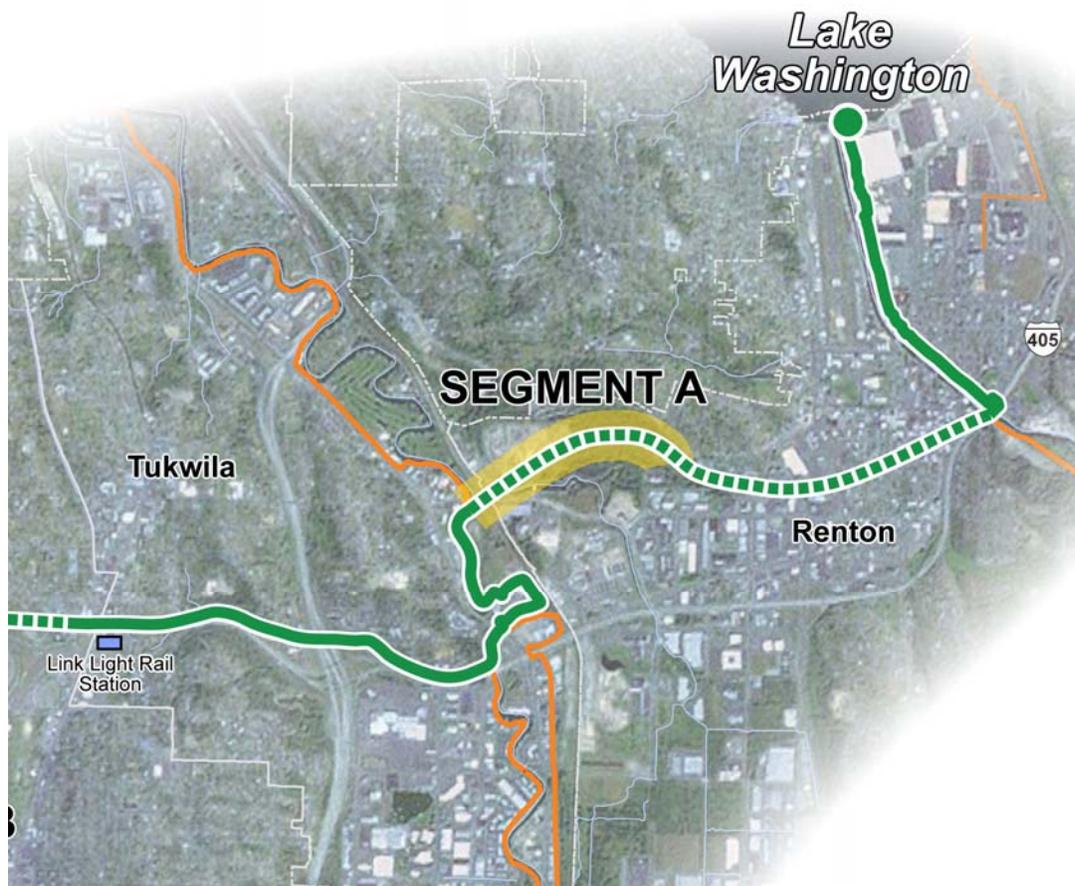
Project Description - No more than two full page - (see evaluation criteria for information to include):

- Briefly describe the project
Project will construct Segment A of the Lake to Sound Trail linking Renton and Tukwila, a 1.06-mile-long paved and soft-surface regional trail (shared-use path.) Segment A will connect Naches Avenue in Renton with Fort Dent Park and the Green River Trail in Tukwila via a scenic 'Forest Trail' segment that passes along the northern boundary of the Black River Riparian Forest. The Forest is a high-quality urban wildlife refuge that is home to more than 50 species of birds, including one of the largest blue heron colonies in the Pacific Northwest. This non-motorized L2S Trail route will provide non-intrusive connectivity between Renton and Tukwila while affording public access to a well-visited regional urban wildlife area in the City of Renton and Fort Dent Park, the City of Tukwila's largest park area. It also provides a safe connection under heavy rail lines, which are a barrier today. Fort Dent Park includes soccer fields, a playground, picnic area, restrooms, trails, and open areas.

- What is the intended outcome & benefit

Project will create a dedicated off-road nonmotorized connection between two regional urban centers. Trail will provide connection via the Green River Trail to Regional Trails System for bicyclists, pedestrians, and other active transportation uses. Link will enhance overall nonmotorized circulation and improve commute options.

Segment A will make a much-needed connection between two of the region's urban centers in Renton and Tukwila by providing a new regional trail facility where there is currently no good connection under the existing heavy rail line between the two cities for those traveling by foot or bike. This new connection through Fort Dent Park in Tukwila will connect to the larger system of regional trails in South King County, including the Green River Trail, the Interurban Trail, and the Cedar River Trail, as well as to major transit stations in the region including the Sounder Commuter Rail Station, the Tukwila Transit Center, the LINK Light Rail Station, and the Renton Transit Center.



Project Status & Timeline

Where is the project at in development?

Project is currently in design and permitting phase.

What is the timeline for this project from start to completion?

(Please identify the major phases)

Construction would be expected to start in late 2012 and be completed in 2013.

Additional Comments

Project would be initial phase of the overall Lake to Sound Trail, a 16-mile long active transportation corridor in south King County providing mobility opportunities to urban areas currently unserved by this type of facility. Project will also provide an important commuter link between Renton and Tukwila.