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Dear Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail Connection Cohort;

Letter of Understanding related to the Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail Connection Route Analysis Study

The “PARTIES”, consisting of the City of Fife, the City of Tacoma, the City of Puyallup, Pierce County, the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Metro Parks Tacoma, and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), desire to collaboratively work together to make the Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail Connection a reality. The Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail Connection is an envisioned corridor between downtown Tacoma and downtown Puyallup for people walking & biking that is physically separated from car traffic and safe for people of all ages and abilities.

The purpose of this Letter of Understanding is to commit the resources of the PARTIES to develop and execute agreements to participate in and fund a trail route analysis study. The Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail Connection route analysis study, hereinafter the “STUDY” will be administered by WSDOT, by a task order under a current General Engineering Consultant agreement. Each of the PARTIES will contribute funds for the STUDY, as outlined below, and will provide staff time at their own expense. The PARTIES will enter into an inter-governmental agreement with WSDOT to allow the transfer of funds to pay for the consultant work.

Funding contributions to be finalized by each party as they sign the LOU

Puyallup Tribe of Indians	\$30,000
Pierce County	\$30,000
City of Tacoma	\$30,000
City of Puyallup	\$20,000
City of Fife	\$20,000
Metro Parks Tacoma	\$20,000
Washington State Department of Transportation	\$30,000

The STUDY will assess the opportunities, constraints, and next steps for completing active transportation connections between Tacoma and Puyallup. The STUDY is step one, in a multi-step process. Possible future steps, not a part of this Letter of Understanding, may include environmental review and clearance, engineering, rights-of-way, construction, operations and maintenance.

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The PARTIES fully anticipate that the follow-on inter-governmental agreements will be executed within the first four months of 2019, and the STUDY will be completed by the end of calendar year 2019.

By our signatures below, we commit to working together and accept the terms and conditions of this Letter of Understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Craig Stone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Craig Stone
Puget Sound Gateway Program Administrator
Washington State
Department of Transportation

Concurrence by:

By Bill Sterud 4-12-19
Bill Sterud date
Chairman
Puyallup Tribe of Indians

By Roxanne Miles 4/12/19
Roxanne Miles date
Director of Parks and Recreation
Pierce County

By Shon Sylvia 4-17-19
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By Kevin Yamamoto 4-15-2019
Kevin Yamamoto date
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City of Puyallup

By Steven Fiddle 4/12/19
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City of Fife
By Fife City Council Motion/Action
February 26, 2019