



RESOLUTION NO. 41340

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBER WALKER
2 A RESOLUTION relating to non-motorized transportation; naming a new trail
3 formerly referred to as the Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail to spuyaləpabš
4 Trail.

5 WHEREAS in 2019, the Washington State Department of Transportation
6 (“WSDOT”) led an advisory group (“Group”) of local elected officials and community
7 leaders and launched the Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail Connection Route
8 Analysis Study (“Study”), and

9 WHEREAS the Study evaluated three potential trail routes (Levee Road,
10 River Road, and the new State Route 167 (“SR 167”) alignment) for safety,
11 connections, accessibility, equity, and other factors; in February 2020, the Group
12 selected the future SR 167 corridor as the preferred alignment for the new trail, and

13 WHEREAS the Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail (“Trail”) will connect
14 downtown Puyallup to Fife and downtown Tacoma, providing people who live and
15 work in the area with a new option to travel without a motorized vehicle to a variety
16 of destinations, and
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18 WHEREAS the Trail will route along WSDOT’s future SR 167 alignment from
19 Puyallup to State Route 509 in Fife, and from there the Trail will route along
20 Alexander Avenue East and continue along Pacific Highway East, and
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22 WHEREAS the Trail will extend into the City via the Fishing Wars Memorial
23 Bridge, and connect along Puyallup Avenue to the Thea Foss Esplanade, and
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1 WHEREAS the future Trail passes through the Puyallup Tribe of Indians
2 ("Tribe") Reservation, and regional partners ("Partners") have worked with the
3 Tribe and the community to plan and fund the Trail for the past five years,
4 recognizing a significant and crucial opportunity to honor the tribal language,
5 history, and culture through trail design, public art, and the trail name, and

7 WHEREAS in summer 2023, the Partners agreed to a trail naming process
8 by which each entity would forgo its individual trail naming protocol to select a
9 name approved by the Tribe, including names provided in Lushootseed, to create a
10 healthy environment for the Lushootseed language to grow and to be visible in our
11 communities, and

13 WHEREAS in October 2023, the Puyallup Tribe of Indians Tribal Council
14 approved and enthusiastically supported one name for consideration: spuyaləpabš
15 Trail, which is the Lushootseed name for the Puyallup People, translated as
16 "people from the bend at the bottom of the river," but has come to be a word
17 associated with generous and welcoming behavior, and

19 WHEREAS on November 21, 2023, the Partners agreed to adopt the name
20 as recommended, and the agencies signed a Memorandum of Understanding in
21 December 2023 to memorialize this agreement, and

23 WHEREAS the adoption of the recommended trail name is a way of
24 recognizing that the future Trail passes through the Tribal land on which they have
25 lived and stewarded since the beginning of time, and continue to do so today; Now,
26 Therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the Council of the City of Tacoma hereby renames the planned trail
formerly referred to as the Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail to spuyaləpabš
Trail.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney