

Memorandum of Understanding

Between Puyallup Tribe of Indians, the cities of Fife, Puyallup, and Tacoma, and the Washington State Department of Transportation
Pertaining to NAMING THE FUTURE TRAIL BETWEEN PUYALLUP AND TACOMA


The Puyallup Tribe of Indians, cities of Fife, Puyallup, and Tacoma, and the Washington State Department of Transportation agree to officially name the new trail between Puyallup, Fife, and downtown Tacoma, formerly referred to as the Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail, **spuyaləpabš Trail**. This is the Lushootseed name for the Puyallup People, translated as “people from the bend at the bottom of the river”, but has come to be a word associated with generous and welcoming behavior.

The future trail passes through the Puyallup Tribe of Indians Reservation, land on which they have lived on and stewarded since the beginning of time and continue to do so today. For over five years, regional partners have worked with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians and with the community to plan and fund the trail, recognizing a significant and crucial opportunity to honor the tribal language, history, and culture through trail design, public art and the trail name.

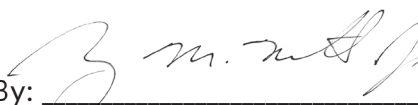
In Summer 2023, the partners agreed to a trail naming process by which each entity would forgo its individual trail naming protocol to select a name approved by the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, including names provided in Lushootseed. To create a healthy environment for Lushootseed language to grow, it must be visible in our communities.

In October 2023, the Puyallup Tribe of Indians Tribal Council approved and enthusiastically supported one name for consideration: **spuyaləpabš Trail**. On November 21, 2023, the partners agreed to adopt the name **spuyaləpabš Trail** and hereto agree to its memorialization and future implementation effective upon the last date written below.


PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS

By: 
Date: 12.13.23

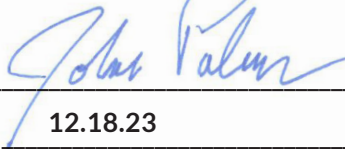
WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

By: 
Date: 12.19.23


CITY OF FIFE

By: 
Date: 12.18.23

CITY OF PUYALLUP

By: 
Date: 12.18.23

CITY OF TACOMA

By: 
Date: 12.28.23