

Mountains to Sound Trail

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The Mountains to Sound Trail is part of the larger Mountains-to-Sound Greenway effort that has helped create 100 miles of trail along I-90 from Central Washington to Seattle, focusing on preserving open spaces and wildlife habitat.

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GRAND OPENING

Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011

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Celebrating the completion of this multi-use, paved trail on Beacon Hill that will provide connections to downtown Seattle and the International District, the SODO district, sports stadiums, and the waterfront.

Walkers, cyclists, and runners will have a new, paved, fenced and well-lit trail adjacent to Interstate Five from Jose Rizal Park, a popular off-leash area, and South Holgate Street.

Features of the new $\frac{3}{4}$ mile trail include:

- 12-foot-wide paved and level surface for walking, biking, and running
- Fencing along both sides of the trail to keep children and pets from wandering into the brush
- A trail design utilizing Crime Prevention Through Design (CPTD) techniques
- 25-foot-tall street lights every 160 feet to fully illuminate the area
- Landscaping work that removed overgrown blackberry bushes, weeds, and invasive plants that were choking out the natural landscape including numerous mature fruit trees.

Background

In 1990, a group of citizens marched from Snoqualmie Pass to the Seattle waterfront to publicize the need to save some of the nearby forests and open spaces just outside of the growing city. From that group of activists, the nonprofit, [Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust](#), was born and the idea for this Mountains to Sound Trail project. That project idea moved forward over the years through various concept and budget discussions, with multiple agencies at the table. With partial funding, project design got underway in 2006 and 2007. The budget remained uncertain and the scope went through much iteration – at one time including a pedestrian/bicycle bridge over I-5 that connects the trail to 4th Avenue South & South Royal Brougham Way. Due to funding constraints that element was set aside. During all of this public outreach continued.



Jose Rizal off-leash area

When SDOT presented the Mountains to Sound Trail extension project to the Seattle Design Commission the spring of 2009, the design was well-received. The presentation highlighted the design features that were important to the community and trail users while displaying the work achieved as a result of the cooperative effort between WSDOT, SDOT, and Seattle Parks and Recreation. The design commission gave a majority vote in favor of the project. The Mountains to Sound project went on to 60 percent design completion the fall of 2009. A favorable climate for construction costs combined with \$1.8 million in funding from the eight-year Pro Parks Levy and \$810,000 in federal grants allocated in 2010 enabled the construction schedule to be finalized; which brings us to where we are today.

This trail is part of Seattle Mayor McGinn's Walk Bike Ride initiative launched in 2010 and the Bicycle Master Plan adopted in 2007.

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