



Mountains to Sound Greenway

Trail extension from I-405/Factoria Crossing

Bellevue, Washington

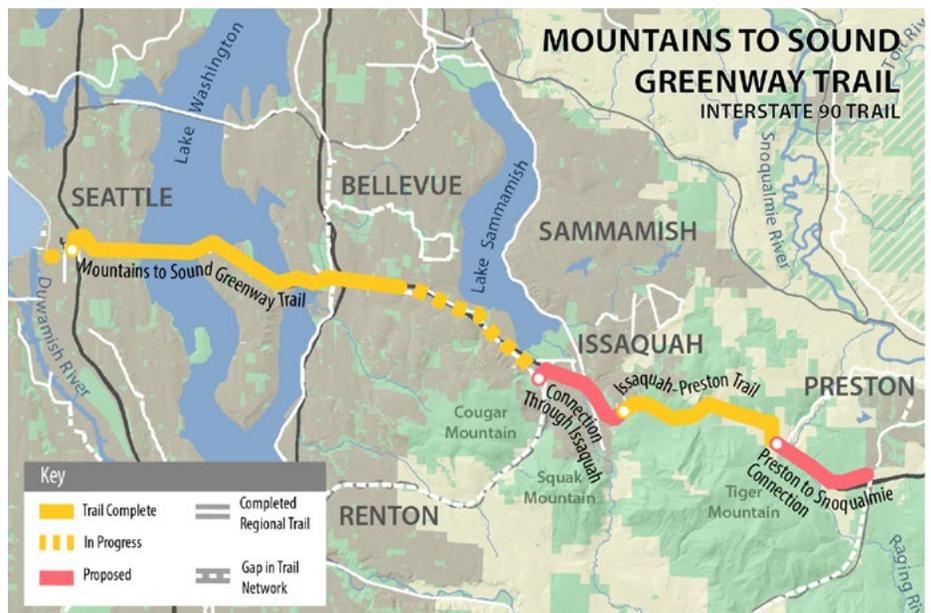
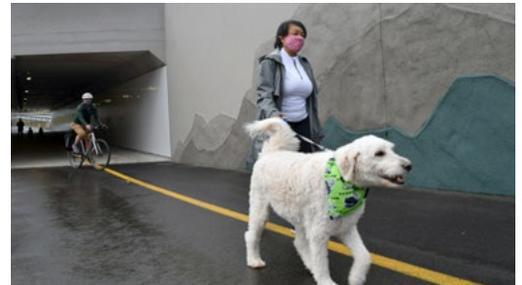
The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail has been extended to help fill a critical trail gap in Bellevue. The regional trail network makes it safer and more convenient for people who walk, roll or bicycle for recreation and commuting. The Greenway Trail is part of the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area, which stretches from the Seattle waterfront to Ellensburg in Central Washington.

Planned improvements in Bellevue will close a 3.6-mile gap in the Greenway Trail, from Interstate 405 (I-405) in the Factoria neighborhood to Lakemont Boulevard on the Issaquah border. In early 2022, 1.2 miles of new trail had been opened to the public.

The first extension completed connects from I-405 to 132nd Avenue Northeast and includes a tunnel crossing under I-405 to eastbound Interstate 90 (I-90) ramps and a 12-foot pedestrian/ bicycle bridge over Factoria Boulevard Southeast. Portions of the trail were relocated to improve vehicle capacity for the eastbound I-90 off-ramp to the Factoria area, helping to avoid long backups onto the highway and improving safety. The project also dramatically improves safety for pedestrians and bicyclists by separating them from vehicle traffic. The second extension of the new trail runs along the north side of Southeast 36th Street (immediately south of I-90), from 132nd Avenue Southeast to 142nd Place Southeast, and includes new retaining walls, lighting, landscaping and restored roadway.



The new bridge extends over Factoria Boulevard; the new tunnel is under I-405.



Corridor map provided by Mountains to the Sound Greenway Trust.

Thank you project funders

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)

WSDOT has contributed in multiple ways to fund and support construction of the trail extension in Bellevue:

- State Connecting Washington funds for trail improvements (\$14 million)
- State Connecting Washington funds for retaining wall extensions (\$2.055 million)
- Trail lease to use limited access right-of-way along I-90 at no cost

The \$2.055 million was part of the larger, multimodal I-405/ Renton to Bellevue Widening and Express Toll Lanes Project where WSDOT collaborated with Bellevue to incorporate retaining walls that benefit both the Greenway Trail and the Interstate. The new pedestrian/bike tunnel was lengthened and built to allow WSDOT to expand the off-ramp from northbound I-405 to eastbound I-90 off-ramp.

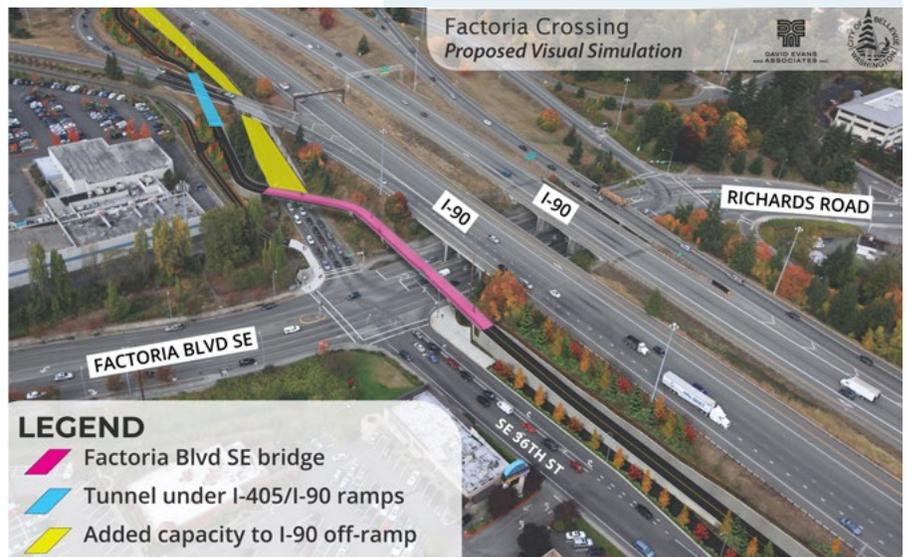


Decorative retaining walls along trail facing west

Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)

The PSRC has been a long-term partner in providing opportunities to fund the Greenway Trail. Bellevue competitively applied for and was awarded grant funding for design in 2013 and 2014, then construction funding in 2018 and 2020.

- 2014: Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (\$543,000)
- 2013: Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (\$470,000)
- 2018 and 2020: Federal Surface Transportation Program (\$6.16 million)



I-405/Factoria Boulevard Crossing to 132nd Avenue NE segment includes a new tunnel and bridge

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Sound Transit

Sound Transit's System Access Fund awards funding for projects that improve connections to light rail stations, including sidewalks, protected bike lanes, shared use paths, improved bus-rail integration and new pick-up and drop-off areas. The Greenway project was selected to receive funding because it provides access to the 142nd Place SE overcrossing of I-90 that connects with the Eastgate Transit Center.

- 2019: System Access Fund in 2019 (\$1 million)



City of Bellevue

Funding from the City's Capital Improvement Program supported the design and construction of planned improvements of the Greenway Trail in Bellevue. The City's contribution for the I-405 to 142nd Place Southeast construction work, plus design up to 150th Avenue Southeast interchange will be approximately \$9.7 million.

Once all construction expenses are accounted for, the total cost to complete and open the first two extensions of trail was \$33.4 million.



Future Extensions: Funding Needed

Two future segments will extend the Greenway Trail in Bellevue.

- **142nd Place Southeast to 150th Avenue Southeast:** This extension will include a 12-foot-wide paved pedestrian and bicycle path on the north side of Southeast 36th Street, new walls, a mid-block crosswalk at 146th Avenue Southeast and upgraded lighting. Design for this extension is substantially complete but \$6.9 million in construction funding is still needed.
- **150th Avenue Southeast to Southeast Lakemont Boulevard:** This extension will include a 12-foot-wide pedestrian and bicycle trail along the south side of I-90 and a bridge over 150th Avenue Southeast. An estimated \$29.6 million will be required for this section.



150th Avenue Southeast and I-90 off-ramp (looking west)

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