King County and the Valley Cities

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Mayor Gary Van Dusen, Tukwila

Interurban Recreational Trail

Puget Sound Power & Light Company
Recreational Trail Easement

Interurban Trail, A Master Plan
Timm Gustine

Contractor
City Transfer of Kent
Ron Benson, General Manager

Construction Contract
$142,000

Funding
Housing & Community Development
Block Grant

Project Length
2.2 Miles

Background

The Interurban Trail was once a highly successful and colorful electric railway that ran between Seattle and Tacoma during the early years of this century. It originated in 1901 as the Seattle-Tacoma Interurban Railroad serving Georgetown, Tacoma, the White River Valley, and the towns of Kent, Renton, and Auburn.

From the outset it showed a profit. However, with the arrival of the automobile, the railroad lost popularity, declared bankruptcy in 1928, and was sold to Puget Sound Power and Light Company (PSPL).

During recent years, bicycle groups, joggers, hikers, and horseback riders have been increasingly aware of the need for recreational facilities through the Green River Valley.

In response to that interest, King County and PSPL signed an agreement granting a long-term recreational easement along 16 miles of the former railway. In 1977 the County and the six valley cities entered into an agreement for development, maintenance and administration of the Interurban Trail.

Over the years funds have been made available from the Federal Highway Administration, Bicycle Demonstration Grant and local Community Block for construction.

In the future, it is anticipated that the paved trail will extend through the full 16 miles from Fort Dent Park in Tukwila to the Pierce County line. This trail will serve as the backbone for a bicycle trail system in the Green River Valley.

King County Department of Public Works

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Interurban Recreation Trail
Dedication Ceremonies
Saturday, June 9, 1984
Interurban/Algona Crossing
First Avenue South

11:30 - 12:00

Reception and Refreshments
Music: Federal Way Community Band

12:00

Master of Ceremonies.....Glen Dragseth, Mayor
City of Pacific

Presentation of Colors.....Bruce Mullins, Coordinator
- Cub Scouts Pack 505
- Boy Scouts Troop 515
- Brownie Troop 816
- Girl Scout Troop 1128

Introductions.....Glen Dragseth, Mayor
City of Pacific

Dedicatory Prayer.....Pastor Jerry Skidgel

Welcome.....August Schuman, Mayor
City of Algona

Trail Development in the Valley.....Bob Roegner, Mayor
City of Auburn

Recreational Links to the Valley.....Bob Bergstrom
City of Renton

Building a Regional Bicycle Network.....Randy Revelle
King County Executive

Honored Guest.....John D. Spellman, Governor
State of Washington

Awarding Certificates of Accomplishment.....Bob Greive and Gary Grant
King County Councilmen

Ribbon Cutting.....Franice Doniego
Queen of Phillipine Community

Participating in Ribbon Cutting: John Spellman, Randy Revelle, Gary Grant, Bob Greive, Franice Doniego, Bob Bergstrom, Bob Roegner, August Schuman, Glen Dragseth

HIKE & BIKE

Through the Historic Green River Valley

INTERURBAN TRAIL ROUTE

Following the former Puget Sound Electric Railway right-of-way.

EXPERIENCE A WIDE VARIETY OF URBAN AND RURAL LANDSCAPES.

16 MILE RECREATIONAL ROUTE

PANORAMAS OF PASTURES, SMALL TOWNS, AND INDUSTRIAL PARKS.

SEE

Ft. Dent Park, Tukwila, Orillia, O'Brien, Kent, Green River Crossing, Auburn, Algona, & Pacific.

Thanks to:
THE VALLEY COMMUNITIES
KING COUNTY
PUGET SOUND POWER AND LIGHT