

### ***Why design a trail along rail now?***

Development of light rail through Shoreline presents us with a unique and rare opportunity. The City is looking at the possibility of building an approximately 14 foot-wide multi-use trail running roughly parallel to the light rail alignment from NE 145th Street to NE 195th Street. It would enhance pedestrian and cyclist access to the planned NE 145th Street and NE 185th Street light rail stations, as well as connect to the NE 195th Street pedestrian bridge over I-5. In addition, the trail could connect to parks, open spaces, and schools within the neighborhoods adjacent to the light rail alignment.

### ***Who will use the trail?***

The Trail Along the Rail will serve a multitude of users by providing:

- A place to walk with friends, teach kids how to bike, train for the next big run, walk dogs, and commute to work.
- A healthy option for families to walk or bike more safely to and from school in an area that has limited sidewalks.
- A direct connection to Ridgecrest Park and North City Park that provides people an opportunity to extend their fitness routine by walking or biking to a park.
- An attractive way for pedestrians and cyclists to commute to the new light rail stations.

### ***Why not just outfit the streets with bike lanes?***

Trails, bike lanes, and other on-street bicycle facilities all have a role in a complete bicycle network. Trails can provide an alternative for the cautious cyclist who doesn't want to have to negotiate on-street traffic. As part of the [Shoreline Bike Plan Implementation](#), the City will also be outfitting more streets (such as 5th Avenue NE) with bike lanes for more confident riders. The new trail could serve as a crucial north-south route to build out our inter-connected low-stress bike network for all types of users.

### ***We already have the Interurban Trail. Why do we need another trail?***

The Trail Along the Rail would promote healthy communities and provide a non-motorized option for people trying to navigate Shoreline east of I-5 which, in turn, could help the City meet its greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. Shoreline is growing and changing, and with the upcoming light rail and planned future developments, the City must look toward the future of transportation and connectivity within our community as well as the Greater Puget Sound Region.

### ***What happens when trail users reach the light rail station?***

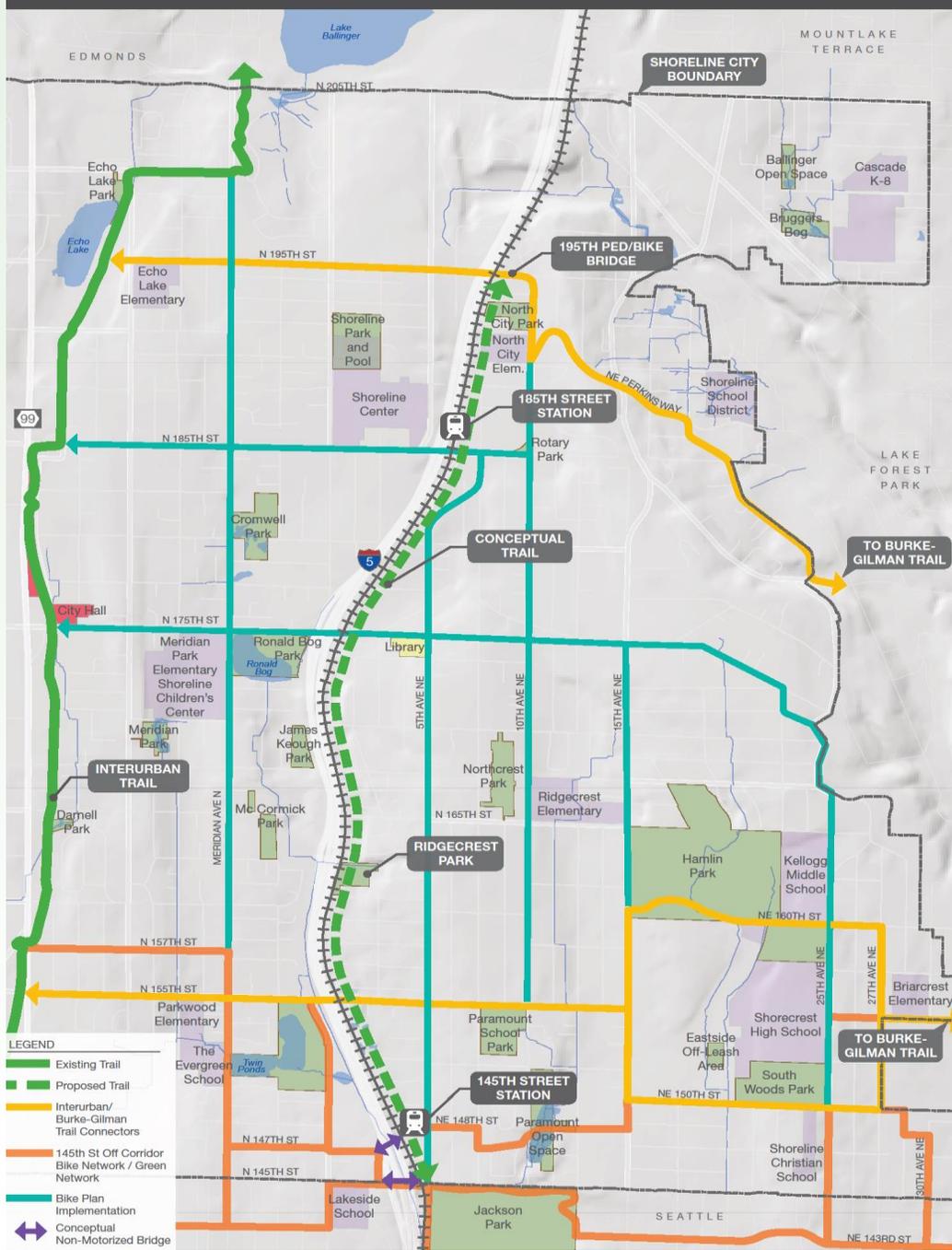
When trail users reach the light rail stations, they can either lock their bikes in a secure bike parking area or bring their bike aboard the train. If the light rail station is not their destination, they can continue on to other local destinations by following wayfinding signage.

### ***How will safety and security be addressed along the trail?***

Providing a safe, comfortable facility is paramount in the minds of City staff as they evaluate trail feasibility and design options. Staff will make the following considerations to help achieve a safe and secure trail:

- Look at trail safety studies performed by neighboring cities.
- Consider appropriate lighting along the trail.
- Collaborate with local Police during design, to utilize their insights in how to promote safety and security along the trail.
- Provide appropriate edge treatments such as fences, walls, and/or vegetation along the trail.
- Ensure good visibility along the trail.

# PEDESTRIAN / BIKE CONNECTIONS



## How can I learn more?

Updated information is available at:

<http://www.shorelinewa.gov/government/departments/public-works/trail-along-the-rail>

To receive email updates, please visit the City of Shoreline homepage at

<http://www.shorelinewa.gov/> and sign up under [Alert Shoreline](#).



## Who do I contact if I have questions?

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