

FOOTHILLS TRAIL

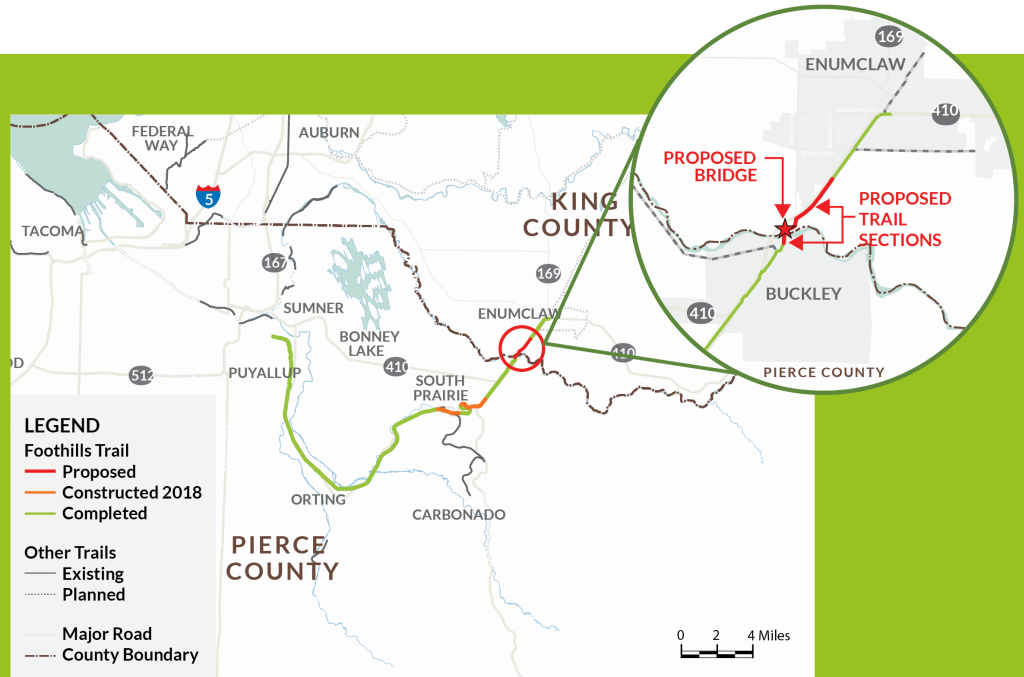
TRAIL & BRIDGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Connecting Counties and Communities across the White River

About the Foothills Trail

Once completed the Foothills Trail will be a 22-mile-long, paved, non-motorized path connecting the approximately 238,000 residents of Enumclaw, Buckley, South Prairie, Orting and Puyallup.

This popular trail is known for its scenic views of Mount Rainier and follows the Carbon River upstream through farmland and forests.



Progress

In April 2018, Pierce County recently celebrated the completion of another three miles of the Foothills Trail between South Prairie and Buckley. The project included the construction of 3,000 linear feet of pin-pile bridge and the replacement of the switchback bridge that was damaged in 2014.

The Missing Link

In 2021, King County Parks built another mile of the trail between the existing trail in Enumclaw and the historic Highway 410 Bridge over Boise Creek. In 2024, King County will close the gap between Enumclaw and Buckley by building a trail bridge over the White River.

Essential Partnerships

King County Parks' Foothills Trail and Bridge development project would not be possible without strong partnerships with the Cities of Enumclaw and Buckley and Pierce County. This project was funded in part by the voter-approved 2014-2019 King County Parks, Trails, and Open Space Replacement Levy, as well as a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and contributions from the Foothills Trail Coalition, the City of Buckley, and Pierce County.



2015

Initiate Design

2017

Footing Repair at Boise Creek Bridge

2018

Permitting

2021

Complete Initial Segment to the Boise Creek Bridge

2022

Construction Begins Final Segment to City of Buckley

2024

White River Bridge Completed Trail Open for Use



BENEFITS TO OUR COMMUNITY

1. Economic Development and Tourism

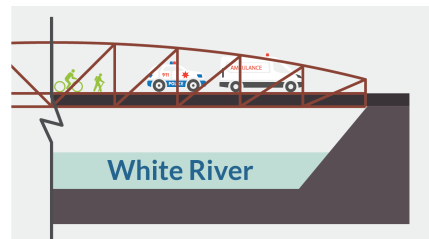
Completing the Foothills Trail and White River bridge will bring more visitors to Enumclaw, Buckley, and other communities along the trail, supporting local economic development.

2. Outdoor Recreation and Non-Motorized Transportation

Foothills Trail visitors will enjoy scenic water crossings over the White River and Boise Creek. The new bridge will connect the two sides of the trail, creating a 22-mile-long trail experience for recreation and transportation to local schools, business centers, and civic centers. This project will link rural areas to urban centers.

3. Health and Safety

Completing the new bridge will provide an alternative emergency route for pedestrians and vehicles in the event the SR 410 bridge at Buckley becomes impassable, for example, during a catastrophic event. Without an alternative crossing, access to the nearest hospital (currently located in Enumclaw) could take up to 30 minutes or longer during an emergency. This additional emergency access can mean the difference between life and death for treating people with life-threatening injuries.



4. Sense of Community

King County Parks is helping link King and Pierce Counties and the cities of Enumclaw and Buckley, in particular. The Foothills Trail is the only regional trail serving these communities, providing a safe, separated, non-motorized option for recreation and transportation for people to walk, bike and enjoy.