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Connecting Trails, Connecting Communities

SBAB Leafline Trails Coalition Presentation

Tuesday, September 16



What is Leafline?

- **Leafline Trails Coalition exists to:**
 - Promote growth of regional trails–the Leafline Trails Network – across King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties
 - Amplify and catalyze the success of the Coalition’s partners
 - Act as a forum for sharing planning resources, technical support, and best practices for rural, suburban, & urban communities seeking to connect trails
 - Provide collaborative branding, strategy, communications, advocacy, networking, and programming



Members & Public Partners

Public Partners

King County Parks ▪ Snohomish County Parks, Recreation, & Tourism ▪ Pierce County Parks ▪ Kitsap County Parks ▪ City of Seattle ▪ City of Tacoma ▪ City of Federal Way ▪ City of Poulsbo ▪ City of Issaquah ▪ City of Kent ▪ City of Maple Valley ▪ City of Marysville ▪ City of Monroe ▪ City of Renton ▪ Everett Transportation Advisory Commission ▪ Fall City Metropolitan Parks District ▪ Kitsap County Non-Motorized Committee ▪ Metro Parks Tacoma ▪ Pierce County Parks ▪ Port of Seattle ▪ Seattle Department of Transportation ▪ Si View Metro Parks ▪ Washington State Department of Natural Resources ▪ Washington State Department of Transportation ▪ Washington State Parks

Members

AHBL, Inc. ▪ Alta Planning + Design ▪ Bainbridge Island Parks & Trails Foundation ▪ Barefoot Eco Outfitters ▪ Bicycle Teacher ▪ Bike Gig Harbor ▪ Bike All Over ▪ BIKES Club of Snohomish County ▪ Black People Hike ▪ Bruce Dees & Associates ▪ Cascade Bicycle Club ▪ Cascadia Forest Therapy ▪ Chico Creek Task Force ▪ Disability Mobility Initiative (Disability Rights Washington) ▪ Downtown on the Go ▪ Eastrail Partners ▪ EastHUB ▪ Edmonds Bicycle Advocacy Group ▪ Emerald Alliance ▪ Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition ▪ ForeverGreen Trails ▪ Friends of Seattle's Olmstead Parks ▪ GirlTrek ▪ Issaquah Alps Trails Club ▪ Jacobs ▪ Kimley-Horn ▪ Kiwanis Club of Issaquah ▪ MacLeod Reckord PLLC ▪ MIG ▪ Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust ▪ Move Redmond ▪ North Kitsap Trails Association ▪ Palouse to Cascades Trail Coalition ▪ Parametrix ▪ People for the Preservation of Tualco Valley ▪ REI Co-op ▪ Rooted in Rights ▪ Seattle Neighborhood Greenways ▪ Snohomish County Transportation Coalition ▪ Summit at Snoqualmie ▪ Tacoma Washington Bicycle Club ▪ Toole Design ▪ Trail Coalition of Snohomish County ▪ Washington Bike Law ▪ Washington Bikes ▪ Washington Trails Association ▪ Washington Wildlife & Recreation Coalition ▪ West Seattle Bike Connections ▪ West Sound Cycling Club ▪ WheelLab ▪ The Wilderness Society



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Scope of Work Update

- **Working Groups Update**

- Policy/Advocacy Group

- **2025 Task:** *Implement an Advocacy and Policy centered working group to discuss regional, state and federal trail policy, efforts, legislative concerns, advocacy opportunities, and funding opportunities.*

- Data/Metrics Working Group

- **2025-2026 Task:** *Implement a Data Working Group that focuses on data collection, analysis; discussion of new data sources/meaningful ways to measure impact and benefit of trails.*

- Peer to Peer Networking Group

- **2025-2026 Task:** *Implement a Peer to Peer Jurisdictional Networking Group that meets regularly to share best practices, case studies, and resources at a jurisdictional level among peers. This group will have access to a bi-monthly email, listserv, and to subject matter experts within the network.*



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Advocacy and Policy Working Group

Focus of group

- Discussion of Scope: Local, Regional, State, Federal
 - Actions: live in the state and region
 - Goal: be informed federally
- Recent Topics of Conversation
 - Effective strategies to involve decision makers and elected politicians in trail advocacy work
 - Obtaining commitments from elected officials at advocacy events
 - Feedback on statewide bike network panel discussion prompts
 - Possibility of a legislative caucus focusing on trails
 - King County Parks Levy support
 - Equity in advocacy work

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Jurisdictional Participation

- **2026 Funding Partner Conversations**

- Goals: Diversify the coalition's funding sources via a sustainable funding model to broaden our capacity, expand our resources, and strengthen our resiliency. Demonstrate to new partners and organizations that we have broad funding support from a variety of contributing partners.

- **New Partner Conversations**

- Goals: Bring new jurisdictional partners into the fold. Increase our collective impact. Expand our reach.



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Data and Metrics Working Group

We are working with a key GIS volunteer to:

- Update our public facing map vision with current data
- Fine tune our map vision to be more user intuitive and easy to navigate/understand
- Track key metrics to ensure that we accurately measure our impact in regional trail development
- Understand the growth of the regional network since a analysis of trail data was last performed in 2022
- Next Steps
 - Working Groups will review SPRC trail data before sending to jurisdictional partners for review

Inclusion of Seattle Facilities in Regional Leafline Trails Network Map Vision

Historically it has been hard to create criteria for network inclusion that incorporates many of the on-street connections that are utilized in dense urban areas

We will be using Seattle's criteria for "all ages and abilities" facilities as a guide moving forward:

Bicycle facilities that serve all ages and abilities provide a comfortable separation from motor vehicles and focus on intersection safety.

- Off-street trails - facilitates for two-way off-street bicycle use that may also be used by pedestrians, skaters, joggers, and other non-motorized users.
- Cycle tracks (Protected Bicycle Lanes) - facilities physically separated from motor vehicle traffic and distinct from the sidewalk; they may be one-way or two-way, and may be at street level or raised several inches above.
- Neighborhood greenways - residential streets with low motorized traffic volumes and speeds that are designated and designed to give bicycle and pedestrian safe and pleasant travel priority.



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City of Seattle - Areas of Collaboration

- Amplify current City of Seattle projects that tie the City into the broader regional trail network
- Provide insight into projects outside of the City that may tie into the City's existing and planned projects
- Cross jurisdictional collaboration - peer to peer network
- Trail activations - highlight recent development, big wins, and critical gaps that still exist
- Leafline can be a direct conduit to advocacy organizations working in your area



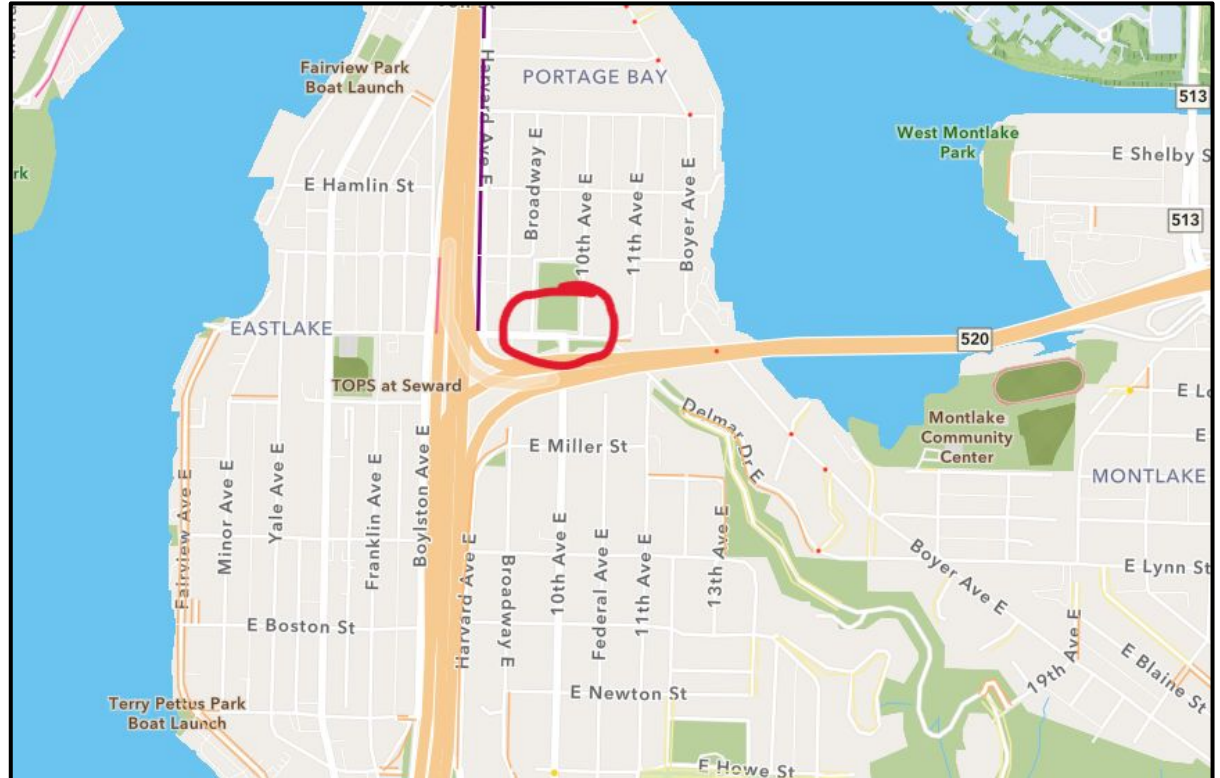
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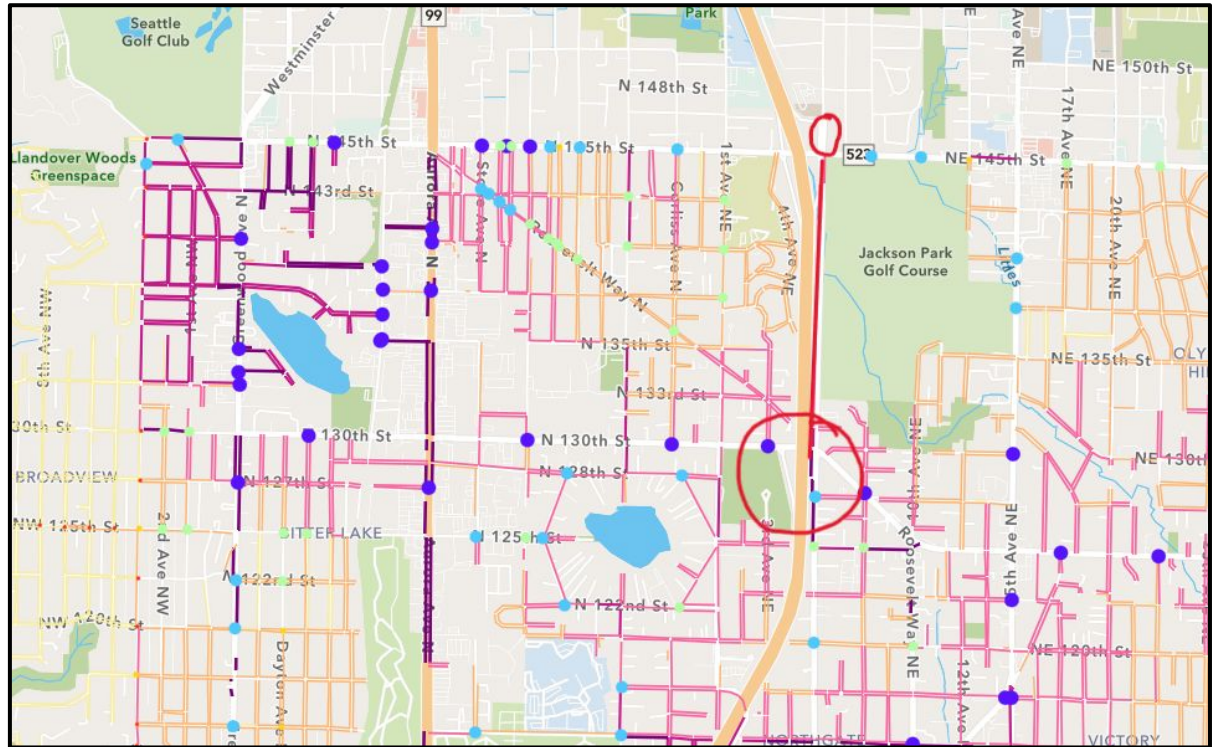
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- 520 Trail Extension



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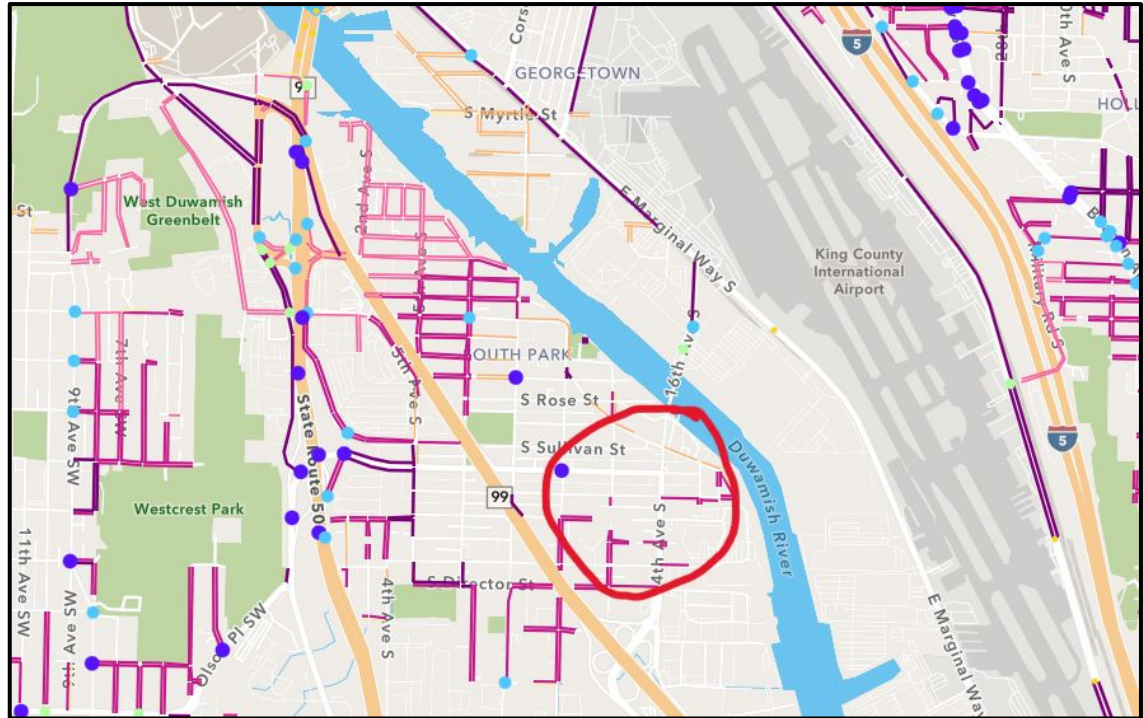
- Shoreline Rail Trail Extension



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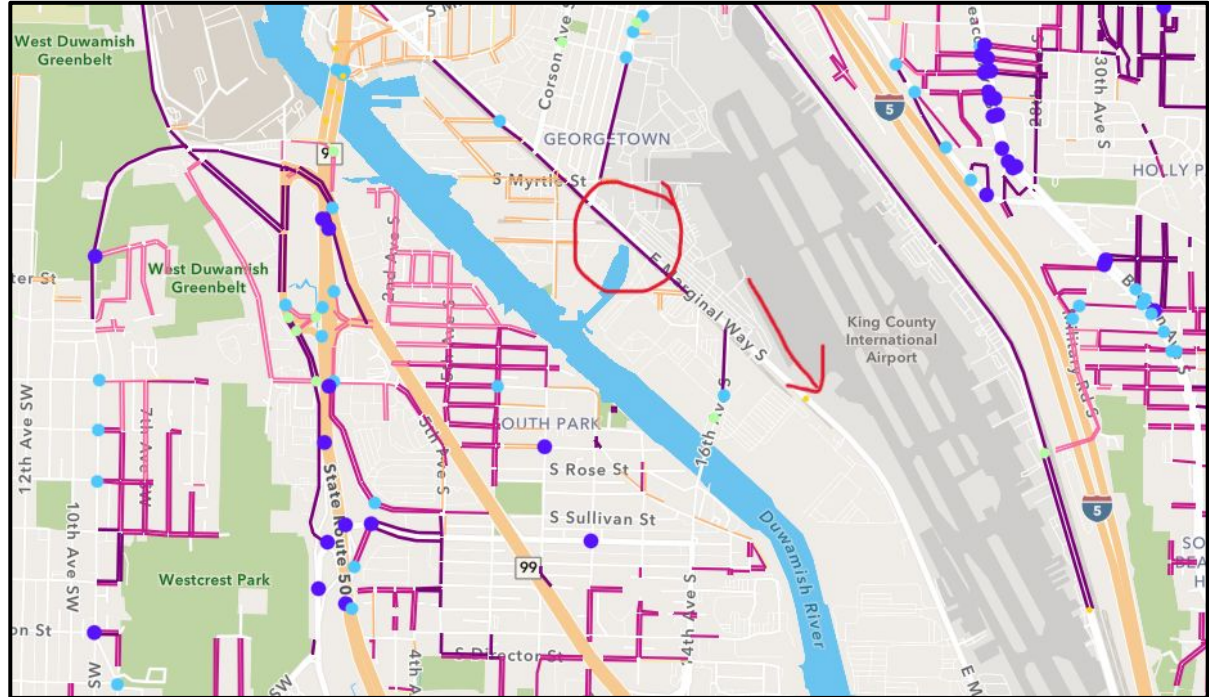
- Green River Trail North Expansion (14th Ave S)



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Area of Focus

- E Marginal Way (Continuing South to City line)

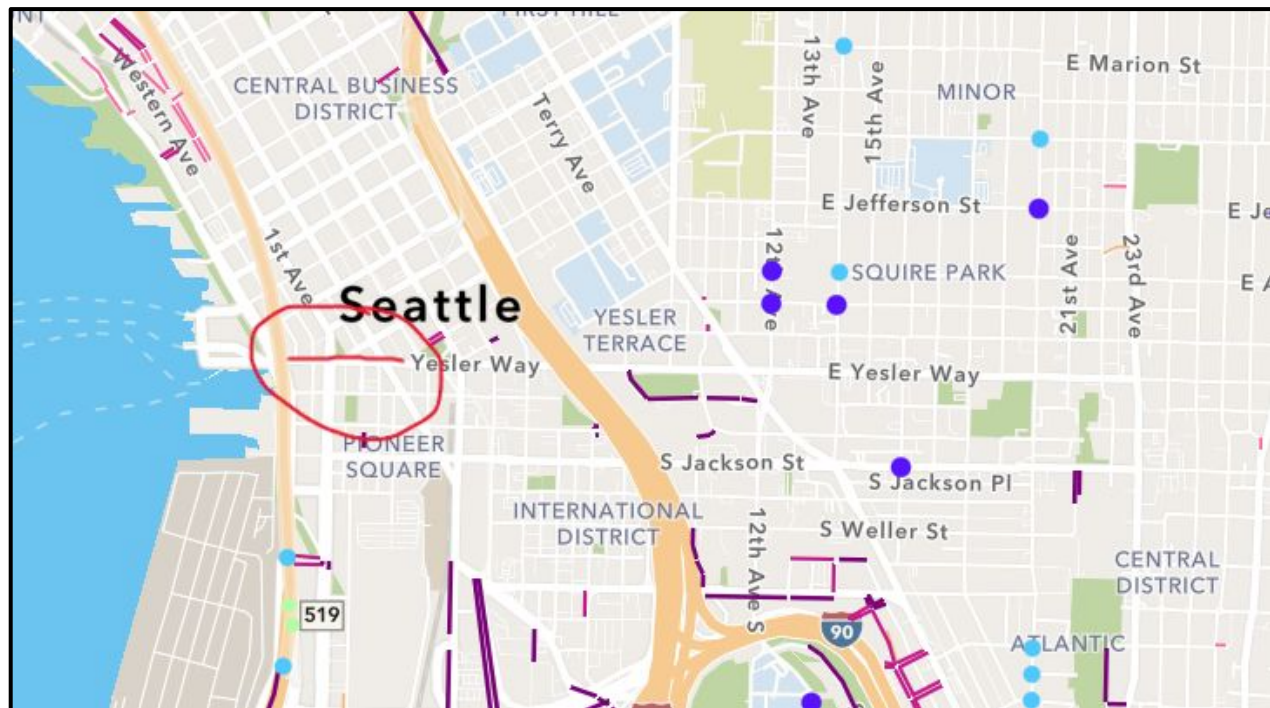


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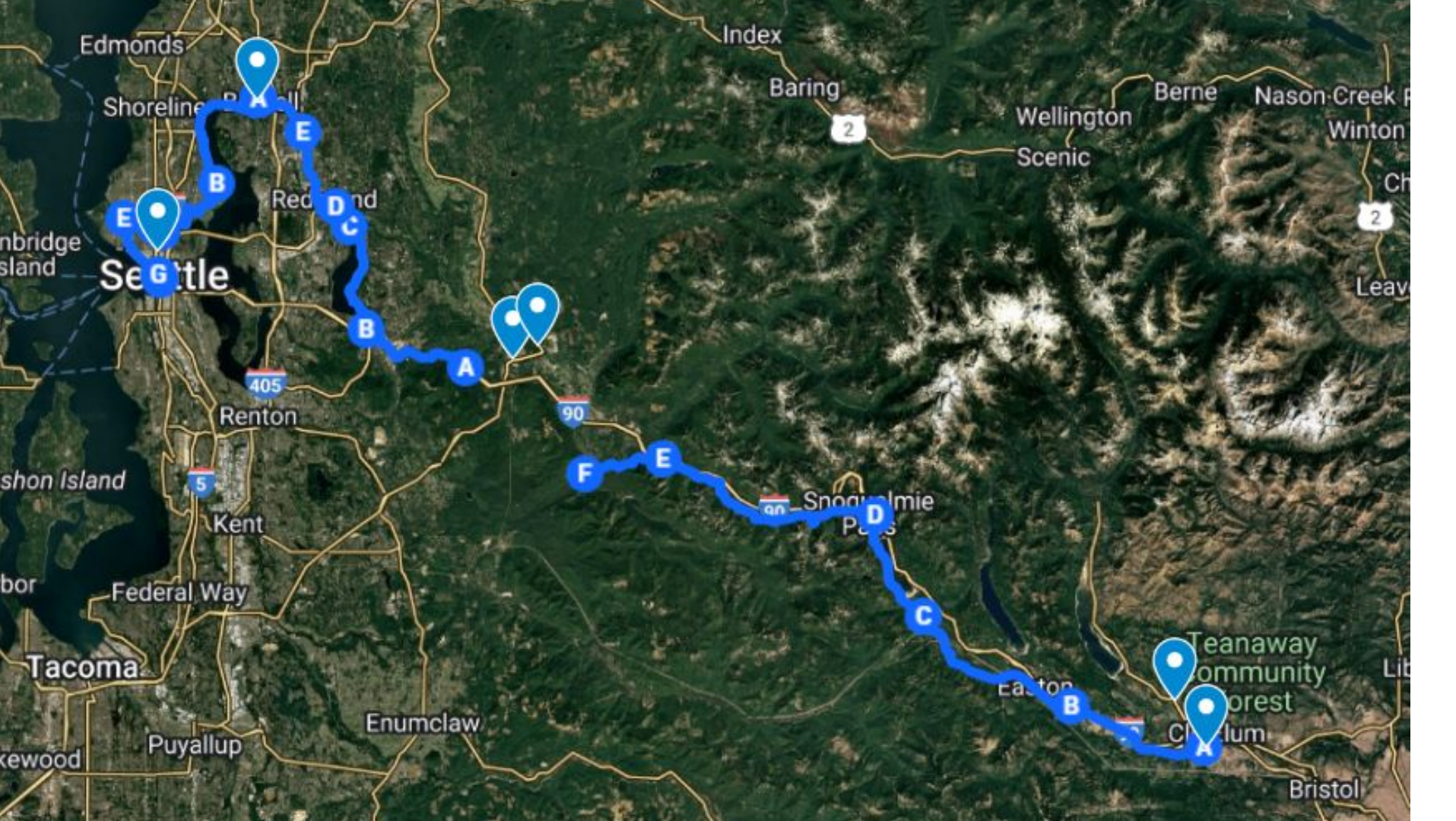


Upcoming Event: Rails to Trails “Great American Rail Trail Influencer Tour”

Dates: September 23 - 25

- Leafline is a key partner in planning logistics for this event
- Many our advocacy organizations and jurisdictional partners will be involved as well
- Route is from Cle Elum to the Seattle Waterfront following the Great American Rail Trail (GART)
- Opportunities to engage key decision makers, funders, elected officials, and agency representatives
- Events in planning phase to engage key stakeholders
 - Bothell Event on September 24
 - Seattle Waterfront event on September 25







Thank you!

