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## Case Study

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The Walkable Washington program grew out of the Feet First Cities Program. It showcases exceptional pedestrian-oriented improvements, community groups and outreach programs; maintains a statewide network for key contacts and stakeholders including an annual symposium; and provides assistance with Safe Routes to School, walking audits and other educational activities and programs.

## Tacoma 13 Corridor Tacoma, WA

### Description and purpose

The Tacoma 13 Corridor project is a thirteen mile pedestrian and bike thoroughfare that will connect a diverse range of neighborhoods in Tacoma and encourage residents to pursue car-free transportation options. This plan began as a bikeways project and has developed to include pedestrian mobility in line with Tacoma's growing dedication to pedestrian improvements in the city.

This project will help to slow down traffic in order to make walking a safer option, especially for kids walking to school. One of the objectives of this project is to serve potential bikers and pedestrians who are uncomfortable using arterials and unimproved intersections. The connection of different neighborhoods and commercial centers will also help to boost the economy and deal with issues of socioeconomic variation across the city.

Tacoma already has implemented many walkability developments including the Downtown on the Go program, which provides walking maps for different neighborhoods, and popular monthly walks of the downtown led by experts in various fields.



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## Costs and funding

The entire Tacoma 13 Corridor Project is estimated to cost \$2,208,000. The project is funded by a \$1 million Federal Discretionary Grant, \$400,000 from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, \$95,000 from the Puget Sound Regional Council, and funding from the City of Tacoma dedicated to pedestrian improvements.

## Implementation time-frame

Construction on this project has begun and is planned to be completed by the end of summer 2014.

## Community involvement

Public meetings held in various neighborhoods across the city have shown much support from members of the community. The University of Washington Tacoma has also voiced its support of the developments.

## Benefits and results

This project will make biking and walking as a primary form of transportation a much more viable option for many residents of Tacoma. Bike lanes, wayfinding signage, and medians will enhance the safety of bikers and pedestrians. The corridor will also connect Tacoma with Gig Harbor's Cushman Trail at the western end of Tacoma and to the City of Lakewood at the southern end of the city.

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## Resources

City of Tacoma Mobility Master Plan  
[http://cms.cityoftacoma.org/Planning/MoMaP/MoMaPProgressReport\\_YearOne.pdf](http://cms.cityoftacoma.org/Planning/MoMaP/MoMaPProgressReport_YearOne.pdf)

Tacoma 13 Corridor – PSRC  
<http://www.psrc.org/assets/9943/Tacoma-Tacoma13Corridor-WEB.pdf>

Downtown: On the Go!  
<http://www.downtownonthego.com/>



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