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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.

Mission

who we are - what we do

Feet First promotes walkable communities and envisions people walking every day for their health, transportation, environment, community, and pleasure.



Lakewood Station Connection Project Lakewood, WA

Description and purpose

The Lakewood Station Connection Project was specifically identified in the city's First Comprehensive Plan, dated July 2000. The plan suggests a dense mix of office, retail, and high density residential uses supported by direct regional transportation access and calls for transit improvements at the Lakewood Sounder commuter rail station and a non-motorized component in surrounding areas.

Lakewood City Council's proposed two top priorities for the Lakewood Station Connection Project: first, to significantly increase the station's regional access and improve connections between neighborhoods and major employers; second, to promote the Lakewood Station area as a multi-modal commuter hub by incorporating non-motorized travel and connections that will enhance the livability and the attractiveness of the



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community. The Lakewood Station Connection project, in a Pierce County Regional Growth Center, includes the placement of a pedestrian bridge across the Sound Transit railroad tracks, connecting the Lakewood Sounder Station to the residential and employment area of Kendrick Street immediately to the north. Street improvements including sidewalks, bicycle facilities, street lights, and street trees will be installed along Kendrick Street approximately 900 feet from the pedestrian bridge north to 111th Street SW.

Costs and funding

The project's design was \$400,000 funded by a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) awarded to Pierce Transit and transferred to the City of Lakewood. The City of Lakewood provided matching funds of \$62,428 for this grant. A \$200,000 right of way acquisition was funded through a Transportation Enhancement Grant. \$3.0 million from the State of Washington's Regional Office of Transit Mobility grant and \$400,000 from Sound Transit was funded for the construction of this project. The total cost of the project is \$3,844,000.

Implementation time-frame

The project started in June 2012. It was done by a team of City of Lakewood engineering staff and a bridge consultant team of KPFF and Hewitt Architects. The bridge and roadway improvements were completed in spring of 2013. The Lakewood Station Connector was first opened in June, 2013.

Community involvement

The Project was driven by a steering committee made up of city advisory boards (Planning, Redevelopment, and Parks & Recreation, Arts Commission); city staff (public works, economic development, planning and land use), Pierce Transit; ADA compliance; St. Clare Hospital;

Lakewood Chamber; and Kendrick Street Neighborhood major property owners. They guided the development and design from the beginning to the end. Public input was also gathered through various open houses with property owners and through collaboration with Sound Transit.

Benefits and results

Benefits for the community include a safe and secure walkable neighborhood, development of new housing, retail and other business opportunities, and an important connection to the City of Lakewood Sounder multi model transit hub. The city plans to follow up with this new development by installing more way finding signs and promoting its usage.

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Resources

Lakewood Station Connection Project
<http://www.awcnet.org/Apps/ma/projects/2013Lakewood02.pdf>

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