



City of Tukwila

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Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary
Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Dear Mr. King,

As the Mayor of Tukwila, I strongly support the renewal of the use agreement between King County and Puget Sound Energy related to the Interurban Trail South. For generations this trail linkage has enabled cyclists, walkers and runners (for both commuter and recreational purposes) to connect to other South King County cities as well as Seattle and beyond.

Cooperation related to these lands is critical to meeting the broader regional needs related to transportation and recreation. PSE's request of the Utilities and Transportation Commission to renew the use agreement is reasonable. Tukwila residents and other people around the region are already enjoying the trail, resulting in healthier communities and the trail also serves to reduce vehicular travel as many use the trail to commute to work.

The Interurban Trail Agreement does not change the current use of the trail but formalizes the continued benefit of the existing trail. The Interurban Trail is extremely valuable to Tukwila residents and businesses and the surrounding communities. I sincerely hope the Utilities and Transportation Commission moves forward on the renewal of the agreement that authorizes this long-term use.

Sincerely,

Allan Ekberg
Mayor

cc: Julien Loh, PSE Local Government Affairs and Public Policy Manager
Rick Still, Director of Parks and Recreation, Tukwila