



Puyallup Watershed Initiative
Active Transportation

April 2018

Dear John Wolfe,

The Port of Tacoma is invited to join a cohort of local decision makers as part of the Tacoma to Puyallup Connection MasterClass.

About this Project

The Tacoma to Puyallup Connection is an envisioned bicycle and pedestrian connection between downtown Tacoma and downtown Puyallup. Currently, there is no safe route between these two urban centers for people travelling on foot or by bike. Many potential routes have been proposed over the years and there is strong community support for filling this gap, however, it will take collective action to move this project forward.

The Puyallup Watershed Initiative Active Transportation Community of Interest (AT COI) and Downtown On the Go have been awarded a grant from the Scan|Design Foundation to assemble a cohort of local decision makers who will focus on the Tacoma to Puyallup Connection in a series of workshops at home and abroad.

We will kick-off the MasterClass with one local meeting (June 2018) to orient the group to the various proposed routes along with opportunities and challenges of the project and then travel together to Copenhagen and Malmö for a week to experience best practices in bicycle and pedestrian design. Upon our return, the cohort will meet twice to debrief our trip, solidify a plan for next steps, and create a technical committee comprised of relevant staff from each organization to collectively move the work forward. We will also host a public forum to share lessons learned from our time in Denmark and Sweden.

Dates

- Arrive in Copenhagen by Sunday, August 5, 2018 (if flying out of Sea-Tac, this will require leaving on August 4th)
- MasterClass: Sunday, August 5, 2018 (Welcome Reception at 7:00 PM) - Friday, August 10, 2018 (Closing Dinner)
- Depart Copenhagen anytime on/after Saturday, August 11, 2018

Travel Costs

The Scan|Design Foundation and the AT COI are funding this trip for the cohort of 10. We are asking additional invited participants to pay a \$2,500 fee and book your own flight. The fee covers six nights of accommodation in Copenhagen, five days of lectures/workshops/tours, bike rentals and other tour-related transportation costs, five lunches and one dinner. In addition, cohort participants will be responsible for transportation to and from the airport, breakfasts, dinners (other than the closing dinner), and other incidentals as needed.

Let us know when you have a representative selected so we can work together on logistics.
We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Kaster".

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