

Chehalis Western Trail

Bridging The Gap



1 Miles



- Trail, Shared Use, Existing —
- Trail, Shared Use, Planned - - -
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- Existing Bike Routes**
- Bike Lane —
- Wide Shoulder —
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- Local Streets —
- Roundabouts
- Schools
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The Chehalis Western Trail – Bridging the Gap

Length: 0.7 miles

Type of Facility: Shared-Use Trail Bridges and Mid-Block Trail Crossings

Lead Agency: Thurston County

Partners: Lacey, Olympia, and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)

Description: The Bridging the Gap Project is a regional effort that local, regional, state and federal partners mobilized to bridge the Chehalis Western Trail across Interstate 5 and two highway oriented arterials: Martin Way and Pacific Avenue. This project will connect two major segments of the Chehalis Western Trail, the existing northern 5½ miles managed by Washington State Department of Natural Resources (see Map 1) and the southern 15 miles of existing trail managed by Thurston County (see Map 3). These bridges will provide uninterrupted mobility through this 22 mile corridor and increase the transportation and recreational opportunities for its users.

Cost Estimates: \$11 million for the entire Bridging the Gap Project (2025 Regional Transportation Plan)

Conditions and Recommendations:

(Recommendations are in bold)

- ① **Martin Way Crossing** - Two crossings are currently underway. The first is an at-grade crossing with a pedestrian refuge island and in-pavement lighting. The second is a grade-separated bridge, connecting the trail terminus north of Martin Way with the I-5 bridge connection south of Martin Way. Both projects are fully funded. An at-grade connection consisting of a mid-block pedestrian refuge island and in-pavement flashing lights should be complete in 2007. The grade separated connection should begin construction in 2008.
- ② **Interstate 5 Crossing and Intermediate Trail** - WSDOT completed the construction of a bridge across I-5 in February 2007 and is now open to the public. The at grade trail alignment that connects the finished bridge to Pacific Avenue is a temporary configuration. Concurrent with the Pacific Avenue crossing, a permanent at-grade alignment built to Chehalis-Western Trail standards, including a permanent connection with the I-5 bike trail will be developed. Right-of-way has already been secured via a developer agreement between Capital Development Company and the City of Lacey.
- ③ **Pacific Avenue Crossing** - Two crossings are currently planned. The first will be an at-grade crossing with a pedestrian refuge island and in-pavement lighting. The second will be a grade-separated bridge over Pacific Avenue. The grade-separated bridge will remain elevated as it crosses the commercial property between Pacific Avenue and the Woodland Trail. It will remain elevated over the Woodland Trail at which point it will drop down with connections to both the Chehalis-Western Trail and the Woodland Trail. Full funding has not yet been secured for this segment of the trail. Right-of-way will be needed between Pacific Avenue and the Woodland Trail.