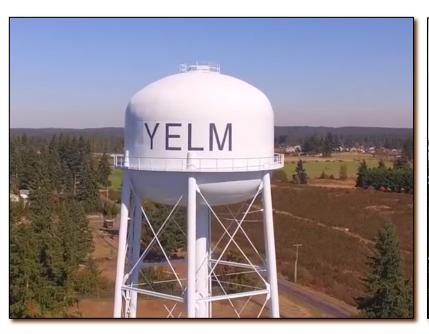
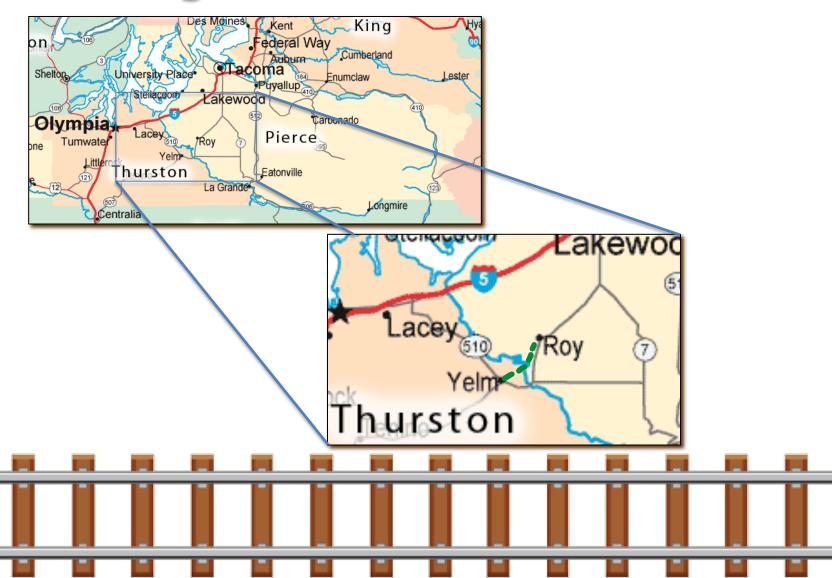
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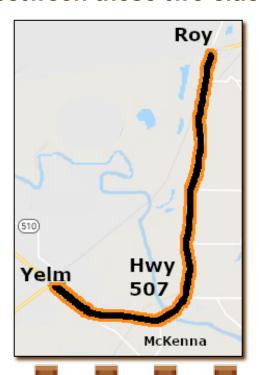


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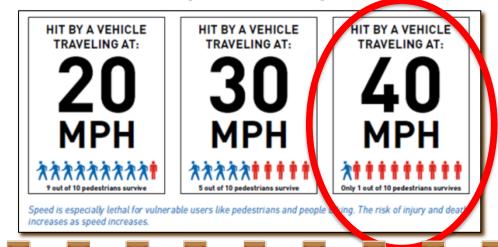


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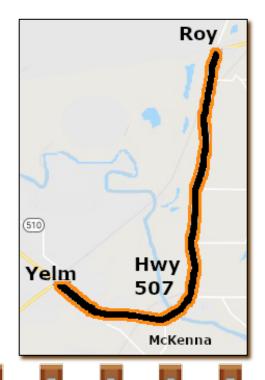


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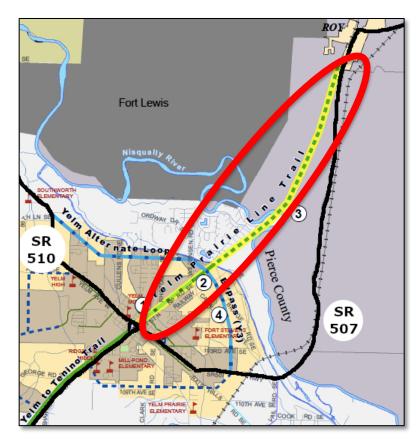
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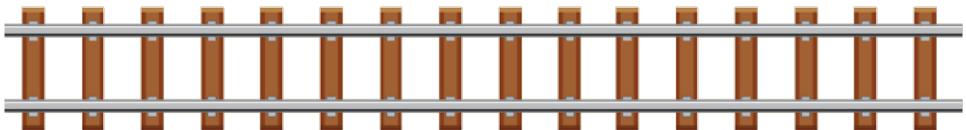
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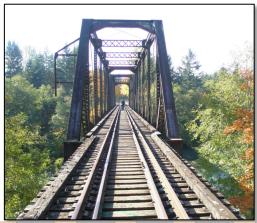
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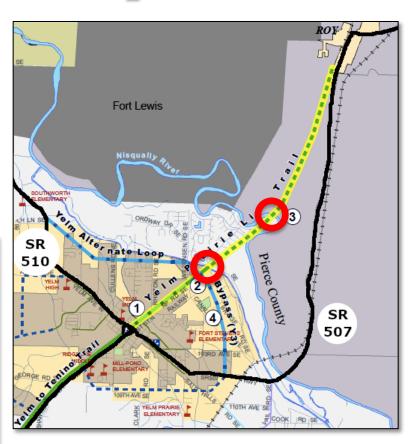




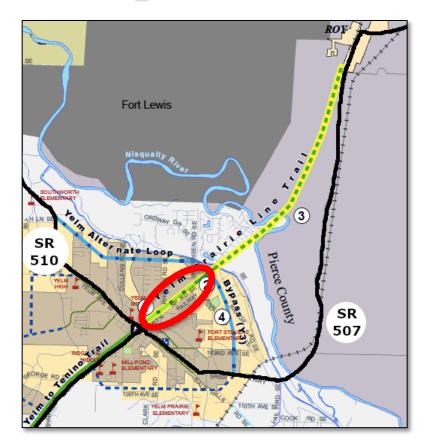
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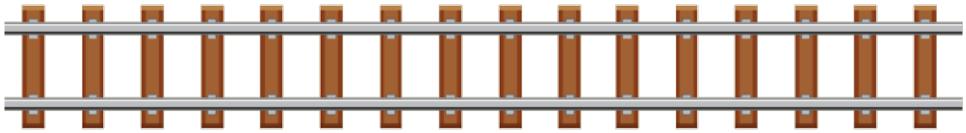




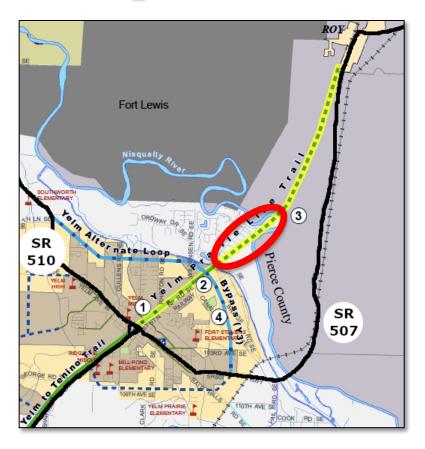


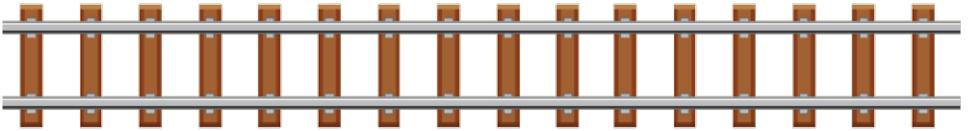
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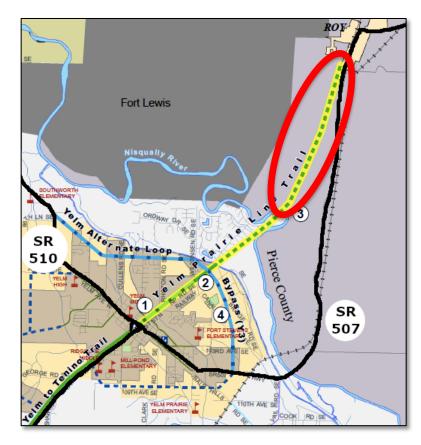


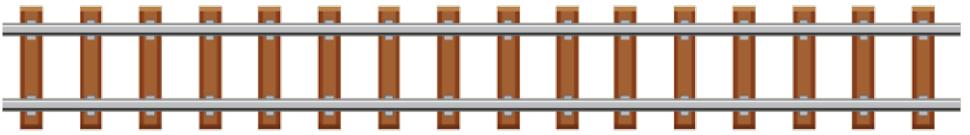
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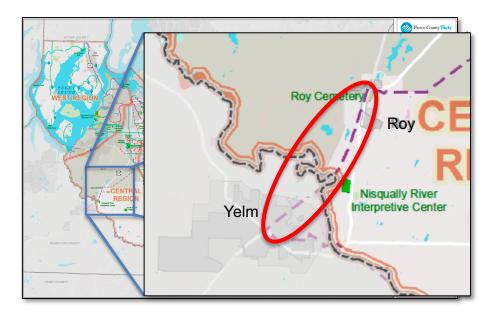
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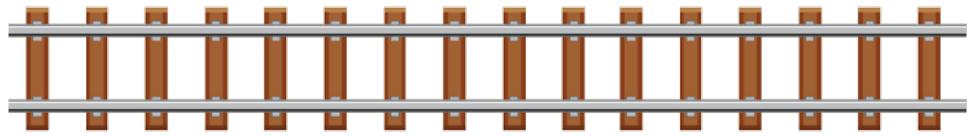




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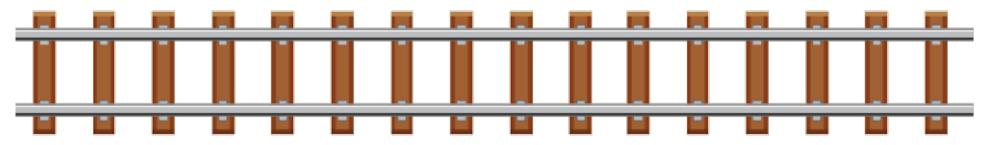


Trail Benefits for Roy

- Enhances Roy's downtown identity — trailhead will compliment a future city park and civic gathering space
- Stimulates businesses by providing access for hungry & thirsty trail users
- TDM: active transportation improvements, future P&R lot

- Provides residents access to:
 - Shopping and employment in Yelm
 - Thurston County's extensive 57+ mile-long trails system
 - Transit in Thurston County serving Amtrak, Olympia, and the greater regional network. Roy is outside Pierce Transit's service area (PT's closest bus stop is 7.6 miles away, north on <u>SR 507</u>)

Economic & community enhancement, multimodal access, social justice

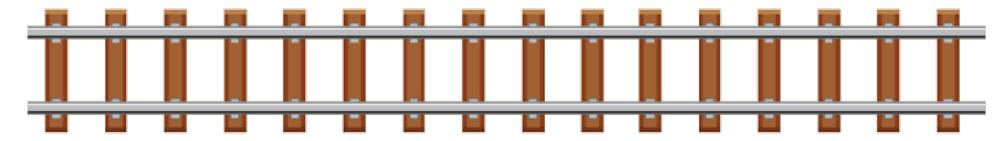


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- Connects North Yelm neighborhoods to trails for Safe Routes to Schools and active lifestyles
- Connects to SR 510 realignment bike/pedestrian path

- Enables a bike commute option between Yelm and JBLM
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System efficiency, health & wellness, youth safety, builds multimodal network

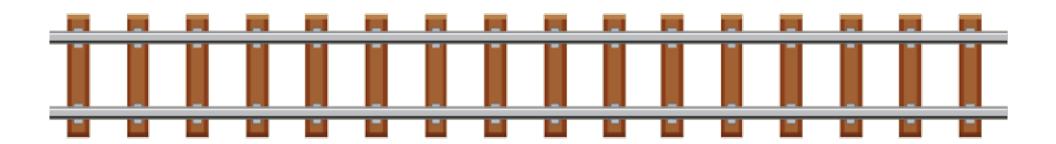


Other Trail Benefits

- New Nisqually River crossing for people of all ages & abilities
- Supports Target/Vision Zero by reducing exposure & risk
- Preserves future regional mobility options

- Network redundancy in the event of disaster or emergency
- Crucial connection for WA cross-state & national rail trails
- Natural and local history education and awareness

Mobility options, traffic safety, emergency preparedness, tourism



Trail Challenges

- Multi-county project with smaller cities
- Smaller cities with limited resources
- Unknown extent of Yelm's ownership
- Challenging process of converting RR line to a trail
- Lack of widespread awareness of project benefits
- Need for broad support to elevate project

ForeverGreen Support

- Coordinated an 18-member coalition
- Raised funds for PSRC grant for Roy
- Provided grant application support for Roy and Yelm
- Gained support from city, county, state, and federal elected officials
- Elevated the trail in the Pierce County Parks, Recreation and Open Space update (planning in 2024 and construction in 2026)
- Acquired National Parks Service in-kind planning grant
- Providing technical support for Yelm's rail banking process
- Recruited in-kind title research support regarding ROW ownership

Trail Coalition























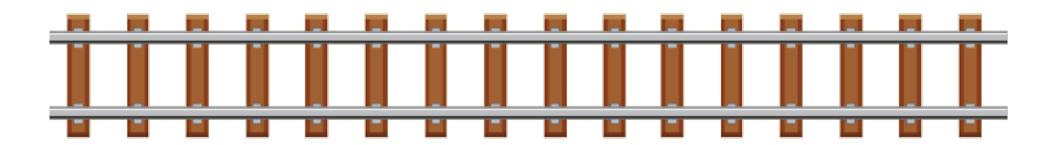








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