

South Bay Trail Easement Exchange

Description - Public Notice

The City of Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department and Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE) are exchanging easement rights to facilitate creation of a public trail in the Puget Neighborhood and to accommodate a segment of PSE's overhead "Sehome Loop" transmission line. The Sehome Loop line crosses the South Bay Trail and other properties, connecting the Sehome Substation at 721 N. State Street (Boulevard Park) with the Encogen Plant on Cornwall Avenue. The Port of Bellingham, Burlington Northern Railway and the City of Bellingham are all providing easements for the Sehome Loop project. The South Bay Trail was created and is maintained using local resources such as Greenway levy funds and State funds provided through the Recreation and Conservation Office.

The public trail segment in the Puget Neighborhood will become part of the Samish Crest Greenway system and the Sehome Loop project will allow PSE to undertake line maintenance in the Fairhaven area and better operate its public electrical utility.

The public is encouraged to contact Tim Wahl, Greenway Program Coordinator at (360) 778-7000 or twahl@cob.org to provide comment or request more information.