

## History of the project

- Alley Naming Idea: Reclaim and transform Olympia's downtown alleys into usable public spaces
- Pick a group of alleys with access North and South, East and West
- Name the alleys based on significant Olympia history
- Partner with other commissions, associations and groups to promote alley improvements and to encourage alley use by bicyclists and pedestrians

## Steam Ship Theme Selected

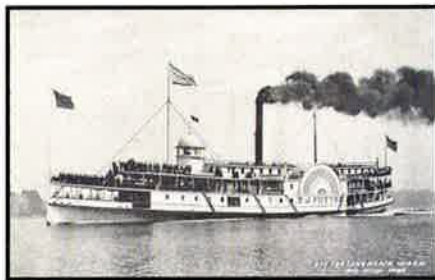
- Honor significant innovations in transportation
- Name the alleys after significant steamboats from the Mosquito Fleet
- The alleys all touch water, and the project then dovetails with ongoing waterfront improvements
- Matching historic steamboats to individual alleys can be done based on prominence
- Each alley will ideally have a mural or interpretative sign, in addition to the identifying sign- similar to a street sign.

## First, some history on The Mosquito fleet

“Puget Sound's historic ‘Mosquito Fleet’ consisted of thousands of steamships that steamed from port to port around the sound from the 1850s to the 1930s. They were so numerous that people said they resembled a ‘swarm of mosquitoes.’ The heyday of the Mosquito Fleet ended in the 1930s when competition with rail and road transportation put the fleet out of business.”

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## The SS T.J. Potter



### Career

Name:	<i>T.J. Potter</i>
Route:	<a href="#">Columbia River, Puget Sound</a>
In service:	1888
Out of service:	1921
Fate:	Abandoned, <a href="#">Youngs Bay</a> , near <a href="#">Astoria</a>
Notes:	Reconstructed in 1901

### General characteristics

Type:	inland steamship
Length:	230 ft (70.1 m); after reconstruction: 234 ft (71.3 m)
Depth:	10.5 ft (3.2 m) depth of hold
Decks:	three (freight, passenger, boat)
Installed power:	steam engine
Propulsion:	sidewheels

# The SS Fleetwood



### Career

Name: *Fleetwood*  
 Owner: U.B. Scott; Z.J. Hatch  
 Completed: [1881, at Portland, Oregon](#)  
 Fate: Sunk, Abandoned on beach at [Quartermaster Harbor](#), circa 1898

### General characteristics

Type: express passenger  
 Tonnage: 135-tons  
 Length: 111 ft (34 m)  
 Beam: 32 ft (10 m)  
 Installed power: steam  
 Propulsion: propeller-drive

# The SS Messenger



### Career

Name: *Messenger*  
 Route: [Puget Sound](#)  
 Completed: 1876

### General characteristics

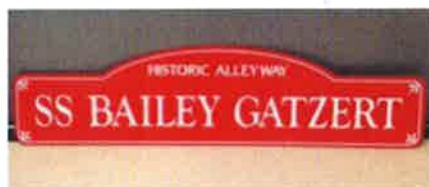
Length: 91 ft (27.7 m)  
 Installed power: steam engines  
 Propulsion: sternwheel

## The SS Eliza Anderson



<b>Name:</b>	<i>Eliza Anderson</i>
<b>Route:</b>	<a href="#">Puget Sound, Strait of Georgia, Fraser River, Admiralty Inlet, Strait of Juan de Fuca, Alaska, Columbia River.</a>
<b>Builder:</b>	Samuel Farman's yard, foot of Couch Street, <a href="#">Portland, Oregon</a> <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Laid down:</b>	Early 1857
<b>Launched:</b>	November 27, 1858 <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Maiden voyage:</b>	January 2, 1859 <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>In service:</b>	1859-1898 (with significant intermediate periods out of service)
<b>Out of service:</b>	various times, finally beached and abandoned 1898 at <a href="#">Dutch Harbor</a>
<b>Fate:</b>	Abandoned 1898, <a href="#">Dutch Harbor, Alaska</a>
<b>General characteristics</b>	
<b>Type:</b>	Inland steamship
<b>Tonnage:</b>	276
<b>Length:</b>	140 ft (43 m)
<b>Beam:</b>	25.5 ft (8 m)
<b>Depth:</b>	8.8 ft (3 m) depth of hold
<b>Decks:</b>	three (freight, passenger, boat)
<b>Installed power:</b>	low-pressure boiler, single-cylinder walking beam steam engine
<b>Propulsion:</b>	sidewheels
<b>Sail plan:</b>	schooner (auxiliary)

## The Signs are Ready!



## Library Celebration

- **WHEN:** 8/28/2013 from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM
- Learn about the historic Mosquito Fleet! This program will begin in the library's meeting room at 6 p.m. and will be followed by a walking tour of the downtown alleys to be newly named for ships in the Mosquito Fleet.