



King County

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Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Agenda

Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee

Councilmembers:

Steffanie Fain, Chair;

Pete von Reichbauer, Vice Chair;

Claudia Balducci, Reagan Dunn

Lead Staff: Jake Tracy (206-263-0875)

Committee Clerk: Angelica Calderon (206 477-7470)

9:30 AM

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

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Briefing

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FIFA Transportation Summit

Jonathan Rose, FIFA Program Director, King County Metro



Travis Phelps, Management of Mobility Division Director, Washington State Department of Transportation

Elizabeth Sheldon, Deputy Director and Chief Infrastructure Engineer, Seattle Department of Transportation

Grant Lahmann, Transit Operations Chief of Staff, Sound Transit

Sam Zimbabwe, Seattle FWC2026

Adjournment

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SEATTLE FWC26

**King County Council
Transportation, Economy, and
Environment Committee
April 21, 2026**



AGENDA & SPEAKERS

- **World Cup Mobility Goals and Expectations**
– **Sam Zimbabwe**
- **Sound Transit – Grant Lahmann**
- **King County Metro – Jonathan Rose**
- **WSDOT – Travis Phelps**
- **SDOT – Elizabeth Sheldon**

WORLD CUP MOBILITY PLANNING GOALS



Create **safe, inclusive, and welcoming** atmosphere & environment

Broaden benefit to include Stadium neighborhoods' small businesses

Limit traffic impacts to shortest period possible

Maintain **community mobility & access** to essential services

Maximize ticketed spectators' use of **public transit**



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MODE SPLIT PLANNING GOALS





Stadium Mode Options	BAU Mode	FWC26 Mode	FWC26 Total	
Public Transit: Rail, Light rail, Bus, Streetcar, Water taxis, Ferries	31%	50%	28,250	56,940 89% of stadium <i>excludes FIFA clients</i>
Active Transportation: Biking, Bikeshare, Scooters, Walking	9%	15%	8,470	
Rideshare: TNCs, Taxis, Limos & Town cars, private shuttles	11%	15%	8,470	
Automobiles: Personal vehicles offsite, ADA parking, TEL/RTC, Joint Mtg. Materials	49%	20%	11,300	

FIFA WORLD CUP SEATTLE™ LOCAL MATCHES



GROUP STAGE

BELGIUM  V  EGYPT
JUNE 15 - 12:00 PM PT

USA  V  AUSTRALIA
JUNE 19 - 12:00 PM PT

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA  V  QATAR
JUNE 24 - 12:00 PM PT

EGYPT  V  IR IRAN
JUNE 26 - 8:00 PM PT

ROUND OF 32

1G  V  3AEHIJ
JULY 1 - 1:00 PM PT

ROUND OF 16


W81  V  W82
JULY 6 - 5:00 PM PT

Full match
schedule



JUNE						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
				OPENING MATCH		UW Commencement
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Seattle U Commencement	BEL v EGY 12:00 PM PT			Last Day SPS	USA v AUS 12:00 PM PT	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			BIH v QAT 12:00 PM PT		EGY v IRN 8:00 PM PT	Pride
28	29	30	Dual Event Day Seattle Mariners Home Game (Start Time: 7:10 PM PT)			
Pride						

JULY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			7	8	9	10
			1 st G v 3 rd AEI/JH 1:00 PM PT			Seafair Summer Fourth
5	6	7				
	W81 v W82 ² 5:00 PM PT			QUARTERFINAL	QUARTERFINAL	QUARTERFINAL (X2)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		SEMIFINAL	SEMIFINAL			BRONZE FINAL
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
FINAL MATCH						
26	27	28	29	30	31	



SEATTLE MATCHES

NOTABLE NON-SEATTLE MATCHES

Holiday/Observed Holiday

Number of Matches Per Day

Match in Vancouver

Seattle Fan Celebration Active

March to the Match

Seattle Mariners Home Game

Revive I-5 Work

Number of Cruise Ship Sailings

Local Events

Expected Intensity Level*

Baseline

Moderate

High

Highest

Match Notes

¹ Match 81: 1st Group D v 3rd Groups B/E/F/I/J

² Match 82: 1st Group G v 3rd Groups A/K/H/I/L



SEATTLE FAN CELEBRATIONS

Thanks to lead partners, we're bringing the World Cup to more fans in more places

- **Seattle Center**
- **Waterfront Park**
- **SODO**
- **Pacific Place**

Distributed model showcases more of Seattle, better serving residents, businesses, & visiting fans

- **Free & open to public**
- Most **open for majority of matches**
- Capacity varies depending on day, highest **capacity for Seattle matches, remains 15,000+ people/time**



More locations & more program details will be added throughout the Spring



SeattleFWC26 Community Calendar

The screenshot displays a web browser interface for the SeattleFWC26 Community Calendar. The URL is https://www.seattlefwc26.org/event-calendar. The page features five event cards arranged in a grid. Each card includes a date, day of the week, location, category tags, event title, description, and a 'LEARN MORE' button. The events are: 1. May 16 (Sat): Unity Loop 5K, Sporting Event, 8000 Occidental Ave S. 2. June 3 (Wed): Soccer Pep Rally at Sea Airport, Community Building, Sea Airport, Central Terminal. 3. June 18 (Thu): World Cup Coastal Protocol, Community Building and Youth Focused, 3001 Puyallupabsh St. Tacoma WA 98404. 4. June 19 (Fri): World Cup Powwow, Community Building and Youth Focused, 3001 Puyallupabsh St. Tacoma WA 98404. 5. June 26 (Fri): World Cup Stick Game Tournament, Community Building and Youth Focused, 3001 Puyallupabsh St. Tacoma WA 98404. The page also shows navigation icons in the top right and a 'LEARN MORE' button at the bottom.

https://www.seattlefwc26.org/event-calendar

16 SAT
MAY 16 - MAY 16
8000 OCCIDENTAL AVE S
SPORTING EVENT
UNITY LOOP 5K
Unity Loop 5K on May 16th
\$\$\$ FAMILY-FRIENDLY OUTDOOR
LEARN MORE

3 WED
JUN 3 - JUN 3
SEA AIRPORT, CENTRAL TERMINAL
COMMUNITY BUILDING
SOCCER PEP RALLY AT SEA AIRPORT
Festivities include Seahawks Blue Drumline, Soccer Freestyle performance by Cory Freestyle, Jett the SEA Otter Mascot, Soccer an...
ACCESSIBLE FAMILY-FRIENDLY INDOOR
LEARN MORE

18 THU
JUN 18
3001 PUVALUPABSH ST. TACOMA WA 98404
COMMUNITY BUILDING YOUTH FOCUSED
WORLD CUP COASTAL PROTOCOL
Honoring Coast Salish traditions as we welcome the world
INDOOR OUTDOOR ACCESSIBLE FAMILY-FRIENDLY
LEARN MORE

19 FRI
JUN 19 - JUN 21
3001 PUVALUPABSH ST. TACOMA WA 98404
COMMUNITY BUILDING YOUTH FOCUSED
WORLD CUP POWWOW
Celebrate culture and community at a special Coastal Protocols and Powwow hosted by the Puyallup Tribe in honor of the Seattle World...

26 FRI
JUN 26 - JUN 28
3001 PUVALUPABSH ST. TACOMA WA 98404
COMMUNITY BUILDING YOUTH FOCUSED
WORLD CUP STICK GAME TOURNAMENT
During the World Cup, the Puyallup Tribe will host a multi-day Stick Game Tournament,



STADIUM LAST MILE

VOLUNTEER PEDESTRIAN FLOW COORDINATION

AND

PRIVATE SECURITY



LEGEND			
	Matchday Vehicle Road Closures		General Entrance
	Closed/Restricted Access		VIP Entrance
	Closed/Restricted Access with Potential Vendor Area		Uniformed Police Officer (Traffic Control)
	Bus Access Only		Vehicle Checkpoint
	Ride Share and Ferry		Station Entrance
	Public Circulation		Major Transit Access Point
	Restricted One-way Traffic		Last Mile Perimeter
			Tournament Period Stadium Perimeter
			Matchday Security Perimeter
			Stadium Fan Experience
			Pedestrian Entrance Security Screening
			Pedestrian Flow Coordination
			Last Mile Private Security (Allied Universal)
			Off-Stadium Activations Private Security (Axis)
			Radio Base at Connors EOC



LAST MILE PED FLOW COORDINATION AND SECURITY

STADIUM NORTH

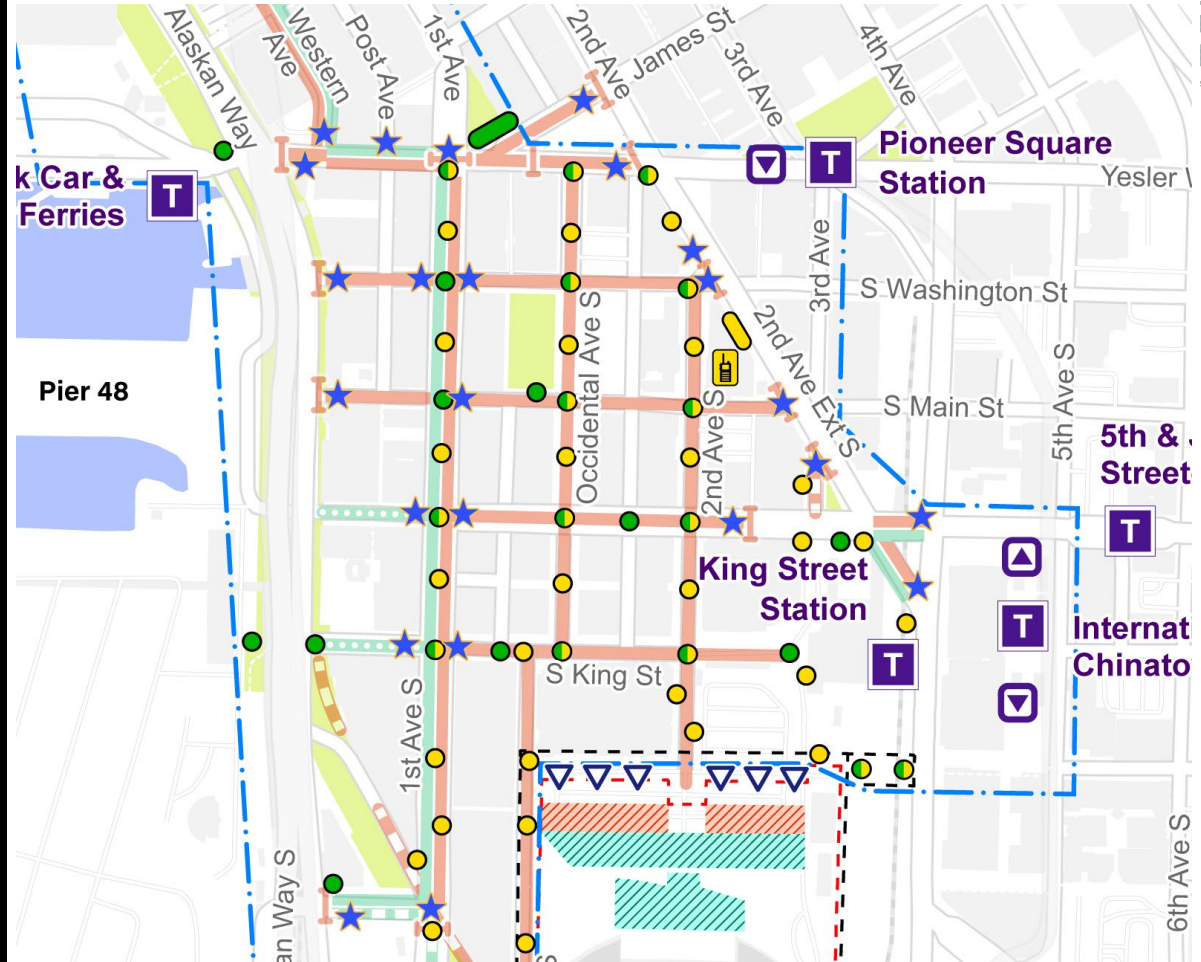
Green: Pedestrian Flow Coordination

Yellow: Last Mile Private Security

Yellow Radio: Radio Base at Connors EOC

Blue Boundary: Last Mile Perimeter

Blue Stars: UPOs for Security and Traffic Control



LAST MILE PED FLOW COORDINATION AND SECURITY

STADIUM SOUTH

Green: Pedestrian Flow
Coordination

Yellow: Last Mile Private
Security

Orange: Off-Stadium
Activations Private Security

Blue Boundary:
Last Mile Perimeter



Sound Transit

Grant Lahmann

Transit Operations Chief of Staff

Sound Transit FIFA World Cup 26 Highlights

Modal and Service Operations



1 2 Link

Crosslake Connection opens March 28th!

1 and 2 Lines service every 8min until 1am on gamedays



S N Sounder

Gameday special event Sounder service (details varies by game start time), ongoing coordination with BNSF and Amtrak



T T Line

12-min headways all day on gamedays

Expanded service span for evening matches, matching Sounder schedule



ST Express

ST Express service adds post-game for gamedays, ongoing coordination with partners

Overnight Pilot Service between Airport and Downtown Seattle starts in March



Rail Contingency

Temporary Charter bus support for rail contingency for tournament

Partnership with Transportation Network Companies for accessible vehicles

Access to Seattle Stadium (Lumen Field)

Key Takeaway

Given FIFA perimeter around Seattle Stadium (Lumen Field), we will need to leverage multiple stations on Link to move crowds during gamedays.

Destination Based Approach

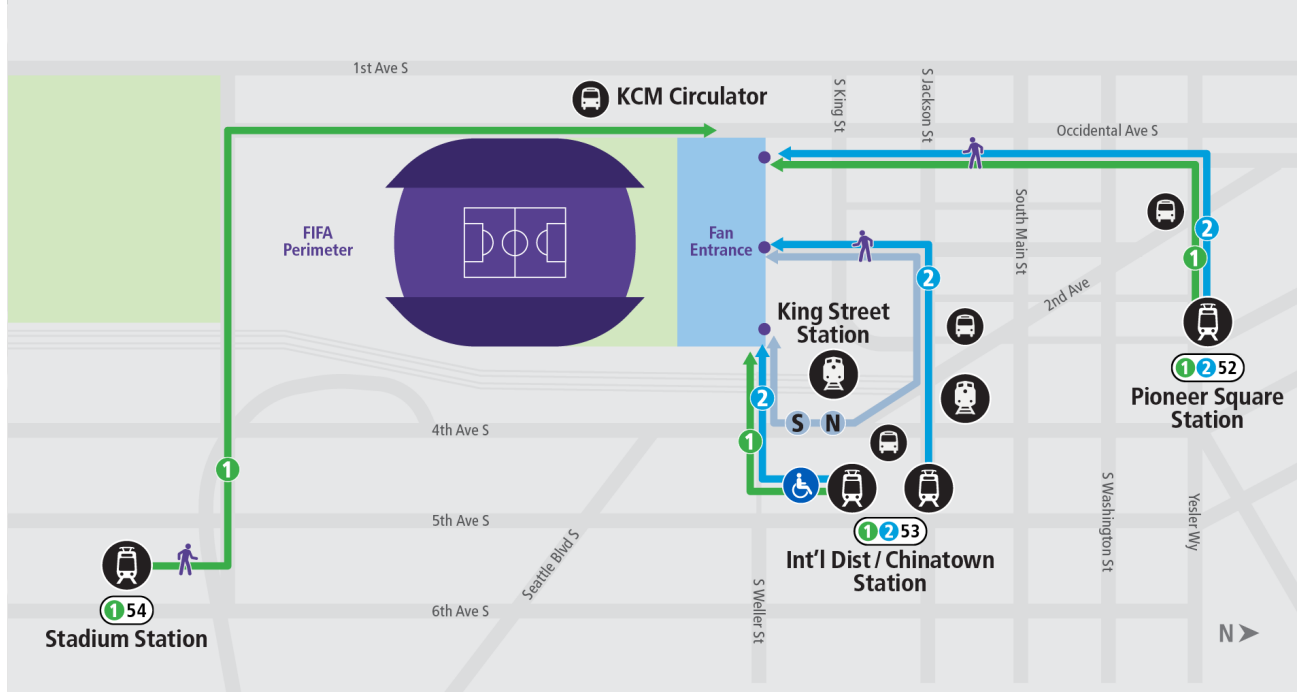
North of downtown use Pioneer Square

East of downtown and PWD* use IDS

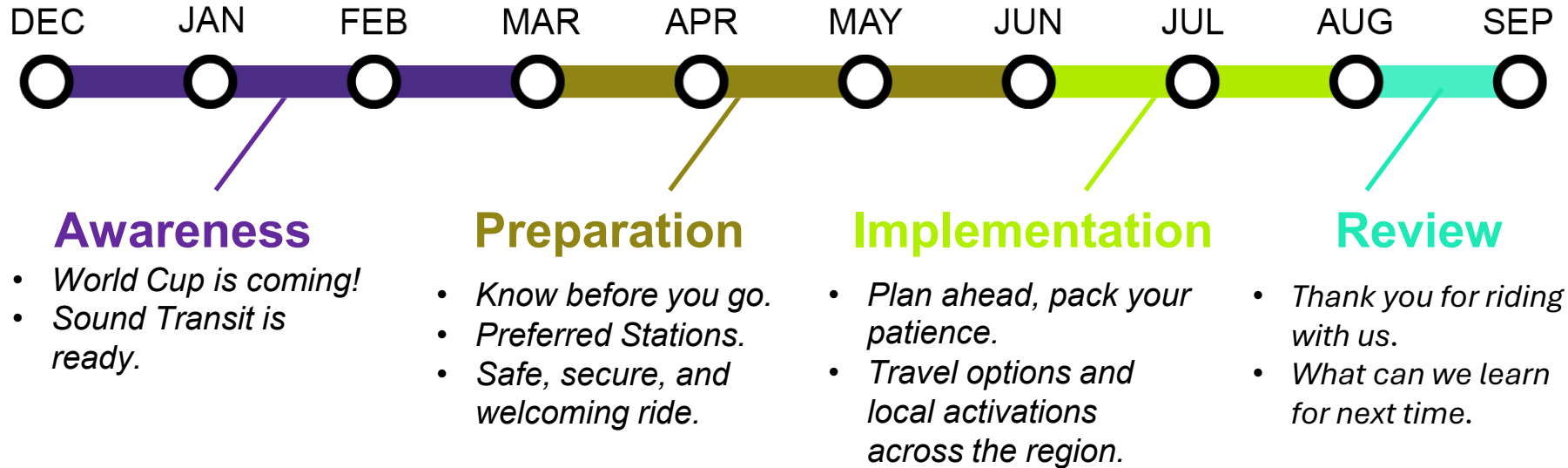
South of downtown use Stadium

Within downtown use KCM shuttle or regular bus service

* *Passengers with Disabilities*



Know Before You Go Campaign












King County Metro

Jonathan Rose

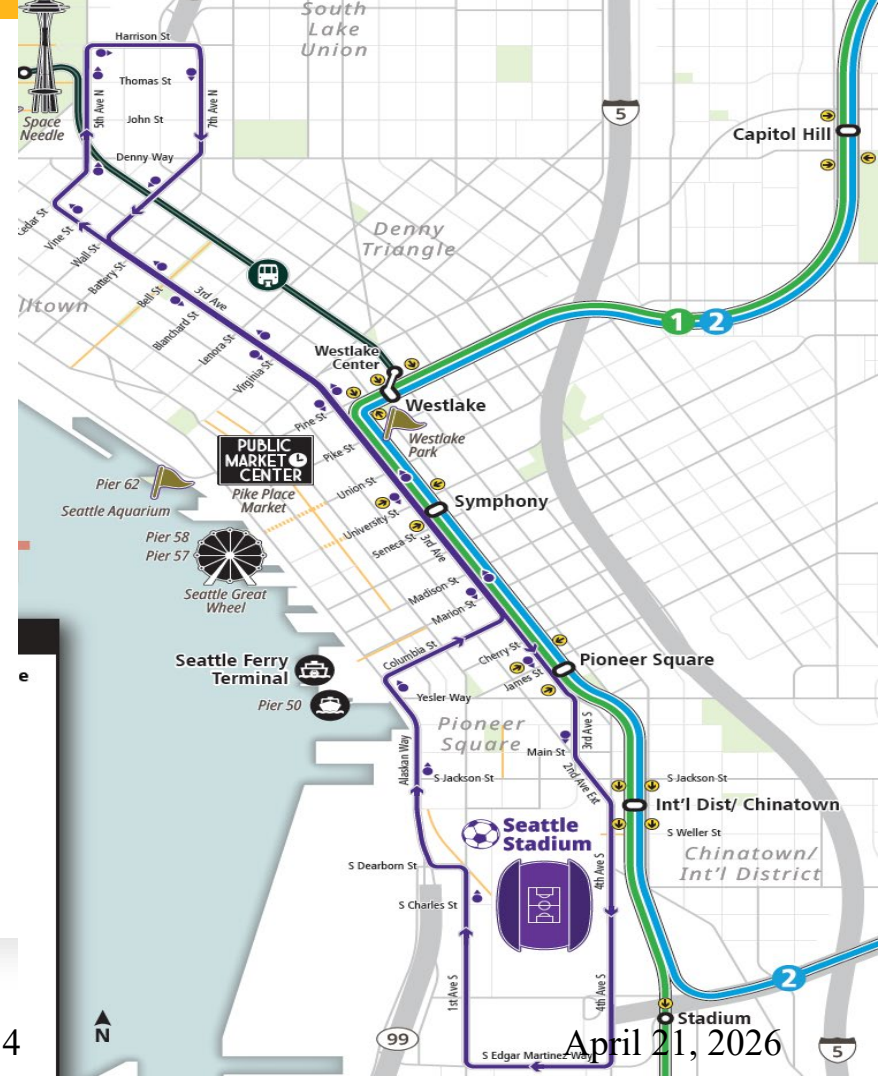
FIFA Men's World Cup 2026 Program Director

Services Summary

	Metro Match Day Shuttle	Waterfront Shuttle	Bus System Adds	Access Paratransit	Metro Flex	Water Taxi	Seattle Streetcar
							
Added service	Dedicated shuttle between Seattle Center, downtown, and stadium area	Seasonal shuttle pilot along waterfront	Added trips on selected existing bus routes	Accessible shuttle between the CID Link Station, Mariners Garage, and stadium ADA loading area	Added on-demand service capacity in: Tukwila, Renton, Rainier Beach/Skyway, and Othello	Added Water Taxi trips on West Seattle and Vashon service	Increased Streetcar frequency on match days
When	Match days only	Memorial Day - Labor Day, plus extra service on match days	Tournament period, with focus on match days	Match days only	June 15 - July 6	June 15 - July 6, plus broader summer service increases	Match days only
Service Level	Operates 3 hours before match until about 3 hours after. 7 minute frequency drops to 3 minutes before match, 7 minutes during match, load and go post match.	10 minute frequency on match days; 15 minute frequency on non-match days	Adds 48 weekday trips on Routes 40, 70, 101, and 150. Plus standby service as needed on RapidRide C, D, E, and H; Routes 7 and 150; and ST Express Routes 522, 545, and 554.	Operates 3 hours before the match until about 2 hours after. Approx 20 minute frequency	10 additional vehicles and 8 additional drivers	West Seattle adds 4 roundtrips Mon-Fri during the tournament, plus 6 Sat and 5 Sun roundtrips for full summer Vashon adds 7 Sunday roundtrips for full summer	Every 12 minutes from 6 AM–7 PM on match days; every 15 minutes outside those hours.

Metro Match Day Shuttle

- Pick-up/Drop-off - on 1st Ave S
- 2800+ hourly capacity
- Best option for fans who are already downtown
- Integral part of our crowd dispersal strategy
- Messaging & marketing vital to success



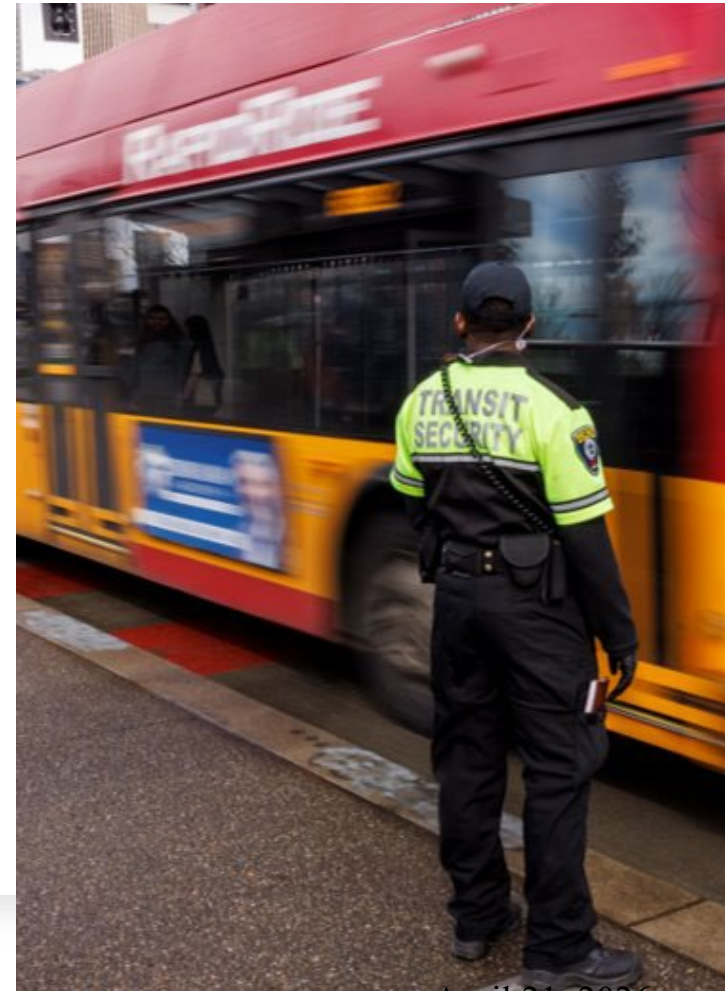
Passenger Experience

- **ORCA & payment**
 - ORCA all door boarding
 - ORCA 3-Day Visitor Pass; 30,000 custom FIFA ORCA cards
 - Tap to Pay with credit card
- **Wayfinding and trip planning**
 - Regional map & consistent wayfinding regionwide
 - Better trip planning in major apps/search
- **On-the-ground support**
 - Customer support teams at key transit locations
- **Promoting transit**
 - SeaTac welcome video & Sounders/soccer marketing campaign
 - Sponsorship wraps and “Flip Your Trip” incentives



Safety & Security

- **Additional contracted security** along 3rd Ave, at Metro event shuttle stops, and near the fan zone.
- **Emergency response planning** with Metro's dedicated emergency response team.
- **Additional training** for front line employees on customer service, de-escalation, and crowd surge management.
- **Metro base physical security** including barriers and security staffing to ensure safe operations at Metro facilities.





WSDOT

Travis Phelps

Management of Mobility Division Director

World Cup from a statewide perspective



How is WSDOT preparing for World Cup?

- Implemented coordination structures
 - Internally within WSDOT
 - Externally with agency partners, local organizing committee, state Emergency Management Department and others
- Created our event action and communications plans
 - How are WSDOT regions and modes keeping people and goods moving?
 - How are we communicating with the public about travel during World Cup?
 - Clear roles and responsibilities
 - Situational awareness and information sharing
 - Coordination with state, local and federal partners
 - Resource needs and sharing opportunities
- Ensuring staff is prepared with trainings and exercises ahead of World Cup



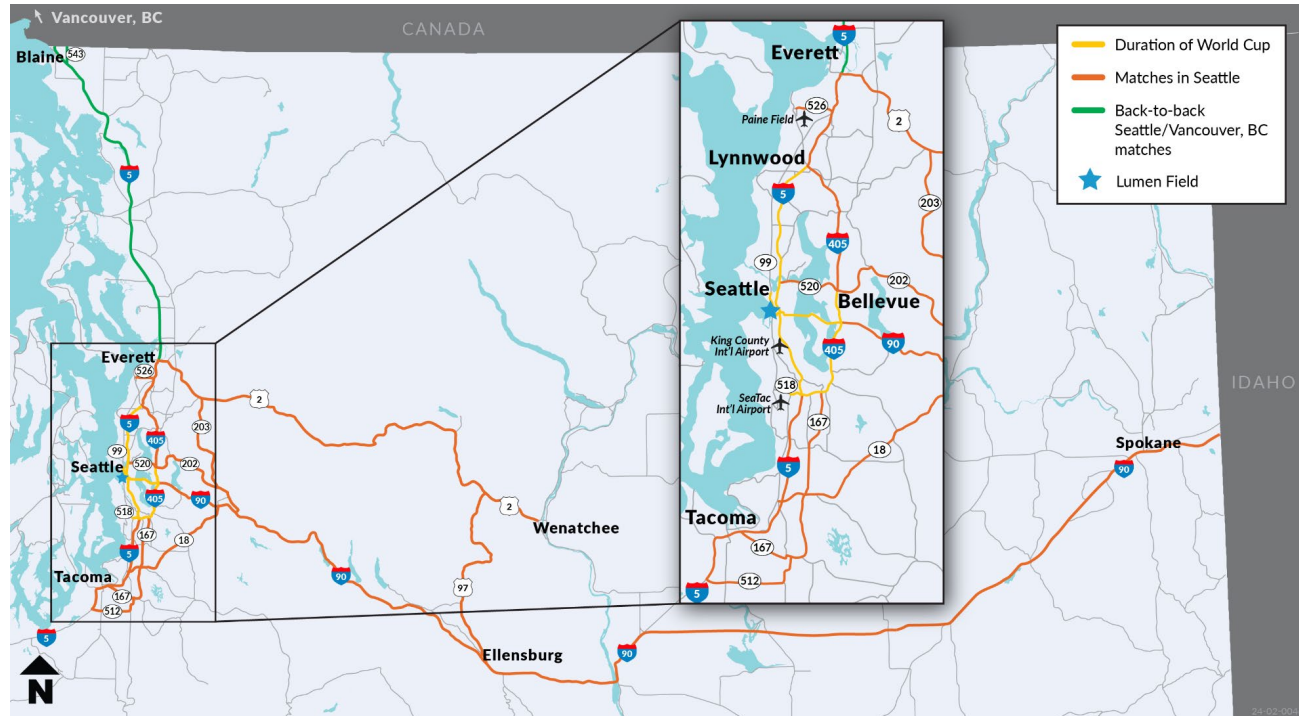
Construction and maintenance during World Cup

No weekend-long closures directional or full roadway closures.
Typical overnight lane and ramp closures allowed.

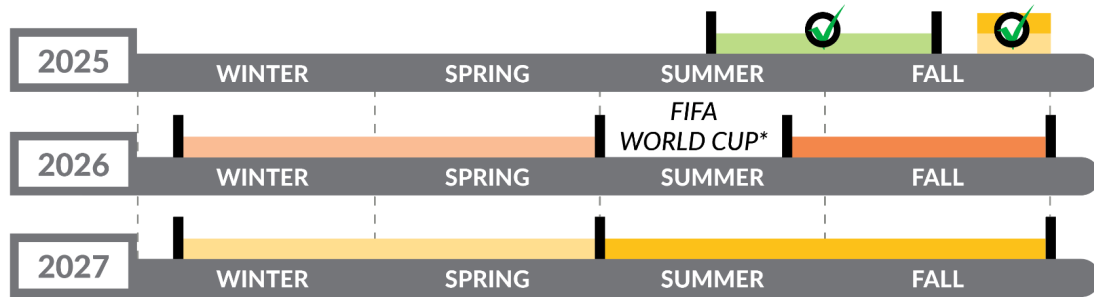
Duration of World Cup in Seattle
June 11-July 6

Matches in Seattle
From noon the day before through noon the day after scheduled matches in Seattle

Back-to-back Seattle/Vancouver, BC matches
From noon the day before the first back-to-back match until noon the day after the second match

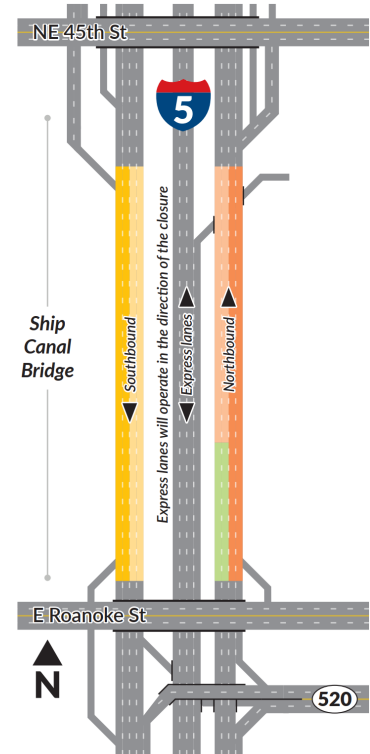


Construction and maintenance during World Cup: Revive I-5



- Tentative I-5 weekend-long full directional closure, weather permitting
- Double-lane work zone on northbound I-5 from SR 520 to Northeast 45th Street
- Double-lane work zone on northbound I-5 from SR 520 to Northeast 45th Street
- Double-lane work zone on southbound I-5 from Northeast 45th Street to SR 520
**Work pause for FIFA World Cup*

- Express lanes run 24 hours a day in the direction of work.





SDOT

Elizabeth Sheldon


***Deputy Director and
Chief Infrastructure Engineer***

Anticipated Activity


- **Zone 3 - Citywide**
 - Regional travel (Vancouver - Seattle)
 - Visitors distributed across Puget Sound/State
 - System-wide transit demand increase
- **Zone 2 - Downtown and SODO**
 - Increased congestion + transit demand
 - Fan activations (watch parties, vending, rallies)
- **Zone 1 - Stadium Vicinity**
 - Full street closures with restricted access
 - High pedestrian volumes (stadium + transit)
 - Fan activations (music, food, drinks, information)




Operations Preparedness

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1

Monitor and operate the transportation system
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Reduce drive-alone trips, with focus on transit
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Collaborate with regional transportation partners
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4

Manage and maintain the public right of way
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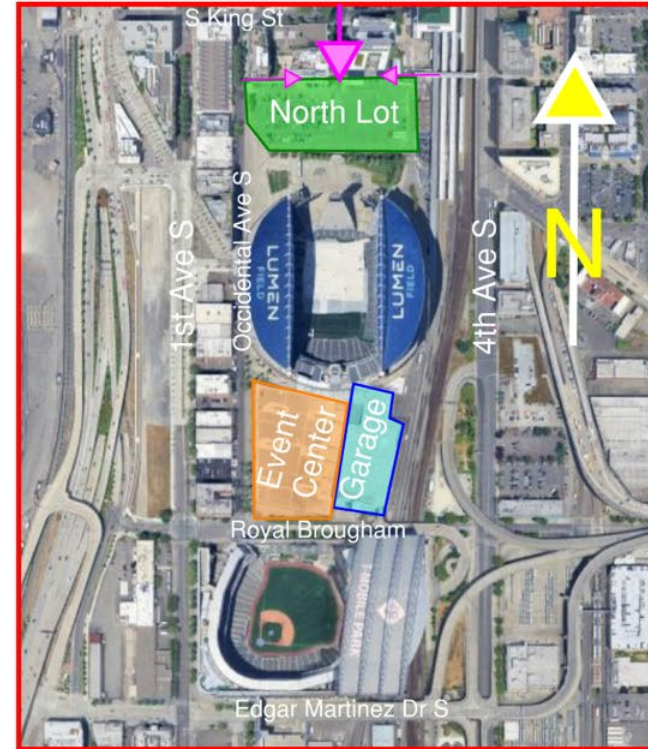
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Communicate with the public

Last Mile Pedestrian Zone Planning

What's different from typical stadium events?

- All weekday matches
 - Four midday matches + two evening matches
- 80% arrival by other modes, 20% by private autos
- Fewer parking options near the stadium
- Single stadium entry point
 - North gates only
- No pedestrian queuing space within the stadium footprint
- Stadium gates will open earlier
- Heavy activation in Pioneer Square
- Expanded street closures



Anticipated Impacts

• Street closures

- Match days ONLY - for activations and pedestrian access
- 4-5 hours pre-match
- 2-3 hours post-match, except June 19
 - **June 19:** Dual event FIFA match + Mariners vs Red Sox game

• Expect large numbers of pedestrians

- Ticketed fans, non-ticketed fans/visitors, residents, and workers in the area
- Around the stadium, transit stops, Waterfront, etc.
- Two marches to the match events

• Traffic diversions to avoid congestion

- Localized detours around stadium street closures
- Alternate routes to bypass the SODO/downtown



PIONEER SQUARE GAME DAY PEDESTRIAN ZONE

Hours: Street closures will typically begin about 4 hours before match start times and end once the area has been cleaned and can be safely reopened. No parking restrictions start at 2 AM before each match.

- Pedestrian Zone
- One-way Southbound Traffic Allowed
- 🚲 Bike and Scooter Parking
- 🚌 Bus Stop
- 🚕 Taxi Lot
- 🚢 Ferry Traffic Only



Opportunities

Permitted Vending Opportunities



FOOD AND BEVERAGE OPPORTUNITIES

The FIFA World Cup 2026™ will bring thousands of visitors to Seattle and place a global spotlight on our city. A new distributed celebration model will activate multiple free public viewing parties and fan experiences across Seattle — including Seattle Center, Pacific Place, Waterfront Park, Victory Hall in SODO, and additional neighborhood locations to be announced.

These Seattle Fan Celebrations will create meaningful opportunities for Pacific Northwest small businesses to participate in off-stadium programming throughout the tournament.

– FOOD VENDOR INTEREST FORM

For general food vendor inquiries related to Seattle Fan Celebrations and distributed viewing locations, please submit your information using the form below:

[FOOD & BEVERAGE INTEREST FORM](#)

+ LAST MILE VENDOR PROGRAM APPLICATION

+ PIER 58 ACTIVATION APPLICATION

Business Activation



What does that mean for you?

Expect Changes on Match Days

- Expect significant changes to traffic and access on match days

Access Will Be Limited in Some Areas

- Stay up-to-date about the latest access restrictions on match days

Plan Ahead

- Plan early and adjust schedules on match days around street closure windows

We Know This Is Disruptive

- We understand these impacts are challenging and we are committed to sharing information to minimize disruption

Stay Informed

- Check [Seattle.gov](https://seattle.gov) and City channels for information and updates

Enjoy the FIFA experience