

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: SEATTLE FIFA WORLD CUP 26™



CHINATOWN-INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT (EMPLOYERS, WORKERS, RESIDENTS)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHEN

The Chinatown-International District (CID) is a destination for fans and visitors, as well as the preferred Link Light Rail station for travelers from the Eastside on match days.

Match Days		
Date	Time	Match
Mon, June 15	Noon	Belgium vs Egypt
Fri, June 19 th (Juneteenth)	Noon	USA vs. Australia
Wed, June 24	Noon	Bosnia-Herzegovina vs. Qatar
Fri, June 26 (Pride Match Day)	8 PM	Egypt vs. Iran
Wed, July 1	1 PM	Round of 32
Mon, July 6	5 PM	Round of 16

KEY FACTS

- Trains run every 8 minutes until 1 a.m. on match days.
- This neighborhood includes the preferred station for fans using wheelchairs or mobility devices.
- The International District/Chinatown Station (ID/C) area will have customer service staff and security on all match days.
- CID is NOT in the pedestrian-only zone, so vehicle access will be maintained on match days.
- There will be events in the CID during this time including watch parties hosted on Wednesday, June 24 (Hoa Mai Park), Friday July 10 (Hing Hay Park), and July 19 (Theater Off Jackson). More information can be found at <https://www.seattlechinatownid.com/experiences/world-cup-fags>.
- To prevent street crowding, rideshare pickup and drop-offs will be restricted to certain locations on match days (see map).
- Shared scooters and bikes are semi-restricted in the neighborhood and include speed controls (see map).
- SDOT and WSDOT construction has been paused to enable better transportation during the World Cup, June 8–July 7.
- Long-distance buses that typically serve King Street Station will be temporarily relocated to 5th Ave S and South Weller Street on match days.
- Metro will be operating a free Access Shuttle loop on match days helping people with mobility challenges get from ID/C to the Mariners Garage and 1st Avenue South and Charles Street (closest to Seattle Stadium).
- The free waterfront shuttle picks up daily in the CID and connects to Pioneer Square, ferry terminals, central waterfront, and Seattle Center.

WHAT TO EXPECT ON MATCH DAYS

Additional Mobility Considerations	Match Day Transit Options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CID is NOT in the pedestrian-only zone, so vehicle access will be maintained. • The International District/Chinatown Station is the recommended station for passengers with mobility needs. • This neighborhood includes rideshare drop-off designated zones (see map). • Scooter and Bike options have designated trip-end zones as well as speed limits (see map). • Parking lots may fill very quickly on match days. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link Light Rail: trains every 8 min until 1 a.m. • Free Match Day Shuttle: every 3–7 min along Third Ave. • Free Waterfront Shuttle: daily May 21–Labor Day, 10 a.m.–10 p.m. • Sounder: expanded service from Everett, Tacoma, Auburn, Kent.

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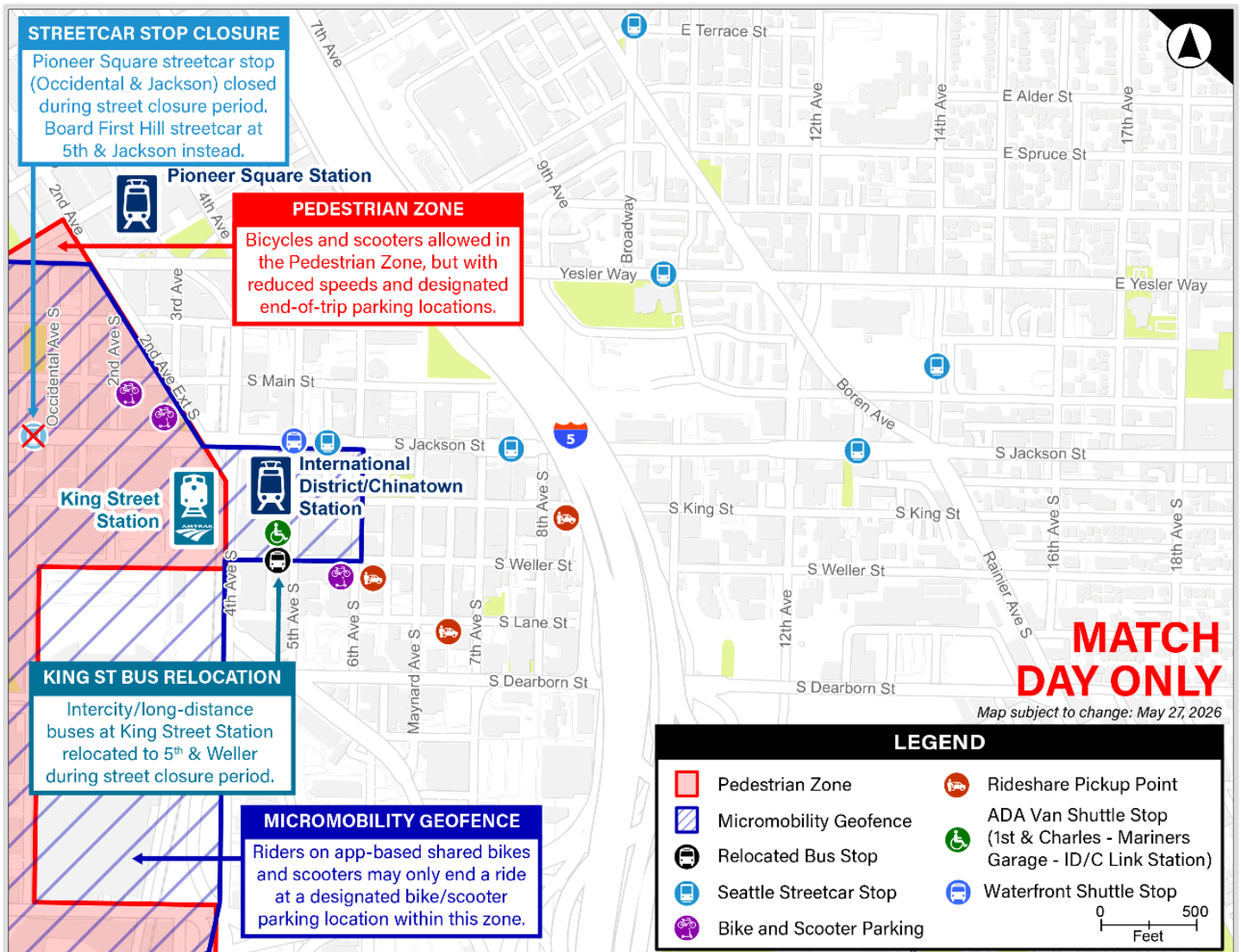


KEY RESOURCES AND REFERENCES

Real Time Updates	Trip Planning	Transit
@SDOTtraffic on X (Twitter) — Live street closure and traffic updates wsdot.com/travel/real-time/map — Highway conditions and construction information whatsapp.com/channel/0029Vb71vsjAYIURduLkAoQl — Official SeattleFWC26 Fan Info Channel	FlipYourTrip.org — Your one-stop travel planner seattlefwc26.org/destination/transportation — Official transportation guide AccessMap (accessmap.io) — Custom routing for wheelchair users and people avoiding hills or construction	soundtransit.org — Light rail and match day service information kingcounty.gov/en/dept/metro/rider-tools/sea26-soccer — King County Metro rider tools wsdot.wa.gov/ferries — Ferry service information

EMERGENCY AND KEY CONTACTS

Emergency: 911	SPD Non-Emergency: 2026-625-5077	Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888
AlertSeattle - Sign up at seattle.gov/emergency-management for emergency and event notifications.		



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MESSAGES FOR YOUR TEAM

Email Template - Employers to Staff; Building Managers to Tenants

SUBJECT: World Cup 2026 is Almost Here! Here is What You Need to Know

Hi Team,

This summer, Seattle Stadium is hosting six FIFA World Cup matches, and Chinatown-International District is going to be at the center for every one of them. The Chinatown-International District Link Light Rail Station is a primary arrival point for tens of thousands of fans. What this means for you:

- Match days w/start times: June 15 (12:00pm), June 19, (12:00pm), June 24, (12:00pm), June 26 (8:00pm), July 1 (1:00pm), July 6. (5:00pm)
- Impact: Pioneer Square becomes pedestrian-only 4 hours before each kickoff until roughly two hours after the match ends. No street parking within the stadium area on match days starting at 2 a.m. Check King County Metro and WSDOT for any changes or updates. The heaviest road congestion is expected on June 15, 19–20, 24–28, and July 1 and 6. See general map of impacted areas attached for more information.
- Best way to get downtown: Link Light Rail runs every 8 minutes until 1 a.m. on match days, and between the International District and Lynnwood stations, it'll run every 4 minutes. Free Match Day Shuttles run every 3–7 minutes along Third Ave. To help people move between Seattle Center, central waterfront, Pioneer Square and the Chinatown-International District, King County Metro has launched a new free waterfront shuttle. The shuttles operate every 15 minutes from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.
- Our plan: [INSERT — e.g., regular hours / adjusted start times / remote options on match days / flexible scheduling available]
- Stay informed: Sign up for ALERT King County at kingcounty.gov/alert and AlertSeattle at seattle.gov/emergency-management.
- Safety: More local law enforcement officers and private security will be present at major transit stations, around the stadium area, and fan celebration areas. This is normal and expected. Follow your standard protocols for any incident.

Questions? Reach out to [NAME/DEPARTMENT]. We'll share updates as they become available.

Thanks,

[Your Name].

Short Social Media or Team Chat Posts

Pre-Tournament (Post 2 weeks before June 15):

[Tag your company / internal channel] Heads up, World Cup match days start June 15 in Seattle. Street closures, packed transit, and limited parking near downtown on game days. Take Link Light Rail or the free Match Day Shuttle or free Waterfront Shuttle. We'll share more details on schedule and commute options soon. Plan ahead!

Match Day Reminder

Pre-Tournament (Post 2 weeks before June 15):

World Cup Match day reminder: when you're coming downtown today, skip driving. Link Light Rail runs every 4-8 minutes, free shuttles on Third Ave and waterfront, and pedestrian-only zone in Pioneer Square. Safe travels!