

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: SEATTLE FIFA WORLD CUP 26™



GENERAL INFORMATION (EMPLOYERS, WORKERS, AND RESIDENTS)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHEN

As a part of a global tournament running June 11 through July 19 across 16 cities in North America, Seattle is hosting six FIFA World Cup 26™ matches from June 15 through July 6, 2026. Expect heavy pedestrian and vehicle traffic near the stadium, Downtown, waterfront, and Seattle Center during this time, but especially around 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

QUICK GUIDANCE

- Brief your team before June 15 and share the match schedule.
- Encourage transit use and sharing FlipYourTrip.org with staff.
- Plan schedules to avoid peak windows.
- Post ALERT King County and AlertSeattle links in your break room or team chat.

WHAT TO EXPECT ON MATCH DAYS

Match Day Impacts	Match Day Transit Options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No street parking near stadium or Pioneer Square from 2 a.m. • Use designated Rideshare zones in Pioneer Square, Chinatown-International District, and South of Downtown (SODO). • Major street closures in SODO and Pioneer Square 4 hours before kickoff. • From June 8 through July 10, WSDOT and SDOT will pause or limit major construction projects, including Revive I-5 work near the Ship Canal Bridge, to keep key Seattle-area roads, streets, sidewalks, and public spaces clear and accessible during FIFA World Cup matches. 	<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: every 10-15 min daily, May 21–Labor Day, 10 a.m.–10 p.m. • Sounder: expanded service from Everett, Tacoma, Auburn, Kent. • \$18 3-day transit pass available at SEA Airport and other ticket vending machines.

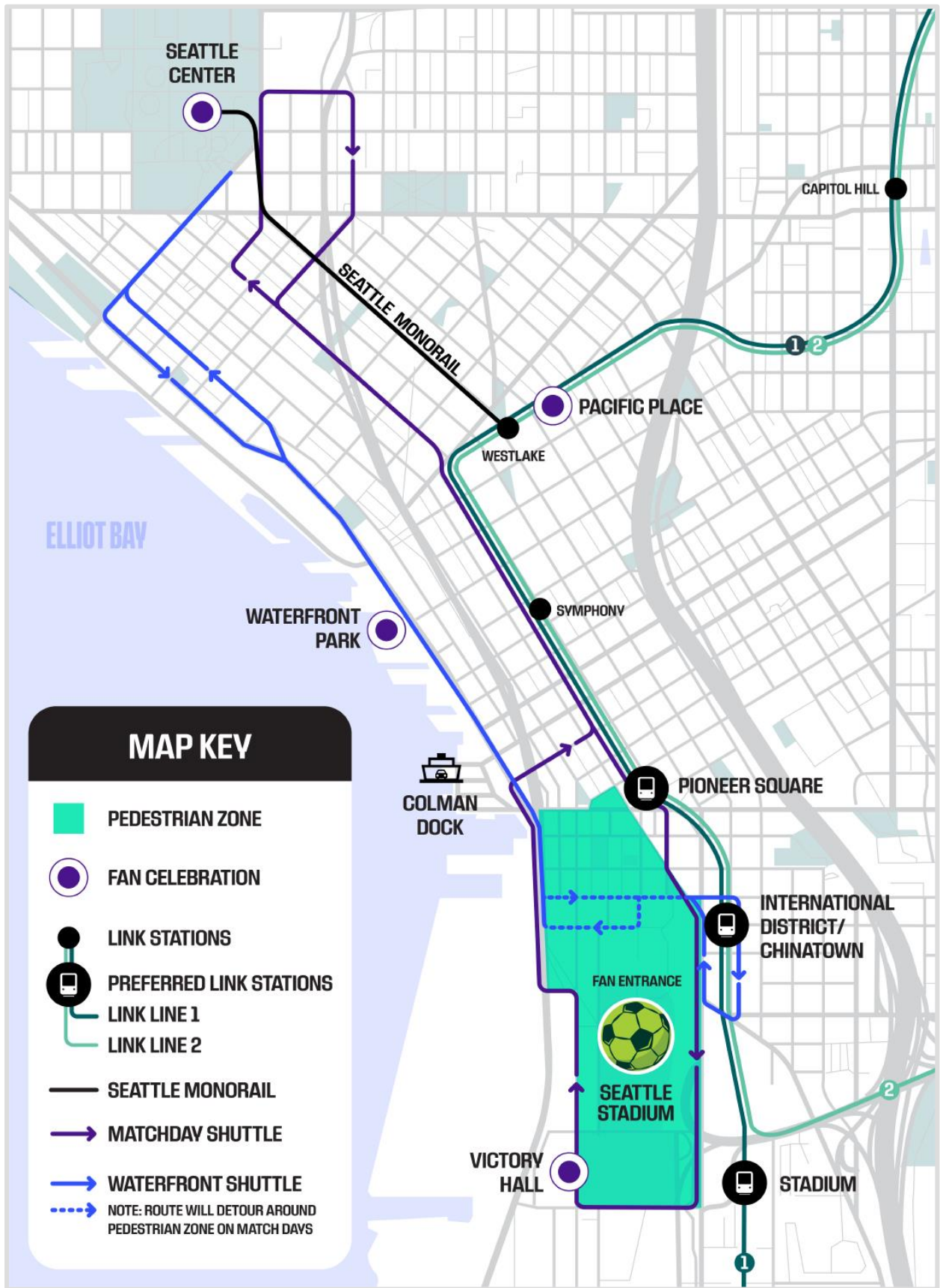
KEY RESOURCES AND REFERENCES

Real Time Updates	Trip Planning	Transit
<p>@SDOTtraffic on X (Twitter) — Live street closure and traffic updates</p> <p>wsdot.com/travel/real-time/map — Highway conditions and construction information</p> <p>whatsapp.com/channel/0029Vb71vsjAYIURduLkAo0I — Official SeattleFWC26 Fan Info Channel</p>	<p>FlipYourTrip.org — Your one-stop travel planner</p> <p>seattlefwc26.org/destination/transportation — Official transportation guide</p> <p>AccessMap (accessmap.io) — Custom routing for wheelchair users and people avoiding hills or construction</p>	<p>soundtransit.org — Light rail and match day service information</p> <p>kingcounty.gov/en/dept/metro/rider-tools/sea26-soccer — King County Metro rider tools</p> <p>wsdot.wa.gov/ferries — Ferry service information</p>

EMERGENCY AND KEY CONTACTS

Emergency: 911	SPD Non-Emergency: 206-625-5077	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,

As you may know, this summer Seattle is hosting six FIFA World Cup 26 matches. We want to make sure everyone is prepared and feels confident going into this busy period.

- **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 is permitted within the stadium area on match days starting at 2 a.m. 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. Check King County Metro and WSDOT for any changes or updates.
- **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. A Free Waterfront Shuttle will connect the Seattle Center, central waterfront, Pioneer Square, and Chinatown-International District. 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 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. 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 near the stadium. Safe travels!