

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) - 2026

### What is the Youth Transportation Summit?

The Youth Transportation Summit is a dynamic event hosted by the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) designed to empower young people to shape the future of their city. The 2026 SDOT Youth Transportation Summit will focus on **transportation safety**. This summit provides a unique platform for youth and young adults to engage in interactive workshops to learn about current SDOT and regional safety initiatives, provide valuable feedback on how to create safer communities and speak to and hear from transportation safety professionals and city leadership.

### Where is it and how do I get there?

The Summit is happening at Union Station, 401 S Jackson St, Seattle, WA 98104.

- **Transit:** There are multiple public transportation options serving the area. We recommend using Google Maps to find the route that works best for you!
  - Bus routes serving Fourth or Fifth avenues at South Jackson Street serving the **International District/Chinatown Station** will take you near Sound Transit's Union Station at 401 South Jackson Street.
  - The **1 Line** also serves the International District Station. Leaving the transit tunnel via the north exit, walk west to the Union Station front entrance, located on South Jackson Street between Fourth and Fifth avenues.
- **Parking:** Participants may park at several parking garages nearby, including the Union Station garage (\$30 all-day parking), a 0.2-mile walk, and paid on-street parking.

### Can I attend virtually?

Due to the interactive nature of our agenda, we will not have an online or hybrid option.

### Who can attend?

The summit is designed for youth between the ages of 14-22. Please contact us if you have questions about age eligibility. There are no other eligibility requirements for the event – if you live, work, play, or learn in Seattle we would love to see you there!

### What should I bring?

We will provide morning snacks, lunch, afternoon snacks, water, pens, and notepads for you. You are more than welcome to bring a laptop or tablet, Wi-Fi will be available for you to use.

If you would like to earn Service Learning hours, we will have printed serving learning forms at the event for you to fill out and get signed.

### Is this event free to attend?

The event is free to attend! [Please register to attend!](#)

*We cannot guarantee a spot for you at the event if you do not register.*

### When is my last day to register?

Registration closes at 11:59pm on Friday, April 17, 2026. Please register before the deadline to guarantee your attendance!

### Will food be provided?

Yes! We will have a light morning refreshment, lunch, and afternoon snacks that meet all dietary restrictions specified in your registration form.

### Is the venue accessible for people with disabilities?

Yes, Union Station is wheelchair accessible. We are committed to providing an inclusive environment for all participants. If you require specific accommodations, please describe them when you register or contact us at [DOT\\_TAP@seattle.gov](mailto:DOT_TAP@seattle.gov) before Monday, April 6, 2026.

### Is there a dress code?

There is no official dress code for this event; however, we encourage clothing you feel comfortable moving in or sitting in our event will include interactive activities.

### Is this event eligible for Service Learning hours?

Yes! All Seattle Public high schools will accept Service Learning hours for this event. If you forget your form, we will have extra printed and available for you at the event.

### What will the agenda of the event look like?

The event starts at 9am and programming officially begins at 9:30am. The day will conclude at 4pm. In the morning, there will be interactive breakout sessions led by SDOT staff working on transportation safety projects and programs. Lunch will be provided at no cost to participants and will be followed by an activity led by University of Washington School of Public Health honors students focused on collecting feedback on transportation safety concerns from participants. After, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions to a panel of transportation safety professionals and government and community leaders to highlight regional transportation safety efforts. A more detailed agenda is featured on our webpage and will be sent out to registered participants closer to the event date. Panel speakers will be posted on our webpage as they are confirmed.

### Will I get to meet SDOT and other professionals?

Yes! You will have the chance to interact with SDOT staff, regional transportation professionals, and community leaders. They will be present to share their expertise, answer questions, and listen to your ideas.

### How will my feedback be used by SDOT?

Your feedback is essential to SDOT. We will compile all of the ideas and feedback shared into a report that will be shared with SDOT project teams and leadership. We aim to incorporate your insights into future transportation projects and policies to make our communities safer.

### Can I participate if I don't have prior experience with transportation safety and transportation planning?

Absolutely! This summit is designed for youth and young adults of all experience levels. We encourage anyone with an interest in shaping their community to participate. Our workshops and presentations will be accessible and engaging for everyone.

### Will there be opportunities to network with other youth?

Yes, the summit provides ample opportunities to connect with other participants who are passionate about transportation and community safety. You'll have the chance to collaborate, share ideas, and build lasting connections.

### What safety precautions will be in place?

The safety of our participants is a top priority. We will follow all public health guidelines, and all attendees are welcome to wear masks or take other health and wellness precautions as they feel fit. In our registration form we also ask all attendees younger than 18 to provide an emergency contact in the unlikely case of an incident.

### What were the previous Youth Transportation Summits like?

We had a lot of fun at our first Summit in 2023 and second Summit in 2025. Check out SDOT's previous blog posts about the event [blog post about the event](#) as well as our blog post recapping our [presentation to Mayor Harrell](#) outlining the Youth Summit Action Plan participants created at the event.

**For any additional questions, contact [DOT\\_TAP@seattle.gov](mailto:DOT_TAP@seattle.gov)**