

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) - 2025

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. This summit provides a unique platform for youth to collaborate, innovate, and directly influence transportation projects and public spaces in Seattle. Participants will engage in interactive workshops, learn about current SDOT initiatives, and provide valuable feedback on how to create a more accessible, equitable, and sustainable urban environment. The 2025 SDOT Youth Transportation Summit: Future in Motion specifically focuses on empowering youth to imagine their dream public spaces and provide input on projects centered around community building, expanding greenspace, and advancing climate justice goals.

Where is it and how do I get there?

The Summit is happening at The Vera Project, located right next to Climate Pledge Arena at 305 Harrison St, Seattle, WA 98109.

- **Transit:** There are multiple public transportation options serving the area. The Seattle Center Monorail is a 0.3-mile walk to the Vera Project. Additionally, there are several bus routes offered by King County Metro and Sound Transit that can get you to the Vera Project. We recommend using Google Maps to find the route that works best for you!
- **Parking:** Participants may park at several parking garages nearby, including the Claypool Garage (\$30 all-day parking), a 0.4-mile walk, the Memorial Stadium Lot (\$30 for 10 hours), a 0.4-mile walk, and 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 12-19. 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, wifi 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 at the link here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SDOTSummit25> .

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 April 4. 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, The Vera Project 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 before April 4.

Is there a dress code?

There is no official dress code for this event; however, we encourage clothing you feel comfortable moving in as our morning workshop will be interactive.

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 an interactive design workshop, led by James Rojas and John Kamp. Lunch will be provided at no cost to participants and will be followed by afternoon breakout sessions where participants will learn more about the work currently happening at SDOT and how government projects turn into reality. A more detailed agenda is featured on our webpage and will be sent out to registered participants closer to the event date. Breakout session speakers will also be posted on our webpage once they are confirmed.

Will I get to meet SDOT professionals?

Yes! You will have the chance to interact with SDOT planners, engineers, and other professionals. 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 recommendations generated during the summit 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.

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

Absolutely! This summit is designed for youth 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 young people who are passionate about transportation and urban development. 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 was the first Youth Transportation Summit like?

We had a lot of fun at our first Summit in 2023. Check out SDOT's [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