

## SoDo Light Rail Station – Y2413

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### Notice for registrants using this Online Start Box:

Please use either the Online Start Box (OSB) or Physical Start Box (PSB) to register and complete the event. Do NOT mix and match (for example, by registering using the OSB, then completing your event using the PSB, nor signing the PSB log sheet). The sponsoring club only receives credit for an OSB participant when an OSB registration has been completed online by entering your participation date, distances, and any special programs using the OSB. Reminder: OSB registered users should be sure to log back in to the OSB system after doing the event, to “finish/complete” your online registration, by entering your participation date, distance, and any special programs.

### There are three walk options:

**11K – rated 1A:** The 11K route explores quirky SoDo, with its restaurants, clubs, unique wedding venues, two of Seattle’s sports stadiums, Starbuck’s Headquarters, a computer lab/museum, a trapeze school, and an abundance of public art. The 11K route continues on to the water’s edge at the Port – where you can get eye-level with tug boats.

**6K – rated 1A:** The 6K route is the same as the 11K route, but omits the portion at the Port.

**13K – rated 1A:** The 13K route is the same as the 11K route, but from the Port, the route extends onto the Alki Trail toward West Seattle. From there you’ll board the West Seattle Water Taxi for a ride across Elliott Bay, then a short walk in downtown to the Pioneer Square Light Rail Station, and finishing with a ride back to SoDo on Light Rail. **This requires purchase for fare on the West Seattle Water Taxi and for fare on Light Rail to return to the start.**

### Restrooms:

Restrooms at the start location are for customers only – but you could buy a bottled water and a power bar for your walk. There is a restroom along the route at Starbucks Headquarters (at the 6K mark on the 11K and 13K routes, and at the 4K mark on the 6K route). The 13K route also has restrooms at the West Seattle Water Taxi dock, on the West Seattle side.

### Comments:

All walk routes are on sidewalk or paved trails, and all will cross railroad tracks. This is a busy sector of the city, and it may be challenging for those walking with children. As an urban walk with lots of paved surfaces and limited shade, it can be hot in summer. Not suitable for strollers or wheelchair users. **The 13K route requires purchase of fares to board Light Rail and the West Seattle Water Taxi to return to Start.** The Water Taxi schedule varies seasonally. A copy of the Water Taxi schedule is enclosed in this packet for reference (valid through Oct. 15, 2021). As always, best to check it online with King County before starting on the 13K route, for the most current information. The 6K and 11K routes remain in the SoDo area, and do not require purchase of any fares for Light Rail or Water Taxi. Pets are not allowed on Light Rail, or on the Water Taxi. Masks are required on board Light Rail and the West Seattle Water Taxi.

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### Other addresses for reference for the 13K route:

#### West Seattle Water Taxi dock – West Seattle side:

1660 Harbor Ave. SW  
Seattle, WA 98116  
( 47° 35' 22.2"N 122° 22' 52.9"W )

#### Pioneer Square Light Rail Station:

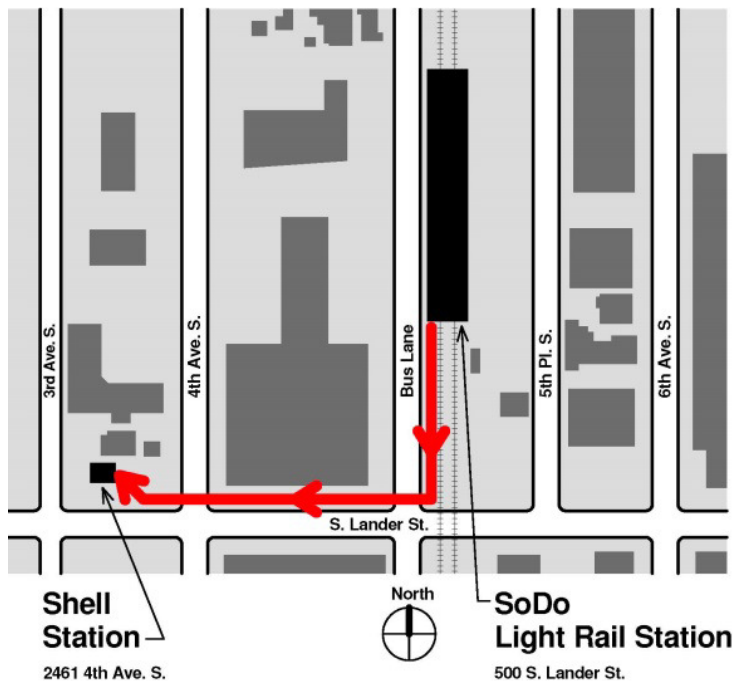
2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and Yesler St.  
Seattle, WA 98104  
( 47° 36' 7.1"N 122° 19' 51.7"W )

#### West Seattle Water Taxi dock – Downtown side:

801 Alaskan Way  
Seattle, WA 98104  
( 47° 36' 10"N 122° 20' 17.1"W )

### Taking Light Rail to the Walk:

Disembark the train at SoDo Station and walk south to S. Lander St. Turn right and cross the bus lane. Walk one block and cross 4th Ave. S. The Shell Station is on the corner. See map below. New to Light Rail? No problem – see the “How to Ride Light Rail” page in this packet.



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### Driving Directions:

From I-5 northbound, exit 161 (Swift Ave / Albro Place). Turn left onto Swift Ave., and stay in right lane. After 1/2 mile the road veers right and becomes 15th Ave. S. (passing high school on left). At traffic light, turn left onto Lucile and continue downhill. Turn right on Airport Way, continue for two miles. Turn left onto Lander Street and drive four blocks to the Shell Station on the right.

From I-5 southbound, exit 163B (6th Ave S) and stay in far right lane for 6th Ave. At the end of the ramp, turn right onto 6th Ave. After one block, turn left onto Lander. Continue for two blocks to Shell Station on right.

### Parking:

There is no parking at the Start location, and nearby parking is limited to 1- or 2-hours. For recommended parking that is free and without time limits, see enclosed parking map.

### Restaurants:

You will pass by several restaurants on your route. Here is a brief list, in the order you will encounter them. We haven't tried all of these, so this is not intended as an endorsement. Please check their websites for current days and hours, and menu.

Some may require proof of vaccination.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.:

Upscale burgers, sandwiches, salads – Derby: <https://derbyrestaurants.com/seattle/>

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S.:

Caribbean – Paseo: <https://www.paseo.com/>

Sandwiches, pastries – Macrina Bakery: <https://www.macrinabakery.com/>

BBQ – Pecos Pit: <https://www.pecospit.com/>

Poké – SoDo Poké: <http://sodopoke.com/>

Upscale sandwiches, pizza, salads – Starbucks Reserve SoDo: <https://www.starbucksreserve.com/en-us/visit>

Cuban – Café Con Leche: <https://www.cafeconlecheseattle.com/>

Mexican – Blue Water Taco Grill: <http://www.bluewatertacogrill.com/>

#### 4th Ave. S.: (11K and 6K routes only)

Darts, bar food & beer – Siren Tavern: 3403 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. (no website)

Burgers & Ice Cream – PickQuick: <https://pick-quick.com/> (take-out and counter service only)

#### West Seattle Water Taxi dock: (13K route only)

Hawaiian-Korean – Marination: <http://marinationmobile.com/>



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- 1.) The start point for the online start box route begins at Shell Station (the same location as the physical start box). You do not need to enter the store. Walk to the intersection at 4<sup>th</sup> & Lander. **CROSS** 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Walk one block on S. Lander St. to SoDo Station (on left).
- 2.) Carefully **CROSS** all the tracks at the designated crossing and then turn **LEFT**, walking toward the station platform.
- 3.) After passing the bike racks, turn **RIGHT** and then **LEFT** onto black asphalt path. This is a shared bike / ped path. Stay right and watch for bikes. Continue to S. Holgate St.
- 4.) Turn **RIGHT** on S. Holgate St. Walk one block.
- 5.) **CROSS** 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., then **RIGHT**. Walk three blocks.
- 6.) At S. Lander St., **CROSS** Lander and turn **LEFT**. Continue to the end of Lander at Airport Way S.
- 7.) **CROSS** Airport Way. Then turn **RIGHT** (crossing a short dead-end bit of Lander St. to your left). Walk around the fountain and the Water Dep’t wooden pipe display.
- 8.) Return to Airport Way and turn **RIGHT** (to walk toward downtown). Continue to the second crosswalk (on the north side of Lander). Turn **LEFT** to **CROSS** Airport Way.
- 9.) **RIGHT** on Airport Way. Continue, left side, walking toward downtown, to next traffic light at S. Holgate St.
- 10.) At S. Holgate St., **CROSS** all lanes of Holgate. (3K) Then **LEFT** on Holgate (passing Office Depot on right) and continue straight, walking on right side of Holgate.
- 11.) **CROSS** 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., and continue one block. Just before the Light Rail tracks, turn **RIGHT** onto the asphalt path.
- 12.) The asphalt path ends at S. Royal Brougham Way. (note, passing Stadium Light Rail Station on your left).
- 13.) **LEFT** on S. Royal Brougham Way. Walk one block.
- 14.) **CROSS** 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. and continue straight on the wide sidewalk. Follow it as it curves gently **LEFT** and goes **UP**, for a full 360 degree turn, becoming a bridge over the tracks. Then take stairs down, back to Royal Brougham.
- 15.) At the bottom of the stairs, stay on the left side, walking to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S. (T-Mobile Park is on your left).
- 16.) **CROSS** 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S. and turn **LEFT**. Walk five blocks.
- 17.) Checkpoint: At the Living Computer Museum + Labs (on right at 2245 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S., just before Stacy St.), look for the poster at the corner of the building. What is the next event being hosted here? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_.
- 18.) Continue on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., to the corner at S. Stacy St. (6K) **CROSS** Stacy and walk about 40 feet to turn **RIGHT** (passing fenced daycare play area on right).
- 19.) Turn **LEFT** at the sidewalk at the building (Utah Ave. S.). Walk amongst the tables, chairs and umbrellas in front of the building (restrooms in “Starbucks Reserve” at the back and right in store). Continue to the end at Lander.
- 20.) **LEFT** on Lander (Home Depot across street) and walk one block to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S. Then **RIGHT** to **CROSS** Lander.
- 21.) Continue on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., on right side, for two blocks.
- 22.) **RIGHT** on S. Hanford St. Walk two blocks to the railroad tracks.
- 23.) At the railroad tracks: **STOP**, look & listen for trains. When clear, **CROSS** the tracks and continue toward the overpass ahead (Alaskan Way Viaduct). Note, if you are waiting too long because of a train, you can skip this, and turn around to go back to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. Resume at step 34. Deduct 2K from overall distance.
- 24.) Go under the Viaduct and continue to the traffic light at E. Marginal Way S.
- 25.) **CROSS** Marginal Way carefully, using the walk light. Look all directions. Make eye-contact with drivers & bikes.
- 26.) **LEFT** on Marginal Way. Walk on right side of Marginal, to the overpasses ahead. Be alert for trucks at driveways.
- 27.) At the overpasses, turn **RIGHT** and continue on the sidewalk beneath the overpass. The sidewalk becomes the West Seattle Bridge Trail – a shared bike / pedestrian Trail. Bikes go fast. Stay to the right.
- 28.) After the overpasses, the path widens. Veer **RIGHT** toward the water. Pause for the view. (8K)
- 29.) Now turn around and re-trace your steps all the way back to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., as follows:
- 30.) Walk on the same sidewalk as before, going beneath the underpasses, back to E. Marginal Way.
- 31.) Turn **LEFT** on E. Marginal Way and re-trace your steps back to S. Hanford St. (at same traffic light as before).
- 32.) Turn **RIGHT** to **CROSS** E. Marginal Way.
- 33.) Continue on S. Hanford St., re-tracing your steps under the Viaduct, across the railroad tracks (**STOP**, look and listen), and back to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S.
- 34.) **CROSS** 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S.
- 35.) **RIGHT** to **CROSS** S. Hanford St. Continue on the left side of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., to the overpasses at S. Spokane St.
- 36.) **LEFT** on S. Spokane St. Continue to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.
- 37.) **LEFT** on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Continue on 4<sup>th</sup> to S. Lander St.
- 38.) **CROSS** S. Lander St. Return to Start at Shell Station.



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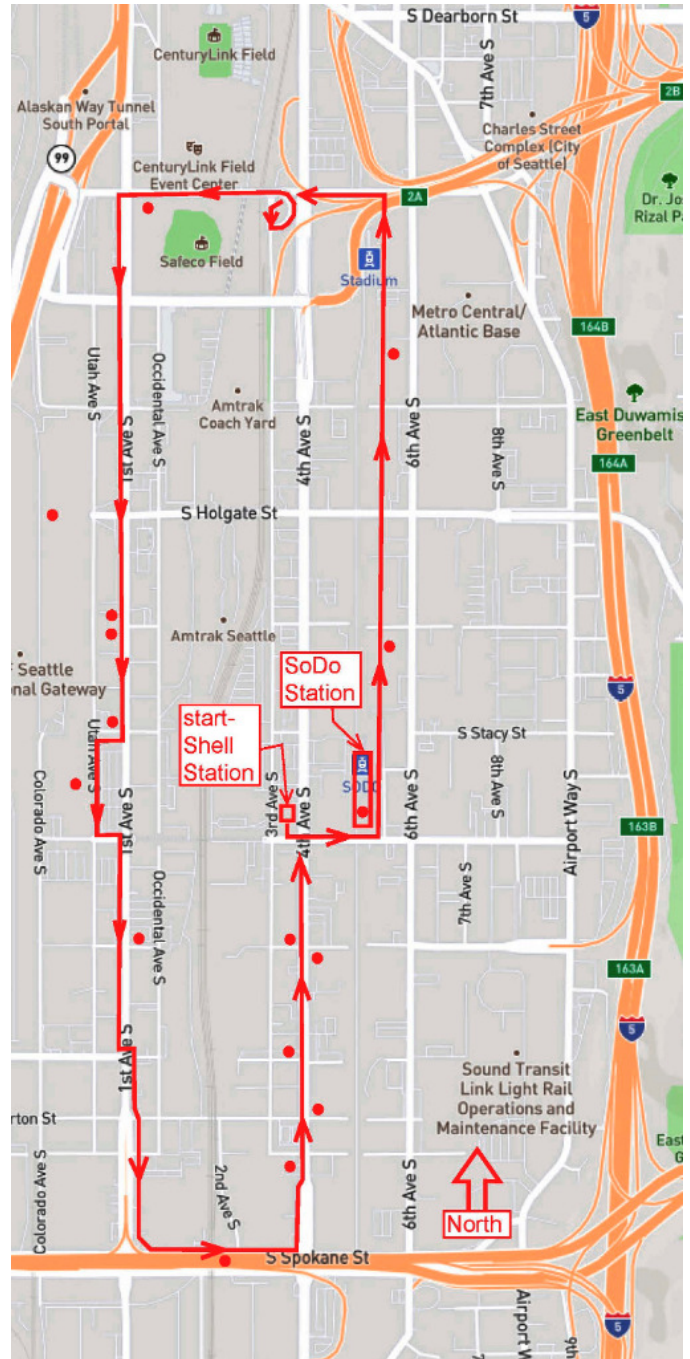
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- 5.) 2233 6th Ave. S.: “The Shop” – car and motorcycle enthusiasts keep their exquisite automobiles and rare motorcycles here. Also, “Derby” – an Ethan Stowell restaurant where foodies can relax and take in the view of the cool cars and bikes, and talk shop with fellow gear-heads.
- 6.) 6<sup>th</sup> & Lander: Emerald City Trapeze Arts. If the door facing 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. is open, take a peek inside (staying on the sidewalk) to see students taking classes for trapeze, aerial and circus arts. No experience necessary for introductory classes. World-class aerial artists perform seasonal sell-out shows here. Also available as a wedding / event venue, featuring live choreographed performances to dazzle guests.
- 7.) At S. Lander St. & Airport Way: Before crossing Airport Way, look to the right for the giant “R” atop the Old Rainier Brewery (beyond the overpasses). Former brewery, now artist studios, offices and live-work lofts, and designated Landmark. The iconic “R” was recreated by Western Neon, specialists in neon signs and art (you’ll see them later on in this walk). The original “R” is now at MOHAI.  
2700 Airport Way S. (at Lander): Seattle Public Utilities offices. Enjoy the lovely garden – with Cherry trees blooming in spring, Columbines in early summer, and roses throughout, it’s a nice respite of nature in this industrial area. See the section of the original pipeline which carried water from the Cedar River to Seattle: 7 feet in diameter, made of reinforced wood. Walk around the shiny chrome sculpture/fountain, called “Chimera” created by artist Ted Jonsson. One of the first pieces commissioned in the SPU public art program. Operational in summer months.
- 9.) North end of Airport Way: “Auto-Row.” Multiple levels, with the cars colorfully lit at night, visible from I-5. Many dealerships have moved to SoDo.
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- 24.) Marginal Way Skatepark under Alaskan Way Viaduct: Built by the athletes themselves, this skatepark is purported to be among the best and most challenging. After your walk, you can go online for a video capturing the experience. Search YouTube for: Jason @ Marginal Way.
- 28.) Public Fishing Pier: A chance to get eye-level with the tug-boats that ply Puget Sound; and see how big a container ship really is.
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Elephant Car Wash – this was their first location, opened in 1951, by original family-owners, Dean, Archie and Eldon Anderson.  
Cannabis City – Seattle’s first pot shop. You can’t miss it, with its shiny green mirrored storefront. See the plaque for a lively description.

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Elephant Car Wash – this was their first location, opened in 1951, by original family-owners, Dean, Archie and Eldon Anderson.  
Cannabis City – Seattle’s first pot shop. You can’t miss it, with its shiny green mirrored storefront. See the plaque for a lively description.

SoDo factoid: The name “SoDo” originally stood for “south of the Dome”, referring to the Kingdome, the former sports stadium torn down in 2000 to make way for Century Link Field. With the demise of the Kingdome and its gradual fade from the collective memory of local residents, “SoDo” is now more likely understood to mean “south of downtown.” The name “SoDo” was coined by Peter Miller, proprietor of Peter Miller Books, a popular design bookstore located in Pioneer Square, just north of the SoDo district.

13K

Be aware of car, truck and train traffic. When crossing an intersection, use the walk signal and make eye contact with drivers. When crossing railroad tracks, look in both directions, and “STOP LOOK LISTEN” as train-experts say. Obey all traffic signals and railroad crossing signals. If it so happens you have to wait for a train, just relax and watch the graffiti go by until it clears.

- Dot = Point of Interest, see next page. These directions may be used only by individuals duly registered for this AVA/IVV sanctioned event.

Note, this walk crosses Elliott Bay on the West Seattle Water Taxi, and then returns to the start with a ride on Light Rail back to SoDo Station. **This requires purchase of fares at the Water Taxi dock, and at the Light Rail Station. Kiosks will accept credit cards, or cash, or Orca cards.** For info, see “How to Ride Light Rail” and Water Taxi schedule in this online packet. **(Water Taxi may only run Mon-Fri in winter season).**

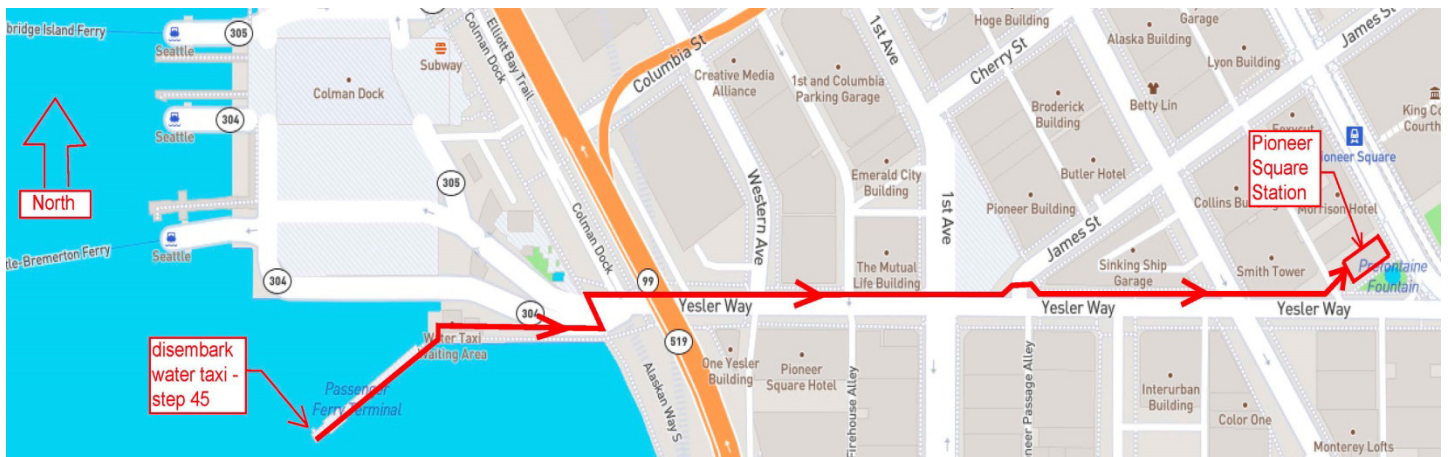
- 1.) The start point for the online start box route begins at Shell Station (same location as the physical start box). You do not need to enter the store. Walk to the intersection at 4<sup>th</sup> & Lander. **CROSS** 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Walk 1 block on S. Lander St. to SoDo Station (on left).
- 2.) Carefully **CROSS** all the tracks at the designated crossing, and then turn **LEFT**, walking toward the station platform.
- 3.) After passing the bike racks, turn **RIGHT** and then **LEFT** onto black asphalt path. This is a shared bike / ped path. Stay right and watch for bikes. Continue to S. Holgate St.
- 4.) Turn **RIGHT** on S. Holgate St. Walk one block.
- 5.) **CROSS** 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., then **RIGHT**. Walk three blocks.
- 6.) At S. Lander St., **CROSS** Lander and turn **LEFT**. Continue to the end of Lander at Airport Way S.
- 7.) **CROSS** Airport Way. Then turn **RIGHT** (crossing a short dead-end bit of Lander St. to your left). Walk around the fountain and the Water Dep’t wooden pipe display.
- 8.) Return to Airport Way and turn **RIGHT** (to walk toward downtown). Continue to the second crosswalk (on the north side of Lander). Turn **LEFT** to **CROSS** Airport Way.
- 9.) **RIGHT** on Airport Way. Continue, left side, walking toward downtown, to next traffic light at S. Holgate St.
- 10.) At S. Holgate St., **CROSS** all lanes of Holgate. (3K) Then **LEFT** on Holgate (passing Office Depot on right) and continue straight, walking on right side of Holgate.
- 11.) **CROSS** 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., and continue one block. Just before the Light Rail tracks, turn **RIGHT** onto the asphalt path.
- 12.) The asphalt path ends at S. Royal Brougham Way. (note, passing Stadium Light Rail Station on your left).
- 13.) **LEFT** on S. Royal Brougham Way. Walk one block.
- 14.) **CROSS** 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. and continue straight on the wide sidewalk. Follow it as it curves gently **LEFT** and goes **UP**, for a full 360 degree turn, becoming a bridge over the tracks. Then take stairs down, back to Royal Brougham.
- 15.) At the bottom of the stairs, stay on the left side, walking to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S. (T-Mobile Park is on your left).
- 16.) **CROSS** 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S. and turn **LEFT**. Walk five blocks.
- 17.) Continue on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., to the corner at S. Stacy St. (6K) **CROSS** Stacy and walk about 40 feet to turn **RIGHT** (passing fenced daycare play area on right).
- 18.) Turn **LEFT** at the sidewalk at the building (Utah Ave. S.). Walk amongst the tables, chairs and umbrellas in front of the building (restrooms in “Starbucks Reserve” at the back and right in store). Continue to the end at Lander.
- 19.) **LEFT** on Lander (Home Depot across street) and walk one block to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S. Then **RIGHT** to **CROSS** Lander.
- 20.) Continue on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., on right side, for two blocks.
- 21.) **RIGHT** on S. Hanford St. Walk two blocks to the railroad tracks.
- 22.) At the railroad tracks: **STOP**, look & listen for trains. When clear, **CROSS** the tracks and continue toward the overpass ahead (Alaskan Way Viaduct).
- 23.) Go under the Viaduct and continue to the traffic light at E. Marginal Way S.
- 24.) **CROSS** Marginal Way carefully, using the walk light. Look all directions. Make eye-contact with drivers & bikes.
- 25.) **LEFT** on Marginal Way. Walk on right side of Marginal, to the overpasses ahead. Be alert for trucks at driveways.
- 26.) At the overpasses, turn **RIGHT** and continue on the sidewalk beneath the overpass. The sidewalk becomes the West Seattle Bridge Trail – a shared bike / ped Trail. **Bikes go fast. Stay to the right.**
- 27.) After the overpasses, the path widens. Veer **RIGHT** toward the water. Pause for the view. (8K)
- 28.) Continue, past the shelters on left, and veering **LEFT** to return to the Trail. Turn **RIGHT** to get back on the Trail.
- 29.) (Steps 29 through 32 will get you set up for crossing the bridge, walking on the left side – read on). Continue as the Trail turns **LEFT** to **CROSS** a small road (look for sign for truckers: “Terminal 18 – Gate 1 Entrance”).
- 30.) Immediately after that crossing, the Trail turns **RIGHT**. Continue for a short distance to where the Trail turns **LEFT** to **CROSS** another small road.
- 31.) Immediately after that crossing, the Trail turns **RIGHT**. Continue to the traffic light at intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW and SW Spokane St.
- 32.) Turn **LEFT** and use the walk signal to **CROSS** Spokane St.
- 33.) **RIGHT** to walk uphill on the bridge. Continue to be aware of cyclists, and stay to the right.
- 34.) After the bridge, the Trail comes to a fork. Take the **RIGHT FORK**, going downhill. (walk directions continue on page 2)

- 35.) At bottom of the hill, **RIGHT** to **CROSS** the turn lane. Walk to the signal at the busy intersection ahead.
- 36.) **STOP** and read steps 37 through 39 before starting out, and then look across the intersection to mentally map your route. Use the walk signal and be patient to wait for the signal – it takes time to get everyone through this intersection. Be alert. Make eye contact with drivers, including those who are turning. Ready? Ok!
- 37.) **LEFT** to **CROSS** Delridge Way SW (three lanes) to the small triangular concrete median (small sign says “West Seattle Bridge Trail” posted at the median).
- 38.) From that median, **RIGHT** to **CROSS** SW Spokane St. (five lanes) to the next triangular concrete median (again, see “West Seattle Bridge Trail” sign at median).
- 39.) Then **LEFT** to **CROSS** a turn lane. You will be at a plaza with grass and trees. Congratulations! You’re there!
- 40.) Continue on the Trail (becomes an asphalt path, passing a parking lot and a building on your left), to where the overpasses above you turn away or end.
- 41.) Turn **RIGHT** on Harbor Ave. SW (10K) .
- 42.) Continue for some time on the asphalt Trail, eventually passing “Salty’s” restaurant on right, to where it opens to a big view of the water and downtown.
- 43.) Turn **RIGHT** at the next restaurant, “Marination.”
- 44.) Walk to the dock for the West Seattle Water Taxi and purchase your fare at the automated kiosk, or you can use your Orca card when boarding (see note at end for savings using your Orca card). When the time for your sailing approaches, walk down the gangway with ticket in hand (or Orca card ready), and board the water taxi.
- 45.) After crossing the water, disembark the water taxi (see enlarged map below). Walk along the gangway and pass through the gate with the sign saying “Exit to Transit & City Center” overhead.
- 46.) Turn **RIGHT** on the sidewalk, heading toward downtown, and continue to Alaskan Way.
- 47.) Use the walk signal to turn **LEFT** to **CROSS** the car lanes that lead to the ferry.
- 48.) Using walk signal, **RIGHT** to **CROSS** Alaskan Way.
- 49.) **STRAIGHT** on Yesler, left side, three blocks.
- 50.) After passing the fancy steel pergola and small park on your left, turn **RIGHT** to **CROSS** James St., then jog **LEFT** to continue on Yesler (passing a parking garage on your left).
- 51.) **CROSS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and continue a half-block to the Pioneer Square Light Rail Station entrance on the left.
- 52.) Enter the Station and go down the stairs one level to the automated kiosks to purchase your fare (or see below for note on using Orca card – kiosk at lower level).
- 53.) Turn **RIGHT** to walk to the next set of stairs going down.
- 54.) Take the stairs to southbound trains (Angle Lake = south). Board the next train. SoDo Station will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> stop.
- 55.) After disembarking the train at SoDo Station, turn **LEFT** to walk to the end of the Station, at S. Lander St.
- 56.) **RIGHT** to **CROSS** a Bus Lane. Walk one block and **CROSS** 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. to return to the start at Shell station.

Note for Orca card users:

You can use your Orca card on the Water Taxi, and it will save you 75 cents on the Water Taxi fare (paper tickets from kiosk are \$5.75 for adults, Orca is \$5.00). Then, when you get to the Pioneer Square Light Rail Station, tap your Orca card on the yellow reader (at lower level of the Station), and your paid fare will transfer for use on Light Rail – saving you \$2.25 for the Light Rail fare. Don’t forget to “tap-off” at SoDo Station.

Here is an enlarged map of downtown – steps 45 to 51:



Walk through SoDo and see the city at work and at play. Although it is the heart of Seattle’s commercial-industrial area, SoDo has so much to discover. Stroll by restaurants for foodies, and lunch spots where SoDo workers – from office suits to welders – line up on their lunch break. Browse the plethora of home-remodeling resources, peek in at Trapeze Arts school, stop at the Computer Museum + Labs, take in the abundance of colorful public art tucked in around SoDo, and get eye-level with tug boats at Seattle’s Port. There are even a half-dozen wedding venues in the area, each with its own artsy-industrial vibe. Note, this is a busy sector of the city and may be challenging for those walking with children. Wear a hat if it’s sunny, as this urban walk has limited shade.

Numbers below correspond with the number on walk directions – see dot in the margin of walk directions and red dot on map.

- 1 & 55.) SoDo Station art: “Made in USA” by artist Michael Davis of San Pedro, CA. Step through the portal made from an assembly of giant-sized tools, and see the benches modeled on familiar industrial forms, honoring the people and unions who originally built and worked in SoDo’s commercial core.
  
- 3 & 11.) Transit corridor art along the pedestrian/bike path: The path is part of a two-mile transit corridor, enlivened with wall murals, created by more than 50 artists from Seattle, across the country, and around the world, in collaboration with local youth. The project, called SoDo Track, took two years and was completed in August, 2017. You can learn more about this project and the artists on the web at [UrbanArtworks.org](http://UrbanArtworks.org).
  
- 5.) 2233 6th Ave. S.: “The Shop” – car and motorcycle enthusiasts keep their exquisite automobiles and rare motorcycles here. And, “Derby” – an Ethan Stowell restaurant for foodies to relax and check out the cool cars, and talk shop with fellow gear-heads.
  
- 6.) 6<sup>th</sup> & Lander: Emerald City Trapeze Arts. If the door facing 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. is open, take a peek inside (staying on the sidewalk) to see students taking classes for trapeze, aerial and circus arts. No experience necessary for intro classes. World-class aerial artists perform seasonal sell-out shows here. Also a wedding / event venue, with live choreographed performances to dazzle your guests.
  
- 7.) At S. Lander St. & Airport Way: Look to the right for the giant “R” atop the Old Rainier Brewery (beyond the overpasses). Former brewery, now artist studios, offices and live-work lofts, and designated Landmark. The iconic “R” was recreated by Western Neon, specialists in neon signs and art (also located in SoDo). The original “R” is now at MOHAI.  
  
2700 Airport Way S. (at Lander): Seattle Public Utilities. Enjoy the lovely flower garden beneath the Cherry trees – a nice respite of nature in this industrial area. See a section of original pipeline which carried water from the Cedar River to Seattle: 7 feet in diameter, made of reinforced wood. And see the shiny chrome sculpture/fountain by artist Ted Jonsson, called “Chimera.”
  
- 9.) North end of Airport Way, near Holgate is becoming the new “Auto-Row.” Many dealerships have moved to SoDo. Here, they have built their facilities with multiple stories, and the cars are all colorfully lit at night, visible from I-5.
  
- 15.) T-Mobile Park (formerly known as Safeco Field), home of the Seattle Mariners. Near the Left Field entrance is “The MITT” – a cast bronze sculpture by Seattle artist Gerard Tsutakawa. A popular meeting point for fans.
  
- 16.) At 1<sup>st</sup> & Holgate, look right for a view of the massive cranes used by BNSF to load freight onto trains. Usually active weekdays.  
  
Mural at 2408 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S. (Macrina Bakery): see if you can make out the pattern of a skyline punctuated with the cranes of the nearby Port. The mural also wraps the south side (unfortunately mostly covered by an ad). Artist work-lofts on upper floors.  
  
Mural at 2225 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S.: “Millworks”, a Navy-blue/white mural of a tall-ship. Artist Kyler Martz. Supported by Urban ArtWorks.  
  
Living Computer Museum + Lab at 2245 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S.: Experience the largest collection of fully restored and usable supercomputers, mainframes, minicomputers, and microcomputers. A hands-on, interactive, family-friendly place to geek out.
  
- 18.) Starbucks HQ. Originally built for Sears in 1912 by “Milwaukee St. Paul Road”, an early railroad in the Midwest and Northwest.
  
- 20.) 2764 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S. (corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. & Forest St. – Bank of America, on left side of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.): Note the well-preserved art deco brick building. Built in 1946. Designed by Architect J. Lister Holmes. In your travels through Seattle, on Denny Way near Seattle Center and the Space Needle, you might notice a similar building, also by Holmes.
  
- 23.) Marginal Way Skatepark under Alaskan Way Viaduct: Built by the athletes themselves and purported to be among the best and most challenging. After your walk, go online for a video capturing the experience. Search YouTube for: Jason @ Marginal Way.
  
- 27.) Public Fishing Pier: A chance to get eye-level with the tug-boats that ply Puget Sound; and see how big a container ship really is.
  
- 44.) Near the West Seattle Water Taxi dock are some popular scuba dive areas. Unbeknownst to many landlubbers, there is a lot of aquatic life just below the water’s surface. “Cove 1,” just south of the dock, has a small shipwreck, the “Honey Bear,” and is a known habitat for one of the largest species of octopus, aptly named the Giant Pacific Octopus, which can stretch out to over 16 feet.
  
- 45.) Now that you’re back on dry land and in downtown, there is a lot to see. But this walk explores only a tiny corner of downtown. So, maybe for your next walk, try the Downtown/Waterfront walk – it has many of Seattle’s must-see sights. It starts at the Light Rail Station in the International District. Register at Bartells, at 400 S. Jackson.

### Map – SoDo Light Rail Station – Y2413 – 13K – 1A

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## NORTH →

(also, downtown is to the North)

Addresses for reference:

Start Point address:

Shell Station  
2461 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.  
Seattle, WA 98134  
( 47° 34' 51.39"N 122° 19' 44.57"W )

West Seattle Water Taxi dock:

West Seattle side:  
1660 Harbor Ave. SW  
Seattle, WA 98116  
( 47° 35' 22.2"N 122° 22' 52.9"W )

Downtown side:

801 Alaskan Way  
Seattle, WA 98104  
( 47° 36' 10"N 122° 20' 17.1"W )

Pioneer Square Light Rail Station:

2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and Yesler St.  
Seattle, WA 98104  
( 47° 36' 7.1"N 122° 19' 51.7"W )

SoDo Light Rail Station address:

500 S. Lander St.  
Seattle, WA 98134  
( 47° 34' 49.1"N 122° 19' 36.9"W )

## SoDo – Map for Street Parking

Parking at the start location at the Shell Station is limited to 15 minutes, and is for customers only. Street parking is free, but generally restricted to 1 or 2-hours on weekdays and Saturdays (7 a.m. to 6 p.m.) in areas near the Station. If you're doing your walk during these restricted hours, see below for suggestions. Look for and mind all posted signs.

### Driving Directions to parking:

You can usually find parking without time restrictions along Lander St. (east of 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.), or on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. (south of Lander). These areas are shown in the hatched areas on the map below.

From the Shell Station, either drive east on Lander St. for parking there; or drive south on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. for parking along 4<sup>th</sup>. Watch for the no-parking areas at the bus stops along 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

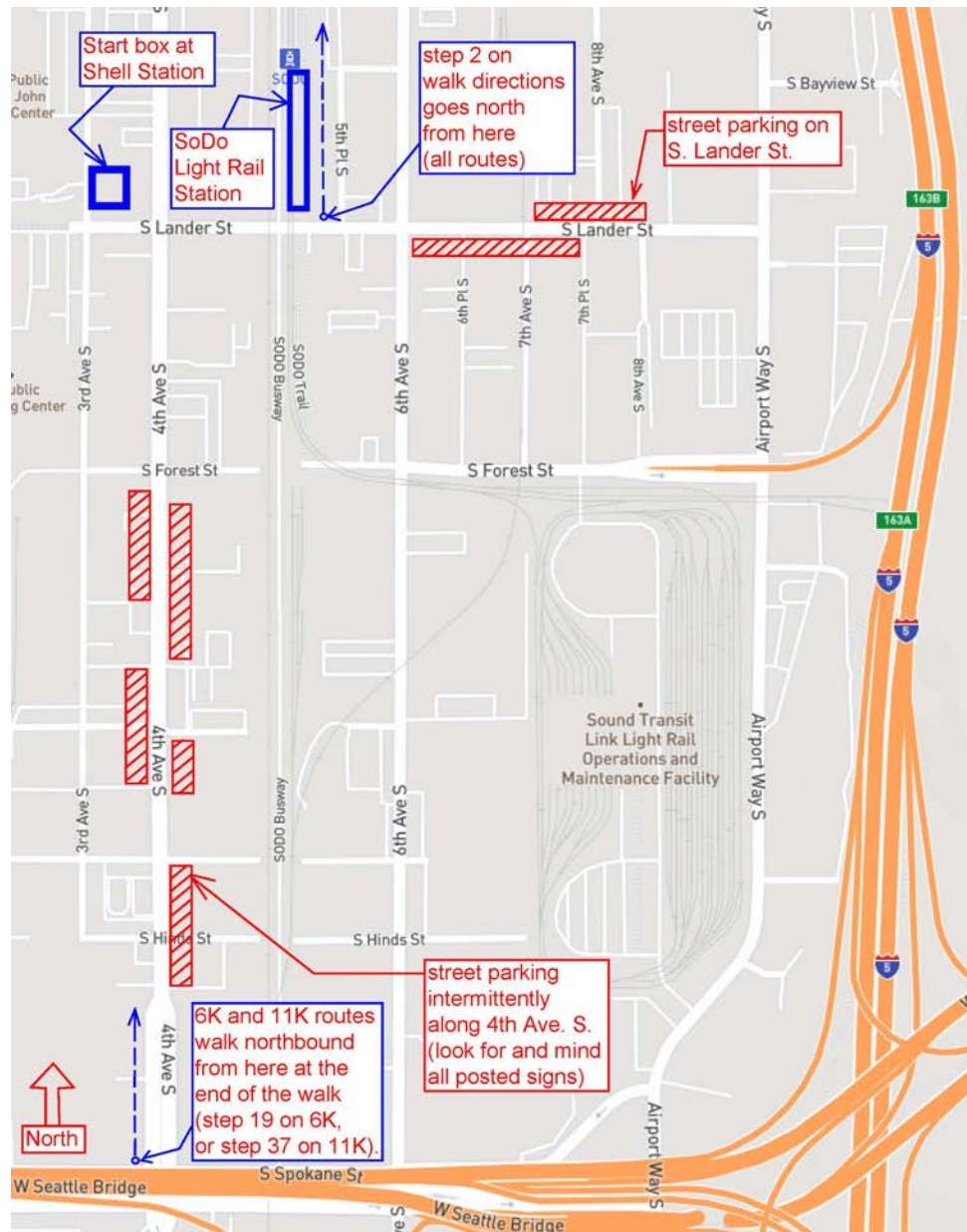
If all the above areas are full, try 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. (south of Forest St.), or 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S. (south of Horton St.). Those areas are not indicated on the map below, since during our research we've always been able to find parking, per the map below.

### Walking Directions after you're parked:

If you parked on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. as shown on the map, walk north and begin the walk at step 1 from the Shell station. At the end of the 6K and 11K routes, you will be heading northbound along 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. (see blue dashed line note on map), so you can return to your car then. Look for a landmark around you when you park, for reference at the end of your walk.

If you parked on Lander St., you can start the walk from step 2 on the walk directions (see blue dashed line note on map). The 6K and 11K routes will end at 4<sup>th</sup> & Lander, so you can pick up steps 1 & 2 on the walk directions at the end.

For the 13K walk, it will end at SoDo Light Rail station, so you can walk back to your car from the Light Rail Station.





## ***How to Ride Light Rail***

Riding Light Rail is easy! If you're new to Light Rail, here are some handy tips.

### **Purchase of Fares**

Before boarding, purchase your fare at an automated kiosk at the station entry. You can use cash or credit cards, and the kiosks have touch screens with prompts to guide you and calculate your fare. For cash purchases, kiosks will accept bills and coins, and will dispense change. No debit cards or checks. You can also use your Orca Card – find a yellow kiosk near the station entry to “tap-on” before boarding. And, there’s an app you can download and pre-pay fares, so that your phone works like an Orca card.

Tip 1: Keep your ticket or Orca Card handy. Inspectors will randomly spot check.

Tip 2: To avoid overcharging on your Orca Card, be sure to “tap on” *and* “tap off” at the yellow kiosk at the beginning and end of each trip. Charges to your Orca card are based on travel distance, and “tapping off” at your destination tells the system how much to charge. Without tapping off, the system will assume the maximum fare and charge your Orca card as such.

### **Fares**

For adults age 19 and up, fare is based on length of travel and ranges from \$2.25 to \$3.25, one-way. For age 65 and up, one-way fare is \$1 with a Regional Reduced Fare Permit (SoundTransit.org to apply). Youth, age 6 to 18, one-way fare is \$1.50. Kids 5 and younger are free. (prices as of September, 2021)

Tip: A round-trip ticket is the same price as purchasing two one-way fares, and is valid all day between your starting and final destinations.

### **Schedule**

Trains run frequently, as often as every 12 minutes at peak times, to every 16 minutes otherwise. Trains run 5:00 am – 1:00 am (6:00 am – midnight on Sundays). (schedule as of September, 2021)

### **Masks**

Masks are required, until further notice from Sound Transit, and any revised CDC recommendations.

Visit [SoundTransit.org](https://www.soundtransit.org) for more information.

## West Seattle Water Taxi Schedule

As a convenience to our 13K-route walkers, we've reprinted this schedule for your information, which we downloaded from the King County website: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/water-taxi/about-us.aspx>  
Please use your phone to confirm it online, or call 206-477-3979 for more information (phone avail. M-F only).

### April 19 – October 15, 2021

**Masks are required**

<b>Monday - Friday Departs West Seattle</b>
6:15 AM
6:50 AM
7:25 AM
8:00 AM
8:35 AM
9:10 AM
11:00 AM
<b>12:00 PM</b>
<b>1:00 PM</b>
<b>2:00 PM</b>
<b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>3:45 PM</b>
<b>4:25 PM</b>
<b>5:05 PM</b>
<b>5:45 PM</b>
<b>6:25 PM</b>
<b>7:05 PM</b>
<b>8:00 PM (Friday only)</b>
<b>9:00 PM (Friday only)</b>
<b>10:00 PM (Friday only)</b>
<b>11:00 PM (Friday only)</b>

**Does not operate on these Holidays:** Veterans Day (Nov. 11), Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 25), the day after Thanksgiving (Nov. 26), Christmas Day Observed (Dec. 24).

**Operates on Sunday schedule on these Holidays:** Memorial Day (May 31), Independence Day Observed (July 5), Labor Day (Sept. 6)

<b>Saturday - Sunday Departs West Seattle</b>
9:00 AM
10:00 AM
11:00 AM
<b>12:00 PM</b>
<b>1:00 PM</b>
<b>2:00 PM</b>
<b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>8:00 PM (Saturday only)</b>
<b>9:00 PM (Saturday only)</b>
<b>10:00 PM (Saturday only)</b>
<b>11:00 PM (Saturday only)</b>

#### Forms of payment:

- **Cash:** Pay your cash fare (exact amount only) when entering the vessel.
- **ORCA card:** Tap on the card reader held by a crew member.
- **Ticket:** Purchase an adult-fare ticket from a vending machine at a Water Taxi terminal before boarding. Put your ticket in the fare box as you board. Credit or debit cards may be used to buy tickets.
- **ORCA Passport card or U-PASS:** tap on the card reader held by a crew member.
- **Checks are NOT accepted**

#### Fare:

- **Adult:** \$5.75 (or \$5.00 on Orca card)
- **Age 65+ with Regional Reduced Fare Permit:** \$2.50
- **Age 6-18:** \$5.75 (or \$3.75 on Orca card)
- **Kids 5 and younger:** free

<b>WALK NAME / NUMBER Light Rail – SoDo Station Y2413</b>				
<b>ESVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>				
<b>Counties [ongoing]</b>		King County		
<b>Historic Depots [2019-2021]</b>				
<b>Whisky-Vino-Brew [2018-2020]</b>		WINERY <b>Efeste (6K, 11K, 13K)</b> 1730 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave. S. – after T-Mobile Park  <b>Elsom Cellars (6K, 10K only)</b> 2960 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S. – at about Hanford	BREWERY <b>Pyramid Alehouse (6K, 10K, 13K)</b> on 1st Ave. near T-Mobile Park  <b>Ghostfish Brewery (6K, 10K, 13K)</b> 2942 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave. S. – at about Hanford  <b>Seapine Brewing (10K, 13K only)</b> 2959 Utah Ave. S. – at Hanford	DISTILLERY <b>Glass Distillery (6K, 10K, 13K)</b> on 1st Ave. – at Massachusetts  <b>Westland Distillery (6K, 10K, 13K)</b> on 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave. – at about Hanford
<b>Rail to Trails [2020-2023]</b>				
<b>Frontline Heroes [2021-2024]</b>	MEDICAL CENTERS	DELIVERY SERVICES <b>Amazon - pickup center (next to Starbucks Headquarters)</b>	SUSTENANCE PROVIDERS <b>Several restaurants</b>	ESSENTIAL SERVICES <b>Shell gas station – start location</b>
<b>OREGON SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>				
<b>AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>				
<b>50 STATES/51 CAPITALS</b>	[ONGOING]	<b>Washington</b>		
<b>A-Z (Walking the US A-Z)</b>	[ONGOING]	<b>Seattle</b>		
<b>AIRPORTS-CELEBRATE FLIGHT</b>	[2020-2022]			
<b>BORDER CROSSING</b>	[2014-2023]			
<b>CAROUSELS ACROSS AMERICA</b>	[2019-2021]			
<b>GREAT LAKES</b>	[2021-2024]			
<b>LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES</b>	[2019-2021]			
<b>MAYFLOWER - 400<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY</b>	[2020-2022]	<b>6K, 10K, 13K:</b> All routes cross <b>Atlantic St.</b> and <b>Massachusetts St.</b> – on 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave. S., south of T-Mobile Park  All routes pass O.B. <b>Williams Co. Woodwork</b> – at 1939 1st Ave. S. (on right, one block before Starbucks HQ Building)		
<b>ROCKIN' AROUND THE CLOCK</b>	[2020-2022]	<b>6K, 10K, 13K:</b> Clock tower at top of Starbucks Building – at 1st Ave. & Stacy St.  <b>6K, 10K:</b> Clock at K.R. Trigger Building – 3200 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave. S. – near Hanford		
<b>WALKING WITH AMERICAN VETS</b>	[2021-2024]			
<b>WALK LIKE AN OLYMPIAN</b>	[2018-2020]			
<b>LINK LIGHT RAIL CHALLENGE EMERALD CITY WANDERERS</b>	[2019-2020]	<b>SoDo Station – Emerald City Wanderers</b>		