

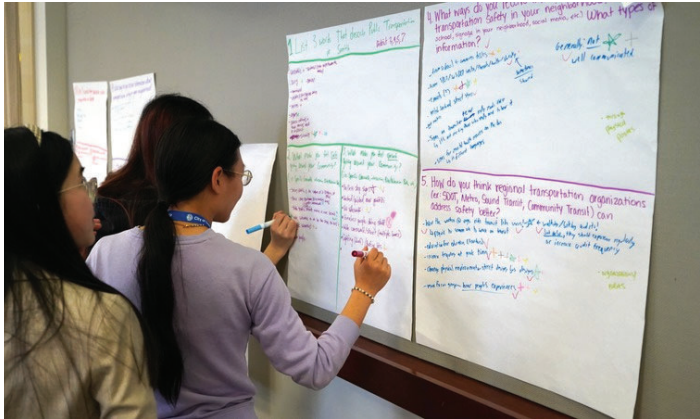
Youth Perspectives on Transportation Safety in Seattle

Findings from the 2026 Seattle Department of Transportation Youth Transportation Summit



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Transportation

Youth rely on public transportation to safely access school, work, and community spaces. At the 2026 Youth Transportation Summit, participants ages 14-22 discussed what makes transportation feel safe or unsafe and shared recommendations for improving transit systems in Seattle and surrounding communities.



58
Participants



8
District Groups

7 Districts contained participants from Seattle, 1 (district 8) had participants from outside Seattle.

Seattle City Council Districts

Updated boundaries below take effect January 2024



What Impacts Youth Transportation Experiences?

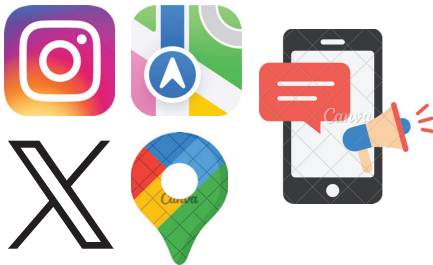
Transit Communication

Built Environment

Social Factors

Security and Engineering

Youth want to Receive Transportation Information through Social Media, Alerts through Transit Apps, and Text Messages.



Differences Between Districts:

"What makes you feel safe in your community?"

Districts 1 and 2:
Environmental Comfort and Visibility

Districts 3, 4, 5, and 7:
Pedestrian Friendly Infrastructure

District 8:
Security and Clean, Well-Populated Spaces

"What makes you feel unsafe in your community?"

Districts 1, 2:
Vehicle Congestion

Districts 3, 4, 5, and 7:
Inadequate Lighting

District 8:
Vehicle Congestion

What can be done to make youth feel safer?

(SEAnighborhoods, 2023)



Increased Lighting



Safer Pedestrian Infrastructure



Clear Safety Communication



Expanded, Updated, and Reliable Transit Systems



Community-Oriented Spaces



General Security such as improved bus driver and staff de-escalation training