

Sound Transit Public Performance Pilot Policy

Sound Transit is implementing a 6-month pilot program for public performance at the University of Washington and Capitol Hill Link light rail stations.

Purpose

Sound Transit believes that allowing buskers to perform at the University of Washington and Capitol Hill light rail stations will help retain existing users, as well as attract new users, and is consistent with promoting transit-related activities. Accordingly, Sound Transit is adopting this pilot program for a 6 month period to assess the feasibility of adopting a permanent policy regarding performances by buskers. The following policies apply when performing at our stations.

Locations



Public performance is permitted **only** at Capitol Hill and University of Washington (UW) stations at sites designated with a silver star, as seen here.

These sites are located in the following areas:

Capitol Hill Station

- South Mezzanine
- North Entrance Street Level

University of Washington Station

- North Mezzanine
- Plaza

Access to these performance sites is on a first-come, first-served basis. Any Fare Paid Zone requirements are waived while performing.

Performance Guidelines

- Maximum performance time is two (2) hours per site.
- No more than three (3) persons may perform at one site at a time. Sound Transit may limit the collective number of individuals or groups performing at the same time at one station.
- No performing at UW Station during University of Washington Special Events including but not limited to, Washington Husky Football Games, Washington Husky Basketball Games and University of Washington Graduation days.
- Performers must be at least 18 years old.
- No amplification allowed. Performance volume levels must not interfere with the public's comfort, interfere with Sound Transit's public address systems, or otherwise pose a safety problem.
- No high-risk or potentially unsafe performances, such as those involving knives or fire.

- Audiences gathered to view the performer must not block pedestrian and/or vehicular traffic.
- Stages, podiums, signs or other performance paraphernalia may not interfere with or obstruct the flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, and may not be posted or otherwise attached to Sound Transit property.
- All performances must be suitable for a general family audience and must not include either obscene or profane language or gestures.
- Performers perform at their own risk.

Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in being asked to leave the station. Please read general information below.

General Information on Public Performing at Sound Transit Stations

Sound Transit Light rail stations are non-public forums. Although Sound Transit light rail stations may be accessed by the general public, they are not generally open to the public for expressive activity. Thus, they are not open public forums either by nature or by designation. As such, Sound Transit light rail stations are intended to be used for public transit-related activities and provide limited space for other activities.

Sound Transit has legitimate interests that impact expressive activities regardless of the viewpoint expressed, including but not limited to:

- A. Maintaining safe, clean, secure and inviting light rail stations to retain existing users, as well as attract new users, of public transit services;
- B. Preventing delays and inconvenience to passengers by minimizing congestion, and expediting their boarding, transferring, and de-boarding of transit vehicles;
- C. Reducing litter pick-up and other maintenance or administrative expenses so as to maximize the provision of public transit services; and
- D. Securing and maximizing the use of shelter space for persons who are using Light Rail Stations.

The University of Washington and Capitol Hill light rail stations have the highest traffic of Sound Transit's light rail stations and thus are particularly limited in space for other activities.

PLEASE NOTE: Sound Transit reserves the right to stop or relocate performers if they create or, if in Sound Transit's view, potentially may create a safety or security problem or interfere with transit operations.

Sound Transit reserves the right to revise these rules policies at any time.

Thank you for adhering to these guidelines.