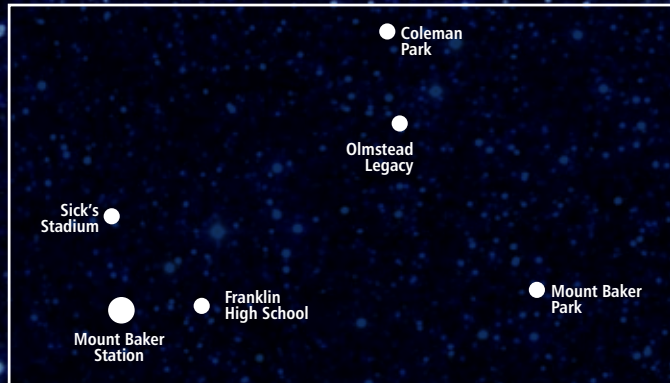


Pictograms were created to help people – especially those who don't read or write English — to easily identify Link light rail stations.

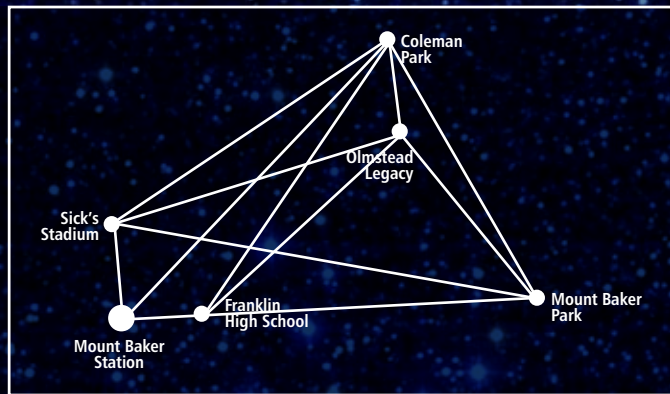
The idea was to create a symbol for each community where a light rail station is located. The symbol is a unique constellation. Stars in the constellation reflect points of interest around the station and the community. The pictograms will be used on station signs, maps and handouts.

**Steps in creating each constellation:**

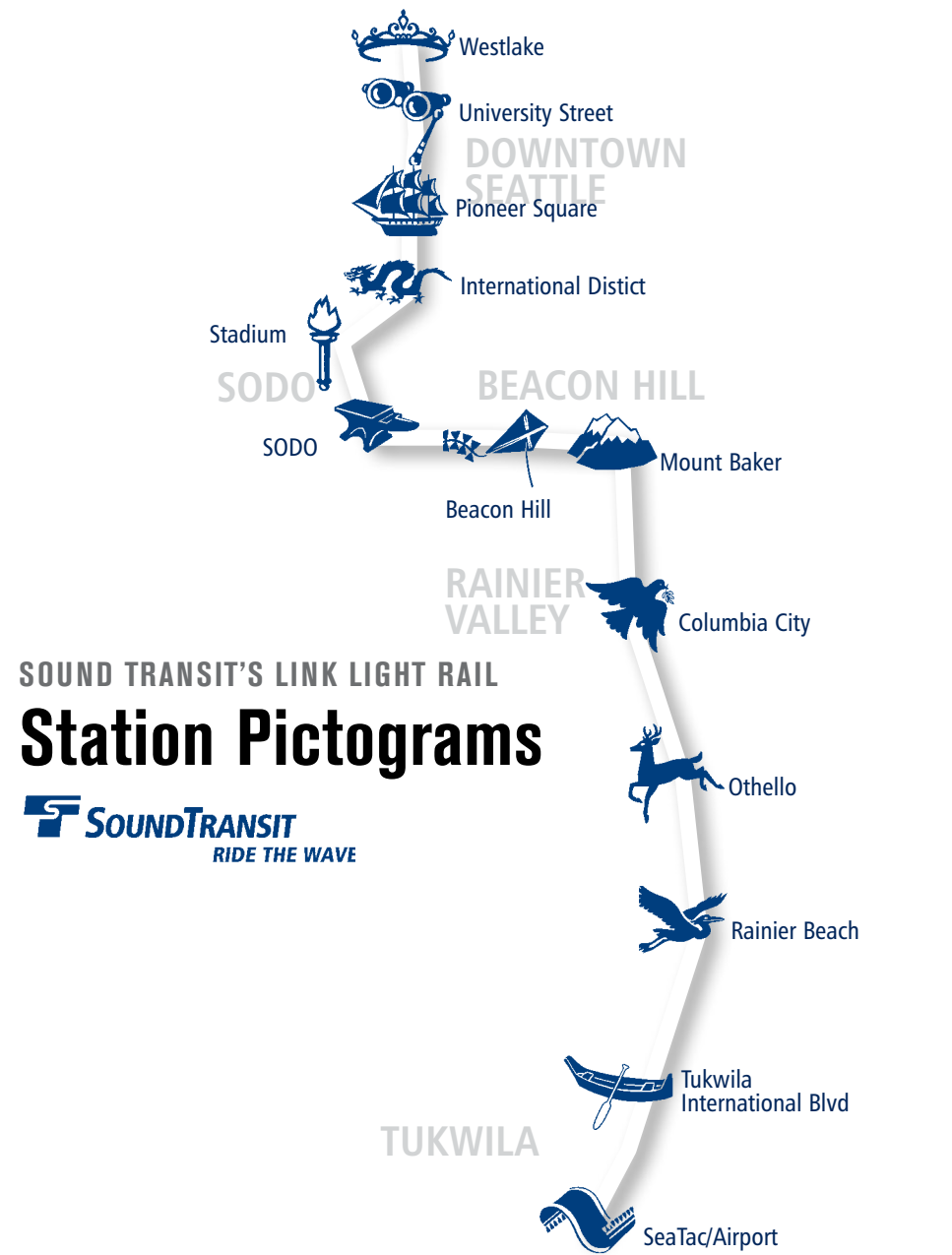
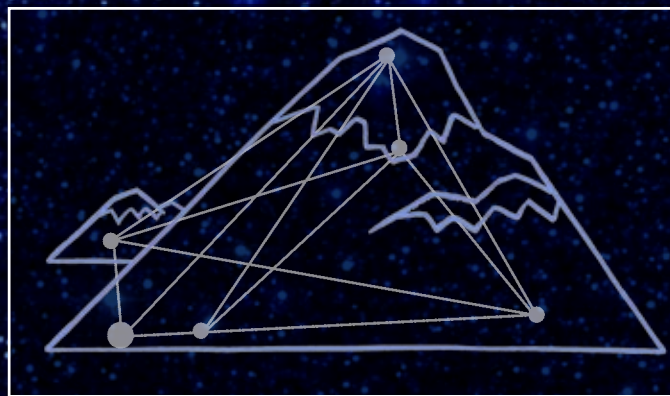
**Selecting points of interest**



**Connecting the dots**



**Pictogram**



**SOUND TRANSIT'S LINK LIGHT RAIL Station Pictograms**

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**Stellar Connections**

THE STORY OF THE PICTOGRAMS AT LINK LIGHT RAIL STATIONS



**WESTLAKE**



**Tiara**

A tiara is a playful decorative item anyone at any age can wear and a fitting symbol for a neighborhood that sparkles.

**CONSTELLATION POINTS:** Westlake Station, Westlake Park, Pike Place Market, Victor Steinbrueck Park, Paramount Theater, Washington State Convention Center.

**UNIVERSITY STREET**



**Spectacles**

A hub for the arts — music, theater, literature, visual art — this neighborhood is nothing if not “Spectacular.”

**CONSTELLATION POINTS:** University Street Station, Central Library, Seattle Art Museum, Benaroya Hall, Fifth Avenue Theater, University of Washington (original location).

**PIONEER SQUARE**



**Frigate**

Seattle’s original settlement survived on lumber sales to ship’s captains. The steamship “Portland” docked here with a ton of Klondike gold triggering the gold rush.

**CONSTELLATION POINTS:** Pioneer Square Station, First and Yesler, Coleman Dock, Seattle City Hall, King County Justice Center, Occidental Park, Klondike Museum, King Street Station, Union Station.

**INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT**



**Dragon**

Dragons symbolize wisdom, power and mystery, and remain an active symbol in use here.

**CONSTELLATION POINTS:** International District Station, Union Station, King Street Station, Kobe Terrace, George Tsutakawa Sculpture, Wing Luke Asian Museum, Hing Hay Park.

**STADIUM**



**Torch**

What is competition about if not victory? With the universal embrace of the Olympic games, the victory torch is a perfectly suited image for this neighborhood.

**CONSTELLATION POINTS:** Stadium Station, Event Center, Safeco Field, Qwest Field.

**SODO**



**Anvil**

Since filling the tide flats and laying the railway tracks that secured Seattle’s growth, the area known as SODO has been dedicated to workers, warehouses and industrial fabrication.

**CONSTELLATION POINTS:** SODO Station, SODO Center, Link Operations & Maintenance Facility, Old Brewery, Beacon Hill Tunnel.

**BEACON HILL**

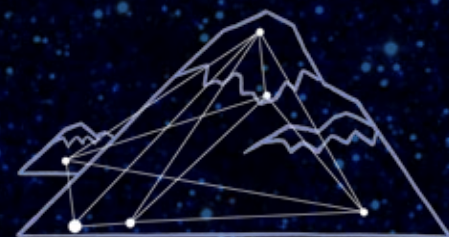


**Kite**

A kite poetically evokes a sense of light and air, as well as community spaces and summer picnics, items that play prominent roles in Beacon Hill’s neighborhood plan and history.

**CONSTELLATION POINTS:** Beacon Hill Station, El Centro de la Raza, Beacon Hill Library, Beacon Hill Reservoir, 12th Avenue Viewpoint.

**MOUNT BAKER**



**Mountain**

With views of both Baker and Rainier, a mountain is a natural symbol here.

**CONSTELLATION POINTS:** Mount Baker Station, Franklin High School, Sick’s Stadium Site, Coleman Park, Olmstead Boulevards, Mount Baker Park.

**COLUMBIA CITY**



**Dove**

A dove is suggested by virtue of point alignment and evokes the actual constellation “Columba,” the dove.

**CONSTELLATION POINTS:** Columbia City Station, Columbia Park, Carnegie Library, Rainier Valley Cultural Center, Ark Lodge, Orca School, 1881 Site, Hitt’s Hill Park.

**OTHELLO**



**Deer**

Part of the naturally occurring fauna in this region, deer have had a long history here, often swimming across the lake from Mercer Island. The last of the deer population was relocated in the 1950’s.

**CONSTELLATION POINTS:** Othello Station, Othello Playground, New Holly Library, New Holly.

**RAINIER BEACH**



**Heron**

An elegant heron with wings spread echoes the theme of flight represented by the major artwork at this station: Darlene Nguyen-Ely’s “Dragonfly”.

**CONSTELLATION POINTS:** Rainier Beach Station, P-Patch, Rainier Beach High School, Rainier Beach Library, Pritchard Island Park, Atlantic City Park.

**TUKWILA INTERNATIONAL BLVD.**



**Canoe**

Tukwila’s history is intimately connected to three rivers. This symbol pays homage to both traditional river travel as well as the future of transportation linking Tukwila and the region.

**CONSTELLATION POINTS:** Tukwila International Blvd Station, Tukwila City Hall, Fort Dent Park, Hazelnut Park, Foster Park, South Gate Park, Duwamish River, Duwamish Park, archeological site, Boeing Access Road, Foster High School & Library.

**SEATAC/AIRPORT BLVD.**



**Magic Carpet**

Nothing evokes the magic, mystery and delight of flight quite like a magic carpet. SeaTac is the “Hospitality City” and has rolled out the carpet in welcome.

**CONSTELLATION POINTS:** SeaTac/Airport Station, Sea-Tac International Airport, SeaTac City Hall, Tyee High School, SeaTac Library, Angle Lake, Briscoe Park, Valley Ridge Park, Bow Lake Park, Cemetery.

**Constellations throughout history**

Nearly all cultures have a rich history of gazing at the stars and imagining constellations that represent figures in their mythic traditions. Stellar Connections uses that history and tradition to create signs that identify light rail stations. The Stellar Connections project is flexible and could be easily expanded throughout the community.



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