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# Seattle Is Now Home to the World's Longest Curated Street Art Corridor

The SODO Track is a public art experience like no other.

Over a period of 3 Seattle Summers, 64 artists, from around the region and around the world, converted the 2-mile SODO bus way into a world-class art experience. It now features 50 large-scale murals, experienced by over 50,000 people during their daily commute to downtown Seattle.

Produced by 4Culture, this free and accessible urban gallery is the first to offer large-scale murals in one continuous line of sight. Each artist painted a response to "motion, speed and progression," co-creating an imaginative raceway of art in motion specifically for the viewer on board King County Metro buses and trains.

The SODO Track is located between Seattle's stadium district and the West Seattle Bridge, along 5th Ave South from Royal Brougham Way to South Spokane Street in the SODO neighborhood.

SODO Track represents a new model for Public Art mural projects in the region. While most public art projects begin with a client and a budget, the SODO Track project provided seed money to respond to a need. It engaged 30 private property owners, 6 fiscal and programmatic partners, and local community members to generate a truly coalition-built project.

"With the SODO Track, we are inspiring first impressions of Seattle and expanding the possibilities for public art in the 21st century," explains Tamar Benzikry, Senior Public Art Project Manager.



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#### THE ARTISTS

The artists represent the U.S. and the world—from Seattle to Sao Paolo, Italy to Taiwan, Australia to Romania. Hometown heroes and renowned internationals paint side-by-side, adding their own spin to the SODO Track theme of Motion, Speed and Progress.

Addison Karl (BREMERTON, WA)

Alex Gardner (LOS ANGELES, CA)

Andrew Hem (LOS ANAGLES, CA VIA CAMBODIA)

Angelina Villalobos (SEATTLE, WA)

Basik (RIMINI, ITALY)

Baso Fibonacci + Jean Nagai (SEATTLE, WA & LOS ANGELES, CA)

Brian Sanchez (SEATTLE, WA)

Broken Fingaz (HAIFA, ISRAEL)

Caratoes (HONG KONG, CHINA VIA BELGIUM)

Celeste Byers (SAN DIEGO, CA)

Christopher Derek Bruno (SEATTLE, WA)

Christopher Paul Jordan (TACOMA, WA)

David de la Mano (MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY VIA SPAIN)

**DALeast (BERLIN, GERMANY VIA CHINA)** 

Damien Gilley (PORTLAND, OR)

David Rice + Ola Volo (PORTLAND, OR & VANCOUVER, CANADA VIA KAZAKHSTAN) Drew

Merritt (LOS ANGELES, CA)

Ellen Picken (SPOKANE, WA)

Elliott Routledge (SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA)

Evah Fan (LOS ANGELES, CA VIA TAIWAN)

Fernando Chamarelli (SAO PAOLO, BRAZIL)

Franco Fasoli (BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA)

Gabriel Marquez (SEATTLE, WA)

Gage Hamilton (PORTLAND, OR)

Georgia Hill (SYDNEY, AUSTRLIA)

Hoxxoh (MIAMI, FL)

Jaque Fragua (JEMEZ PUEBLO, NM)

Jeremy Nichols (PORTLAND, OR VIA JAPAN)

Jesse Brown (SEATTLE, WA)

Jillian Evelyn (LOS ANGELES, CA)

Joe Nix (SEATTLE, WA)

Joram Roukes (GRONINGEN, NETHERLANDS)

Josh Keyes (PORTLAND, OR)



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Katy Ann Gilmore (PASADENA, CA)

Kenji Stoll (TACOMA, WA)

Kristen Ramirez (SEATTLE, WA)

Low Bros (BERLIN, GERMANY)

Mark Warren Jacques (PORTLAND, OR)

Mary Iverson (SEATTLE, WA)

Paola Delfin (MEXICO CITY, MEXICO)

Rather Severe (PORTLAND, OR)

Ricky Lee Gordon (LOS ANGELES, CA VIA SOUTH AFRICA)

**Saddo** (BUCHAREST, ROMANIA)

Sneke + Hews + Apaul + Blaine Fontana (BURIEN, WA & PORTLAND, OR)

**Soph O** (SAN FRANCISCO, CA VIA SINGAPORE)

Spencer Keeton Cunningham (PORTLAND, OR)

Syd Bee + Casey Weldon (SEATTLE, WA)

Troy Lovegates (OAKLAND, CA VIA CANADA)

Yok & Sheryo (NEW YORK, NY VIA AUSTRLIA & SINGAPORE)

Zach Yarrington (PORTLAND, OR)

Zoer + Velvet (PARIS, FRANCE)

#### **VISIT**

The SODO Track is located between Seattle's stadiums and the West Seattle Bridge, along 5th Avenue South from Royal Brougham Way to South Spokane Street. (See map page 4.)

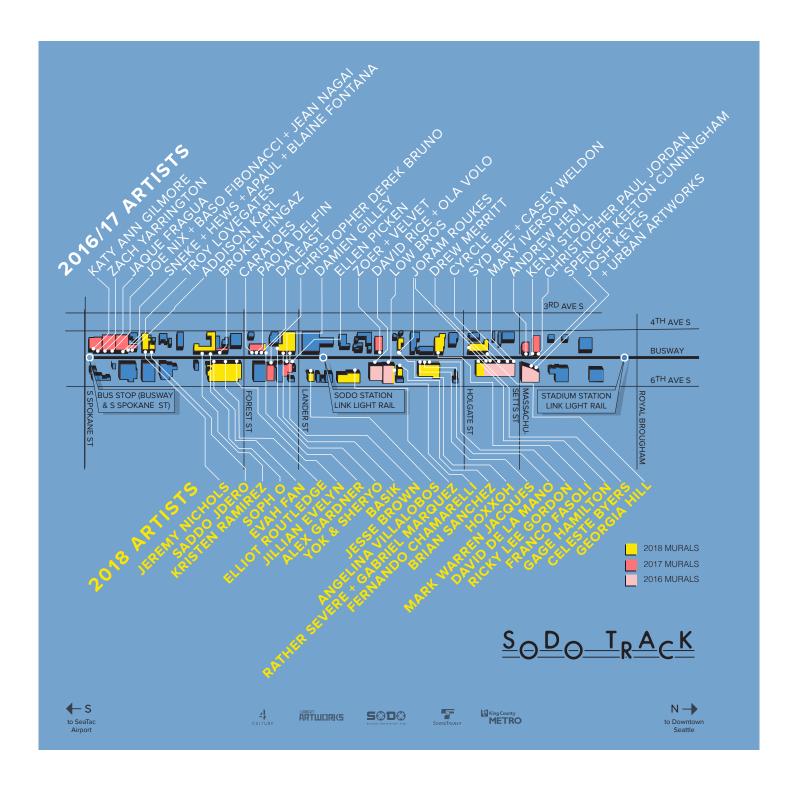
Ride Sound Transit **Link light rail** between Stadium and Beacon Hill stations to experience 35 murals.

To experience all 50 murals, ride Metro Transit **bus** number 150 or 594 between "SODO Busway and S Royal Brougham Way" and "SODO busway Arcd & S Spokane" stations. These buses also stop at SODO Station, so you can combine bus and train.

**Walk or cycle** the SODO Trail, from Royal Brougham to South Forest Street on the east side of the SODO Busway to experience the scale of 20 murals on the east side, and see 10 murals across the way, on the west side.

#### **PARTNERSHIP**

Produced by 4Culture, the SODO Track is curated by Gage Hamilton with support from the SODO BIA, King County Metro and Sound Transit, Urban ArtWorks, and the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation.



#### **SODO TRACK PARTNERS**

**4Culture** provides funding and support for the cultural work that makes King County, WA vibrant. Public Art 4Culture's cutting edge public art strategy and projects transform everyday places into extraordinary spaces. The Public Art management team commissions artwork for shared public space, stewards the King County Public Art Collection, and offers expertise to public and private developers through consulting services.

**Gage Hamilton** is an artist and curator and co-organizer of Forest For The Trees, a nonprofit project dedicated to the creation of contemporary public art in Portland, OR. Gage was commissioned by 4Culture to develop a Public Art Plan for the SODO Track and is curating all three of the summer festivals.

The **SODO BIA**, is focused on enhancing transportation, safety and cleanliness for the benefit of property owners, businesses, tenants, employees and patrons by performing activities that go above and beyond the basic services provided by the City of Seattle. The BIA endorsed the Public Art Plan for the SODO Track and is a financial contributor to the project.

**Sound Transit** plans, builds and operates express bus, light rail and commuter train services in King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties. Sound Transit's buses and Link light rail bring 36,000 riders through the SODO Track each weekday. STart, Sound Transit's art program, supports the development of the SODO Track.

**Urban ArtWorks** is a Seattle-based nonprofit that provides paid opportunities for underserved youth and contemporary artists to work together to create public works of art. Founded in SODO, Urban ArtWorks produced the original murals along the SODO Busway. Urban ArtWroks youth participate in SODO Track artist-led workshops and assist with year-round maintenance.

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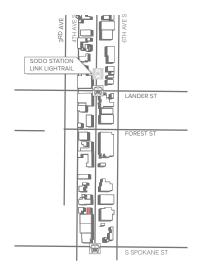
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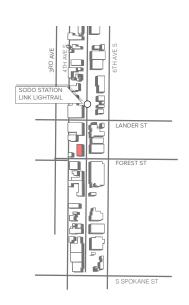
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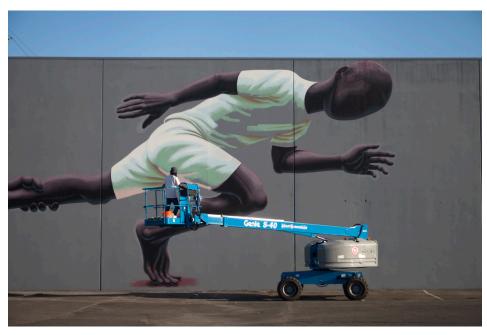
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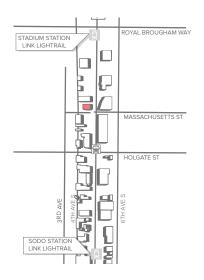


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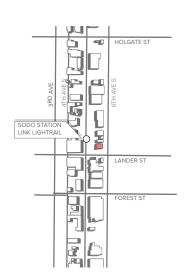


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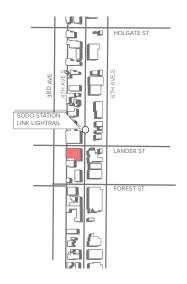


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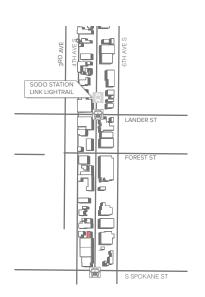


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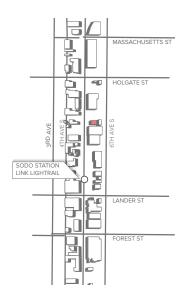


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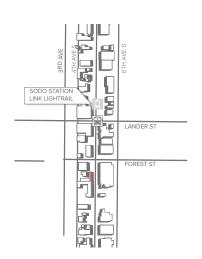


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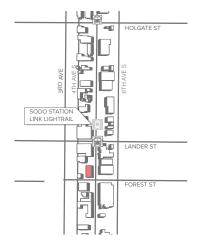


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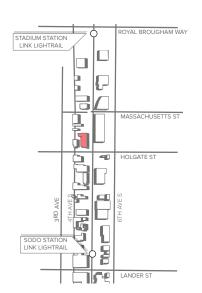


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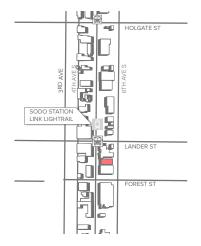


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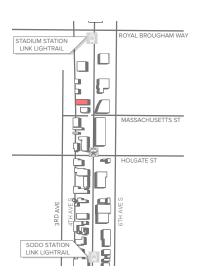


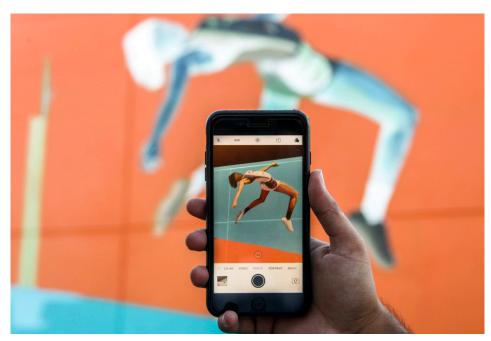
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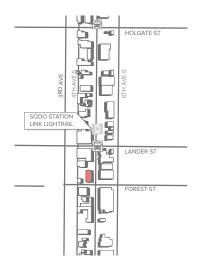


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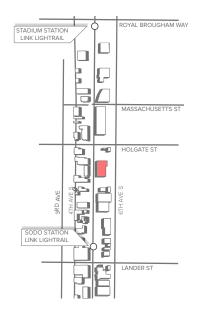
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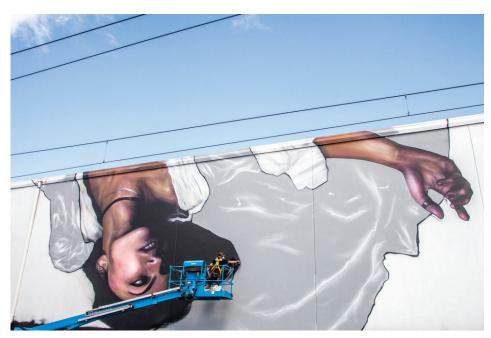
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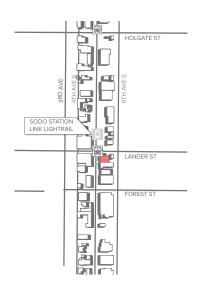


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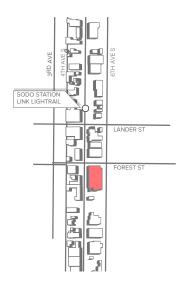


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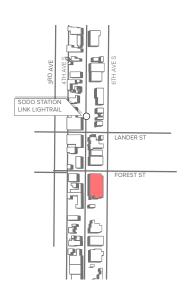


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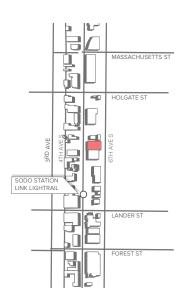


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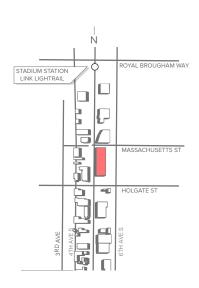


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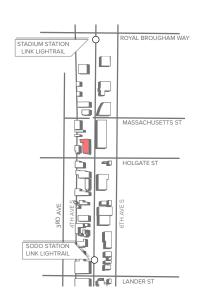


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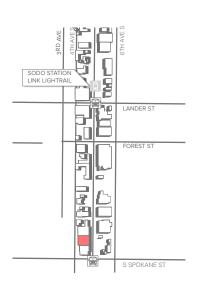


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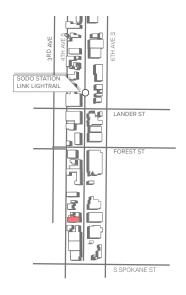


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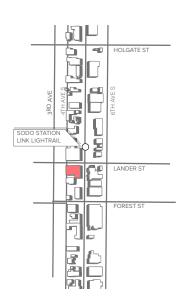


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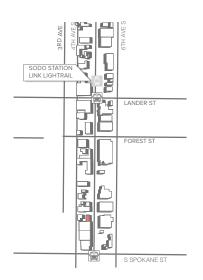


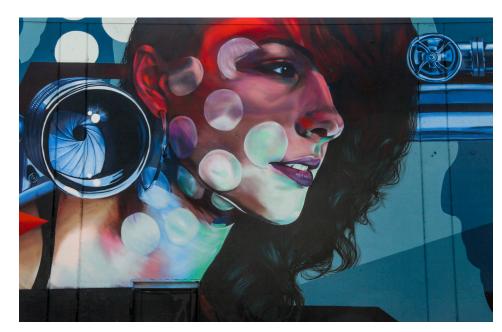




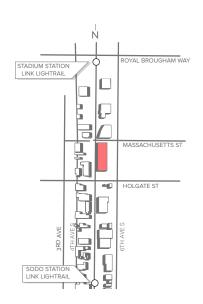


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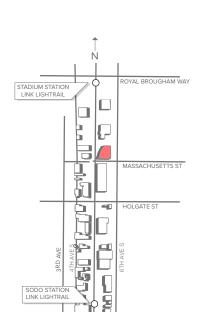


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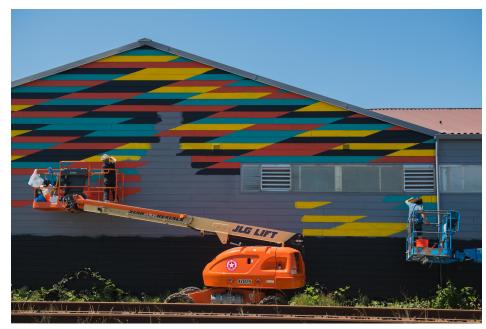
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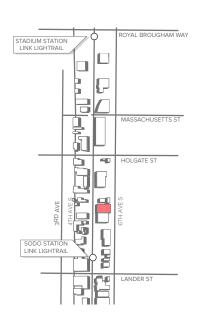




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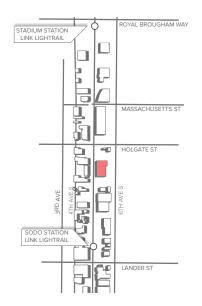






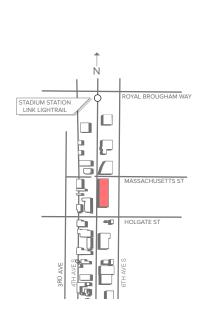


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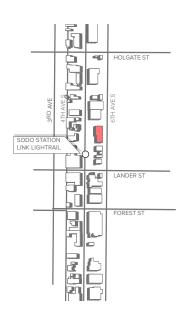


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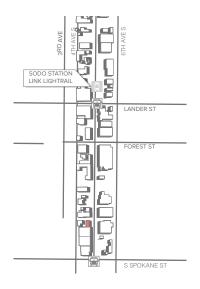


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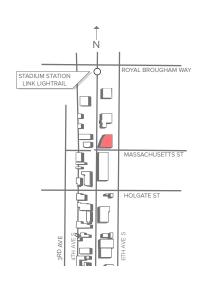


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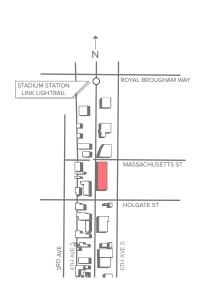


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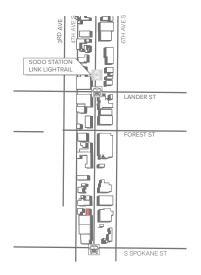


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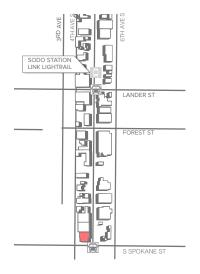
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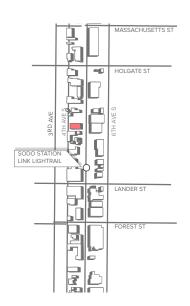
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