

## 2023 Kaiser Permanente STP Bicycle Classic Presented by Alaska Airlines

### Route for Personal Support Vehicles (PSV's)

We have designed the STP so the vast, overwhelming majority of riders **do not need a PSV**. We provide excellent support services for STP cyclists all along the route. STP is an excellent route for cyclists, but **not for cars**. The #1 one complaint we get from riders and the local communities is about the **congestion** created from PSVs.

Vehicles pulling over in dangerous spots and stopping when inappropriate are just a few of the mistakes many support drivers make. Instead of going to your rider, allow your rider to go to you. Riders can call **206.841.9665** to call in an official support van and get a boost to a stop where a PSV can meet up or is already waiting.

We work especially hard to get riders onto **quiet, low traffic roads** wherever possible. Personal Support Vehicles on the route take away any chance we have to get riders onto quieter, safer, roads. Best practice is to look at the rest stop locations and find a place nearby (parks, shopping centers, public lots) to meet up with your rider.

Please be **respectful** of the experience those without support vehicles are trying to have and stay off route as much as possible. The food at Official Rest Stops is for registered riders only, please do not take the free food meant to support the riders. Mini Stops are a great place to meet up because they have food for sale and we encourage folks to invest in the community groups that host their fundraisers to support STP and all who come to participate.

PSV's Driving Directions to suggested meet up spots:

1. **Mile mark 18**– WalMart in Renton. 743 Rainier Ave S, Renton, WA 98057. This is just two miles prior to the Kaiser Permanente rest stop. Cars are absolutely not allowed in the Kaiser Permanente lot; it is too dangerous for cars to pull into the rest stop. You will not be allowed into the stop. The offices are open on Saturday and employees will be present. **DO NOT PULL IN TO THE KAISER PERMANENTE REST STOP**. This is for registered riders only.

2. **Mile mark 54** – Albertsons Spanaway. From I-5 S take exit 127 for WA-512 E toward Puyallup/S Tacoma Way. Turn LEFT onto WA-512, take the Steele St. Exit, turn LEFT onto Steele St S, turn LEFT on Military (watch for STP bike traffic). You will see an Albertsons **104 Military Rd S, Tacoma, WA 98444**. Large lot and the food stop is just one block away. Let your rider know you are there. Please note that HWY 507 is being used this year instead of the JBLM route. Please backtrack to I-5 and continue south via I-5. If you must use HWY 507, please slow down and pass with at least 3 ft of distance (if not more).

3. **Mile Mark- 72**- Stop at Yelm City Park- 115 Mosman Ave SE, Yelm, WA 98597. If approaching from Spanaway, follow Hwy 507 to Yelm City Park. Better is to take I-5 exit 114 and take HWY 510. This is also a mini stop, so please be careful as you near the stop and be aware of riders from all directions. Please use caution you will be on the main bicycle route once you hit Roy.

4. **Mile mark 100**–Centralia College- Follow 507 to Tenino. Riders will be on the bike path that runs parallel to the road. Turn RIGHT onto W 6<sup>th</sup> Ave/Old Hwy 99 SE, turn left onto I-5 S, take exit 82 for Harrison Ave, LEFT on Harrison, continue on Main St. RIGHT on Washington Ave. 600 Centralia College Blvd, Centralia, WA 98531 pay attention to parking restrictions in this area! Head back to I-5 S. Allow your rider to get well ahead of you. The route runs parallel to I-5 and if they need you they can call. You can follow the highway to the exit they are nearest. There is no need for PSVs on SR-411.

5. **Mile mark 105**- Chehalis Recreation Park- 1321 S Market Blvd, Chehalis, WA 98532. This is an overnight spot as well as where the One Day Rider stop is located here as well.

**PARADE CLOSURE:** Between 10:50 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, there will be a parade detour through Napavine. Riders will take a right onto Sommerville Rd and then left onto SR 603 to avoid the parade route.

**6. Mile Mark 119-** Winlock- 503 NW Kerron St, Winlock, WA 98596- The Worlds Largest Egg! And a great mini top with a burger bar and lots of goodies for purchase. This stop has a lot of safe parking out!of the way of riders. Great restaurants and a strong community that loves to support STP.

**7. Mile mark 143**—Kelso. From I-5 S take exit 40 toward WA-4 S/Kelso/Long Beach/Long View, RIGHT! on Kelso Ave, RIGHT onto Cowlitz Way, RIGHT onto WA-4 W, turn into Triangle mall and rendezvous with your rider. **700 Ocean Beach Hwy, Longview, WA 98632** From Kelso we would appreciate all support vehicles heading into the Finish line- Mile mark 202. If you MUST stay on route, please be very careful. You are adding to an already congested area with riders and cars. Hwy 30 should be avoided.

**BRIDGE CLOSURE:** The Lewis and Clark Bridge in Longview will close to all traffic on Sunday after 2:30 p.m. Escorted crossings for bicyclists will run between **8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.** Your rider needs to be queued up at 2 p.m. for the final crossing. There is no other crossing except via I-5 in Vancouver, WA.

**8. Mile mark 160-** Goble Tavern- 70255 US-30, Rainier, OR 97048- The Goble tavern would like to friends and family to come hang out and wait for your riders! Food and a back patio make for a winning combination.

**9. Mile mark 172** Safeway, St. Helens- 795 Lower Columbia River Hwy, St Helens, OR 97051— Follow Westside Hwy to the Lewis and Clark Bridge, follow Hwy 30 to St. Helens. There is a Safeway, Walmart, McDonalds and many other establishments for food and a meet up with your rider. PLEASE DO NOT turn into the High School, it is crowded with bikes strewn all over the parking lot. The food stop is for registered riders only.

**10. Mile mark 202**— Finish Line Festival at Holladay Park- in northeast Portland, next to Lloyd Center. From I-5 southbound or northbound, take Exit #302A (City Center/Rose Quarter). Follow the exit to NE Weidler St. and head east. Continue to NE 9th Ave., and take a right. Then take a left on Multnomah St. The finish line in Holladay Park will be on your right between NE 11th and 13<sup>th</sup> Ave., just south of Lloyd Center. Lots of parking in the general area. Most are pay parking lots along Multnomah St.

Thank you so much for your consideration in making STP a safe ride for everyone. We hope you come and celebrate your rider's amazing accomplishment at the Finish Line with us. If you enjoyed being a PSV, we'd love to have you as an official event support driver. Check out opportunities on **[volunteer.cascade.org](http://volunteer.cascade.org)**.