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:

1. **Selecting points of interest**
2. **Connecting the dots**
3. **Pictogram creation**

**Station Pictograms**

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

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

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**Dove**
A dove is suggested by virtue of point alignment and evokes the actual constellation "Columba," the dove.

**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.

**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."

**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.

**Magic Carpet**
Nothing evokes the magic, mystery and delight of flight quite like a magic carpet. SeatAC has rolled out the carpet in welcome.

**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.