



*This is a periodic e-mail designed to keep you in the loop on current efforts, events, and news related to HealthScape.*

### **Update on tools**

King County staff members are working with Larry Frank Consulting, Ltd. to develop the Non-motorized Transportation Programming Tool and the Development Impact Assessment Tool, and will be soliciting input at the next Advisory Committee meeting this fall.

### **Presentations on HealthScape**

Since our last newsletter, the HealthScape crew has been busy getting our word out. We recently made presentations to the Puget Sound Regional Council's Regional Staff Committee and the King County Transportation Subarea Boards. If you think your organization would be interested in this program, or if you know of another organization that might be interested, please contact us (see "Let's talk," below).

### **New HealthScape brochure**

If you haven't seen the new HealthScape brochure, you can view it online at [www.metrokc.gov/healthscape](http://www.metrokc.gov/healthscape), or e-mail Chris O'Claire ([christina.oclaire@kingcounty.gov](mailto:christina.oclaire@kingcounty.gov)) to request a hard copy.

### **In the news...**

***How walkable is your house?***—A new website extracts information from other internet sources and compiles it to rate the "walk score" of your home. Find local parks, restaurants, stores, and more within walking distance of your address. <http://walkscore.com/>

***Rent-a-bike programs emerge in cities to promote health and reduce congestion***—Cities around the world are beginning to experiment with programs that rent bicycles for small trips, offering a solution for people who ride transit to work and need a way to get around during their breaks. (New York Times) [www.nytimes.com/2007/07/10/nyregion/10bike.html?\\_r=1&oref=slogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2007/07/10/nyregion/10bike.html?_r=1&oref=slogin)

***Cycle Tracks, a new way to promote bicycle use***—Anne Lusk of Harvard's School of Public Health believes she can calm the nerves of those who want to ride their bikes more, but are nervous about dodging through an urban environment. Her answer is "cycle tracks," or dedicated bicycle lanes that provide physical separation from roadways. (Washington Post Writers Group) [www.postwritersgroup.com/archives/peir070708.html](http://www.postwritersgroup.com/archives/peir070708.html)

### **Let's talk**

Would you like someone to come talk to your organization about our study results, or to get people involved in upcoming HealthScape events and activities? Please contact the project managers, Karen Wolf ([karen.wolf@kingcounty.gov](mailto:karen.wolf@kingcounty.gov) / 206.296.3423) or Chris O'Claire ([christina.oclaire@kingcounty.gov](mailto:christina.oclaire@kingcounty.gov) / 206.263.4753).