



King County

# HealthScape

*Community design for health and the environment*

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

## **Transportation Programming Tool**

The HealthScape project team is developing a tool to help local jurisdictions prioritize investments in non-motorized transportation. A small working group is reviewing the initial list of criteria developed at a workshop in December. Learn more on the HealthScape Web site: <http://www.metrokc.gov/kcdot/tp/ORTP/LUTAQH/> (follow the link to "LUTAQH White Paper").

## **Impact Assessment**

The project team is also developing an impact assessment model that will help the county identify the affects on health and air quality that are associated with various development decisions. The team is considering a possible study site in White Center.

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

[\*\*Could smart urban design keep people fit and trim?\*\*](#)—Research shows health problems associated with urban sprawl, but some scientists challenge cause and effect (Science News)

[\*\*UW study shows pollution linked to heart attacks\*\*](#)—A nationwide research project coordinated out of Seattle has provided further evidence that exposure to air pollution raises the risk of heart attacks, heart disease, and stroke. (Seattle Post-Intelligencer)

[\*\*Experimental housing project turns heads in England\*\*](#)—Prince Charles's experimental housing project in Poundbury, England encourages alternative methods of transportation. (The Times)

## **Advisory Group Calendar**

The next advisory group meeting will be on March 12 from 2 to 4 p.m.

## **Let's talk**

King County staff members are available to come to your organization to share information about HealthScape and get people involved in upcoming events and activities. For more information, contact Chris O'Claire ([christina.oclaire@metrokc.gov](mailto:christina.oclaire@metrokc.gov)).