

# Kitsap Complete Streets Leadership Forum

Thursday, June 9, 2011  
1:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
Poulsbo City Hall

## PRESS RELEASE

Making it easier for walkers, bicyclists, and transit users to get where they need to go is the subject of a Kitsap Complete Streets Leadership Forum on Thursday, June 9, 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the new Poulsbo City Hall. Participants, including Kitsap transportation system advocates and decision-makers, can expect to gain an understanding of the Complete Streets concept, as well as transportation solutions being discussed in Kitsap County. Event registration is open to the public.

The national Complete Streets website states, “The streets of our cities and towns are an important part of the livability of our communities. They ought to be for everyone, whether young or old, motorist or bicyclist, walker or wheelchair user, bus rider or shopkeeper. ...too many of our streets are designed only for speeding cars, or worse, creeping traffic jams.”

Washington State legislators adopted one Complete Streets law this session (SHB1071) and another bill, with more specific impacts for Cities and Counties (SB1700), will be taken up in the special session, currently underway. 23<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District Representative Christine Rolfes is a bill co-sponsor and will speak at the Forum.

Providing bicycle and pedestrian routes that connect people with where they want to go is a timely public health strategy. According to Kitsap County Health District Director Scott Lindquist, MD, “Having accessible biking and walking options that connect to work, home, and play is proven to increase physical activity, fight chronic disease, and let people lead longer, healthier lives.”

To register for the forum, email [Vicky@kitsapregionalcouncil.org](mailto:Vicky@kitsapregionalcouncil.org) or phone Vicky Clarke, Transportation Program Coordinator, KRCC, at 360-377-4900. Cost of attendance is \$5, payable at the door. To see the full workshop agenda, visit [www.KitsapRegionalCouncil.org](http://www.KitsapRegionalCouncil.org). For more information about Complete Streets, visit [www.CompleteStreets.org](http://www.CompleteStreets.org).

The Forum is made possible with help from the Kitsap County Health District and the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council. It is one of three state-wide workshops developed by the Washington Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity with funding from the Washington State Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

Kitsap’s first countywide, Multi-Modal Transportation Plan is being developed by Kitsap’s Cities, County, Tribes, and Kitsap Transit through the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC), over the next 2-3 years. Consideration of transit users, bicycles and pedestrians of all ages and abilities, as well as cars, is central to the Plan.

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