



CITY OF SEATTLE

THE URBAN SUSTAINABILITY FORUM PRESENTS

SAFE & WALKABLE COMMUNITIES BY DESIGN, or...How to drive less in Seattle

Dr. Anne Vernez Moudon, University of Washington

Monday, July 30, 2007

Seattle Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave

5:30-7:00 pm

Free, no registration required

ABOUT THE EVENT:

Dr. Moudon considers walking and bicycling among the most promising means of travel: friendliest to the environment, healthiest for individuals, and cheapest for society. While Seattle is uniquely fortunate to have many neighborhoods where walking is a viable alternative to driving, many more neighborhoods could be made more walkable and safer, bringing the greater Seattle area closer to being the showcase sustainable metropolitan region it wants to be. Dr. Moudon will share research showing how much people walk, where they do so in Seattle and King County, and what characteristics of neighborhood design best support walking. She will introduce tools developed for transportation planning and for health promotion that help identify where investments in pedestrian infrastructure would enhance safety, and be most judicious and effective in getting more people to walk.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Anne Vernez Moudon directs the Urban Form Lab (UFL) at the University of Washington, that specializes in the spatial analysis of the built environment using micro-scale data in GIS. Much of this urban form research emphasizes walking in cities, and addresses topics such as land monitoring, neighborhood and street design, non-motorized transportation, physical activity, and access to food environments. The work has been supported by the U.S. and Washington State Departments of Transportation, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and local agencies. Dr. Moudon holds a B.Arch. (Honors) from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Doctor ès Science from the École Polytechnique Fédérale of Lausanne, Switzerland. To learn more about her distinguished career and publications, please visit www.caup.washington.edu/udp/f-moudon.html.