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(Seattle—October 6, 2009) Front Seat, the civic software company that operates Walk Score (www.walkscore.com), the leading measure of neighborhood walkability, today announced that it has received a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. The grant will help enhance Walk Score with public transit, transportation cost, and greenhouse gas emission data. As part of the project, Front Seat will also open source the Walk Score algorithm.

"With 700 real estate partner web sites, and more than 2 million scores served daily, Walk Score is the easiest way to find a walkable place to live," said Mike Mathieu, Founder of Front Seat. "This grant will enhance Walk Score's usefulness as a measure of location efficiency for transportation policy makers, urban planners, and the walkability research community."

Today, Front Seat launched a new website www.walkscore.org where the Walk Score source code will be made publicly available. WalkScore.org will also host forums for discussing walkability, location efficiency, and further improvements to the Walk Score algorithm.

"We're pleased with these Walk Score enhancements and their benefits for the public, researchers, and policy makers," said Benjamin de la Peña, Associate Director for Urban Development at The Rockefeller Foundation. "Releasing open source code will make the Walk Score methodology completely transparent and is an important step for the entire location efficiency community."

As part of the grant, the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) will provide Front Seat with the estimated transportation costs of a location as well as the household greenhouse gas emissions from transportation. "As people look for a place to live, we want to make it easy for them to factor transportation impacts into their buying decisions," said Matt Lerner, CTO of Front Seat.

About Front Seat and Walk Score

Walk Score is a project of Front Seat (www.frontseat.org), a civic software company based in Seattle. Since its launch in July 2007, Walk Score has become the most popular worldwide measure of walkability. Over 700 real estate websites show Walk Score on their listings and over 2.5 million scores are distributed to partners each day. The Walk Score team is advised by a ten-person Advisory Board, which includes urban planning, environmental and technical experts.

About the Rockefeller Foundation

The Rockefeller Foundation works around the world to ensure that more individuals, institutions, and communities can tap into growth and opportunity while strengthening resistance to risks and challenges, affirming its founding mission to "promote the well-being" of

humanity. The Foundation today supports initiatives to mobilize an agricultural revolution in sub-Saharan Africa, bolster economic security for American workers, inform more equitable, sustainable transportation policies in the United States, assure access to affordable, high-quality health systems in developing countries, and help vulnerable communities cope with the impacts of imminent climate change.

About the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT)

Founded in 1978, CNT (www.cnt.org) is a Chicago-based nonprofit organization that works nationally to advance urban sustainability by researching, inventing and testing strategies that use resources more efficiently and equitably. CNT developed the Housing + Transportation (H+TSM) Affordability Index (htaindex.org) that measures the true affordability of housing based on transportation costs associated with location. CNT is one of eight nonprofits selected from around the world to be recognized by a 2009 MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions, from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.