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DRCOG HONORS CDOT AND CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

May 7, 2019 (DENVER) – The Colorado Department of Transportation and City and County of Denver received a 2019 Metro Vision Award from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) for the Adelante Home Improvement project at its annual awards celebration, held May 3 at the Hyatt Regency Denver at the Colorado Convention Center.

The Central 70 project is one of the largest urban roadway construction projects ever undertaken in our region, and a foundational priority of the implementation plan is to protect the health and safety of residents who live in the immediate area. The Adelante Home Improvement project represents an innovative, intentional effort to mitigate the effects of noise and dust, by offering home improvements to residents in the Elyria Swansea neighborhood.

Residents in the area were offered new soundproof windows, attic insulation, weatherproofing, and air conditioning systems, all at no cost to the homeowner. Public outreach and engagement was extensive, particularly since many of the residents speak Spanish as a primary language. Outreach included bilingual postcards, personal outreach through a cultural broker, a bilingual call center and partnerships with trusted community organizations. Success rates reaching people were impressive with 234 out of 287 (88%) of eligible homes participating.

“Through extensive outreach and a strong commitment to the well-being of residents in these areas, this project has made a lasting impact on the Elyria Swansea community” said Douglas Rex, executive director for DRCOG.

The region’s plan for growth and development, Metro Vision, calls for improvements in our transportation systems, and emphasizes the importance of healthy, livable communities. The Adelante Home Improvement project is an innovative, intentional effort to meet both objectives.

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DRCOG's Metro Vision Award program recognizes exemplary projects, plans and initiatives that significantly improve the quality of life in the Denver region and its communities. The regional council has been honoring outstanding achievements for more than 30 years.

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The Denver Regional Council of Governments is a planning organization where local governments collaborate to establish guidelines, set policy and allocate funding in the areas of transportation and personal mobility; growth and development; and aging and disability resources.