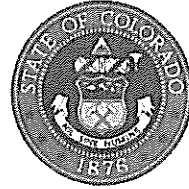


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John W. Hickenlooper
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Dear DRCOG Board of Directors:

We are pleased that the Governor's Office was asked to participate on the Executive Committee of the Sustainable Communities Initiative, which DRCOG has skillfully managed. It is a continued testament to the spirit of regional collaboration that allows us all to advance the ambitious goals and objectives that were addressed by the initiative.

We believe that the Executive Committee's recommendations, which reflect more than three years of listening, discussing, researching, contemplating, and debating, will advance not just the Denver Region, but the entire state of Colorado forward to a more vibrant economy, healthier environment, and higher quality of life for all of our residents and visitors. These recommendations and the final reports represent the culmination of all these efforts associated with the Sustainable Communities Initiative. More importantly, these reports represent the beginning of the work all of us should be conducting.

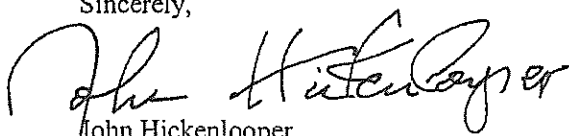
We should be eager to capture all the opportunities that have been identified by this work – the key partnerships that have been established, the critical trends that have been identified, the new ideas that will help grow our economy and provide meaningful opportunities to families on all rungs of the economic ladder, and the opportunity to capitalize on the massive investments, we have and will continue to make in our transportation network, especially our growing transit system here in the region – and act on them.

We especially want to commend the staff at DRCOG and all the key players who helped make this happen, members of the Consortium, Executive Committee, and all the various committees and stakeholder groups that were closely involved.

Denver and Colorado are increasingly being recognized as places where innovation doesn't just happen, it's in our DNA. So while it is truly time to celebrate a job well done, it is also time to understand that our work is just beginning.

Congratulations to you all!

Sincerely,


John Hickenlooper
Governor