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Metro Vision 2040
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AGENDA

DRCOG's Metro Vision Idea Exchange Transforming the Community Fabric

DRCOG Office, 1290 Broadway, Independence Pass Conference Room, First Floor
10 a.m.-noon, Dec. 16, 2013

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- Further explore infill and redevelopment within the region, building on the results of other Metro Vision stakeholder engagement
- Provide public and private sector context and explore the benefits, challenges and opportunities facing municipalities with regard to infill development
- Highlight best practices from around the region, providing insights on where infill has worked well, and why and where it has been more challenging

10-10:10	Welcome and Introductions <i>Brad Calvert, Senior Planner, Denver Regional Council of Governments</i>
10:10-10:30	Infill Development and Metro Vision <i>Brad Calvert</i> <i>Darcie White, Director, Clarion Associates LLC</i>
10:30-11:10	Guest Speaker Panel <i>Bob Watkins, Director of Planning and Development Services, City of Aurora</i> <i>David Starnes, Redevelopment Program Manager, City of Longmont</i> <i>Chris Waggett, CEO, D4 Urban LLC</i>
11:10-11:50	Discussion: Infill Barriers and Opportunities
11:50-noon	Wrap-up and Next Steps

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Speaker Biographies

Bob Watkins, AICP

Director of Planning and Development Services, City of Aurora

Bob Watkins has been a professional planner for more than 33 years. He has extensive experience in land use, transportation, environmental and historic preservation planning. Prior to joining the City of Aurora, where he served as Manager of Comprehensive Planning before becoming Director of Planning and Development Services, he spent ten years as Planning Director of Frederick County, Virginia. Bob has led various planning efforts including planning for the Boundary Area of the Fitzsimons Army Medical Base redevelopment and the E-470 Corridor in Aurora and Civil War battlefield preservation in Frederick County. He has been working on planning for transit and station areas since the late '90s, and is on the Board of Directors of the Transit Alliance. He also led the effort to incorporate social, economic and environmental sustainability as key components of the Aurora Comprehensive Plan and has been leading the effort to implement the sustainability action program. The Aurora Planning and Development Services Department has developed special expertise in conducting community-based planning and stakeholder involvement.

David Starnes, AICP

Redevelopment Program Manager, City of Longmont

David Starnes is the Redevelopment Program Manager for the City of Longmont. His primary responsibilities include facilitating reinvestment to areas that require redevelopment, including the city's two urban renewal areas – the Southeast Longmont area, an underutilized industrial and commercial district, and the Twin Peaks Mall area, where he is currently working with the mall property owner on a public/private partnership to transform the aging shopping center into a new redeveloped retail center.

As a former Vice President for a national economics and real estate development advisory firm with a focus on the built environment, David has worked with developers and local governments, non-profit organizations and institutional investors throughout the nation interested in bringing development projects to fruition. His experience includes development feasibility and programming, economic development, financial and market analysis, and public policy assessments with specialized expertise in urban redevelopment, transportation-oriented land use and public/private partnerships.

David has a B.A. from the University of Delaware and a master's degree in city planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is a member of the Urban Land Institute, American Institute of Certified Planners and Downtown Colorado, Inc.

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Chris Waggett

CEO, D4 Urban LLC

Chris Waggett has 25 years' experience in development and funds management, focusing on industrial, flex, business park, CBD office, apartment and condo development as well as operational experience with the age-restricted/senior living sector. He has worked in the U.S., U.K., Europe and Australia.

In 2011, Chris joined established investors and developers Warren Cohen and Jim Frank to form D4 Urban LLC (Denver Design District Development). D4 focuses on sustainable, mixed-use, transportation-oriented and urban community development. Chris is responsible for the establishment of D4, its strategic growth and its initial project: the redevelopment of the iconic Denver Design District. D4 intends for the project to become a model for sustainable urban development in Denver and the U.S.

Chris has a bachelor's degree in urban estate management from Kingston University, London and a post-graduate diploma in applied finance and investment from the Securities Institutes of Australia. He is a professional member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors and an associate of the Australian Property Institute, has served on the Property Council of Australia's Planning Committee and was an inaugural board member of the Green Building Council of Australia. Chris is currently a member of Urban Land Institute and National Association of Industrial and Office Properties.

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