

A banner for the Denver Region Sustainable Communities Initiative. It features a background image of a modern residential building and a park area with people walking. The text "Denver Region Sustainable Communities Initiative" is written in a large, white, cursive font across the top. Below the title, there are logos for SCI (Sustainable Communities Initiative) and DRGOG (Denver Regional Council of Governments) with the tagline "We make life better!".

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## Work Plan for the SCI Northwest Corridor Working Group (As of 9/11/13)

This is the recommended process to achieve the deliverables (identified below) that have been identified as core to the Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) grant. The process is designed to provide the Corridor Working Group with the flexibility to meet the unique needs and challenges of the Northwest Corridor. However, all grant activities must be completed by December 31, 2014. The primary deliverables and activities include the following.

### Corridor Reconnaissance – Baseline Data and Mapping

A brief summary of existing plans, data and policy information (such as station area plans, neighborhood plans, and other TOD related plans and policies) will be developed as foundational information for each corridor. This will be supplemented by input from the Corridor Working Group about other planning activities in the Corridor. Baseline maps may include but aren't limited to:

- Map of complete plans (station area and neighborhood plans, other relevant corridor and TOD related plans and policies) along the corridor
- Population & demographic characteristics
- Employment centers and characteristics
- Housing characteristics
- Land use & urban design characteristics
- Transportation, mobility and station access
- Commuting characteristics
- Healthy food & active living opportunities
- Education and training opportunities

### Corridor-Wide Issues, Opportunities and Barriers to TOD

An assessment of the issues and barriers to station area development and increased transit use along the corridor will examine affordable housing, economic development, health impacts, infrastructure finance, zoning, and land assembly. This information will be included in the final corridor profile.

### Corridor Priorities, Goals and Vision

The **Corridor Priorities** include those aspects of the corridor related to the Federal Livability Principles that the Corridor Working Group identifies as specifically challenging. These may include housing opportunities, job creation and retention, access to transit, availability of services (including food, medical assistance, etc.), and cultural and recreation opportunities. The **Corridor Goals** reflect the objectives related to the Corridor Priorities that the Corridor Working Group identifies as desirable to achieve in the short- to mid-term (3-5 years). The **Corridor Vision** provides a description of the corridor over the long term (10 years or more).



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### **Corridor-Wide Recommendations for Implementation**

Using the baseline data and mapping, and the assessment of issues and barriers, recommendations will be identified to develop an implementation strategy. These recommendations may require the CWG to engage additional technical assistance in the development of a detailed implementation strategy.

### **Catalytic Site Plan**

The CWG will select a catalytic site' with redevelopment potential at one station area and conduct more in-depth planning work for this site.

### **Corridor Profile**

A profile of each corridor will be developed that includes a set of recommendations and proposed next steps. This report will be a compilation of:

1. Introduction and overview of the project purpose and study area;
2. Summary of the evaluation process;
3. CWG's Vision and objectives or guiding principles for the corridor;
4. Baseline maps; and
5. Station area typologies – general description and application to each station area (or groups of station areas);
6. Recommendations for implementation or next steps.

