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## DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (DRCOG) HONORS FEDERAL BOULEVARD FRAMEWORK PLAN AND HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT

**DENVER** – A 2016 Metro Vision Award was presented to the Federal Boulevard Framework Plan and Health Impact Assessment. The award was presented by DRCOG Vice Chair Bob Roth, at DRCOG's annual awards celebration Wednesday, April 27 at the Westin Denver International Airport.

"The Federal Boulevard Framework Plan will help Adams County improve Federal Boulevard through projects that affect as many people as possible," said Abel Montoya, Adams County director of long-range strategic planning. "This includes new sidewalks which allow kids to walk to school, a safe connection to the neighborhood grocery store, multi-use paths for active living, and a park geared toward the needs of senior citizens."

Partners, including local governments, the Tri-County Health Department, advocacy groups, private developers and charitable organizations recognized the need for multi-faceted and coordinated planning for the corridor. They agreed to cooperate to develop the Federal Boulevard Corridor Framework Plan and a related health-impact assessment. The plan and assessment guide the integration of health considerations into land use, housing, transportation, infrastructure and community development planning and decisions.

"From our Federal Boulevard Framework Plan, the Westminster Station plan and Health Impact Assessment, we know it's time to put our plans into action and collaborate to create safe and healthy multi-modal connections and a high-quality of life," Montoya said.

Through its Metro Vision Awards, DRCOG recognizes the projects, plans and programs that significantly improve the quality of life in the Denver region and its communities, according to its member governments' shared vision for growth and development. The regional council has been honoring outstanding achievements for more than 30 years.

The Denver Regional Council of Governments is a planning organization where local governments collaborate to establish guidelines, set policy and allocation finding in the areas of:

- Transportation and personal mobility
- Growth and development

• Aging and disability resources