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**DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS HONORS
COMMUNIDADES UNIDAS EN GLOBEVILLE ELYRIA SWANSEA BUS STOPS PROJECT**

DENVER – Comunidades Unidas, supported by Globeville Elyria Swansea (GES) received a 2016 Metro Vision Award from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). The award was presented by DRCOG Vice Chair Bob Roth at DRCOG’s annual awards celebration, April 27 at the Westin Denver International Airport.

“The GES Right to LiveWell program goals were met to increase walking, biking and the use of public transportation; and to support neighborhood leaders in acquiring the right to a healthy and active lifestyle with the help of \$25,000 grant from Mile High Connects in 2015,” said Nola Miguel, director of the GES LiveWell program.

More so than other Denver-area communities, residents in the Globeville Elyria Swansea neighborhood depend on transit to access jobs, services and amenities. In partnership with GES LiveWell and Mile High Connects, Comunidades Unidas trained residents to conduct an audit and analysis of bus routes and bus-stop conditions. The results helped community members prioritize and advocate for improvements through public planning processes and directly with transportation and government entities.

The community successfully garnered commitments in excess of \$600,000 to improve infrastructure, a remarkable achievement given their limited experience working with government entities, language barriers and limited resources. Beyond the improvements to transit access and facilities, the project has empowered the community to address challenges and created a legacy of civic involvement for its residents.

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.

GES LiveWell Mission: Globeville, Elyria-Swansea LiveWell is uniting people to create transformative change for diverse, healthy, sustainable, active neighborhood life. For more information <http://www.geslivewell.org/>

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***

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