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DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS HONORS WESTWOOD HEALTHY PLACES

DENVER – Westwood Healthy Places received a 2017 Metro Vision Award from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). The award was presented at DRCOG’s annual awards celebration on April 26 at the Sheraton Downtown Denver.

Westwood Healthy Places is an initiative that brings together non-profits, local government, community businesses and residents to increase physical activity in the community. Celebrating culture, diversity and community voice, Westwood Healthy Places transformed Morrison Road into a thriving neighborhood main street.

“Westwood healthy places brought together so many different types of organizations and residents from the neighborhood to implement these transformative projects,” said Tracey Kaye, public health coordinator for Westwood Unidos.

Improved parks and open spaces, a new fitness center, and safe walking and biking corridors are the result of Westwood Unidos’ collaboration among community groups. Westwood Healthy Places initiatives were spearheaded by the often-underrepresented mono-lingual, Spanish speaking population.

DRCOG’s Metro Vision Award program recognizes exemplary projects, plans and initiatives that significantly improve the quality of life in the Denver region and its communities. 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 funding in the areas of transportation and personal mobility, growth and development and aging and disability resources.

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