

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver
Proclamation CP10-0679

Supporting the Denver Regional Council of Governments' Comprehensive joint application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program.

Sponsored by Council President Nevitt

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2009, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the Partnership for Sustainable Communities (The Partnership) to reshape the Federal government's role in helping achieve economically prosperous, healthy, environmentally sustainable, and opportunity-rich communities; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership seeks to foster such communities consistent with the following Livability Principles: Provide more transportation choices; promote equitable, affordable housing; enhance economic competitiveness; support existing communities; coordinate policies and leverage investment; and value communities and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Regional Council of Governments' Board of Directors adopted a resolution affirming its support for the Partnership and agreeing to integrate the Livability Principles into ongoing and future Metro Vision discussions and the new Partnership recognizes the need to support metropolitan and multi-jurisdictional solutions in meeting these Livability Principles; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently announced that it will award \$100 million in grants as part of the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant program which will support multijurisdictional planning efforts that integrate housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investments; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Regional Council of Governments, the Metro Mayors Caucus, the Metro Area County Commissioners, and the Colorado Tomorrow Alliance have facilitated a region-wide discussion with a wide range of stakeholders over the past three months to develop the "**Centers and Corridors**" proposal to fund the planning, financing, and implementation of transit-oriented development (TOD) and urban centers throughout the region which will augment the draft Metro Vision goals of accommodating 50% of new housing and 75% of new employment in urban centers throughout the region in addition to other goals such as improving air quality, reducing VMT per capita, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and conserving water; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Regional Council of Governments is now finalizing a grant application focused on 1) refining the Metro Vision to focus on the Livability Principles, and 2) providing financial support to advance the successful implementation of the Livability Principles at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the Denver City Council is a strong, committed member of the Denver Regional Council of Governments and is duly proud of the region's long history of collaborative action on matters of regional concern for the collective betterment of the region as a whole.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council of the City & County of Denver strongly supports submittal of a comprehensive joint application for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grants Program by the Denver Regional Council of Governments and commits to continue working collaboratively with the Denver Regional Council of Governments and stakeholders from across the region to refine and implement the Metro Vision to achieve the outcomes envisioned in the Federal Livability Principles.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that copies be transmitted to Mr. Rod Bockenfeld, Chair, Denver Regional Council of Governments and Mr. Rick Garcia, Regional Director, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2010

PRESIDENT