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May 7, 2019 (DENVER) – The Town of Idaho Springs received a 2019 Metro Vision Award from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) at its annual awards celebration May 3 at the Hyatt Regency at Colorado Convention Center.

The Town of Idaho Springs used a planned road construction project as an opportunity to re-envision the east side of town. In 2015, they entered into an agreement with CDOT to devolve Colorado Boulevard from a state highway to a multimodal city street with new parking, sidewalks and utilities.

Showing great foresight, the city, with extensive community involvement, used this planned construction project to create a corridor which encourages active lifestyles, improved economic activity and even affordable housing. Among the many improvements, Courtney Ryley Cooper Park doubled in size and was redeveloped to improve access for recreational rafting as well as residential use.

“This is a great example of leaders bringing folks together to plan community improvements,” said Douglas Rex, executive director for DRCOG. “residents and visitors alike will enjoy the benefits for years to come.”

As a result of these improvements the city has seen improved economic activity and investment, including a planned 50-unit affordable housing development. The region’s plan for growth and development, Metro Vision, encourages better access to healthy and safe transportation choices and recreational opportunities, as well as a vibrant economy, and this project has us headed in the right direction.

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

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