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DRCOG HONORS TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK

May 7, 2019 (DENVER) – The Town of Castle Rock 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 Denver at Colorado Convention Center.

Castle Rock, like much of the front range, is growing at a breakneck pace, with recent data identifying it as the seventh fastest growing town in America. Such growth presents both opportunities and challenges, and the Town was recently recognized for an innovative, stellar project which will enhance life in the community for years to come.

Concerned about protecting the character of its historic downtown, while at the same time adding amenities and supporting the growing population, town leaders and residents prioritized a project to re-imagine Festival Park. Over the course of seven years the project took shape and funding was identified to combine a section of Second Street with the existing park space and develop a cornerstone for downtown, with amenities such as a pavilion, gardens and open lawn, a market plaza and access to Plum Creek. Augmented with a unique stormwater management system, the park is also adjacent to civic buildings and is connected to miles of multimodal biking and walking corridors to encourage active lifestyles.

“Castle Rock really took the time and engaged the community to help shape the design of this wonderful park,” said Douglas Rex, executive director for DRCOG. “Residents and visitors alike will enjoy this fine development for years to come.”

The region’s plan for growth and development, Metro Vision, encourages a vibrant regional economy and sees a future with healthy, livable communities for people of all ages, incomes and abilities.

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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