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DRCOG HONORS LAKEWOOD FOR PLANNING, ZONING ALONG 13th AVENUE AND COLFAX CORRIDORS

April 28, 2010 (Denver, Colorado) – The City of Lakewood has captured a Local Government Award from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) for its Planning and Zoning for Transit Oriented Development along the 13th Avenue Light Rail and Colfax Avenue Corridors project. The award was presented to Mayor Bob Murphy at the regional council's 2010 Awards of Excellence Dinner, held April 28 at the Infinity Park Event Center in Glendale.

The project earned the Gold Award in the awards program's Planning with Vision category. That category, which changes emphasis each awards cycle, recognized local government efforts to integrate land use and transportation planning.

This effort blended three different projects into one integrated effort to bring about a full vision of transportation, housing and commercial choices in the Lakewood area. The adoption of a mixed use zone district along sections of Colfax Avenue that weren't covered by station area plans helps create a cohesiveness in the corridor that opens the door to more density and better access, while preserving single-family housing nearby.

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DRCOG's Local Government Awards program has recognized local governments and their employees for regional leadership and service since 1982.

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The council of governments is a nonprofit collaborative association governed by a Board of Directors representing 56 county and municipal governments. Board members work together to achieve a better future for the Denver region. Through Metro Vision, the plan to manage growth over the next 25 years, the region's local governments work cooperatively to address development, land use, transportation, environmental quality and older adult issues.