

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 26
Series of 2011

TITLE: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (DRCOG) COMPREHENSIVE JOINT APPLICATION TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT'S SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES REGIONAL PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM.

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 coordinate federal housing, transportation, water, and other infrastructure investments to make neighborhoods more prosperous, allow people to live closer to jobs, save households time and money, and reduce pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership is governed by the following Livability Principles:

- A. **Provide more transportation choices.**
- B. **Promote equitable, affordable housing.**
- C. **Enhance economic competitiveness.**
- D. **Support existing communities.**
- E. **Coordinate policies and leverage investment.**
- F. **Value communities and neighborhoods; and**

WHEREAS, the Denver Regional Council of Governments' Board of Directors adopted a resolution on May 19, 2010 affirming its support for the Partnership and agreeing to integrate the Livability Principles into ongoing and future Metro Vision discussions; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership recognizes the need to support metropolitan scale, multi-jurisdictional planning efforts that integrate housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation and infrastructure investments; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently announced that it will award \$67 million in grants as part of the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Regional Council of Governments is facilitating a region-wide discussion with a wide range of stakeholders to develop a regional application to this grant program; and

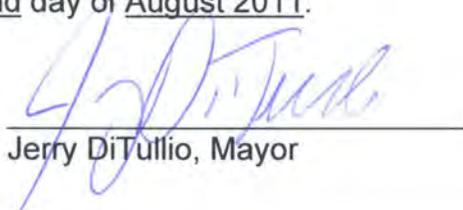
WHEREAS, the grant funding would support 1) efforts to fine-tune the Metro Vision Plan to more fully integrate the federal Livability Principles; and 2) the preparation of more detailed execution plans and programs that further Metro Vision goals ; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wheat Ridge 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 RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, as follows:

- A. the City of Wheat Ridge 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 Metro Vision to achieve the outcomes envisioned in the Federal Livability Principles.

DONE AND RESOLVED this 22nd day of August 2011.



Jerry DiTullio, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michael D. Snow, City Clerk