

RESOLUTION NO. 1524

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOLDEN CITY COUNCIL MAKING
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS ON THE METRO VISION 2030 PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) has prepared a regional plan update entitled Metro Vision 2030; and

WHEREAS, the City of Golden is an active participant in DRCOG and supports a meaningful regional plan to address regional issues and cross community impacts of growth and development; and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to make certain recommendations to DRCOG regarding the draft Metro Vision 2030 Plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN, COLORADO:

Section 1. Throughout the document there are a number of concepts and policies regarding the qualitative nature of our neighborhoods and communities. However, there are no specific references to the principle of "Livable Communities" and no acknowledgement of the severe impacts of highway noise on the region. City Council recommends that a responsible regional plan should directly address such impacts.

Section 2. City Council supports the principle of incorporating water supply into future growth planning, as detailed in policy 11 on page 14.


Section 3. City Council requests the following amendments in the Transportation Chapter:

a. The vision statement (page 33) describes a balanced multi-modal transportation system, but makes no mention of arterial and collector streets. It jumps from a "regional highway system" to "local streets". This should be corrected. Similarly, the goal statement on page 33 seems generally acceptable, but does not directly address impacts of the transportation system on neighborhoods, communities, and urban, rural, and open space areas in general.

b. The policy on air and water quality on page 34 should be more specifically defined, and should list the major air quality issues.

c. Figures 13 and 14 on pages 35 and 36 continue the undesirable practice in the current Metro Vision Plan of assuming that a beltway type connection in the northwest quadrant of the metro area is an appropriate or necessary transportation facility. The acceptance by DRCOG of the preconceived high speed freeway type outcome of the current EIS process is very troubling. Given the almost yearly opportunities to amend the RTP, there is no good case for showing one predetermined solution if an open honest EIS is being conducted.

Adopted this 11th day of November, 2004.



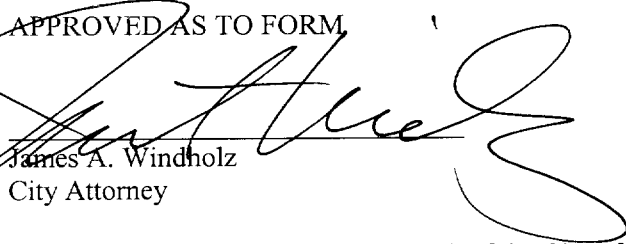
Charles J. Baroch
Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan M. Brooks, MMC
City Clerk

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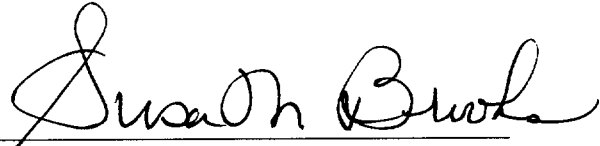


James A. Windholz
City Attorney

I, Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of Golden, Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a certain Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Golden, Colorado at a regular meeting thereof held on the 11th day of November, A.D., 2004.

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ATTEST:



Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of
Golden, Colorado