

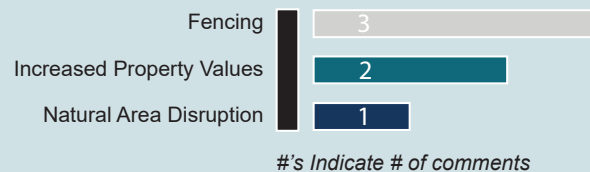


VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS OUTREACH SUMMARY - OCTOBER 2020

Adjacent Property Owner Survey

Summary: Through this survey we learned that there are a few places where crossings of the trail would be relatively frequent, therefore proper crossing treatments will need to be considered for these locations. We also learned that the primary concern for adjacent property owners was trespassing so fencing will be an important consideration. Natural area disruption was also of concern, and every effort will be made to minimize disruption to natural areas moving forward as well. Property owners in the area were also positive about the increased trail access, connectivity between Boulder and Erie and the associated increase in property values that are anticipated.

Q: How will a potential trail and the activity on the trail affect your property and its use?



General Crossing Info Survey

Summary: Safety is the primary consideration for trail crossing locations on the trail. Signalized crosswalks were the most popular option as they could be used for safe crossings when needed but not cause additional disruption to traffic when not necessary. Yield signs were also suggested for a similar reason, they could provide an indication of potential cross traffic but not otherwise disrupt traffic flows. Stop signs were mentioned as less ideal due to the high likelihood of them being ignored. Bridges on particularly busy roads, like 287, were also mentioned to provide a safe crossing that does not require any interaction with the road at all. Moving forward, the crossing locations will be evaluated further and a template for safe crossings that can be applied throughout the trail alignment will be developed and discussed.

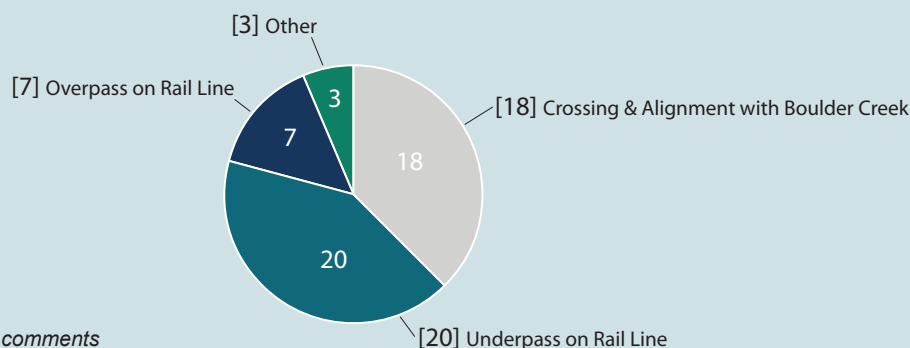
Q: Do you have any suggestions or considerations for any of the indicated crossing locations?



Hwy 287 Crossing Survey

Summary: The Hwy 287 crossing option that was most preferred was the underpass. There were numerous reasons why this was the preferred option, among them the directness and safety of the option was favored along with its lack of interruption to traffic on 287. The crossing and alignment with Boulder Creek was the second most preferred option, especially for recreational use. The relative costs of the different options, along with the ease and speed of construction were frequently mentioned as deciding factors so moving forward in the process both options will be explored, and the relative costs and associated constructibility issues will be further researched and discussed.

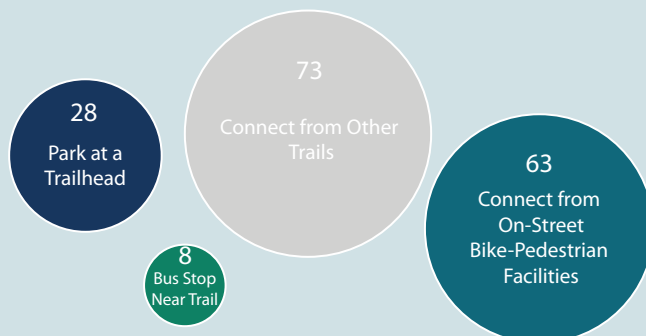
Q: Which crossing option do you prefer?



Trail Connectivity Survey

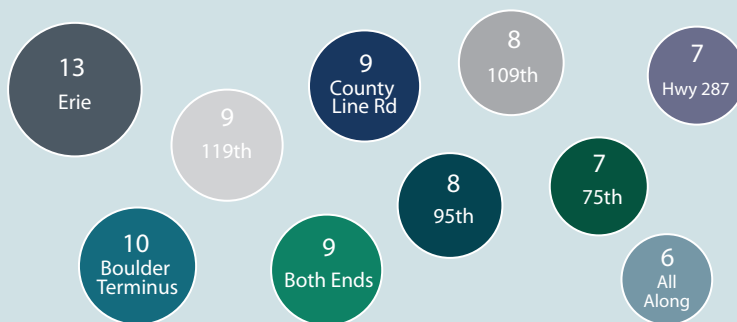
Summary: RTD Rail Trail users primarily hope to access the trail from other trails, on-street bike/pedestrian facilities or from trailheads. They also will most likely be getting on and off the trail at the Erie and Boulder terminus points. Moving forward with the trail study, it will be important to make sure that existing trails and bike/pedestrian facilities are accurately mapped and known, especially at both ends of the trail, so that connections between them and the trail right-of-way can be considered, discussed and recommended. Existing trails of particular interest for connection are the Coal Creek Trail, Boulder Creek Path, Teller Farm/ Trail System and White Rocks Trail.

Q: How do you hope to access the trail in the future? (Select all that apply)



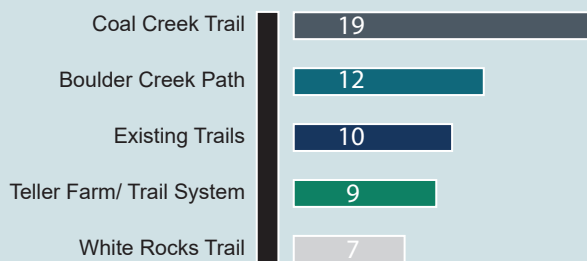
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Q: Where will you get on the trail and off the trail? Top 10 locations



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Q: What other nearby trails would you like to connect to the RTD Rail Trail? Top 5 desired trail connections.

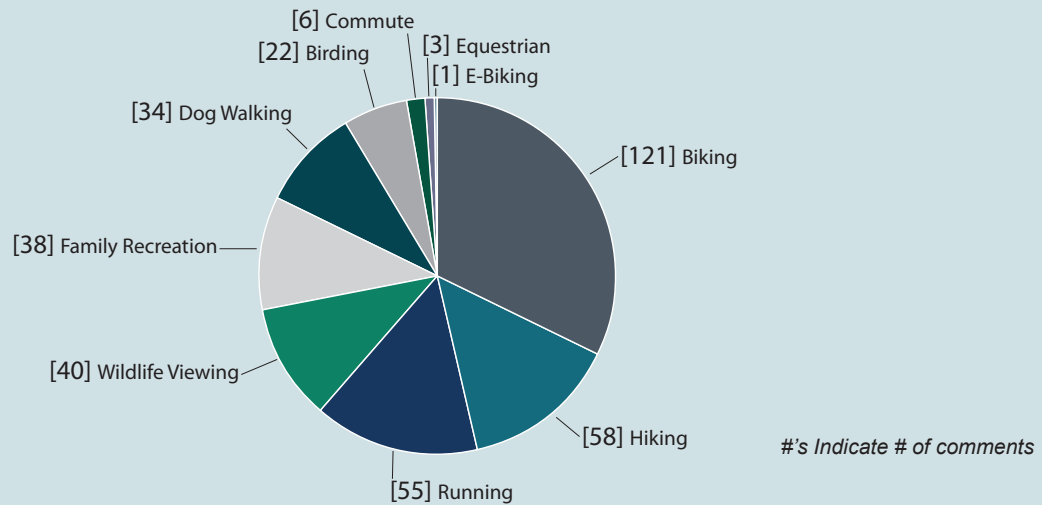


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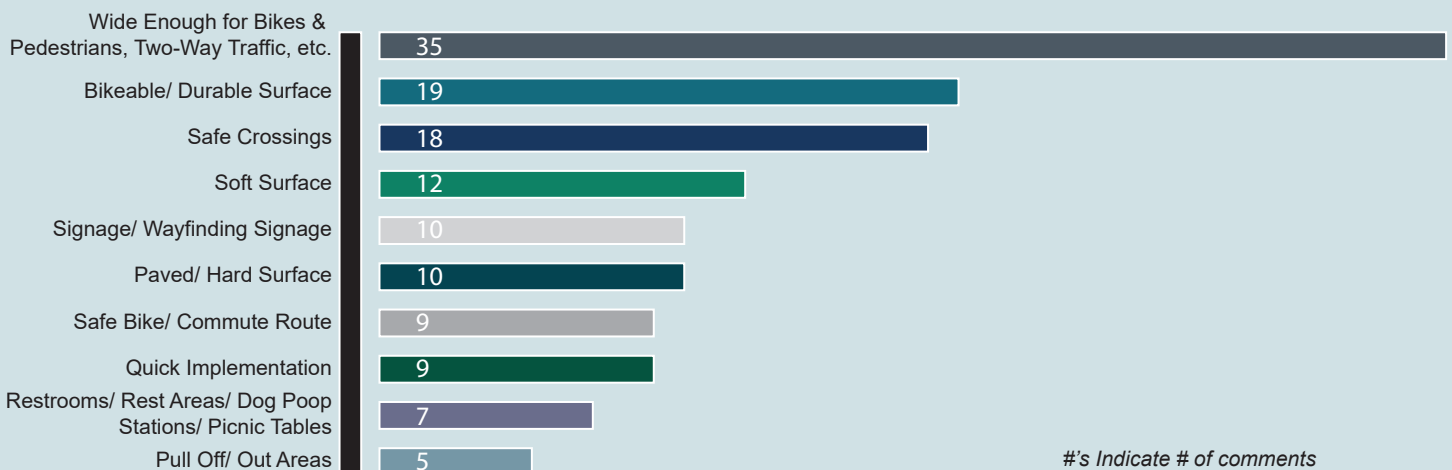
Trail User Survey

Summary: This trail would be used in a variety of ways by users. However, greatest numbers of trail users plan to use the trail for biking, hiking and running. It is therefore also highly desirable for the trail to be wide enough to accommodate both bikes and pedestrians, two-way traffic or other "multi-lane" traffic of differing speeds comfortably. Durable, bikeable surfaces and safe crossings will also be very important to consider as this planning process moves forward, and more physical details of the trail are discussed. Based on this survey, a soft surface trail is only slightly preferred over a hard surface trail, although some discussion of a trail with both side by side options was brought up. This survey also indicated a greater preference for recreational use over commuting use, so this will be important to consider moving forward as different surfaces, configurations and amenities are discussed.

Q: How are you planning to use the trail? (Select all that apply)



Q: What trail design features do you need for your intended use? Top 10 Desired Design Features



Soft Surface vs Hard Surface



Q: Will you more frequently use this trail for recreation or commuting?

