



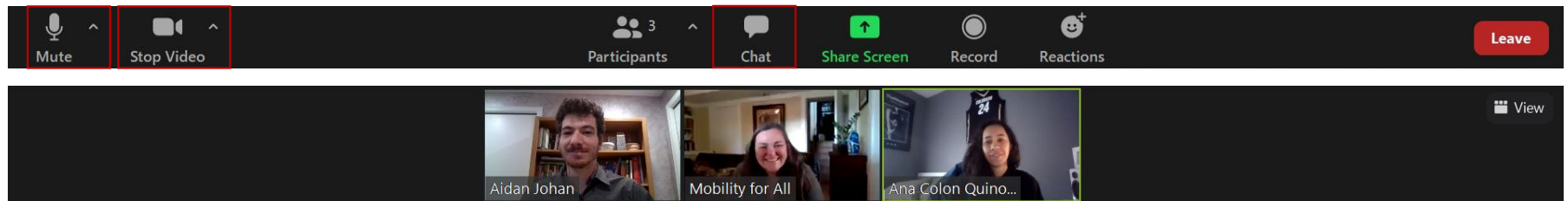
Virtual Open House

Public Meeting

August 10, 2021

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- Meeting is Being Recorded



About the Project

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- Improve mobility for seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals.
- Organizations involved **coordinate** and **provide** transportation services.
- Federal transit law requirement for Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program) **project funding**.
- Projects "must be included in a **locally developed coordinated plan**."
- This is the **first such plan of its kind for Boulder County**.



The Process

Learning:

- Advisory Committee
- Feedback from transit riders, community leaders, and human service organizations
- Online survey of transit providers and organizations

Existing Conditions:

- Demographics
- Transit Services
- Needs

Strategies to Meet Needs:

- Goals
- Implementation



Who Is Involved



Technical Advisory Committee

25 Partner Agency Representatives



Community Partners

CDOT Transit & Safe Routes to School
Regional Planners (DRCOG & NFRMPO)
Boulder County Area Agency on Aging
RTD Paratransit
CU Boulder and CU Denver
Aging Advisory Council
IDD Mill Levy Advisory Council
Local Coordinating Council
Bicycle Colorado



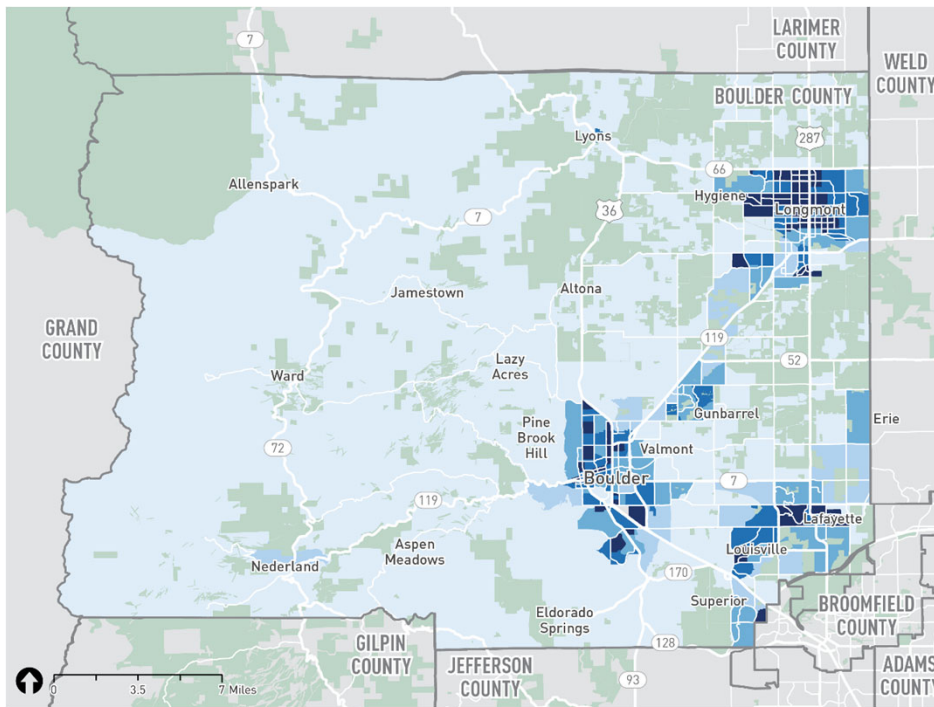
Affinity/Focus Groups

Youth Programs Leadership
People with Disabilities
Racial, Ethnic, Income, and Age Equity
Healthcare Workers
Municipal Planners
Boulder Valley and St. Vrain Valley School District

Key Findings

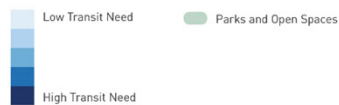
What is Boulder County's Transit Propensity?

- Older Adults
- Youth
- Disabled
- Low-Income

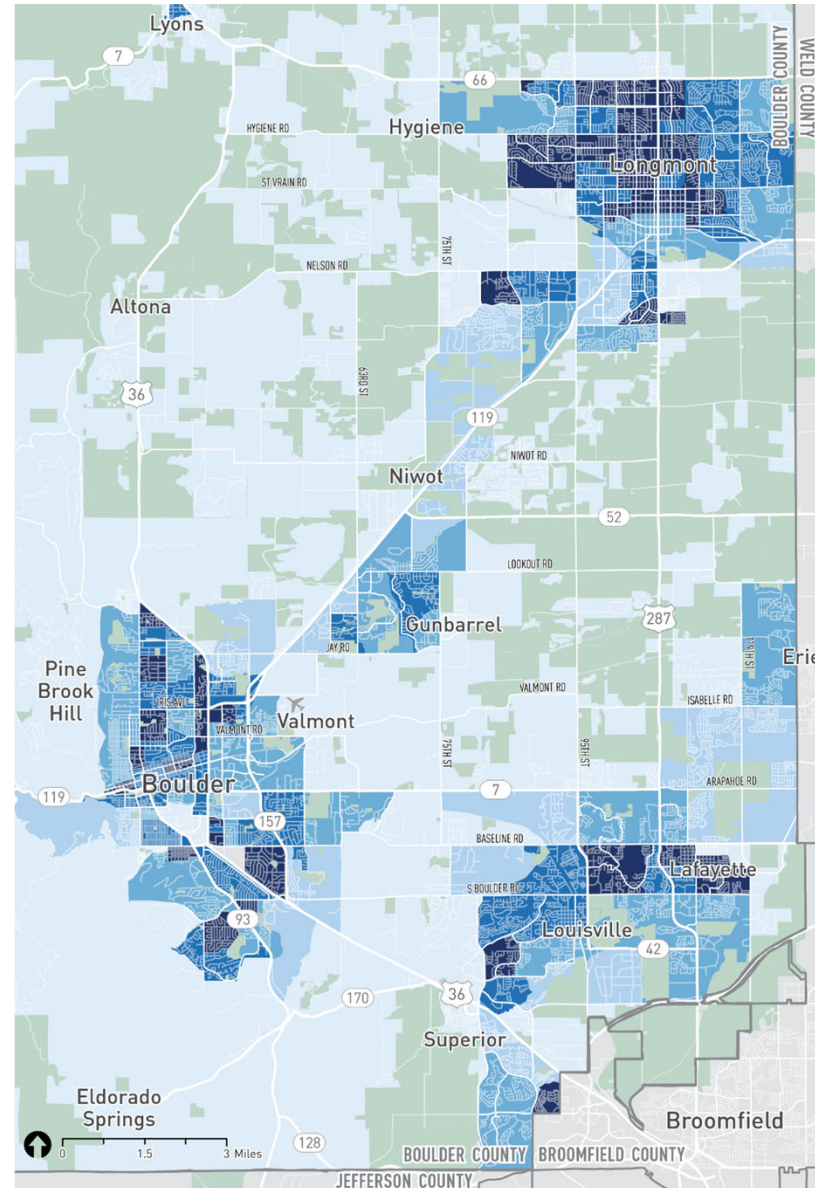


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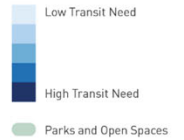


Source: Esri, US Census Bureau, ACS 5-year Estimate (2015-2019), Boulder County. Map created March 2021.



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Summary of Needs

- Need for additional **data** and organizational support for transportation planning and policy.
- Region's land use and urban design is not conducive to transit-supportive communities, compromising the journey one takes to **access** transit.
- The **cost** of transportation is a burden on top of the rising cost of housing.
- Community groups, non-profits, and governments alike may not necessarily have enough **resources** (administrative staff, operators, etc.).

Summary of Needs

- **Service gaps** for localities and communities outside regional transit hubs.
- Limited **awareness** of all transportation options.
- **Long-term** challenges demand big moves:
 - climate change
 - systemic discrimination
 - aging infrastructure and population
 - technology's role in transportation

Draft Goals and Objectives

Overarching Goals & Objectives



Accessibility

- Supporting alternatives to car ownership
- Expanding information and access to multimodal transportation options



Equity

- Determining which places are sufficiently serviced relative to special needs
- Listening to marginalized communities and responding directly to their needs



Reliability

- Recognizing and supporting personnel who keep the transportation system running
- Helping increase regular program and service use

Overarching Goals & Objectives



Efficiency

- Reducing strain on existing resources
- Evaluating program and service effectiveness



Sustainability

- Investing in Boulder County's future social and financial growth
- Continuing County's drive for greater fuel efficiency and fewer climate impacts



Safety

- Embracing a philosophy of universal design for all ages and abilities
- Helping people feel more comfortable with multiple transportation options



Discussion
Point

Open Discussion: Goals

Overarching Goals & Objectives



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Draft Strategies to Meet Needs

Proposed Sample Strategies



- Further study of **transportation demand and priority gaps**.
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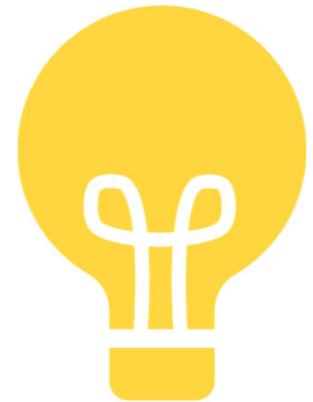


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- Working on **refining the goals and strategies** -- nothing is set in stone!
- Looking forward to any additional **ideas and feedback** from you
- Developing a **directory of transportation resources**
- Drafting a **plan report**



THANK YOU!

Please visit the [coordinated plan's website](#)
for information & updates



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