

# Boulder County DRCOG Sub-Regional Forum Policy Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2021  
1:00pm to 2:00pm

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## ATTENDEES

### Forum Agencies

- Boulder County: Commissioner Claire Levy and Kathleen Bracke and Alex Hyde-Wright, staff
- City of Boulder: Councilmember Aaron Brockett and Danny O'Connor, staff
- City of Lafayette: Councilmember Stephanie Walton and Jeff Arthur, staff
- City of Longmont: Phil Greenwald, staff
- City of Louisville: Mayor Ashley Stolzmann and
- Town of Lyons: Kim Mitchell, staff
- Town of Nederland: Peter Cacek and Miranda Fisher, staff
- Town of Superior: Councilmember Neal Shah

### Other Agencies

- DRCOG: Todd Cottrell and Jacob Riger, staff
- CDOT: Katrina Kloberdanz and Jan Rowe, staff
- RTD: Chris Quinn

## AGENDA

### 1) **Welcome and Introductions**, Commissioner Claire Levy

Commissioner Levy serves as the chair of the PAC meeting as Boulder County is the convener of this Sub-regional Forum. It was confirmed that a quorum was present. Members requested copies of the existing sub-regional forum IGA (see attached) and noted that the PAC member roster will need to be updated with new members.

### 2) **Public Comment**

No members of the public attended or provided public comment.

### 3) **City of Boulder Request for HOP Service Expansion Scope Change**

Presentation by Danny O'Connor, City of Boulder Transportation & Mobility Dept staff

- City of Boulder presented their proposal to change their TIP funding application for the HOP service expansion to instead be used to purchase six electric buses for the HOP fleet due to impacts associated with COVID on ridership and tight timelines for grant funding to be expended. This proposal had previously been recommended for approval by the Boulder County Sub-Regional Forum Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to the PAC

#### Discussion:

- If this funding was returned by Boulder, would it come back as Multimodal Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) funding to this subregion's waitlist?
  - DRCOG staff confirmed it would, because that's all that's left to allocate to 2022-2025 waitlisted projects.
- This change in scope is canceling an existing project, and creating a new one. Not a minor scope change.
- Existing project would reduce VMT. New project would not. Might not be eligible in future TIP cycles in light of GHG modelling, since electrification is separate from the Planning Standard and associated modelling/ baselines. However, it would reduce GHG emissions.
- Pursuing electrification through this one-off... is that the best approach?
- Will this project impact the location of regional EV charging stations?
  - City of Boulder staff response: No, the HOP buses will be charged at Via and a separate grant is being secured to fund the HOP bus charging stations
- Will the city be able to measure or estimate the impact of the project?
  - City of Boulder staff: Yes
- Perhaps the next TIP cycle should focus on electrification
- Great project, but have process concerns. This is a new project.
- Pivoting from this proposal would create more delay in getting projects out the door.
- Need to give same consideration to other projects (104th St multi-use path project has been impacted by COVID-19, Superior roundabout project was not awarded grant funding, etc.).
- Need to remember this in the future and allow consideration for other agencies.
- Agencies in our forum have different capacities (S, M, L jurisdictions). Smaller communities don't have the staff capacity to do as much and need to be able to participate in two upcoming TIP cycles.

#### Motion

- Mayor Stolzmann moved to approve the proposed change in the HOP project scope, Councilmember Brockett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

#### 4) Next Steps, Kathleen Bracke

- Boulder County staff will work with DRCOG staff to schedule standing TAC and PAC meetings for 2022, taking into account the planned timelines for the DRCOG TIP and RTP processes. Likely will be every other month and as-needed throughout the year.
- Boulder County staff will work with local agency staff to update the TAC and PAC membership rosters.
- Each PAC meeting will include a Vision Zero safety update, including stats on crash trends. In addition, on-going information is available on the Boulder County website: <https://www.bouldercounty.org/transportation/multimodal/vision-zero/> and the DRCOG website: <https://drcog.org/planning-great-region/transportation-planning/traffic-safety/regional-vision-zero>