

Boulder County Subregional TAC Meeting

February 18, 2021
12:00pm to 2:00pm

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- 1) **Welcome and Introductions**, Kathleen Bracke – 5 minutes
- 2) **2020-2023 DRCOG TIP Waitlist, Unallocated Funding & Increased Federal Share Options**,
Discussion – 50 minutes
 - a. Boulder County Subregional Forum Waitlist:
<https://drcog.org/sites/default/files/resources/ACTION%20DRAFT-DRCOG%202020-2023%20TIP-Aug%2021%202019.pdf> p. 254 of the pdf
 - b. Three scenarios for increased federal share allocation attached
- 3) **2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan**, Jacob Riger – 20 minutes
- 4) **RTD Accountability Committee Updates**, Kathleen Bracke & Alex Hyde-Wright – 10 minutes
- 5) **Next Steps**, Kathleen Bracke – 5 minutes
- 6) **Adjourn**

Three Options for Increased Federal Share/ Coronavirus Relief Funding Options

Boulder County Subregion has \$6.257m in federal funding to award, of which \$4.336m are coronavirus relief dollars. The coronavirus relief dollars can be awarded at up to 100% federal share, to either currently funded or waitlisted projects, providing our subregion nearly unlimited options for how to utilize these dollars, but they cannot fund:

- Project that will go to ad after FY 22
- Transit operations projects
- Design-only/study-only projects

To aid our conversation, Boulder County has put together several options for allocating these dollars and some questions for our discussion:

- Which option(s) will help our subregion stretch our dollars the furthest and deliver the most projects?
- Which option(s) help address financial constraints facing communities (small, medium and/or large) within the county?
- Which option(s) address social equity? Geographic fairness perspectives?
- Do any options require our subregion to develop a new scoring system to determine how much covid relief funding each project/agency would receive?
- Which options would accelerate implementation of our projects and/or have the least likelihood of getting bogged down in additional bureaucracy/ paperwork/ agency coordination?

Note: there are several assumptions made and caveats for the following options which we will discuss at the meeting. Exact numbers may differ, but these are intended to be representative options for us to consider.

Option 1: Not increase federal share: every project on the waitlist receives the standard 80/20 federal/local split

\$6.6257m funds the top four projects on our waitlist, with \$413k left over:

- Boulder County/ US 287: \$ 250,000 federal
- Lyons/ St Vrain Trail: \$ 1,048,274 federal
- Lyons/ US 36: \$ 1,965,555 federal
- Boulder/30th St: \$ 2,580,000 federal

With only \$413k remaining, Longmont and Boulder have declined funding for the SH 119 Improvements and SH 7 Bridge projects, respectively. We are able to fund Longmont's County Road Shoulder project, with \$118k left over to be allocated to one of the Lyons' projects to reduce their local match.

Option 2: 100% federal share given to all eligible projects, in order of TIP score until fully utilized

The following projects have their local match reduced to \$0:

- Louisville/ Trail Connections
- Nederland/ ADA Improvements
- Louisville/ South Boulder Rd Crossing
- Lyons/ St Vrain Trail

Notes:

- Lyons/ US 36 Improvements receives the remaining covid funding, reducing the local match to 12%
- Superior/US 36 Bikeway does not receive increased federal share, due to scoring lower than the Lyons projects
- Lafayette/ SH 7 & 119th does not receive increased federal share, due to having local match reduced by \$1.8M from CDOT Region 4 covid funding.

Impacts:

- Longmont's County Road Shoulders project does not receive any funding
- Boulder's 30th St project's federal funding is reduced by \$882k

Option 3: Local match is reduced by half on all eligible projects, in order of TIP score until fully utilized

The following projects have their local match reduced to \$0:

- Louisville/ Trail Connections
- Nederland/ ADA Improvements
- Louisville/ South Boulder Rd Crossing
- Lyons/ St Vrain Trail
- Lyons/ US 36 Improvements
- Superior/ US 36 Bikeway

Notes:

- Lafayette/ SH 7 & 119th does not receive increased federal share, due to having local match reduced by \$1.8M from CDOT Region 4 covid funding.

Impacts:

- Longmont's County Road Shoulders project does not receive any funding
- Boulder's 30th St project's federal funding is reduced by \$517k

Other Options (not included in spreadsheet):

- 100% federal share for currently funded projects in small communities only (Nederland's MM connections project), and all eligible projects on waitlist, in order until fully utilized

- All eligible projects (currently funded and on waitlist) receive some increased federal share through covid dollars
- Develop new criteria to allocate increased federal share (based on small communities, safety, equity, etc.)
- Provide increased federal share on an agency basis, instead of project basis:
 - Equal amounts of covid dollars to each agency with an eligible project
 - Proportional amount of covid dollars to each agency based on value of eligible projects in TIP
 - Proportional amounts of covid dollars to each agency with an eligible project based on population, with a higher minimum “floor” amount for Nederland and Lyons
- Other ideas from the Boulder County subregional forum members?