

Boulder County Subregional Forum TAC Meeting Agenda

April 11, 2022

1:00 – 2:30pm

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1. Welcome and Introductions

Alex Ariniello (Superior), Alex Weinheimer (Boulder TAB), Alvan-Bidal Sanchez (DRCOG), Alex Hyde-Wright (Boulder County), Scott McCarey (Boulder County), Kathleen Bracke (Boulder County), Bryce Reeves (CDOT), Todd Cottrell (DRCOG), Jacob Riger (DRCOG), Ron Papsdorf (DRCOG), Chris Quinn (RTD), Clark Rider (CU), David Pasic (Erie), Jan Rowe (CDOT), Jeff Arthur (Lafayette), Karen Blakemore (Member of the Public/ Board of Trustees), Miranda Fisher (Nederland), Phil Greenwald (Longmont), Gerrit Slatter (Boulder), Josh Schwenk (DRCOG), Jean Sanson (Boulder), Emily Keinfelter (DRCOG), Ryan Schuchard (Boulder TAB), Megan Davis (Louisville)

2. Public Comment

None provided at meeting

Alex Hyde-Wright summarized two public comments received on Call 2 abstracts prior to meeting (attached to these minutes)

3. DRCOG TIP: FY 22-25 MM/AQ Call for Projects Call 1 (Regional)

- a. Review Panel meeting later today (April 11), with a second meeting April 14 if necessary; then recommendation goes to TAC, then RTC, then DCROG Board

Board will see the recommendation in May. But won't be approved until September. There is a behind the scenes work for assigning color of money and timing of all of the projects.

4. DRCOG TIP: FY 22-25 MM/AQ Call for Projects Call 2 (Subregional)

- a. Review submitted one-pagers: <https://www.bouldercounty.org/transportation/plans-and-projects/drcog-subregional-transportation-improvement-program/>

- b. Subregional Scoring Panel Procedures:

- i. 1 staff member from each agency will score all projects submitted, except those submitted by their own agency
- ii. To ensure fairness, the same staff member needs to score all submitted projects

22 abstracts totalling \$54 Million (we have \$16 Million)

E County Line Road – Longmont would ask for half of the cost, Weld provides the other half.

Question: Is it scabbing on shoulders or is it a reconstruction? Answer: The road doesn't need widening now, but it will in the future. Existing conditions are basically no shoulders at all. The \$3.4M is just for the shoulders (no widening).

Question: Is there a documentation of crash history? Is there O-D that demonstrates the need? Answer: There is a community park coming in that will create more cyclist demand? There is some documented crash history that will be included.

Comment: Would like to see additional safety component rather than just the striped line.

28th Street MUP on West side US 36 – off street MM connection

Question: Does it cross roads? Answer: Crossing at Jay Road and Violet

Comment: Concern is the cost. This would be 43% of the total amount we have. Perhaps break it up into pieces?

Concern about the intersection treatments. Answer: scalability is something Boulder can explore.

Question: How do you make the connections to the Mobile Home Park? Answer: wouldn't make that connection. Likely make the connection from Violet.

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Comment: Will the cross sections be ready for Call 4? Concern about readiness of the project since cross-sections are not known for call 2.

Question: Has there been a prioritization of the segments? Answer: that would be in the next 6 months.

CO 119 Bikeway Segments

Question: Could there be a focus on segments 1 or 11 since it is near the population centers? Wasn't the bikeway part of the CO119 project? This could chip away at the Subregional pot. Answer: we have not prioritized projects.

Questions: Has there been a chance to look at constructing the bikeway with the BRT stations? (Which could then get some built through those other dollars)

Design of underpass on 287 @ 21st

Comment: Show how it is connecting to the rest of the network.

Question: What is the Oligarchy ditch? Answer: Provides storm water benefit. Could access some of that funding.

Comment: Seems like it could be a stronger project if there was a BRT station at this location (Note: this would need to be a new station)

Baseline Road

Comment: Likes the floating bus stop islands. Thinks it would be competitive.

Comment: Include how the maintenance would work. (e.g. snowplowing)

Via Appia

Question: Is most of this striping? Answer: its both. But mostly striping; no moving of curb and gutter/ drainage.

Question: are you reducing the lanes from 4 to 2? Answer: yes, down to 2 lanes. There are similar examples of similar project in other parts of the city.

Comment: Would be good to show how this project connects to the other parts of the city and the neighboring communities.

Question: Will there be speed limit reductions in the future? Comment: might also explore the floating transit islands to avoid the frogger with the bus.

Jay Road

Question: Will all the work fit within the existing ROW? Answer: part would be on OSMP- that would be crusher fine. Comment: not a safe assumption that Boulder County could get an easement (temporary or permanent).

Questions: Is this equally important as 119? Is it more active or recreational? Answer: we do see both currently based on the weekday double hump and weekend single hump activity.

Comment: this is a rough segment; thanks for doing it.

30th Street between Arapahoe and 119

Question: What will be included in this? Road diet? Answer: this is what we would like to accomplish. Comment: thinks it would be competitive.

Comment: Looks like it will separate the bikes/cars. Would be hesitant to use "NAMS" as this corridor.

S Boulder Road and Main Street

Question: Has the at-grade crossing treatments been implemented? Answer: hasn't been fully implemented.

Comment: Is pretty expensive. What other projects could be done with this money?

East-West Boulder to Lafayette Bike Study

Question: Is this focused for on-road or off-road? Answer? Start with a open mind, high level. See what is viable; pros cons. Comment: Note that Erie could benefit from this.

Comment: Likes the idea and is brought up in the northern part of Louisville. Consider the municipal connections; make sure that you can get to it. Question: what is happening with CO7? Answer: this is just for the CO7 corridor.

5. DRCOG TIP: FY 24-27 STBG Call for Projects Call 3 (Regional)
 - a. Reminder: BoCo Forum will again have 3 application slots; call opens September?? 2022
6. Boulder County Transportation Funding update

Kathleen noted that Boulder County is open to questions from any agency on this.

7. Vision Zero Agency Updates
8. Next Steps
 - a. April 26: Boulder County Forum Meeting (Hybrid in-person/virtual)
 - b. April 26: Pending Forum approval, Boulder County submitting Subregional Scoring Revisions, Scoring Co-efficient process to DRCOG for review
 - c. May 2: Call 2 Opens
 - d. June 24: Call 2 Closes

Matt Muir, Cyclists 4 Community:

1. Boulder County TIPs comments.
 1. 119
 1. Any and everything on 119 creates end-to-end connectivity in the role model project which exists and integrates into Boulder County's advancing network connectivity of heavily used year-round cycling adjacent to the 119 corridor.
 2. Building all at once is economical for the taxpayer.
 2. CO93 Separated Bikeway Feasibility Study
 1. This partners with JeffCo which is doing the same study coming from Golden to the County's shared line.
 2. This results in regional if not statewide connectivity by initiating another segment of coincidental path planning and construction across multiple counties as well as concepts/projects like the Front Range Trail and The Rocky Mountain Greenway.
 3. Data from the League of American Bicyclists shows that separated bicycle facilities are the number one desire of users.
 4. Incremental hard surface path connectivity serves as a framework for full network connectivity from such hard surface paths connecting through the layers of multi-use facilities like regional soft surface trails, bike-able shoulders, and mountain trail connections which creates excellence in outcomes.
 3. Boulder - Lafayette - Louisville Study
 1. Same as above but needed in this area in order to identify alignment(s).
 4. Lo-Bo Jay Rd.
 1. Data indicates the need for intervention here at a high mixed use site and a site that sees diverse abilities of cyclists. I.e., this is a service to the non-strong and fearless cyclists who wish to enjoy activity in nature.
 5. Safe Routes to School and Vision Zero
 1. The data is depressing. Fewer and fewer kids can safely access activity in nature or the simple act of riding a bike to school. Let's change that.
2. City of Boulder
 1. These are all good. A cyclist would tell you that each project is needed. The Baseline one and the 28th/US36 one are critical connectors to get in and out of town.
3. Louisville
 1. CO42 multimodal improvements are needed.
 2. Editorial. This project needs to be conceived of in a "network" fashion, i.e., mostly roadway improvements, how are the complementary features in the TMP around the project simultaneously realized?
4. Branding and Wayfinding. This project is important on its own and it's important to pilot the use of MUTCD approved and federally supported bicycle route and wayfinding projects underway at CDOT and that would be great in Boulder County.

Scott Conlin, Bicycle Longmont:

City of Longmont:

- County Line Road (17th Ave to CO 66) - Cyclists are pleased to learn (outside of abstract) that Weld County will be part of the application. It will help "finish" this road, outside of an off-road bikeway. Connection to north of 66 would be welcomed. There are many events that use this road, and it would help them as well.
- US-287 (Main St)/21st Avenue Underpass
 - Cyclists are most excited by this project, and feel it is really necessary - to cross Main St safely and to address a population that is often underserved.

Boulder County:

- CO 119 & Airport Rd: SB Transit Queue Bypass Lane and Intersection Improvements
 - Bicycle Longmont and individual cyclists support multimodal use.
- CO 119 First and Final Mile Improvements at CO 52 and Airport Rd/Ogallala Rd
 - Considered an important linkage of of higher priority - #1 priority of the Boulder County projects
- CO 119 Commuter Bikeway Segments
 - All of the Bikeway is supported, at the highest priority for our active cyclists providing feedback
- Longmont to Boulder (LoBo) Trail–Jay Road Connection
 - More people being able to connect to the LoBo trail is always good, and so is supported.
- Vision Zero Safe Routes to Schools Action Plan - Cyclists support Safe Routes to School, however there is general concern if it will make the outcomes listed. SRTS needs more consistent funding to be effective, as well as broader reach across more schools. Relatively low participation with SVVSD hurts its utility.

Commuting Solutions:

- Low priority project, given that the Bikeway is needed first, and the work is not that difficult or will take that long.

As a general note, cyclists believe that helping to make 7 / Arapahoe a better commuting path from Louisville / Lafayette to Boulder is encouraged. We understand there are Right of Way issues however that may limit this. Cyclists here are really encouraged with the RTD Trail opening up from Erie to Boulder, but encourage it to support commuters as well.

That is all I have from folks - maybe next time with a bit more time, they can provide more input. Again, thank you for the opportunity!