Transportation Funding June 14, 2022

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Welcome and Meeting Format

Simultaneous Spanish interpretation



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Boulder County Transportation Funding

Agenda

- 1. Boulder County Transportation System Overview
- 2. Current Transportation Funding
- 3. Going Forward
- 4. Questions



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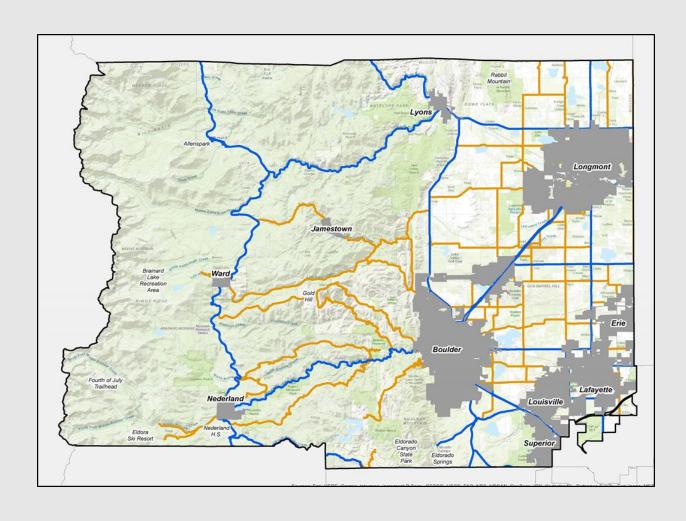
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- Icebreaker Trivia Questions: Truth or Lie
 - The average older adult will outlive the ability to drive by 7-10 years
 - A full-size diesel bus with 7 passengers is more fuel efficient than the average car
 - The average US household spends 20% of its total income on transportation expenses

Boulder County's Role in Transportation

Strategy 1: Develop a Multimodal **Transportation System** Strategy 2: Create the Complete Trip Strategy 3: Invest in Key **Transportation Corridors** Strategy 4: Increase Accessibility Strategy 5: Enhance Mountain Area Connections



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- How do you typically get around Boulder County?
 - Drive Alone
 - Transit (bus)
 - Bike
 - Walk
 - Wheelchair/Mobility Device
 - Paratransit
 - Get a Ride
 - Carpool/Vanpool
 - Taxi, Uber, Lyft
 - Other

Boulder County's Current Transportation Funding

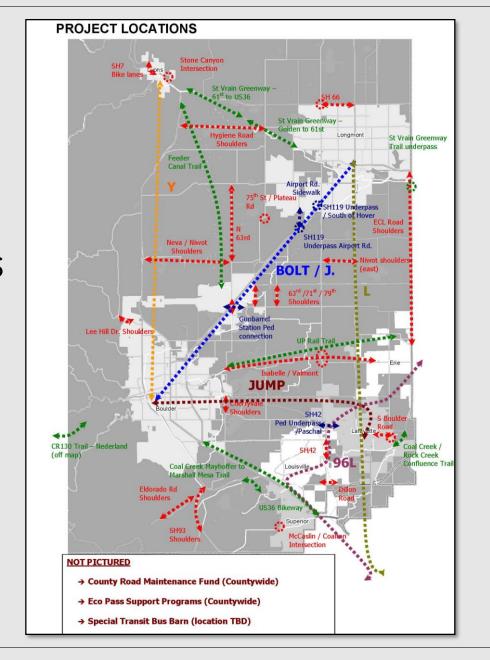
- Maintenance of our existing county system is funded through a combination of property taxes, vehicle registration fees, & gasoline tax.
- Bicycle, pedestrian and road improvements, and transit support are funded through a 0.1 percent countywide transportation sales tax.
- First passed in 2001, the countywide transportation sales tax has funded multiple road improvements, transit enhancements, & regional trail connections over the past 20 years.



Countywide Sales Tax

2001 – 2021 funded the following:

- 97 miles of paved road shoulders
- 13 intersection safety improvements
- 23 miles of new regional trails
- 9 Transit Route support
- 6 new pedestrian underpasses



Why Now?

Why is Funding Needed?

 Implement recommendations from Boulder County's 2020 Transportation Master Plan

Why Now?

- The current countywide transportation sales tax sunsets in mid-2024
- Need local funds to match state, regional, & federal funds

What will happen if we don't?

- Future county transportation funding will be limited to basic maintenance of the existing county system
- County will no longer fund current transit services & programs
- County trail system will be limited to County-owned open space properties.

Funding Exploration Process



Boulder County Transportation Plan Adopted by Board of County Commissioners (Feb 2020)



Worked with Consultant to Evaluate Funding Scenarios (Feb-April 2022)



Boulder County Commissioners Conducted Polling on Funding Scenarios (April/May 2022)



Gathering Community Input on Transportation Priorities (June 2022)



Official Decision by Boulder County Commissioners Regarding Placing the Extension on the 2022 Ballot (Summer 2022)

Plan Adoption

Evaluate Scenarios

Polling

Public Input

BOCC Decision

What will this funding accomplish?



Roadway Safety & Resilience

Road Shoulders

 Complete missing links on Isabelle Road, Niwot Road, East County Line Road and North 95th Street

Flood Resilience / Creek Restoration

- East County Line Road over Coal Creek in Erie
- 120th Street over Coal Creek in Lafayette

<u>Intersection Safety and Maintenance</u>

- 61st at Valmont Road
- Highway 7 and US36 in Lyons
- South Boulder Road- Boulder to Louisville

Mountain Road Repair

- Safety improvements and repair on Lee Hill,
 Sugarloaf & Flagstaff Drive
- Eldora Ski Road Reconstruction



Transit Service and Programs

On-Demand Service

- Ride-Free Lafayette
- Gunbarrel on-demand shuttle

Recreational Shuttles

- Hessie
- Eldorado State Park/Dowdy Draw

Transit Operations

- CLIMB (Boulder to Gold Hill)
- Lyons Flyer (Lyons to Boulder)
- FLEX (Fort Collins to Boulder)

<u>Transit Programs & Partnerships</u>



Mobility & Access Programs

Mobility and Access for All Ages and Abilities Plan for Vulnerable & Underserved Populations

<u>Transit Education and Supports</u>

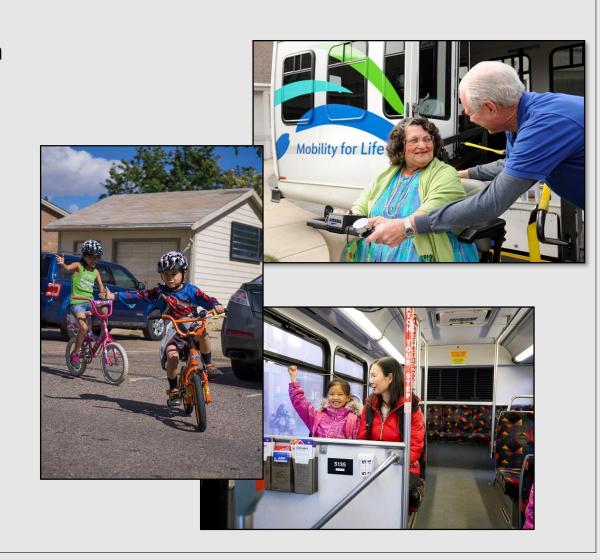
- Pass Support Programs
- Teaching People How to Ride the Bus
- Workshops on Accessing Transportation Options

<u>Transportation Education Programs</u>

- Vision Zero Programs
- Bicycle Education
- Pedestrian Safety

Community Transportation Supports

- Paratransit Support
- Volunteer Driver Support
- Shared Use Mobility/Ride Hailing Support
- Safe Routes Infrastructure Projects



Regional Corridors

Key multimodal travel corridors between communities

<u>Transit improvements</u>

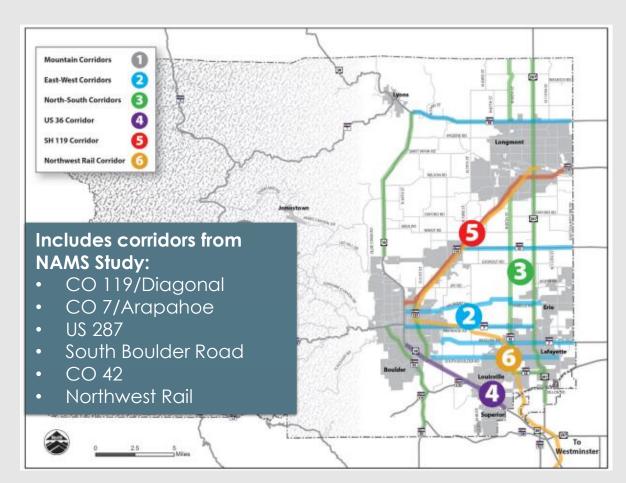
- Bus Rapid Transit
- Queue bypass lanes
- Bus stop enhancements
- Transit Signal Priority

Bike and pedestrian facilities

- Regional trail connections
- Commuter bikeways
- Grade-separated crossings

System improvements

- Travel time savings and reliability
- Intersection improvements
- Turn lanes
- Safety improvements



Regional Trails & Bikeways

Regional Trails

 Complete network of recreational trails connecting Longmont, Boulder, Superior, Louisville, Lyons and Nederland

<u>Bikeways</u>

- Hard-surface bikeways along major corridors
- Includes Hwy 119, Hwy 66 and North Foothills Hwy
- New Dyer Road connection to US36 Bikeway

Multiuse Paths

- Multiuse paths to connect neighborhoods and other land uses
- Includes new connections in Niwot & Gunbarrel, Louisville and Superior



Scenario Summary (15 Years)

Low Bookend

Renew 0.10%

- Baseline Transp.
 Projects
- CO 119 Bikeway Contribution

Scenario 1

0.25% Sales & Use Tax

- Baseline Transp.Projects
- Low Fare Free
- CO 119
- CO 7/Arapahoe
- CO 42

Scenario 2

0.50% Sales & Use Tax

- Baseline-Plus Transp. Projects
- Mid Municipality Funds
- Mid Fare Free
- All BRT/ Multimodal Corridors
- NW Rail Contribution

Scenario 3

0.75% Sales & Use Tax

High Bookend

1.00% Sales & Use Tax

- Full Transp. Projects
- Full Municipality
 Funds
- Low Fare Free
- Full Subdivision Paving
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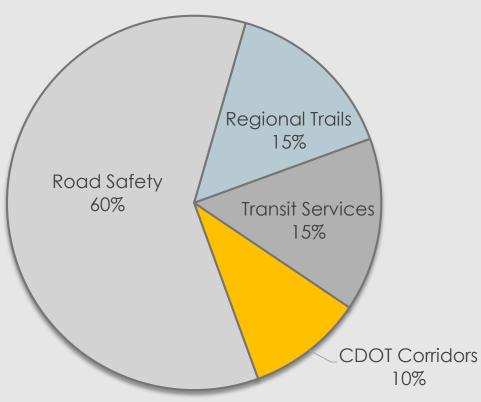
Polling Results and Prioritization Process

- County survey polled registered voters to find issues of concern and test support for potential ballot issues.
- Results indicate support for extension of the current transportation sales tax at 0.1%
- Several higher taxing amounts were tested and were not favorable
- Need to maintain funding for infrastructure improvements and support on-going transit services & mobility programs.
- Seeking your input to help inform the prioritization process

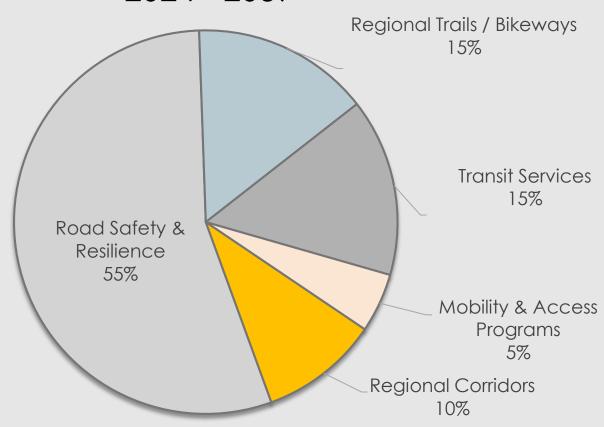


Proposed Programs

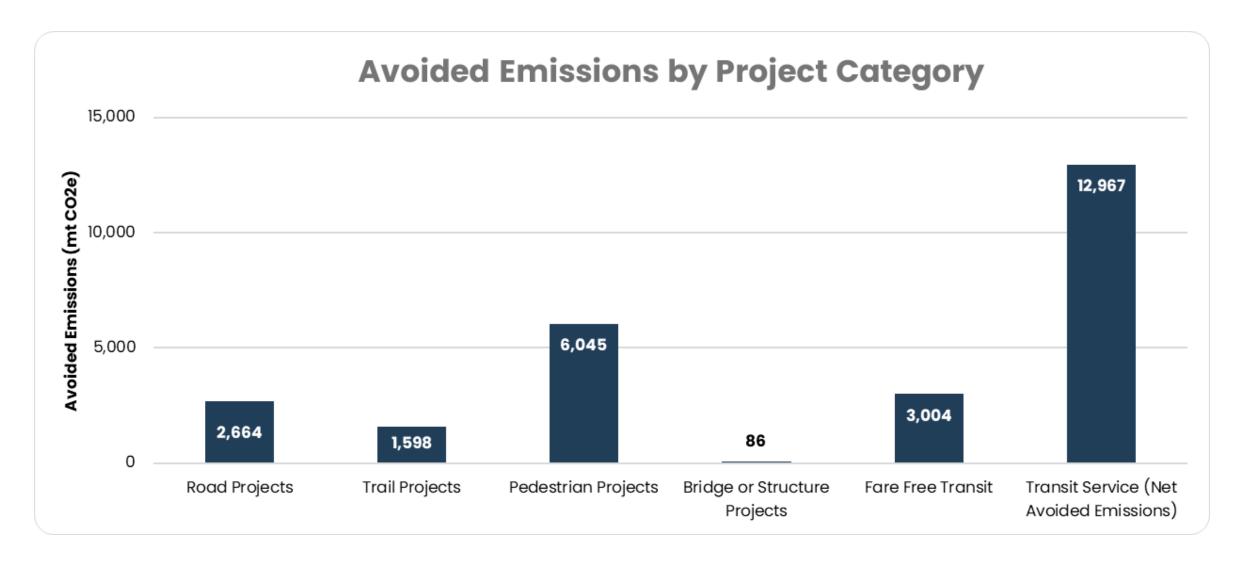




Proposed 2024 - 2039



Vehicle Miles Traveled & Emissions Analysis



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- How would you spend \$100?
 - Mobility & Access Programs
 - Regional Corridors
 - Regional Trails & Bikeways
 - Roadway Safety & Resilience
 - Transit Service & Programs

Next Steps

- Consideration by the Boulder County Commissioners
- Timeline through Summer-Fall 2022, if a potential ballot item moves forward:
 - June Notify County Clerk of Intent to Participate in 2022 Election
 - July Public Hearing to Adopt Resolution Referring Ballot Measure to Voters & Set Ballot
 Title Language
 - August Board of County Commissioners Adopt Ballot Certification Resolution
 - November Election

Questions or Comments?

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