

Boulder County DRCOG Joint Subregional Forum & Forum TAC

Meeting Agenda

June 13, 2022

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*Note: Due to the increasing numbers of covid cases, **we will hold this month's forum meeting as virtual only.***

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- I. Welcome & Introductions (Claire Levy, Boulder County Commissioner) 10 minutes
Attendees:
Boulder County: Commissioner Claire Levy, staff: Kathleen Bracke, Paul Frank, Alex Hyde-Wright
City of Boulder: Councilmember Nicole Speer, staff: Jean Sanson
City of Louisville: Mayor Ashley Stolzmann, staff: Megan Davis
City of Lafayette staff: Jeff Arthur, Michelle Melonakis
City of Longmont: Mayor Joan Peck, staff: Phil Greenwald
Town of Erie staff: Todd Fessenden, David Pasic
Town of Lyons: Mayor Hollie Rogin
Town of Nederland: Trustee Karen Blakemore
Town of Superior staff: Alex Ariniello
Commuting Solutions staff: Audrey DeBarros
CDOT staff: Jan Rowe
RTD staff: William Sirois, Michael Davies
DRCOG staff: Todd Cottrell, Jacob Riger
- II. Countywide Vision Zero Safety Updates (All)
- Town of Lyons: In design phase for new trail
 - Louisville: Received TIP grant for at grade crossing improvements along South Boulder Rd, breaking ground in next couple of weeks, four locations, one will have a HAWK
 - Superior: US 36 Bikeway extension project under construction
 - Boulder County: Working on Vision Zero Action Plan, considering applying for new federal Safer Streets for All (SS4A) grant for funding to create a more robust VZ action plan necessary to achieve new federal safety goals and set up future projects to be eligible for implementation funding grants.
 - Longmont: RAISE grant application includes funding for Hover and 119 intersection to improve safety; and considering another project at 21st and Main Street, including a possible Dutch roundabout, also looking at roadway and bikeway improvements.
- III. DRCOG TIP Process Overview & Milestones (Todd Cottrell & Alex Hyde-Wright) 25 minutes

- a. Subregional TIP Application Process - Round 2 (Alex)
 - i. Reminder of Call 2 Application Deadline: June 24
 - ii. List of staff representatives who will be scoring applications
 - 1. Please email Alex HW the staff names that will be scoring subregional round #2 applications for your organizations.
 - iii. Process & schedule after applications are submitted
 - iv. Notes:
 - Boulder County subregional forum has not received any requests for support from other subregional forums
 - DRCOG will post all applications received and then open public comment process, all materials available online for about 3 weeks. DRCOG will provide scoresheets, TAC will score all projects according to procedures already agreed upon, then TAC will make funding recommendation to the forum. Forum will then make funding recommendation to DRCOG (by August 10th), then will go through DRCOG approval process. September – awards will be announced
 - If you receive FY23 funding, begin working on IGA as soon as possible since it will be right up against the new year
 - Weld county is the only subregional forum that is having DRCOG do all the scoring
- b. Future TIP Application Cycles (Rounds 3&4) (Alex & Todd)
 - i. Interaction with GHG Planning Standard
 - Call 3 will open on Aug 22, will run for approx. 8 weeks, close Oct 11. Panel will then be convened to make recommendation to board in December
 - Projected \$47M available
 - Call 4 opening Nov 28 and closes January 27th (DRCOG will verify and update these dates if necessary)
 - \$190M estimated to be available in call 4.

- IV. DRCOG Regional Transportation Plan Update & GHG Planning Standard Process Overview (Jacob Riger) 10 minutes
 - Jacob's slides are attached with the meeting notes.
 - Baseline for RTD ridership is 2019
 - RTD moving forward with system optimization plan, part of which includes lower levels of service due in part to staffing challenges
- V. CDOT Updates (Heather Paddock/Josie Hadley) 5 minutes
 - No updates from CDOT Region 4. Jan Rowe provided update on his new position with CDOT Division of Transit and Rail.
- VI. RTD Updates (Bill VanMeter/Chris Quinn) 5 minutes
 - Fare study – completed first milestone, got input on our current fare system. Some feedback included: fares are too expensive, would like a simpler pass approach. Next round is focused on higher level policy options. Looking at potential changes in fare levels. Will be looking for feedback towards the end of the month. After this, more detailed modeling of possible changes. Next fall will be taking a preferred option to the public and board.
 - Subregional Service Councils – formed a work group to give feedback on the formation of subregional service councils based on input from the prior RTD Accountability Committee. Taking an action to the board to start the formation process. Proposing a travel shed model – 5 councils. Boulder County will be its own service council. Proposing that these councils focus on staff who are engaged in technical level discussions. Elected official briefings a couple times a year for policy level discussions. First meeting this fall if board approves. Expectation for service councils - not focused strictly on service change process, looking to proactively review

and influence broader service planning strategies based on local and regional trends and dynamic needs over time.

-Reimagine – study session with board will be Wednesday night. Will cover system optimization plan.

Following board meeting, official release of final draft of SOP. Will take it under consideration in July – up for adoption on the 26th.

-Mobility Plan for the Future – draft to be released on the 16th. Focus on higher level policy directions for the board. No specific project lists. Deal with long term financial picture – will present three scenarios for moving forward.

- VII. Boulder County Transportation Funding Update (Claire Levy, Kathleen Bracke) 10 minutes
Did a poll of various levels of funding through a sales tax extension, current sales tax will expire mid-year 2024. Tested keeping current level of sales tax at 0.1% as well as increasing it to 0.3% and 0.7%. Neither of those higher numbers polled high enough to feel comfortable going to voters. Keeping current sales tax rate polled well. Continuing to provide presentations at community meetings. Over the summer months the Boulder County commissioners will be considering whether to put this transportation sales tax extension on the Nov. 2022 ballot. Link for more information:
<https://www.bouldercounty.org/government/your-taxes-at-work/transportation-sales-tax/>
- VIII. Next Steps: (Kathleen Bracke) 5 minutes
- a. Next Subregional TAC meeting: July 11, 1-2:30 p.m. (May need to adjust due to Call 2 schedule)
 - b. Next Subregional Forum meeting: early August – details TBD
 - c. Forum IGA signatures
- Notes: Planning to use DocuSign to get all IGA signatures, hopefully by next meeting

Boulder County DRCOG Subregional Forum website, including meeting information:

<https://www.bouldercounty.org/transportation/plans-and-projects/drcog-subregional-transportation-improvement-program/>