

Boulder County DRCOG Subregional Forum

Meeting Notes
August 1, 2022
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Note: This meeting was held with the hybrid format with both in-person and virtual options available:

I. Welcome & Introductions (Claire Levy, Boulder County Commissioner) 5 minutes

Attendees:

Boulder County: Commissioner Claire Levy, staff: Kathleen Bracke, Paul Frank, Alex Hyde-Wright, Dale Case

City of Boulder: Councilmember Nicole Speer, staff: Jean Sanson, Gerrit Slatter, Danny O'Connor, Valerie Watson

City of Louisville: Mayor Ashley Stolzmann, staff:

City of Lafayette: Councilor Stephanie Walton, staff: Jeff Arthur, Michelle Melonakis

City of Longmont: Mayor Joan Peck, staff: Phil Greenwald

Town of Erie: Trustee Ari Harrison, staff: 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: Heather Paddock

RTD staff: Michael Davies, William Van Meter, Chris Quinn

DRCOG staff: Doug Rex, Ron Papsdorf, Todd Cottrell, Jacob Riger, Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Josh Schwenk

FTA staff: David Beckhouse, Emma Belmont

II. FTA ARPA Funds for Small Urbanized Areas (Claire Levy, Kathleen Bracke) 30 minutes

-Commissioner Levy introduced the agenda item and noted that it was a follow up item per the July DRCOG board meeting. Purpose is to reach consensus among the Boulder County subregional forum regarding the proposed TIP amendment for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Kathleen gave presentation about where Boulder County is in the process of receiving and implementing the FTA ARPA Funds per the federal requirements. Proposed uses of the ARPA funds are shown in the draft Program of Projects:

-Population and population density are used by FTA to determine allocation of funds to each small Urbanized Area (UZA), also factor in the formula related to transit service levels pre-covid. FTA uses 2010 UZA boundaries and population numbers, 2020 census information for UZAs are not available yet from the Census Bureau and 2018 transit service levels.

-ARP Fact sheet: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/sites/fta.dot.gov/files/2021-03/American-Rescue-Plan-Act-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

--FTA ARPA funds need to be programmed in the DRCOG TIP to reflect multi-agency decision from October 2021 to allocate these funds to Boulder County.

-Discussed how these funds will be used, questions about how this fits into larger transit strategy, importance of public engagement opportunities and input from local communities, need ability to amend use of the funds over time depending in changing needs/priorities; and need for more in-depth countywide transit plan.

Mayor Stolzmann moved that the Forum approve the proposed TIP amendment for the FTA ARPA funds and bring this item back to the DRCOG Board for approval on consent agenda at

a future board meeting. Motion was seconded by Mayor Peck. Motion passed unanimously, with Superior absent from vote.

- III. DRCOG TIP Process Overview & Milestones (Todd Cottrell & Kathleen Bracke) 40 minutes
- a. Subregional TIP Application Process - Call 2
- Background from DRCOG: Forum meant to be extension of DRCOG, where each individual forum makes recommendations and then sends that back to DRCOG Board for final approval.
- i. Review TIP applications, scoring results & public comments for Call 2
- Summary: 11 applications submitted. 3 week public comment period. Panel of TAC members and DRCOG scored applications. Scorers who submitted projects did not score their own project. Had a bias correction process. Forum TAC developed funding recommendation based on these scores and public comment. Boulder County withdrew Southeast Boulder County FlexRide project due to issues with local match and need to revise application to include Erie.
 - For calls 1 & 2, no project waitlist will be developed. As part of recommendation process for calls 3 & 4, there will be a waitlist process.
 - Any project not funded in call 2 can resubmit for call 4
 - Boulder County planning to resubmit Southeast Flexride project in call 4
 - Concerns were expressed by Mayor Stolzmann regarding Commuting Solutions' application for CO119 Wayfinding & Branding study
- ii. **Recommendation from Forum to DRCOG for Round 2 projects* (action item)**
- Councilmember Speer motioned to approve the list of projects recommended by the TAC to the DRCOG Board for approval, Commissioner Levy seconded. Motion passed 7-1, with Superior absent and Mayor Stolzmann opposed.**
- b. Future TIP Application Cycles (Calls 3 & 4)
- i. Interaction with GHG Planning Standard
- Call 3 will open August 22nd for the 2024-2027 TIP. Approximately \$50 million available. Will be introducing STBG funding application. Additional info coming out in the next few weeks. For call 3, each subregion is limited to 3 total applications per subregion.
- IV. DRCOG Regional Transportation Plan Update & GHG Planning Standard Process Overview (Jacob Riger)
- Jacob to provide presentation slides (see attached)
- V. CDOT Updates (Heather Paddock/Josie Hadley) (deferred update due to time constraints)
- VI. RTD Updates (Bill VanMeter/Chris Quinn) (deferred update due to time constraints)
- VII. Boulder County Transportation Funding Update (Claire Levy, Kathleen Bracke)
- Public hearing scheduled for Thursday, August 4th. More information available at: <https://bouldercounty.gov/transportation/plans-and-projects/transportation-sales-tax-project-list/>
- VIII. Countywide Vision Zero Safety Updates (All)
- Louisville – HAWK signal materials have arrived, construction begins soon
 - City of Boulder – finalizing design of 30th street bikeway, potential regional safe streets 4 all grant application with DRCOG
 - Lyons – safe routes to school project is almost done, grand opening in September
 - Longmont – SW Weld County TIP Forum recently approved project on County Line Rd: bike lane improvement project from 66 to 119. Also in the process of restriping a bunch of streets with bike lanes
 - Boulder County – looking forward to partnering with CDOT on R4 intersection priority study, starting phase 2 of US 287 safety improvements study

IX. Next Steps: (Kathleen Bracke)

5 minutes

- a. Next Subregional TAC meeting: August 8th (details TBD based upon round 3 timelines)
- b. Next Subregional Forum meeting: Please provide Kathleen Bracke your availability for the following meeting dates/times; it is important for the Forum to meet prior to Call #3 opening on August 22nd
 - i. August 9th 10-11 AM, 10:30 – 11:30 AM, 11 AM – 12 PM
 - ii. August 10th 1-2 PM
 - iii. August 11th 2-3 PM
 - iv. ~~August 19th 1-2 PM~~
- c. Forum IGA signatures (on-going)

* **denotes Forum action item**

Boulder County DRCOG Subregional Forum website, including meeting information:

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