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## Nederland EcoPass Public Improvement District Advisory Committee (NEPPIDAC)

### Meeting Agenda

#### Meeting Time (MST):

January 15, 2025, 4:00PM – 5:30 PM

#### Meeting Location:

Nederland Community Library  
200 Highway 72  
Nederland, Colorado 80466

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#### Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Action Item: Approval of 12-18-2024 Meeting Summary
4. District EcoPass Program Update
5. Information Item: "Boulder Canyon Extra" Supplementary NB Service
6. Discussion Item: Nederland Community Shuttle Demonstration Project
7. Discussion Item: Transportation Matters at Eldora Mountain Ski Resort
8. Matters from Committee Members

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Meeting Notes - **DRAFT**

### Meeting Time (MST):

December 18, 2024, 4:00PM – 5:30 PM

### Meeting Location:

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### Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Action Item: Approval of 09-18-2024 Meeting Summary
4. District Business EcoPass Program Update
5. Information Item: “Boulder Canyon Extra” Supplementary NB Service
6. Projects:
  - a. Mountain Rides Ridership Analysis
  - b. Eldora shuttle demonstration
  - c. Countywide Strategic Transit Plan
7. Matters from Committee Members

### MEETING NOTES

Meeting started at 4:10 p.m.

#### 1. Introductions

##### In attendance

- a. NEPPIDAC: Eugene Smith, Andrew Bliss, Tom Mahowald, Tierney Maris (remote), Susie Gallaudet (remote)
- b. Boulder County: Alex Hyde-Wright, Landon Hilliard, Nick Aguilera

#### 2. Public Comment

- a. No public comment

3. **Action Item: Approval of 09-18-2024 Meeting Summary**
  - a. Tom Mahowald moves to approve, Andrew Bliss seconded. Approved unanimously 5-0.
  
4. **District Business EcoPass Program Update**
  - a. Start date for Nederland Business EcoPass district was Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Excellent response so far; 150 employees at Eldora have registered; working closely with businesses throughout town to continue implementing the program and inviting more employees to participate in 2025. Current contract is for about 1100 employees with expectation that this might double over time.
  - c. With Eldora Mountain Resort with the greatest number of employees as well as Indian Peaks Ace Hardware, Town of Nederland staff, B&F Mountain Market (as of 12/16/2024 known as The Market at Nederland) about 250 employees have already signed up. Please help spread the word.
  - d. More social media (ex, Eldora Instagram), press release, and outreach in new year
  - e. Nederland DDA, Peak to Peak Chamber, social media, Town of Nederland, and Boulder County website are primary communication platforms
    - a. Ask Eldora social media to share, Daily Camera, Mountain Ear Busey Brews
  - f. Town of Nederland has reached out to every business with a business license registered in town
  - g. If people are both residents and employees in the district, it's in the district's best interest financially to get a business EcoPass.
  - h. Nick and Landon talked to several employers this afternoon, including the Mountain Co-Op.
  - i. Q: Do employers have to renew? A: Program will be renewed in 2025. Individual accounts will stay active and roll over into new year. No action is required by employee.
  
5. **Information Item: "Boulder Canyon Extra" Supplementary NB Service**
  - a. In September, RTD changed NB schedule to provide adequate driver layover time. One morning bus schedule shifted by 30 min earlier. One afternoon bus left 15 min earlier. The shifts interfered with student travel in particular Nederland Middle-Senior, Boulder High School, Casey Middle, and was frustrating for families. Boulder County contracted with Via Mobility to fill in these gaps until January 2025. In 2025, RTD NB will resume original schedule.
  - b. Boulder County's current intention is to let contract with Via expire in January using EcoPass District funds. Via service started Dec 2, 2024 and will run through January 17, 2025 before the seasonal service change on January 19, 2025. Contract will be paid with District funds not to exceed \$25,000

- c. Bridging the gap with the Boulder Canyon Extra route of two round-trips on weekdays is a huge benefit and “relief” to students and families.
- d. How to distribute schedule information effectively to the public. Does RTD post information about route changes in Nederland? Some people rely on these schedules, memorize them, and do not rely on a cell phone.
  - a. Bus schedule is posted at Park-n-Ride, shelter in front of high school, and shelter on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. RTD usually provides updates at stops, but not sure this happens in Nederland shelters. RTD provides schedules inside bus.
  - b. Boulder County will ask if RTD shares updates at the shelters in Nederland. Other consideration is to work with the Town of Nederland to publicize the schedules.
- e. RTD is working on May 2025 run board with possible additional trips
  - a. [Service Changes | RTD-Denver \(Website Link\)](#)
- j. Does the District want us to maintain afternoon Boulder Canyon Extra service through May 2025 so there is one additional run time at 5:15pm (between 4:10pm and 6:22pm departure from the Downtown Boulder Station)?
  - a. Approx cost is \$5500/month or about \$22000/four months of Feb-May
  - b. NEPPIDAC would like to continue afternoon service through May 2025. Show data to RTD to request supplemental service with 5:10pm (or is it 5:15pm?) westbound run beginning May 2025
  - c. The committee wants to gauge interest of community with survey
- k. Motion: Recommend that Boulder County extend the contract with Via Mobility for afternoon roundtrip service of the Boulder Canyon Extra through May 2025 RTD run board.
  - a. Motion from Tom Mahowald; Seconded by Susie Gallaudet; All in favor (5-0)
- l. Boulder County will be in touch with local schools; report back with ridership data for route NB and the “Extra.”
- m. Is this possible to integrate into Google?
  - a. Via has been able to integrate into Transit App. We can see if Via can push this supplemental service to Transit App and Google.

## 5. Projects:

### Mountain Rides

- a. Ridership analysis by Boulder County. Collect additional information with onboard survey in 2025 to prepare for grant application Gilpin County. Use distribution list of Nederland Food Pantry to bring back data.
- b. Service runs from Ward to Rollinsville (2 roundtrips on M, W, Th)
- c. To date, funding split between county, Via, federal funding; EcoPass District has not provided any funding to-date

- d. How can we leverage with more ridership and enhanced routing to serve more people? Where are riders going (Nederland Food Pantry)?
- e. Service will be cut to two days/week in January 2025. Big question: Which days/week are most essential? What is the purpose of people's rides?
- f. Getting Gilpin County onboard might justify extending route further south. It is important to bring in Gilpin to the discussion of transit planning. Tom Mahowald will be meeting with Gilpin staff. Longer term, hoping to push bus service between Idaho Springs to Estes Park in partnership with CDOT. Scenic Byways, Housing and Human services alliance, others in Gilpin County and Jefferson County. Ned Town Administrator, Jon Cain, could be significant advocate.
- g. Short term, what service can we continue to provide between Ward and Rollinsville?
- h. What other funding sources can we tap? Cost/seat? Days needed? Implications of reducing service to two days/week on the highest ridership days?

**Nederland Community Shuttle (Eldora shuttle demonstration project)**

- a. Eldora Shuttle currently operated between Boulder County Justice Center and Eldora Mountain Resort. Only connects endpoints. Does not stop at Nederland PnR. Riders boarding in Boulder can fill RTD NB bus before it reaches PnR. Town and County exploring a pilot Eldora shuttle service.
  - i. Biggest concern is on-street and off-street business parking turning into a veritable park-n-ride for Eldora.
  - ii. Question for District: If Ned --> Eldora shuttle service took a different route (or was already full when it reached Nederland), would NEPPIDAC be interested in sharing cost of supplemental service with Eldora?
    - 1. Committee supports further consideration with 5-0 in favor of exploring the proposal; cost of parking is a key piece of information to know
    - 2. Nederland Board of Trustees just passed (12/17/2024) [Multimodal Transportation Plan](#)
    - 3. Parking ideas for Ned --> Eldora shuttle riders: Ice Rink, Community Center, Town-leased presbyterian church parking lot near the library
    - 4. How many seats? What's ridership data from the justice Center?
      - a. Eldora employees currently picked up at Ned HS. HS continues to have parking capacity, but we do not have occupancy rates
- b. Countywide Strategic Transit Plan, Mountain Rail Study
  - a. Discuss February 2025 NEPPIDAC meetings

6. **Matters from Committee Members**

a. Bus shelter at CO 119 northbound near Carousel of Happiness hit by truck; repair falling between “multijurisdictional crack” of RTD, Boulder County, Town of Nederland

b. Do we maintain NEPPIDAC Meeting Cadence in 2025?

Scheduling the third Wed of month from January 15, 2025 - May, 2025

Meeting adjourned 5:42pm

Items for upcoming meetings:

- Mountain Rides Analysis + Grant Application Update
- EcoPass Update
- Boulder Canyon Extra
- NB Supplemental Service Update
- Strategic Transit Plan, Mountain Rail Study
- How does Nederland MTP relate to and impact NEPPIDAC?

