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Nederland EcoPass Public Improvement District Advisory Committee (NEPPIDAC) Meeting Agenda and Notes - DRAFT

Meeting Time (MST): June 18, 2025, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:

Nederland Community Library 200 Highway 72 Nederland, Colorado 80466

Agenda:

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Public Comment
- 3. Action Item: Approval of 05-21-2025 Meeting Notes
- 4. Information Item: Town of Nederland Transportation Update
- 5. Information Item: NEPPIDAC Fund Balance
- 6. Action Item: Summer Transit Service Proposal
- 7. Discussion Item: Public comment of RTD service changes August 2025
- 8. Matters from Committee Members

Summary Notes

Meeting called to order at 4:03 p.m.

1. Introductions

In Attendance: NEPPIDAC: Tom Mahowald, Gene Smith, Andrew Bliss (Virtual) Boulder County: Melissa Hunter, Angel Bond

2. Public Comment

No public comment

- 3. Action Item: Approval of 05-21-2025 Meeting Notes Tom motions to approve. Gene seconds. All in favor (3-0)
- 4. Information Item: Town of Nederland Transportation Update Town of Nederland not in attendance, this information item was skipped

5. Information Item: NEPPIDAC Fund Balance

Melissa reviewed the NEPPIDAC Fund Balance for mid-year 2025. The last time the committee reviewed the Fund Balance and 2025 Budget was September 2024. The only changes to the Fund Balance were projected cost for the Business EcoPass Program was less than anticipated. Boulder County projected the cost of the program to be \$50,000.00 but it was actually \$28,130.00. There was also the additional expense of the Boulder Canyon Extra, the total cost of which from December 2024- May 2025 was \$37,000.00.

The presentation shared in the meeting is attached in the notes below.

Question: *How much should be reserved in the Fund Balance as a minimum amount?* Angel and Melissa will discuss with Boulder County's Office of Financial Management to get guidance.

6. Action Item: Summer Transit Service Proposal

Tom brought this conversation to the committee after speaking with Bob Gray from Via Mobility Services about adding a weekend day of service. Tom proposed using \$2,000 of NEPPIDAC funds to contribute to the Colorado Energy Office Ozone Season Transit Grant funding Via has to add a Saturday day of service for Mountain Rides.

The concern of using NEPPIDAC funds for a service that is not exclusive to Nederland Community District residents was raise so the discussion about bringing people into Town being a method of supporting local economy and accessing essential services was highlighted.

Angel provided additional detail on the Mountain Ride Service and its potential future to connect farther into Gilpin County, beyond Rollinsville, as many of the residents along the Peak-to-Peak region rely on essential services in Nederland.

Tom asked for outreach materials for Mountain Rides, Getting Around Nederland Flyers which will be emailed out to committee members and will be brought to next meeting.

Members discussed this and agreed to hold any decisions until more of the committee was in attendance but are open to a future discussion item on this topic.

7. Discussion Item: Public comment of RTD service changes September 2025

The Commitee reviewed the NB Service changes that are expected August 2025. The proposed service changes was a seasonal change for adding Eldora Ski Area as an additional stop. It does not appear to be changing the level of service.

We discussed the importance and value of getting the 5:10 pm service added and agreed to share the feedback opportunities with our networks.

8. Matters from Committee Members

As Angel and Melissa from Mobility for All are going to begin transitioning to leading NEPPIDAC meetings, we would like to propose the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. be held for NEPPIDAC meetings. We will be seeking approval at next meeting, if passed, we'd change the meetings starting in August, but the July meeting would remain as scheduled, until we hear from the committee members.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

2025 Budget Mid-Year Presentation: June 18, 2025

Nederland EcoPass Public Improvement District Advisory Committee Meeting

Melissa Hunter, Mobility for All Programs Coordinator Angel Bond, Mobility for All Program Manager Community Planning & Permitting Department



Nederland EcoPass Public Improvement District

- Approved by the voters in Nov 2013, extended in Nov 2023
- Similar boundary as Nederland Library District (greater Nederland)
- 1.85 mill property tax approved for 2014-2023, and 2024-2033
- All permanent residents of the District eligible to receive an EcoPass
- New in 2024: District can offer employee EcoPass program
- Boulder County Commissioners serve as decision-making body, advised by a five-member advisory committee
- Day-to-day operations administered by Town of Nederland staff

Resident/Neighborhood EcoPass Pricing

- Since 2019, Neighborhood EcoPass pricing has been "utilization-based": each neighborhood program pays for its own fare utilization
- Beginning in 2020, COVID-19 led to large reductions in EcoPass usage, which decreased our EcoPass contract price for 2021-2023 compared to what it would have been
- New RTD fare structure, which eliminated regional fare level, took effect January 2024
 - Impact on this program: NB trips went from \$5.25 to \$2.75



Business EcoPass Pricing

- Businesses are divided into three zones: Suburban, Downtown Denver, and DIA
- Within each zone, all businesses' fare utilization is merged to determine annual per employee price
- A program's annual contract price:
 = total number of employees * RTD's per employee price
- For the Suburban Zone, the 2025 price per employee is \$20.
- Boulder County & Town of Nederland staff currently working on employee headcount for 2025





Mid Year 2025 Budget

- 2024 EOY Fund Balance:
 - \$202,980
- 2025 Revenue*:
 - \$172,635

- 2025 Expenses:
 - \$32,506 Residential EcoPass Contract
 - \$28,130 Business EcoPass Contract (2024 prorated + 2025)
 - \$15,000 Town of Nederland Admin Fee
 - \$5,000 Communications & Outreach
 - \$37,000 Boulder Canyon Extra (Dec 2024-May 2025)
 - Total Expenses: \$102,506
 - Change in Fund Balance: \$70,129
 - 2025 EOY Fund Balance: \$342,716