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Nederland EcoPass Public Improvement District Advisory Committee (NEPPIDAC)

Meeting Notes – Approved 05/23/2025

Meeting Time (MST):

March 19, 2025, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:

Nederland Community Library
200 Highway 72
Nederland, Colorado 80466
Microsoft Teams Online Alternative

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Action Item: Approval of 02-19-2025 Meeting Notes
4. Action Item: Approval of Letter in Support for RTD Route NB Service Changes
5. Action Item: Approval of Funding to Extend Boulder Canyon Extra Service
6. Information Item: District EcoPass Program Update
7. Information Item: NedREC Demonstration Project
8. Discussion Item: Nederland Comprehensive and Multimodal Transportation Plans
Matters from Committee Members

Meeting Notes:

Meeting called to order at 4:05pm

1. Introductions

In Attendance

NEPPIDAC: Tom Mahowald, Susie Gallaudet, Gene Smith, Tierney Maris, Andrew Bliss (virtual)

Town of Nederland: Jonathan Cain

Eldora: Steve Rowntree

Boulder County: Landon Hilliard, Melissa Hunter, Nick Aguilera

2. Public Comment

No public comment

3. Action Item: Approval of 02-19-2025 Meeting Notes

Motion to approve by Tom Mahowald. Seconded by Susie Gallaudet. Motion approved 3-0

4. Action Item: Approval of Letter in Support for RTD Route NB Service Changes

Boulder County has drafted letter on behalf of NEPPIDAC and Town of Nederland

Claire Levy County Commissioner

Marta Loachamin County Commissioner

Ashley Stolzmann County Commissioner

expressing gratitude for RTD’s to restore service levels and adjust timetables for the RTD Route NB. The letter directly thanks Nataly Handlos and Theresa Rinker. The letter underscores the strong relationship between Boulder County, NEPPIDAC, Town of Nederland, and RTD.

NEPPIDAC requests correct spelling of "Eldora" and "Tierney" in draft.

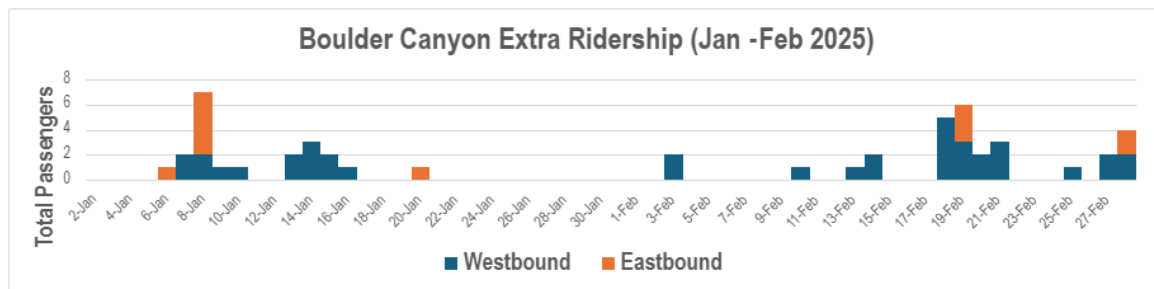
Ton Mahowald motion to approve letter to RTD, subject to above edits, and though not required, the informal approval of board members not in attendance this week subject to parliamentary rules with which to Alex Hyde-Wright is familiar. Susie Gallaudet seconds motion.

Motion approved 3 – 0

5. Action Item: Approval of Funding to Extend Boulder Canyon Extra (BCE) Service
BCE Service was initially provided to fill immediate need for students after unexpected RTD service change. RTD responded in January 2025 by filling some service gaps facing students and families. Consequently, BCE shifted to afternoon service only after January 17, 2025.

As shown, given ridership trends, BCE has high cost per rider and limited ridership.

	December	January	February
Roundtrips/Month	42	34	20
Cost/Month	\$11,025.00	\$8,925.00	\$5,250.00
Riders/Month	60	66	29
Cost/Rider	\$183.75	\$135.23	\$181.03
Total cost per roundtrip = \$262.50			



Since RTD has met students’ needs and given BCE ridership trends, Boulder County staff recommend discontinuing BCE service after current contract concludes May 23, 2025. If service continued in May – September 2025 runboard (87 days of additional days of service), the estimated cost at same service rate is \$22,837.

Boulder County staff and elected officials have been in direct communication with

RTD to meet the needs of Nederland residents.

Tom Mahowald makes motion to discontinue funding. Tierney Maris seconds motion. Motion approved 4-0.

County staff will work with Via Mobility (BCE service provider), RTD, and NEPPIDAC to inform public and current riders of BCE service discontinuation.

6. Information Item: District EcoPass Program Update

Nederland's residential EcoPass program continues to go well. Town and County staff continue outreach to local businesses to encourage participation and get staff signed up. Staff attended February Nederland TownTalk and plan to speak at Nederland Downtown Development Authority (NDDA) meeting of April 9, 2025.

Town of Nederland is conducting EcoPass program audits. Quarterly audits are scheduled for business EcoPass program with plans to shift bi-annually after program is established.

County and Town of Nederland are working through staff turnover to maintain records and keep EcoPass programs running smoothly and up-to-date.

NEPPIDAC members are interested in supporting direct communication with business owners who have not responded to Business EcoPass outreach. Boulder County will follow up with NEPPIDAC to support upward enrollment activity.

Steve Rowntree recommends replicating Eldora employee sign-up process with local business staff.

7. Information Item: NedREC Demonstration Project

February 2025 NedREC local transit pilot project was valuable operational exercise and proof of concept. Eldora appreciates partnership between Town, County, and Eldora. There was positive feedback from town residents who have felt overlooked by RTD.

NedREC service started at hourly frequency during first three weekends. Last weekend service increased to half-hour headways. Ridership increased with increased frequency during last weekend. If transit loop time can continue to be shortened in the future, Steve sees increased likelihood that people will use service. From Eldora's perspective, any public transit in Eldora is a net positive for visitors and staff. Really exciting for him to see 30-40 Eldora employees on a morning NB bus. Positive for employees, positive for Nederland (fewer cars), and frees Eldora parking for guests. Steve sees program as a win-win-win and hopes NEPPIDAC will continue looking for ways to supplement and build up RTD service.

As an aside, Steve has noticed an increasing number of RTD training buses pass through Eldora. Restoring hourly NB service could lead to "ridership through the roof."

Steve thanks NEPPIDAC for public-private partnership. The willingness to work together is success in itself. This was done with limited marketing and outreach, which could likely have helped raise ridership.

The NedREC pilot cost just under \$15K for eight days of service. In the future, the county and town could likely contract with service provider for lower price. Eldora used current pricing contract with SP+.

Looking forward, NEPPIDAC, Boulder County, Town of Nederland, and Eldora will explore similar NedREC service viability in 2026. It will be easier with longer lead time for Eldora to forecast best timeline for 2026 season. It will also be important to coordinate with and build on RTD's September 2025 runboard. Other considerations include looking at minor route adjustments, additional funding opportunities, and CDOT traffic counts. This year, one resident asked if NedREC would run through Town of Eldora. This is important consideration for the future.

8. **Discussion Item: Nederland Comprehensive and Multimodal Transportations Plan**
Nederland's Multimodal Transportation Plan (MMTP) asks "How do we build a multimodal network in Nederland that can functionally get people where they need to go?" It looks at transportation infrastructure conditions and future investments for all modes of travel. Full MMTP document can be [viewed here.](#):

Nederland's [Comprehensive Plan](#) was also updated.

Together, these documents will shape the future of Nederland. They will also take Nederland's Subarea plan into account.

Many key areas of interest. Areas highlighted by Jonathan Cain include:

- Impacted by highway
- Roundabout at LOCATION. On average, 6K cars/day travel through this roundabout.
- Parking Management
 - The Town is exploring a Nederland resident parking pilot program and paid parking for visitors.
 - There are around 1100 parking spaces in downtown Nederland without a current efficient parking management system.
- Safe Routes to School

MMTP has short-, mid-, and long-term priorities.

“From a holistic perspective, the data is here. Next step is funding and implementation.” - Jonathan Cain

Town is currently:

- Working with GIS team to input plan maps and utilize resources.
- Working on LOS agreements with town re: maintenance of roads and spaces (including sidewalks, culverts)
- Working on Safe Main Streets Grant and TIP Grant Applications

Board is undertaking strategic goal setting informed by MMTP, Comp Plan, and Strategic Plan.

Town will continue working with NEPPIDAC and Nederland Downtown Development Authority (NDDA) to advance the Multimodal Transportation Plan, Comprehensive Plan, and Subarea Plan.

Subarea Plan has concept for pedestrianization of 1st street/main street, right-sized entertainment events downtown so they are accessible to residents

9. Matters from Committee Members

- NEPPIDAC will submit public comment to RTD in advance of September runboard development
- Tom is interested in writing Mountain Ears Letter to the Editor once May runboard is public
- Town of Nederland will be posting new transportation job for Town of Nederland
- Town just hired new volunteer driver coordinator
- Gene asks how to best promote public transit as a travel option for visitors to Nederland. Post fliers at venues

Meeting adjourned 5:44 PM