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Boulder County Denver Regional Council Of Governments (DRCOG) Subregional Forum May 4, 2026 Meeting Summary

Meeting Time and Location

1 – 2:30 PM

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Agenda & Meeting Summary

1. Welcome and Introductions

a. Attendees from Forum Agencies (bold indicates voting Forum member):

- Boulder County: **Claire Levy**, Alex Hyde-Wright, Paul Kwiatkowski, Akia Pichon
- Boulder: **Nicole Speer**, Jean Sanson
- Erie: **Emily Baer**, John Firouzi
- Lafayette: **Jeff Arthur**, Michelle Melonakis
- Longmont: Cammie Edson
- Louisville: Samma Fox
- Lyons: Kim Mitchell
- Superior: **Brannon Richards**

b. Attendees from Other Agencies:

- Commuting Solutions: Audrey DeBarros
- CU Boulder: Clark Rider
- DRCOG: Todd Cottrell, Josh Schwenk, Alvan-Bidal Sanchez

- Nelson Nygaard (consultant team for Linking Boulder County): Jennifer Wieland, Paul Lutey
- RTD: Chris Quinn

2. Public Comment

- a. None provided.

3. Linking Boulder County (Countywide Transit Plan)

Alex Hyde-Wright, Jennifer Wieland, and Paul Lutey presented.

Revised Vision Discussion:

- Boulder: Appreciate changes made since March Forum meeting. Goals shown are clear and ambitious. Key connections map feels appropriate for county level. Question about who is responsible for assumed future improvements; answer provided this includes RTD, the state, and others.
- Erie: Recognize the team has included the word “dignified,” Erie appreciates this. Happy to see work to connect SE Boulder County communities. Happy to see feedback reflected; seeing improvement from previous iteration. Want to see how population centers are being served. Question about how we can stretch services to cover as much ground as possible.
- Boulder County: Have incorporated feedback on vision statement. Goals capture what we were hoping to see. Question about Longmont-DIA, and also inter-SE community connections. How are we balancing local service vs county/regional connections; response provided that prioritization and balancing of local vs county/regional connections will come through the scenarios work.

Draft Evaluation Criteria Discussion:

- Erie: Question about the jobs criteria: job centers are changing and this is having an impact on transit; how is this influencing this criteria? Response: Could look into incorporating future conditions into key destinations criteria; could also explore ways to incorporate this based on where people are coming from. Can we compare (fixed-route) transit to rideshare (demand-responsive) approaches?
- Boulder: How does cost and budget fit into this? Response: We are keeping the scenarios the same cost but each will allocate spending differently. How are we developing costs for services within each scenario? Response: Using Remix (transit planning software), and making some assumptions. Will planned service be baseline, and then we add service on top of those assumptions? Response: Yes. Important question for the community will be what do people want, what are they willing to pay for? Could this be a better way to incorporate community input? Need to understand the types of services the community is willing to pay more for and what existing programs are most successful.
- Boulder County: In terms of what people are willing to pay for, need to put a lot of thought into this. What if what people are willing to pay for doesn’t align with the goals we’ve outlined? Question about Access criteria: How did we arrive at ½ mile for access threshold? ½ mile seems far, maybe change this to ¼ mile. Competitiveness criteria: is there a way to frame this as compared to driving times: instead of absolute time, do a ratio compared to driving times? Alignment with local plans: how to account for if any jurisdictions don’t have a local plan? Response: Most agencies have a transit component

to their Transportation Master Plan or equivalent. Is keeping scenarios cost neutral the best way?

4. CDOT, RTD, DRCOG Updates

a. RTD

- i. Budget: RTD Board is wrestling with budget challenges. More information about options to be available at next Board meeting.
- ii. Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA): Jarrett Walker & Associates has been selected as the consultant team to support the COA process.

b. DRCOG:

- i. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): DRCOG continuing to hold policy discussions for development of the FY 2029-2032 TIP; focused on bringing forward an amendment later this year.

5. Municipal/ Local Agency Updates

a. Erie:

- i. Erie Bee has launched; this is a new on-demand microtransit service. Erie is seeing an uptick in use, particularly in afternoon/ after school hours.
- ii. 111th & Arapahoe intersection project causing some traffic delays. Other pedestrian crossing improvements are underway along Erie Pkwy.
- iii. JUMP Extension. To support the January 2027 extension of the JUMP, Erie is constructing 20 new bus stops using Urban Renewal Authority (URA) funding.

b. Boulder:

- i. 19th Street: The City has just wrapped up work between Norwood & Upland; work includes flood mitigation and multimodal improvements.
- ii. Baseline Phase 2 (TIP-funded) project. Under construction, includes transit improvements (floating bus stop islands), elements to reduce vehicle speeds, replacing interim barriers for protected bike lanes with concrete barriers.

c. Longmont:

- i. Safe Streets & Roads For All (SS4A) Grant: Working on grant agreement with USDOT.
- ii. Regional Bike Share: Launching regional bikeshare in Longmont in June 2026. Other communities not far behind.

- iii. RIDE Longmont: Submitted an RTD Partnership Program application to expand RIDE Longmont, add vehicles to keep wait times consistent.
- d. Boulder County:
 - i. At May 1, 2026 CO 7 Coalition Meeting, RTD announced they will be the operator for the CO 7 Transit Starter Service (the Brighton to Boulder Flyer).