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Boulder County DRCOG Subregional Forum TAC January 22, 2025, 3 – 4 p.m.

Meeting Summary

1. Welcome and Introductions – Boulder County Commissioner Claire Levy

- a. Forum agency attendance (Forum voting members in bold)
 - i. Boulder: **Nicole Speer**, Jean Sanson
 - ii. Boulder County: **Claire Levy**, Kathleen Bracke, Landon Hilliard, Kelly Leadbetter, Nick Aguilera
 - iii. Erie: **Emily Baer**, Miguel Aguilar
 - iv. Lafayette: Michelle Melonakis
 - v. Longmont: **Joan Peck**, Phil Greenwald, Kalie Fallon
 - vi. Louisville: n/a
 - vii. Lyons: Kim Mitchell
 - viii. Nederland: n/a
 - ix. Superior: **Neal Shah**, Brannon Richards
- b. Other agency attendance:
 - i. CDOT: Heather Paddock, Josie Thomas, Dee McIntosh
 - ii. Commuting Solutions: Audrey DeBarros
 - iii. DRCOG: Jacob Riger, Josh Schwenk, Erik Braaten
 - iv. RTD: Chris Quinn

2. Public Comment – Boulder County Commissioner Claire Levy

- a. No public comment provided.

3. Community Highlights:

- a. City of Longmont Micro Transit Overview – Phil Greenwald & Kalie Fallon
 - New shuttle system developed with support of Mayor Joan Peck that began December 10, 2024 with three sources of funding for three years through RTD Partnership grant, PEL grant, and City of Longmont.
 - Summary from Kalie Fallon: For the first month of service activity over 4,339 total rides covering 10,046 miles. Average wait time was 14 minutes which meets goal of between 5-15 minutes. Average trip

distance was 3.5 miles at 12.5-minute duration which is mid-range between a trip by bicycle and automobile.

- Community appreciates new service to CO119/I-25 mobility hub, grocery stores, community centers. Free fare offered for first month and now is \$2/ride, and \$1/ride for students under 19, adult over 65, or with disability. Average walking distance to meet the RIDE Longmont is about 300 feet (95 meters). Make reservations through by smart phone app or by calling booking center.
- Accessible language options and operates two lift vans. Note the Longmont Transportation Mobility Plan supports priority treatment for active transportation and transit.

b. Local Vision Zero Safety Updates:

- City of Boulder: Initial stages of studying traffic signals at 140 intersection approaches with 70% reduction of crashes. Modified snow and ice clearance to focus on high-traffic paths and intersections. Will take time for residents to adjust to changes. Installation of automated enforcement by virtue of state legislation. Early stage of planning and design of two CAN corridors of 30th Street and Folsom Street for all modes of transportation with recent engagement and design workshop series for the former project.
- Question asked by DRCOG: DRCOG Regional Vision Zero Plan uses an equity lens. With this in mind, what City of Boulder department will administer automated enforcement? Sanson will look into this and respond to DRCOG off-line.
- Boulder County: There are three initiatives to report. First, in partnership with Lafayette and Superior, the County is developing a Vision Zero Action Plan by mid-2025 that will result in a set of safety recommendations for each agency. Technical analysis and community engagement are being combined to understand the existing conditions, crash patterns followed by implementation over several years. Second, coming soon is a Vision Zero/Safe Routes to School grant project led by the Mobility for All team in coordination with local school districts to focus attention on improving conditions for active transportation to school. Third, earlier this month, the US 287 Vision Zero Safety & Mobility Study was adopted by Boulder County Commissioners which will add to continuing work with local agency partners to advance transportation safety along a 24-mile segment of the highway from Broomfield to north of Longmont.

4. Boulder County Updates

- a. Boulder Countywide Strategic Transit Plan - Alex Hyde-Wright

i. Roles for Forum & TAC

5. CDOT Updates, including updates related to CDOT's Statewide Plan, Transit Plan, and 10 Year Plan – Josie Thomas (Planning)

- CDOT is working through MPOs and Transportation Planning Regions to seek input. Current focus is on rural areas of Region 4. CDOT's Statewide Plan is the overarching plan and 10-Year Plan specifies projects based on available, constrained funding through FY 2030. (CDOT, Thomas)
- Budget deficit forecast at state level leaves uncertainties with funding. Emphasis on safety and clean transportation is based on the Governor's goals with about \$250 million over four years of which Region 4 receives a 25% share. Initial information is anticipated to be available from CDOT headquarters in March and the project list and final budget will be determined by end of 2025. (CDOT, Paddock)
- How is CDOT's statewide planning process being coordinated with DRCOG's regional transportation planning process? How can local agencies and this subregional Forum provide input to CDOT on the 10-year plan list of projects? Response provided by DRCOG staff below.

6. DRCOG Updates – Jacob Riger/Todd Cottrell

- a. Long-range transportation planning follows federal law. Project priorities are set by DRCOG as a MPO through the Regional Transportation Plan which must be adopted by fall 2026 and implemented by the TIP. Distinguish the two planning processes: DRCOG and CDOT. DRCOG and CDOT coordinate their planning processes. (DRCOG, Riger)
 - Levy recognized the important partnership with CDOT, DRCOG and RTD and appreciates their participation with this subregional Forum.

7. RTD Updates – Chris Quinn

- Report on January service changes with increased trips for AB1/AB2 between Airport and Boulder.
- Additional morning and evening trips for LD1 route between Longmont and Denver.
- Transit Assistance Grant Program is for organizations with clients with immediate transportation needs to essential services. Please promote the program.
- Transit Equity Day is Tuesday, February 4, 2025, and transit system will be free fare.
- Additional NB service including the supplemental Boulder Canyon Extra arranged by Boulder County will fill time gaps in the schedule and provide better connections to Nederland High, Boulder High, and Casey Middle.

8. Local Community Updates – All

- a. Boulder County’s Strategic Transit plan will soon be underway. Forum and TAC agree to serve in the roles of Policy Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee during the transit plan process. Hyde-Wright will provide more details at the next Forum and TAC meetings.

9. Wrap Up & Next Steps – Commissioner Levy & Kathleen Bracke

- a. Next Forum Meeting: March 2025 with a return to regular schedule on alternating months
- b. Next TAC Meeting: Monthly TAC meetings will resume in February.
- c. Future Agenda Topics:
 - Vision Zero Safety Updates
 - Status updates from Forum member regarding DRCOG TIP Projects (Calls 1-4)
 - Please send additional agenda items