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Boulder County DRCOG Subregional Forum

January 12, 2026, 3 – 4:30 PM

Meeting Summary

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Forum Attendance (voting members in bold)
 - City of Boulder: Jean Sanson, Danny O'Connor, Gerrit Slatter
 - Boulder County: **Claire Levy**, Danny Herrmann, Alex Hyde-Wright, Angel Bond, Paul Kwiatkowski, Akia Pichon, Nick Aguilera
 - Erie: **Emily Baer**, Miguel Aguilar
 - Lafayette: Michelle Melonakis
 - Longmont: **Cammie Edson**
 - Louisville: Samma Fox
 - Lyons: **Hollie Rogin**
- b. Other Agencies Present:
 - Boulder Chamber Transportation Connections: Darcy Kitching
 - Commuting Solutions: Audrey DeBarros
 - CU-Boulder: Scott McCarey, Clark Rider
 - DRCOG: Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Josh Schwenk
 - Nelson Nygaard (Linking Boulder County consultant team): Jennifer Wieland, Paul Lutey
 - RTD: Chris Quinn

2. Public Comment

- a. No public comment provided

3. Forum Overview

- a. DRCOG and Boulder County staff provided an overview of the Forum's structure and purpose.

4. Linking Boulder County – Transit Plan Update

- a. Boulder County staff and its consultant team provided an update on the Linking Boulder County project.

b. Discussion:

- i. Questions about number of survey responses from specific jurisdictions, outreach to non-transit riders.
- ii. Comments about the importance of the SKIP to Boulder, difficulty using less frequent routes.
- iii. Observation that RIDE Longmont is being used for whole trips, not as first/final mile solution connecting to transit.
- iv. Question about micromobility modes.
- v. Future factors influencing ridership include housing costs and availability, work from home, office vacancy rates.
- vi. Desire to see agencies be more nimble with transit service in responding to changes in travel patterns.
- vii. Desire to see microtransit be used efficiently to complement fixed route.

5. CDOT, RTD, DRCOG Updates

a. RTD:

- i. Starting Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) in 2026. RTD Board adopted System Optimization Plan (SOP) in 2022; SOP had recommendations to modify service to meet near term needs through 2027. COA will be updating this. RTD has received consultant proposals, with an award expected next month. Public facing portion will kick off in early summer 2026.

b. DRCOG:

- i. 2029-2032 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development kicking off later in 2026

6. Municipal Updates

a. City of Boulder:

- i. Business Access Transit (BAT) Lanes project on East Arapahoe (CO 7) is now complete. City of Boulder receiving lots of feedback, this project supports JUMP and future CO 7 Transit Starter Service.
- ii. Reminder: CDOT Transportation Commission will be taking up 10 year plan projects at meeting this week. Boulder wants to see CDOT maintain Northwest Area Mobility Study (NAMS) corridors, including Broadway/28th St Transit project: [Materials for January 14-15, 2026 Transportation Commission Meeting- Colorado Department of Transportation](#)

b. Erie:

- i. Erie has selected vendor to operate the Erie Bee demand-responsive service. Goal is to launch service in April 2026.

- ii. Erie has funding to construct new bus stops for JUMP, which is being extended to Erie High School. Goal is to complete prior to Aug '26 runboard.
- c. Boulder Chamber Transportation Connections:
 - i. B-Cycle usage in Bould Junction area up 25% over last year. Transit service (FF4, AB2) has resumed.
- d. CU-Boulder:
 - i. Lime is leaving Denver; Denver in negotiations with new operator. Across the Front Range, trend is towards more and different micromobility operators, posing challenge for people needing to use different companies.

7. Future Meeting Schedule

- a. Every other month for 2026-2027
- b. Mondays 1-2:30, Mondays 3-4:30, Fridays 1-2:30, other?
 - i. County staff will send a doodle poll to coordinate.