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Boulder County DRCOG Subregional Forum TAC August 18, 2025, 1 – 2:30 PM

Meeting Summary

1) Welcome and Introductions

a. Attendees:

- City of Boulder: Danny O'Connor, Jean Sanson
- Boulder County: Alex Hyde-Wright, Danny Herrman, Landon Hilliard
- City of Lafayette: Michelle Melonakis
- City of Longmont: Alex Donaldson, Cammie Edson, Kalie Fallon
- City of Louisville: n/a
- Commuting Solutions: Audrey DeBarros
- CU-Boulder: n/a
- CDOT: Adnana Murtic
- DRCOG: Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Todd Cottrell, Eric Braaton, Zach Feldman, Kathryn Rush, Carolyn Klamm
- Town of Erie: Miguel Aguilar
- Town of Lyons: Kim Mitchell
- Town of Superior: Brannon Richards
- RTD: Chris Quinn

2) Public Comment:

- ##### **a. No public comment provided.**

3) Action Item: Recommendation to the Boulder County Subregional Forum for new DRCOG TAC Alternate

Edson nominated Donaldson with the City of Longmont to temporarily fill this role until a new Longmont Transportation Manager is hired, likely in September 2025. As the August 2025 DRCOG TAC meeting has been cancelled, this item was tabled until the September 2025 Boulder County Forum TAC Meeting.

4) DRCOG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) project solicitation process

Sanchez gave a [presentation](#) to describe the solicitation, submittal and evaluation of projects for inclusion in the RTP as part of the current update. The RTP identifies priorities

at the regional and subregional levels. The presentation outlined the project types and current mix of projects in the 2050 RTP. Current RTP projects fall into three categories:

- 1) Completed in 2025 will be removed from the RTP and become part of baseline/ existing conditions.
 - 2) Included automatically if in NEPA or construction stage
 - 3) Eligible for re-submittal
 - a. Pre-NEPA studies
 - b. Other 2050 projects
 - c. Locally funded
- Each of the nine county forums will have submittal cap of projects; the Boulder County Forum can submit up to 10. The evaluation criteria for project inclusion in the RTP will be based on six Metro Vision objectives of multimodal mobility, freight, active transportation, safety, air quality, regional transit.
 - A Regional Review Panel that includes DRCOG, CDOT, and RTD staff, and a representative from each County Forum will meet at least two times to review proposals.
 - The Call for projects will be open from Aug 25 – Oct 10, 2025 (tentative end date).
 - Submission will be through Formstack for public sector agencies (includes CDOT, RTD).
 - The timeline for the RTP update is July 2025 through January 2026, capped with RTC/DRCOG Board action.
 - Boulder County Subregional Forum TAC is tasked with evaluating and recommending by vote of list of 10 projects by the due date in October, 2025. Vote will be taken at next TAC meeting in September 2025.
 - Suggestion to compile list of projects in priority order intended for CDOT to submit. Put US highways at top of the list of requested projects for CDOT to submit. Boulder County will send a list of nine projects to CDOT R4 staff for consideration.
 - Discussion of projects and suggestions of new projects for the Forum list. Suggestion to consult the Boulder County Transportation Sales Tax list of projects. Group requested to email additional suggestions.
 - Clarifications:
 - NW Rail project would need to be submitted by RTD.
 - There is no limit on number of submittals from CDOT and RTD
 - US 36 North Foothills Parkway project includes a bikeway, intersection improvements, and wildlife crossing.
 - NAMS corridors are a high priority for our region.
 - The Broadway Transit Improvement project is being carried out in phases.
 - For a project to be eligible for funding, it needs to be a “regionally significant” roadway for air quality and in DRCOG regional roadway system (RRS). Sanchez can review the eligibility criteria at another meeting.
 - BRT extension project to I-25 had been submitted from SW Weld County. Sanchez will confirm which agency (SW Weld County, CDOT Region 4) will re-submit.

Potential List of Projects:

Boulder County Forum jurisdictions can submit up to 10 projects

Eligible to Resubmit:

1. CO 66 Lyons to Hover
2. CO 66 Main St/US 287 to East County Line Rd
3. Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
4. McCaslin Regional Trail: Rock Creek Pkwy to CO 128
5. St Vrain Greenway
6. CO 42
7. US 36 North Foothills
8. South Boulder Rd
9. US 287: Larimer to US 36
10. US 36 (28th St) & CO 93 (Broadway) Boulder Transit Improvements
11. CO 93: CO 58 to CO 170- previously submitted by Jefferson County
12. NW Rail- probably needs to be submitted by RTD
13. CO 119 BRT Extension to I-25- could be submitted by Weld County

Other projects of interest to us:

1. North I-25 BRT: DUS To CO 119

Already carried over/ in-progress/ complete (don't need to resubmit)

1. CO 66 Hover to Main St/ US 287
2. CO 7 BAT Lane conversion in Boulder
3. CO 7 Boulder to Brighton
4. CO 119 BRT

5) DRCOG Small Area Forecasts

Presentation by Feldman of a small-area forecast of population, household, and jobs from 2020-2050 draws on US Census Block level and county-level data through the Department of Local Affairs.

Use a land use model called UrbanSim that can account for shift in household demographics such as increased average age of household. Main inputs into the model are zoning, undevelopable land, and future housing numbers (full build-out potential) from CoStar and Zonda, and information from local jurisdictions to produce a prediction of capacity of housing and jobs.

Model can miss projects under final stage of construction.

Data available for download from the DRCOG Data, Maps, & Modeling web site in shape file format from Census block group web map and transportation analysis zone (TAZ) map.

Housing in Transit Oriented Communities legislation (HB24-1313) will affect zoning map but isn't yet integrated into the model. DRCOG will wait for modifications to local comprehensive plans. Zach doesn't expect a huge shift in the forecasts as a result.

5) CDOT, RTD, DRCOG Updates

- a. CDOT: n/a
- b. RTD:
 - FasTracks report will be presented to RTD Board in September 2025
 - Bus stop inventory report will be available in fall.
 - Low-floor light rail train feasibility study is beginning.
 - Progress report of the System Optimization Plan will be finished fall 2025.
- c. DRCOG: n/a

7) Municipal Updates

City of Boulder TIP projects:

- East Arapahoe Multi-Use Path Study is wrapping up.
- Downtown Boulder Station expansion project event in September.

Town of Lyons TIP project:

- Opening event for path and bridge project connecting the town to US 36 along Saint Vrain River.

Confirmation of primary and alternate representatives for the Boulder County Subregional Forum:

- Boulder County: Claire Levy – Commissioner, Ashley Stolzman - Commissioner
- City of Boulder: Nicole Speer – City Council Member, Ryan Schuchard – City Council Member
- City of Longmont: Major Joan Peck, vacant - will be Transportation Program Manager
- Town of Superior: Neal Shah - Council Member (neals@superiorcolorado.gov), Mike Foster – Council Member (mikef@superiorcolorado.gov)
- City of Lafayette: Brian Wong – Mayor Pro tem (Brian.Wong@lafayetteco.gov), David Fridland – Council Member (david.fridland@lafayetteco.gov)
- Town of Erie: Emily Baer - Council Member, Brandon Bell - Mayor Pro Tem
- Town of Lyons: Hollie Rogin - Mayor, Victoria Simonsen - Town Administrator
- Town of Nederland: (primary?, Jonathan Cain - Town Administrator)
- City of Louisville: (absent – Boulder County staff will follow up)