



Community Planning & Permitting

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Boulder County DRCOG Subregional Forum TAC

March 16, 2026, 1 – 2:30 PM

Meeting Summary

1. Welcome and Introductions

a. Attendance:

- BCTC: Darcy Kitching
- Boulder County: Alex Hyde-Wright, Nick Aguilera, Paul Kwiatkowski, Akia Pichon, Landon Hilliard, Angel Bond, Danny Herrmann
- City of Boulder: Jean Sanson, Gerrit Slatter
- City of Lafayette: Leslie Ewy
- City of Longmont: Cammie Edson
- City of Louisville: Samma Fox
- Commuting Solutions: Audrey DeBarros
- CU-Boulder: n/a
- CDOT: Dee McIntosh, Katrina Klobberdanz
- DRCOG: Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Todd Cottrell, Carolyn Klamm
- RTD: Chris Quinn
- Town of Nederland: Britt DeMinck, Cass Grady
- Town of Erie: John Firouzi
- Town of Lyons: n/a
- Town of Superior: Brannon Richards
- Nelson-Nygaard consultants: Jennifer Wieland, Paul Lutey

2. Public Comment

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

3. Linking Boulder County Update and Discussion (Countywide Transit Plan)

- ##### **a. Week of March 9 discussion with assortment of partners and committees**
- ##### **b. Draft vision statement**
- i. In Boulder County, transit is not just transportation: it is a right. By providing high-quality, equitable, and dignified transit services, we

- expand access to more destinations, support our community's health and wellbeing, and create a more resilient Boulder County.
- c. Four draft goals of desired outcomes and examples of metrics for each
 - i. Connected, Competitive, Sustainable, Equitable
- d. Comments received about Vision Statement's language:
 - i. Use "essential" or "integral" rather than "right" transit system
 - ii. Define the meaning of "high-quality"
 - iii. Add importance of safety
 - iv. Emphasize that improving transit has benefits for the entire community
- e. Public comments about language of goals
 - i. Combine "connected" and "equity"
 - ii. Importance of reliability
- f. Discussion prompts
 - i. How well do the goals and desired outcomes capture what you hope this plan will achieve?
 - ii. What value would you place on different goals? Which one might be most important for your jurisdiction?
- g. Discussion
 - i. DeBarros: Appreciates the progress to date. Focus on economic justice and the needs of most vulnerable in the community. Analysis of bus stops with findings that a percentage do not meet accessibility standards. Goal of safe access to bus stops.
 - ii. Sanson: State the vision with an affirmative tone and center it on people as much as possible.
 - iii. Kitching: Agree about affirming language and fantastic work so far. Emphasize the goal of the "competitive." Make transit desirable and the preferred option to personal vehicles/ SOV vehicles as a way to support a shift in modes. For the "equitable" goal, add language for a transportation goal.
 - iv. Slatter: Recent trip to Norway and ease of using the transit system. There's a barrier in Boulder about how to use the transit system. Perhaps define "accessibility" as not only for ADA compliance but also for anyone new to transit to go where you need to go.
- h. Draft principles to inform investments in transit. Think about trade-offs.
 - i. Improving existing services – frequency, meet the demand with appropriate level of service
 - ii. Respond to change in general travel patterns (not only transit) to align service with greater amount of mid-day and weekend travel
 - iii. Expand the network – demand continues to change as county and front range region grows. Access to recreation is included.
 - iv. Develop a high-capacity transit services on main corridors with more "premium" services such as BRT or BRT – lite.

- v. Make transit easier to use – simplify the coordination and consistency of information of 12 service providers in county and navigation by users
 - vi. Improve access to transit – improved bus stop amenities and associated first-and-final-mile connections with promise of micromobility
- i. Key connections in Boulder County with maps show where people are traveling
 - i. Assumed regional transit enhancements with Diagonal Flyer and Brighton to Boulder Flyer, and passenger rail lines
 - ii. Longmont and southeast communities directly with links to Erie and DIA
 - iii. Better connection with Weld County, particularly from Longmont
 - iv. From Weld County to City of Boulder directly
 - v. Better connections of communities in southeast county
 - vi. Mountain connections between Nederland and Gilpin County
 - vii. Identify ten county corridors for more frequent and reliable transit (see themes 6-10)
 - viii. US 36 and CO 119
 - ix. Broadway in Boulder
 - x. Boulder to SE community
 - xi. Boulder and US 36 including Denver Airport
 - xii. Longmont to Boulder to mountains (for recreation too)
- j. Discussion prompts:
 - i. How well do the key regional connections meet the needs you hear from your community? What’s missing?
 - ii. Recognizing that we can’t do everything in every location, which populations or geographies need to be prioritized?
- k. Discussion:
 - i. Firouzi: What connections have been considered with rail to the RTD N Line and even local future streetcar networks. Hyde-Wright: Not looked at this yet. Quinn: RTD study from several years ago found challenges with using UP RR as a future transit corridor.
 - ii. Firouzi: What kind of market analysis has been done to identify the high-frequency and reliability corridors and options for service providers or buying up service from RTD. Lutey: Haven’t gotten to this level of analysis. Hyde-Wright: RTD might revive the buy-up service option and will have results from the Comprehensive Operations Assessment.
 - iii. DeBarros: If we want to prioritize the most vulnerable in our community, then it would be good to prioritize the bus stop experience, ADA compliance, etc. 96th Street from Lafayette,

Louisville to Broomfield/US 36 is a part of NAMS. How does this corridor fit into the Key Connections?

- l. Coming up: In March and April 2026, meetings with advisory committees, publish the State of Transit Report, Refine vision and goals.

4. Rescheduling Boulder County Subregional Forum meetings to the 1st Mon of the month

- a. For 2026, Forum meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of alternating months.
- b. What does group think about shifting Forum TAC to the first Monday of month to be ahead of the Forum? It appears that the change is acceptable and Hyde-Wright will email a confirmation of this and welcome comments from anyone for whom the new day is difficult.

5. Forum Representatives

- a. Boulder County call for updates to list of Forum representatives and Forum alternates. Ewy and DeMinck will pass along the request to Lafayette and Nederland elected officials, respectively.

6. CDOT, RTD, DRCOG Updates

- a. DRCOG (Cottrell): Development of FY 2029-32 TIP is beginning and will be brought to DRCOG TAC in April. Board work session upcoming about the regional share call for projects. Adoption of the TIP Policy documents by January 2027.
- b. RTD (Quinn): Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA), the follow up to the current System Optimization Plan (SOP) beginning soon. Consultant team includes Jarrett Walker + Associates and Fehr&Peers, with extended public participation anticipated.

7. Municipal Updates

- a. Town of Erie (Firouzi):
 - i. Erie Bee demand responsive transit service will begin in April 2026, to be operated by Via Mobility Services.
- b. City of Boulder (Slatter):
 - i. Construction of Phase 2 of Baseline Road Transportation Safety Project (30th St to Foothills Pkwy) will begin spring 2026. Funded through DRCOG TIP.
 - ii. Construction of Broadway Transit Improvements Project (transit lanes at Regent, Table Mesa Dr) to occur summer 2026.