



Community Planning & Permitting

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Boulder County DRCOG Subregional Forum TAC April 21, 2026, 2 – 3:30 PM

Meeting Summary

1. Welcome and Introductions

Attendance by Agency:

- Boulder Chamber Transportation Connections: Darcy Kitching
- Boulder County: Alex Hyde-Wright, Akia Pichon, Landon Hilliard
- City of Boulder: Jean Sanson, Danny O'Connor
- City of Lafayette: Michelle Melonakis
- City of Longmont: Cammie Edson, Alex Donaldson
- City of Louisville: Samma Fox, Jon Williams
- Commuting Solutions: Audrey DeBarros
- CU Boulder: Clark Rider
- CDOT: Josie Thomas
- DRCOG: Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Todd Cottrell, Josh Schwenk, Erik Braaten
- RTD: Chris Quinn
- Town of Nederland: n/a
- Town of Erie: John Firouzi
- Town of Lyons: Kim Mitchell
- Town of Superior: Brannon Richards
- Nelson-Nygaard (Linking Boulder County consultant team): Jennifer Wieland, Paul Lutey

2. Public Comment- No public comment provided.

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

Hyde-Wright, Wieland, and Lutey presented.

Discussion on updated Transit Vision:

- Boulder: This generally feels like you're reflecting the suggestions we've made. We've gotten lots of feedback about need for day-to-day destinations; these are

shorter trips, but they aren't shown on the countywide map. Will need to show how we are reflecting desire for more intra-community transit as well. Will be increased community interest for connections to/from Front Range Passenger Rail now that this has some real momentum.

- Lafayette: You have done good job listening to us. Want to keep focus on US 287 commute from parts north into Westminster. Want to reiterate we are still leaning on the assumed transit improvements (grey lines on the vision map).
- CU-Boulder: What about Boulder-Golden? Hear about this from CU students.
- Longmont: what about CO 66 in from Weld? New transit hub near US 287 & CO 66. SE Boulder County already has airport service (Route AB). Be clear these are provisional routes, not set in stone.
- Erie: RTD has similar routes on many of these lines... how are we addressing the gaps? Better define local, county, and regional. Need to acknowledge when/where/why there is overlap of providers in some cases.
- Longmont: How does this map slot in in between RTD's efforts (COA) and local/municipal plans. Might help to show the county boundary a little darker on this map.

Discussion on Draft Evaluation Criteria to be used to evaluate Scenarios.

- Erie: How are we reflecting future conditions and projected growth in these criteria? How would we use transit to support build-out of our communities?
 - Response: we could adjust criteria to use both current and future population. Could do this for current and future jobs as well.
- Longmont: How are we covering aging demographics? In 10-15 years, will be demographic shifts.
 - Response: Could look at integrating older adults into 4b.
- Lafayette: Have we factored in school aged kids riding buses? Ability for kids to get to schools they've open enrolled to?
 - Response: We sort of get at this with several metrics, but right now none explicitly.
- Boulder: How do transit priority investments factor into scenarios?
 - Response: These would vary by scenario. Would not be the same across all scenarios. 45 min vs 60 min job access... where are those coming from?
- Any comments to address before Forum meeting, need by April 30.

4. RTD Partnership Program Applications

Applications to be submitted by Forum TAC agencies:

- City of Longmont: Applying for additional funding to continue "Ride Longmont" demand responsive transit service

- Commuting Solutions & City of Louisville: Applying for funding for new demand-responsive transit service to connect new Redtail Ridge development, including hospital relocating in '29
- Town of Erie: Applying for third of funding for Erie Bee (new demand-responsive service)

5. Call for May 2026 Forum Agenda Items

6. CDOT, RTD, DRCOG Updates

- a. Tabled to future Forum TAC Meeting

7. Municipal Updates

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