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Boulder County DRCOG Subregional Forum TAC July 20, 2026, 1 – 2:30 PM

Meeting Summary

1. Welcome and Introductions

Attendees:

- Boulder Chamber Transportation Connections: Elaine Erb
- Boulder County: Alex Hyde-Wright, Paul Kwiatkowski, Akia Pichon, Nick Aguilera, Kelly Leadbetter, Landon Hilliard
- City of Boulder: Jean Sanson, Danny O'Connor
- City of Lafayette: Michelle Melonakis
- City of Longmont: Cammie Edson
- City of Louisville: Samma Fox
- Commuting Solutions: Audrey DeBarros
- CU Boulder: Clark Rider
- CDOT: Amanda Cabot
- DRCOG: Todd Cottrell, Jacob Riger, Josh Schwenk, Erik Braaten
- RTD: Doug Monroe
- Town of Nederland: Britt DeMinck, Cass Grady
- Town of Erie: John Firouzi
- Town of Lyons: Justin Doles
- Town of Superior: Brannon Richards

The group reviewed the following Forum roster. No updates were provided; staff are requested to email any updates to Hyde-Wright.

Current Forum Roster:

Jurisdiction	Forum (PAC) Member	Forum (PAC) Alternate
Boulder	Nicole Speer	Ryan Schuchard
Boulder County	Claire Levy	Ashley Stolzmann
Erie	Emily Baer	Brandon Bell
Lafayette	Saul Tapia Vega	
Longmont	Susie Hidalgo-Fahring	Cammie Edson
Louisville	Judi Kern	Josh Cooperman
Lyons		Victoria Simonsen
Nederland		Jonathan Cain
Superior	Neal Shah	Mike Foster

2. Public Comment

- a. No public comments provided.

3. DRCOG FY29-32 Transportation Improvement Program (Todd Cottrell)

- a. Cottrell presented overview of upcoming FY 29-32 TIP schedule. Policy updates regarding Regional Share criteria based on discussion with TAC groups and DRCOG Board of Director members will be made in 2026 and with final approval of amendments in December 2026. Preparations for TIP adoption in 2028 with approval by Board of Directors by August 2028.
 - i. Regional Call: January – March, 2027 for 8-10 weeks for TIP Regional call. Exact dates will be announced with comment period of 30 days afterward in April 2027. Regional Share criteria: The proposal to limit regional share applications to one or two Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) goals will not be pursued.
 - ii. Subregional Call: Expected August – Oct 2027 for 8-10 weeks with recommendations made by Subregional Forum in Nov-Dec 2027. Details to come.
- b. Cottrell presented overview of Upcoming DRCOG TAC agenda topics:
 - i. July: MMOF funding
 - ii. August: Funding targets and criteria for Subregional Share
 - iii. Aug – Sept: Develop application questions
- c. Cottrell presented over of changes for TIP applications, MPO boundary:
 - i. Provide new TIP training video series for the 2029-2032 cycle
 - ii. New TIP web page coming on Open Point
 - iii. Boundary of DRCOG MPO now include Gilpin County and Clear Creek County
 - iv. TIP application will be offered online in place of former Word format

- v. Active Transportation projects: A baseline walk audit and ongoing counts may be required
- d. Cottrell provided overview of anticipated funding: Forecast based on current funding with unknowns due to Federal transportation bill expiring Sept 2026. All numbers are expected to change.
 - i. Value of \$86M for FY 2028 with extension of the 2024-27 Set Aside for extra year of 2028.
 - ii. Value of \$407M that is subject to change for FY 2029-2032
 - 1. Carbon Reduction Funds (CRF) will likely be eliminated
 - 2. CMAQ and STBG will remain in place and might back fill loss of CRF
 - 3. Current funding for MMOF cut by 40% and will not be available FY 2028-2030
 - iii. Forecast \$338M total for combined Regional of \$68M + Subregional of \$270M
 - iv. Boulder County Subregion can expect 9.92% of Subregional funding to be reduced to a range of between 9.45% - 9.64%, that is, approximately \$25 million
- e. Discussion:
 - i. Hyde-Wright: If surface transportation bill is funded by stopgap measure, how will this affect the forecasted funding levels? Cottrell responds that “anything is possible” with respect to funding.
 - ii. Firouzi: Will DRCOG scoring tool be available to test the quality of grant proposal? Cottrell: No direct test scoring available. Hyde-Wright: In previous call, we vetted potential Subregional share applications with one page summaries.
 - iii. Alex Hyde-Wright: Is Subregional Forum allowed to make amendments to the Subregional Forum application and due date for recommendations? Cottrell: Yes; due date summer 2027.
 - iv. Regional Share Call for Projects Brainstorming: Boulder County Forum can submit up to three applications for Regional Share. These need to be approved by our Forum by December 2026 – January 2027. The group will return to these at every meeting for the duration of 2026. Potential applications:
 - 1. Hyde-Wright: Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
 - 2. Hyde-Wright: CO 7. Will be discussed at future CO 7 staff meetings. Sanson: Revised Corridor Development Plan may provide ideas for consideration.
 - 3. DeBarros: Bus stop improvements based on the Countywide Strategic Transit Plan. Cottrell: Use Regional or Subregional Share if applying as unlikely DRCOG will have bus stop-specific set aside; but federalizing project could be difficult due to many locations.

4. Sanson: CO 119 extension from Longmont to I-25
5. Sanson: US 36 North Foothills Bikeway. Hyde-Wright: Might be better subregional project as limits are entirely within our county.

4. RTD Potential Service Cuts, Comprehensive Operations Analysis

- a. Monroe presented overview of Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) process. Public outreach planned for fall 2026 with presentation of Ridership and Coverage scenarios. Refer to presentation Monroe gave to Forum on July 6, 2026.
- b. Monroe presented overview of RTD Potential Service Cuts.
 - i. Staff has presented scenarios of service reductions at 5, 10, 15, 17.5, and 20% levels to help meet the overall goal of reducing the RTD budget by \$250M annually. RTD staff used service standards to develop service cut recommendations that were presented to RTD Committees. Full Board of Directors will take up recommendations at full meeting of July 28, 2026. Changes to service would be made in May 2027 runboard. Service cut scenarios were developed based on whether or not routes are meeting current standards.
 1. Finance & Planning Committee recommended a 0% service reduction and to find new sources of revenue such as fare increases.
 2. Safety & Operations Committee recommended a 10% service reduction.
 3. [Link to RTD meetings](#); tables of service reduction scenarios can be found in July 14 and July 15, 2026 meetings.
 4. For May 2027 cuts, service change public process will be spring 2027.
 - ii. Discussion:
 1. Richards: Will RTD Board consider the effect by geographic area and weight for each? For example, Superior is shown losing 228 and FlexRide service. Monroe: The Board will consider overall community effects once staff has presented a formal proposal of service changes.
 2. Edson: What level of cuts are aimed at Flex Rides? Monroe: Most are listed as “below standard.” Hyde-Wright: About two-thirds of FlexRide services district-wide are targeted for reductions.
 3. Firouzi: Given the timing of the TIP, how will the COA process be factored for deciding on TIP project proposals related to bus stop improvements? Hyde-Wright: Regional Share process will happen before COA recommendations are clear, but Subregional Share process will happen after COA decisions.

4. DeBarros: RTD will hire a micro-transit consultant in fall 2026 with initial focus on the geographic area of Denver South. RTD Partnership Program may be modified.
5. Sanson: Considering the timing of COA process and service reductions, would 2027 service reductions be considered the first phase of the COA implementation? Monroe: Yes, if the cuts are in lower range of 5-10% then it will be possible to implement early.
6. O'Connor: Are there easy or obvious adjustments to routes or efficiencies to be found that will reduce the effect of cuts? Monroe: Yes, duplicative service is a focus of the COA of those routes that can be paired down to save costs and continue providing adequate level of service and coverage for customers.
7. Hyde-Wright: If 2027 service cuts are less than 20%, would that change the reduction that will be assumed as part of the COA scenarios? Monroe: Not unless staff receive new direction from the Board; 20% cuts long term are still necessary for long term financial health.

5. Cadence of Subregional Forum TAC Meetings for duration of 2026

- a. Forum meetings: Every other month
- b. Forum TAC meetings: Every month
- c. No comments provided, will keep current cadence.

6. CDOT, RTD, DRCOG Updates

- a. No additional updates.

7. Municipal Updates

- a. City of Longmont: Edson provided updates that Regional bikeshare will debut in Longmont in August 2026. Edson expects a bus tour of Longmont's transportation facilities after the Sustainable Transportation Summit (08/25/2026)
- b. Next Meetings:
 - i. Forum TAC August 17, 2026 at 1pm
 - ii. Forum September 14, 2026 at 1pm