



Community Advisory Committee

Existing Conditions & Visioning

December 8, 2025



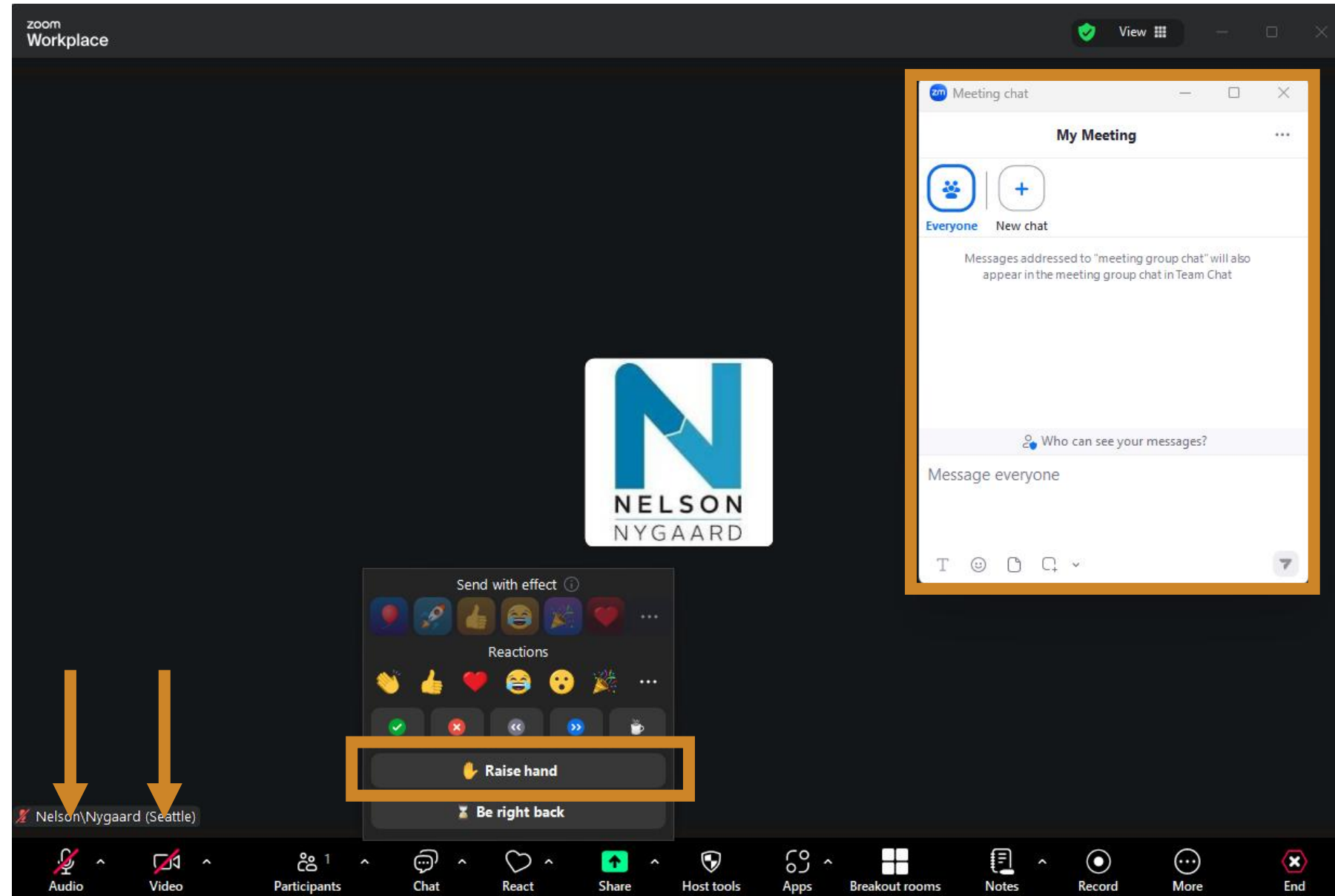
What We'll Cover Today

- 1 Welcome & Introductions
- 2 State of Transit: Early Findings
- 3 Forces of Change: Shaping a Vision
- 4 Next Steps & Questions



Using Zoom

- Mute to minimize background noise
- Keep video on if you're able
- Use the chat to ask questions or if you need technical support
- Raise your hand if you'd like to share something or have a longer question



How We'll Operate

- Take space, make space
- Stay present
- Strive to be on topic and on time
- Respect different opinions and perspectives
- Ask questions and stay curious





Welcome & Introductions

CAC Charter

Purpose

- Learn more about transit services in Boulder County
- Help identify what's needed in the future
- Advise on priorities and on key project milestones

Role

- Serve as liaisons
- Provide advice
- Champion equity
- Contribute fully
- Engage constructively



Community Advisory Committees (CAC) Project Charter

Committee Purpose

The Linking Boulder County Community Advisory Committees (CAC) will learn more about current transit services in and around Boulder County, help identify what types of transit services are needed today and in the future, and work with the project team to advise on transit priorities for Boulder County communities. The CAC is a forum for dialog, bringing together diverse perspectives that represent the people who live, work, and play in Boulder County. The CAC will help to ensure that the plan's recommendations reflect the needs and priorities of our community.

CAC Roles and Expectations

The CAC will meet six times between October 2025 and November 2026. Meetings will be a combination of in-person and virtual and will last approximately 90 minutes, with some review of materials between meetings. CAC members are expected to participate in all meetings and come prepared to contribute from their own experiences and perspectives. While the CAC is not a decision-making body, members' perspectives will guide the project, informing the vision and goals, transit improvement strategies, and final recommendations.

Be a Voice from and to the Community

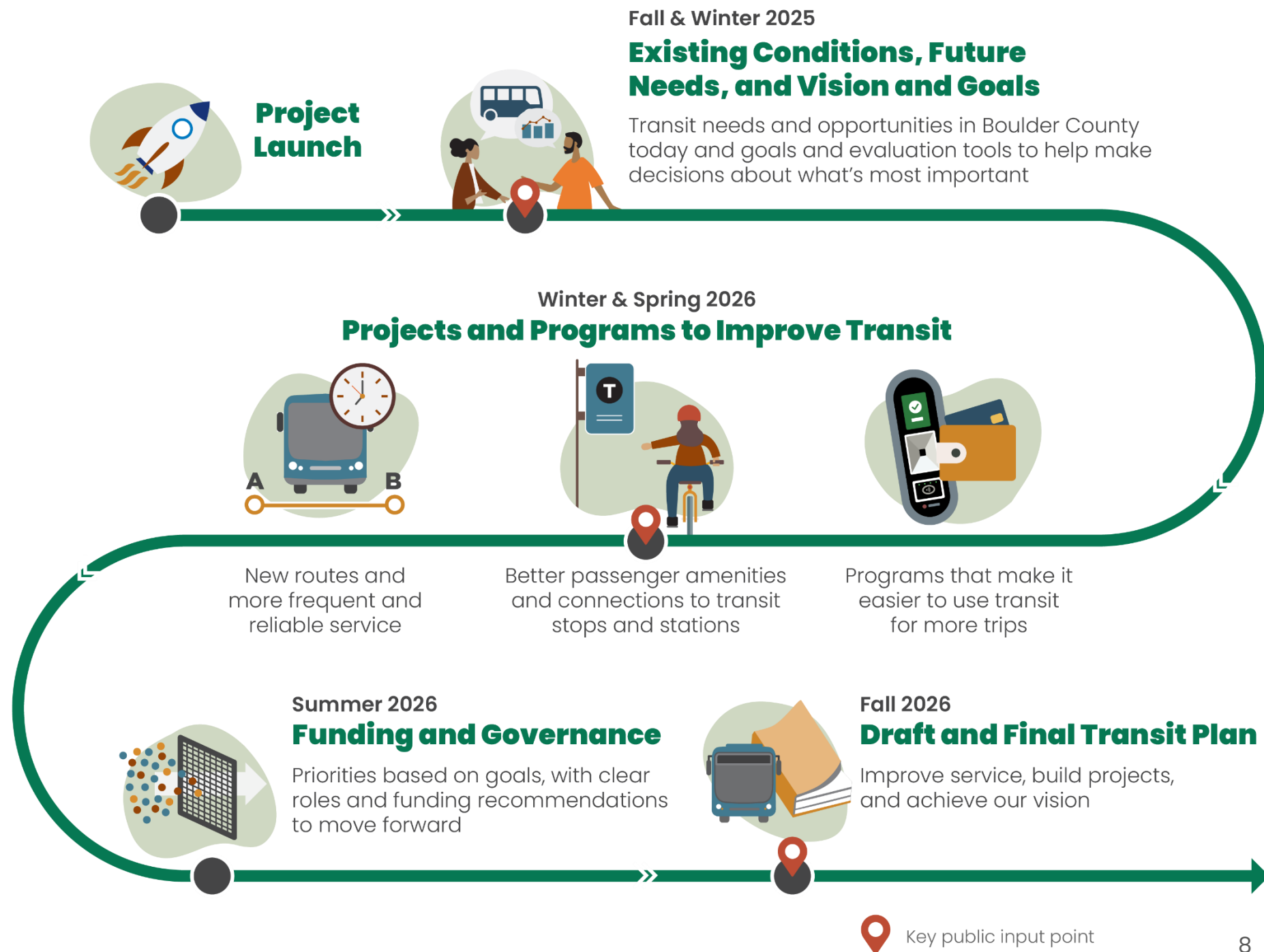
- CAC members **serve as liaisons** between the project and their communities or organizations. They represent the county's diversity and play a role in sharing information about our work.
- The CAC **provides advice** about key topics, serves as a sounding board for ideas, and offers suggestions for the project team to explore.
- CAC members **champion equity**, helping the project consider the needs of underrepresented or underserved communities, including low-

A Reminder: What We Mean by "Transit"



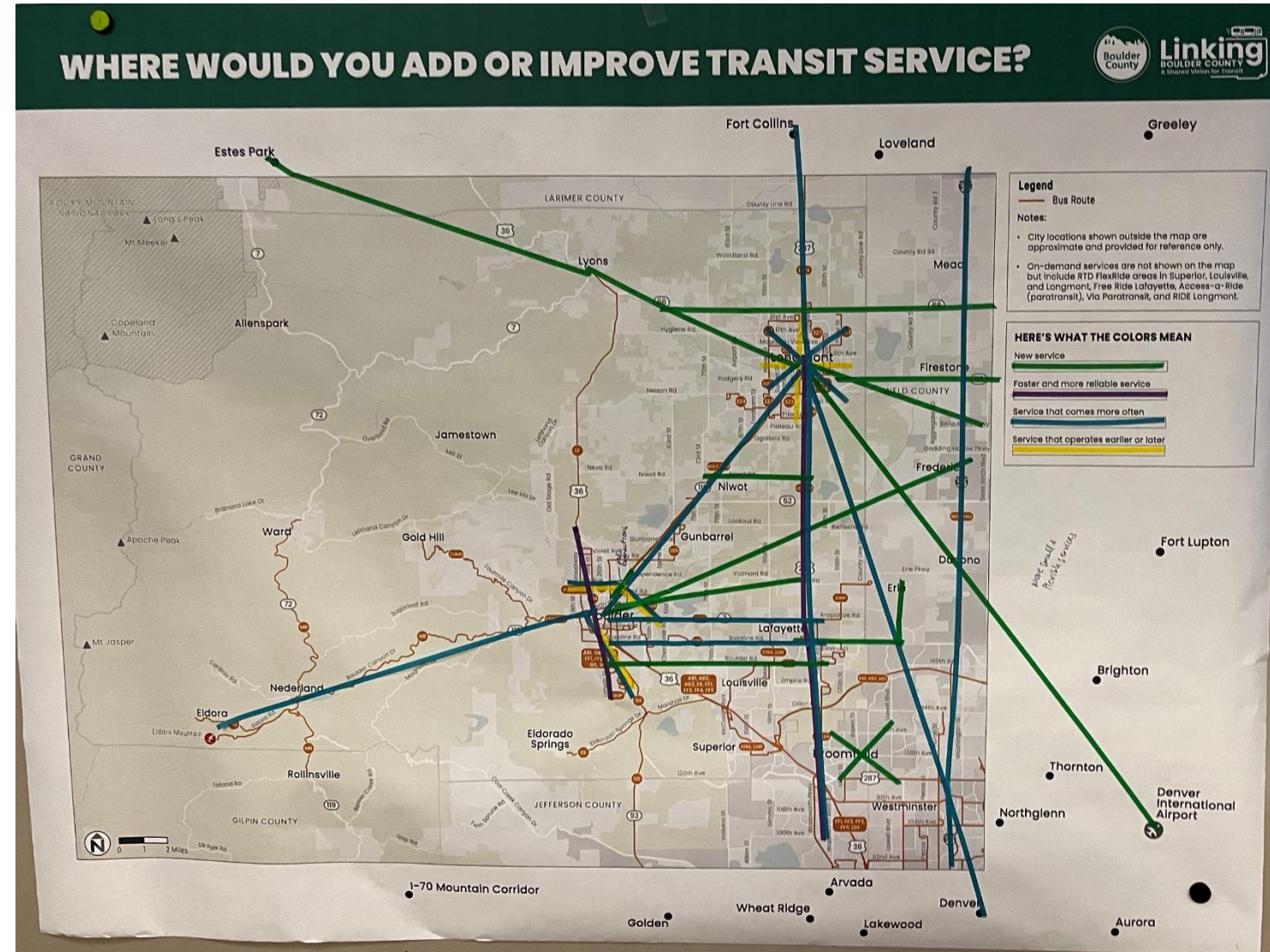
Our Work

- Outreach
- Field work
- Data analysis
- Best practices
- Transit strategies
- Scenarios
- Clear priorities
- Funding and phasing
- Implementation



CAC Meeting #1: Transit Needs

- Transit service today meets some needs very well. **However, it must serve commuters, students, and workers equally to be a travel mode of choice across Boulder County.** Connecting our cities and towns to the region will increase access to opportunity.
- Transit is not just transportation; **it is a right and a critical part of community life.** Many Spanish-language CAC members are from countries where transit is frequent and connected, and they feel that's what Boulder County needs.





State of Transit: Early Findings

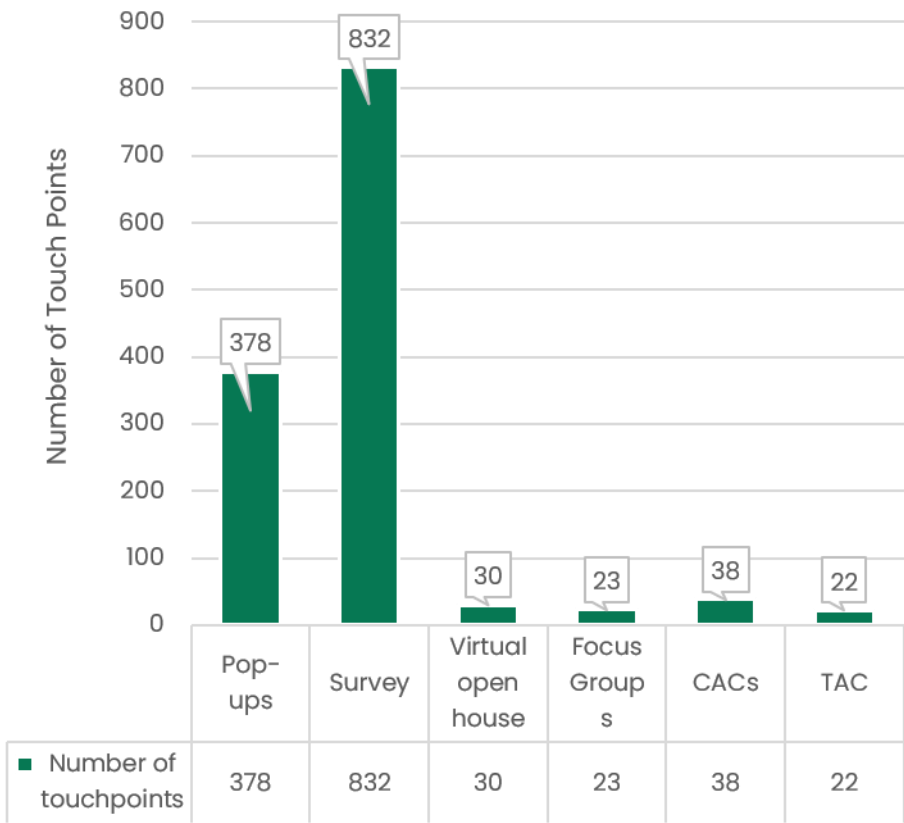
Phase 1 Outreach: Oct 15 to Nov 20

- Website launch
- Transit Needs survey
- 6 focus groups
- 5 pop-up events
- 1 virtual open house (Nov 6)
- 2 Community Advisory Committee meetings
- Email blasts
- Social and traditional media
- TransitApp marketing
- Share Kits for partners

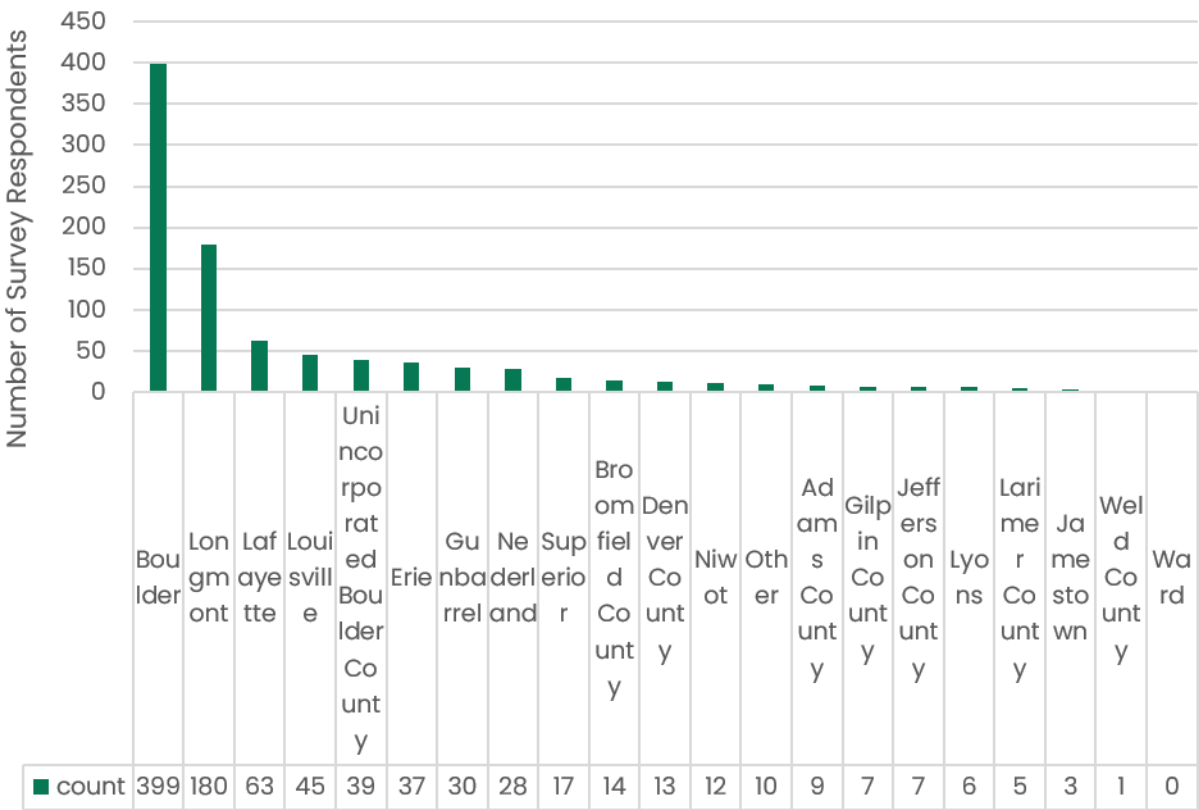


Who Participated: Activity & Location

Number of Touchpoints by Outreach Medium

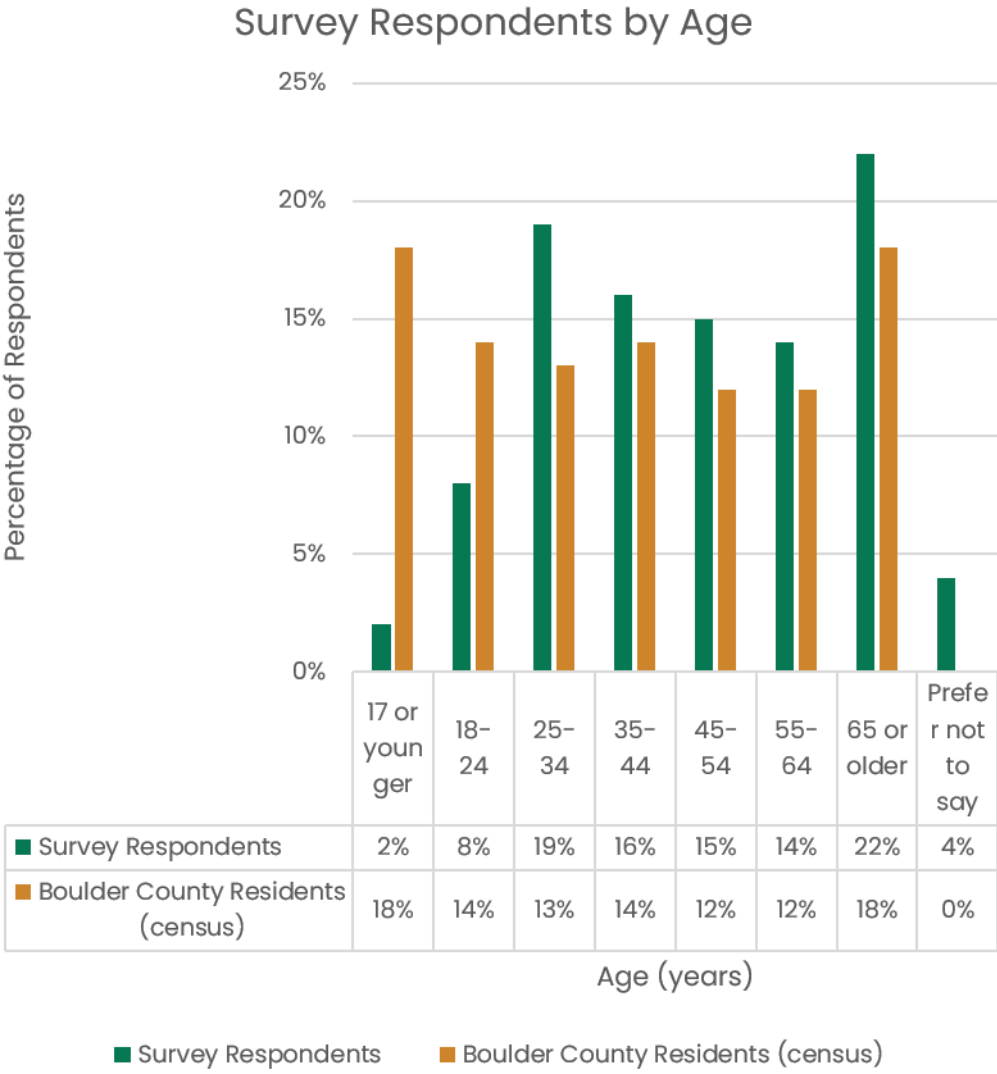
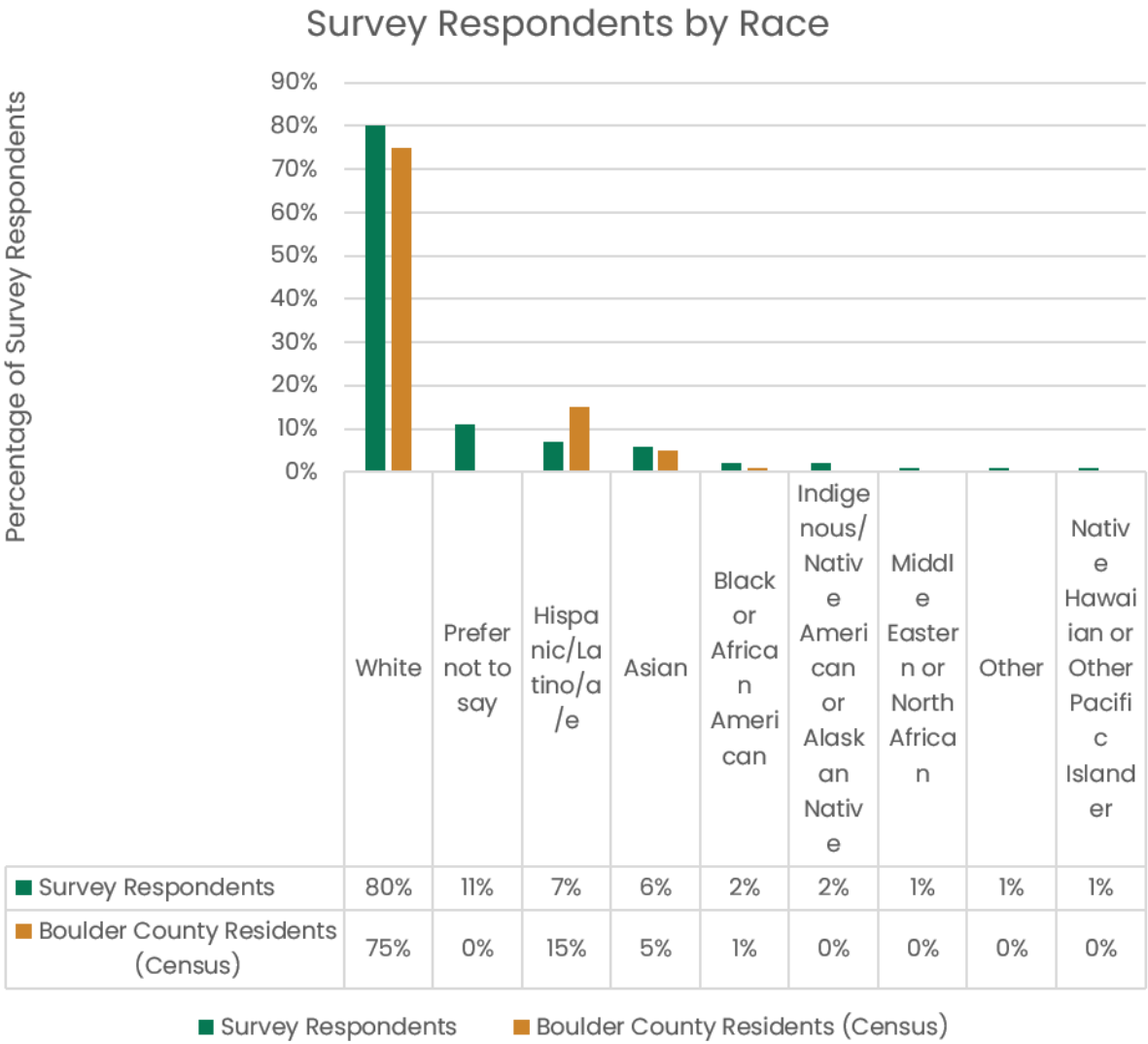


Survey Respondents by Home Location

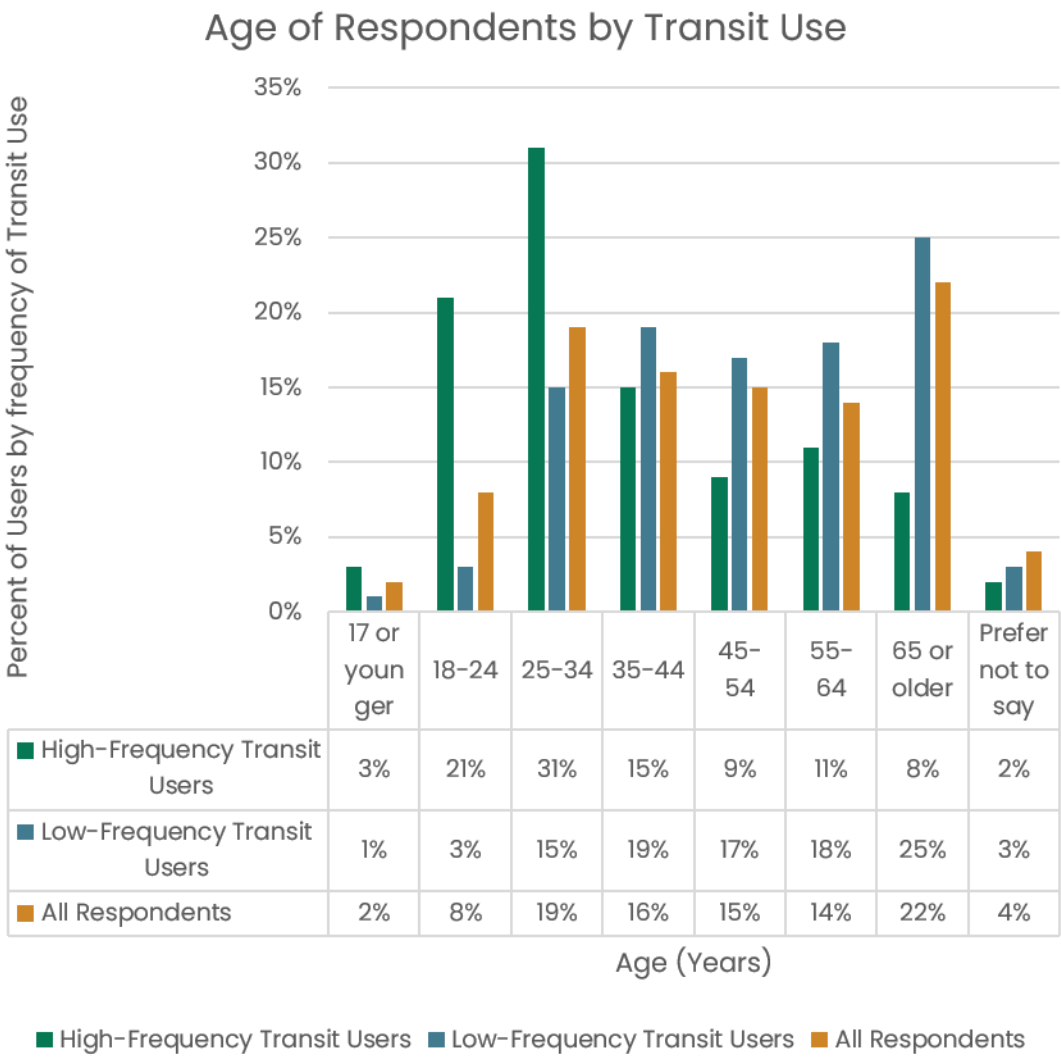
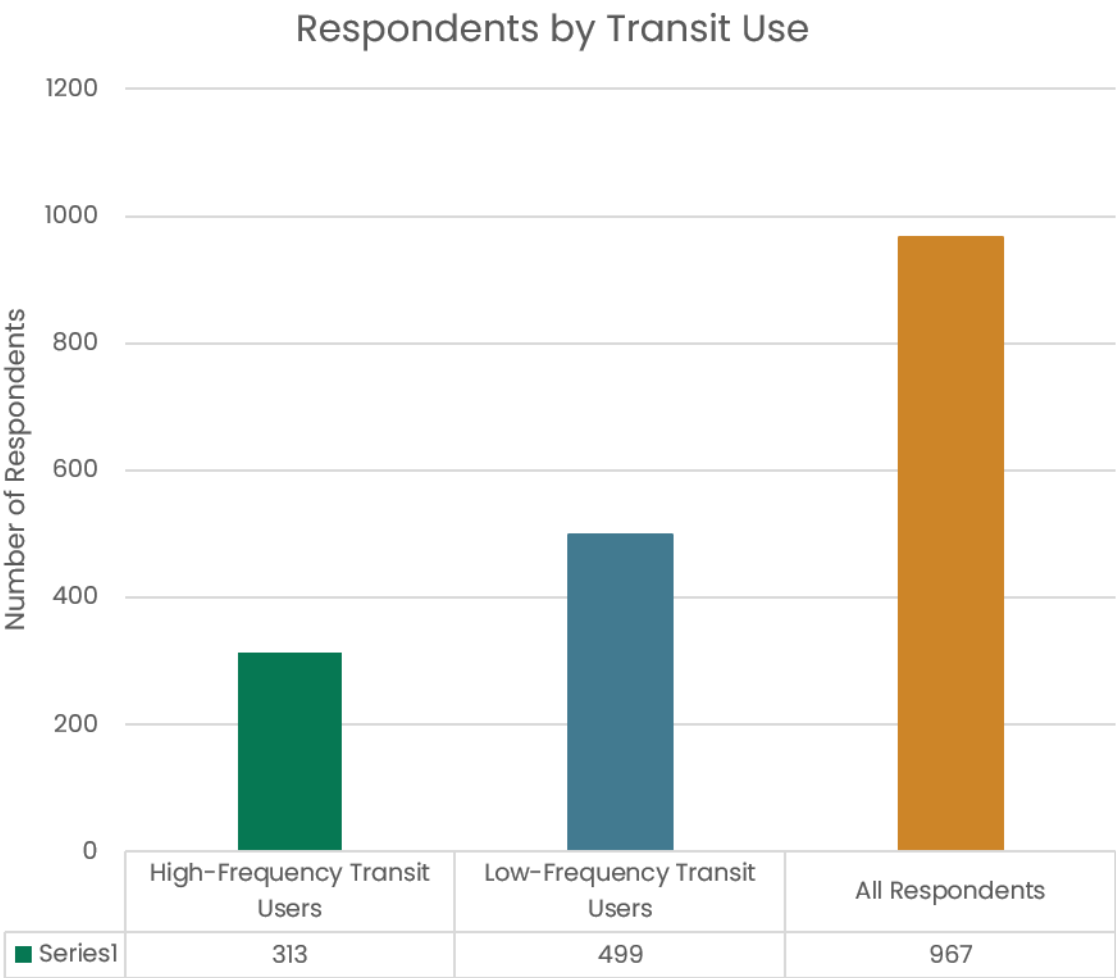


1,323 touchpoints across all Phase 1 activities

Who Participated: Race/Ethnicity & Age

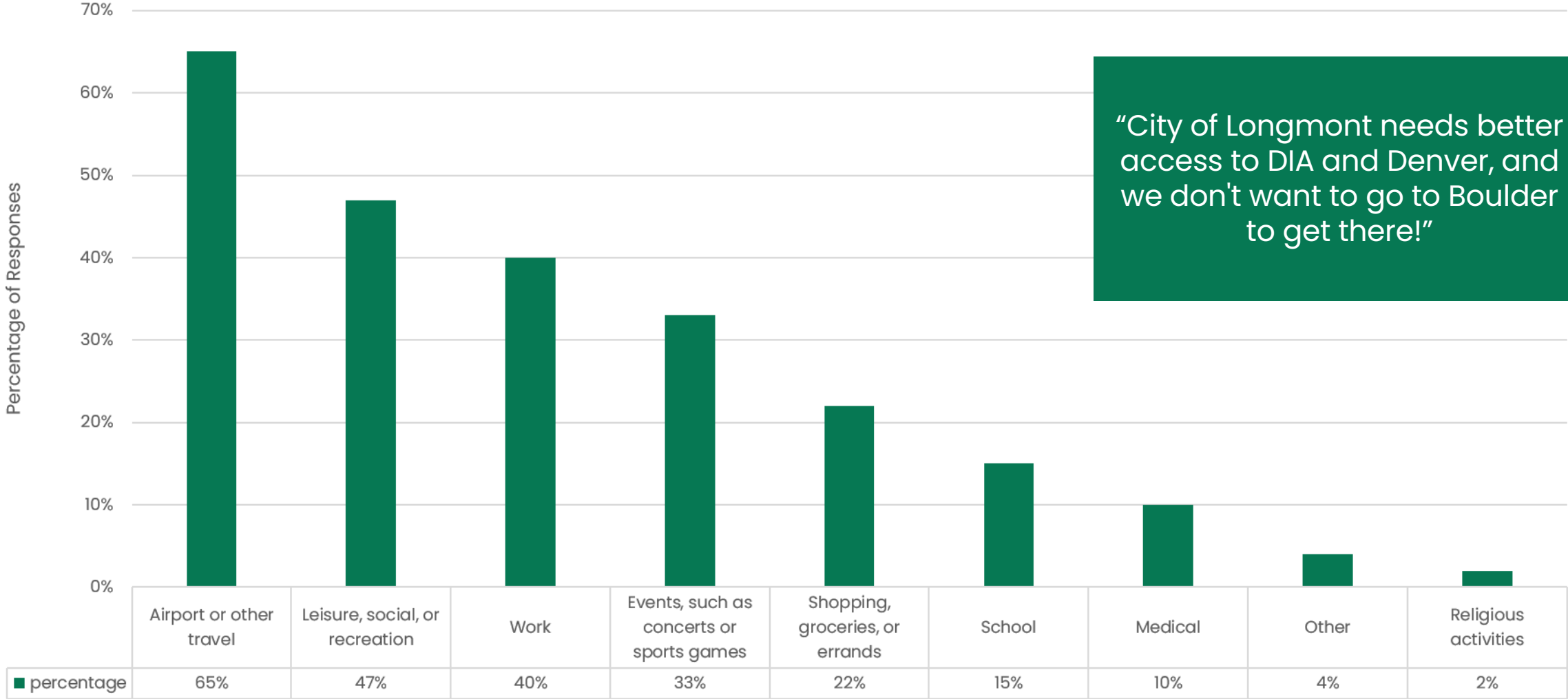


Who Participated: Current Transit Use

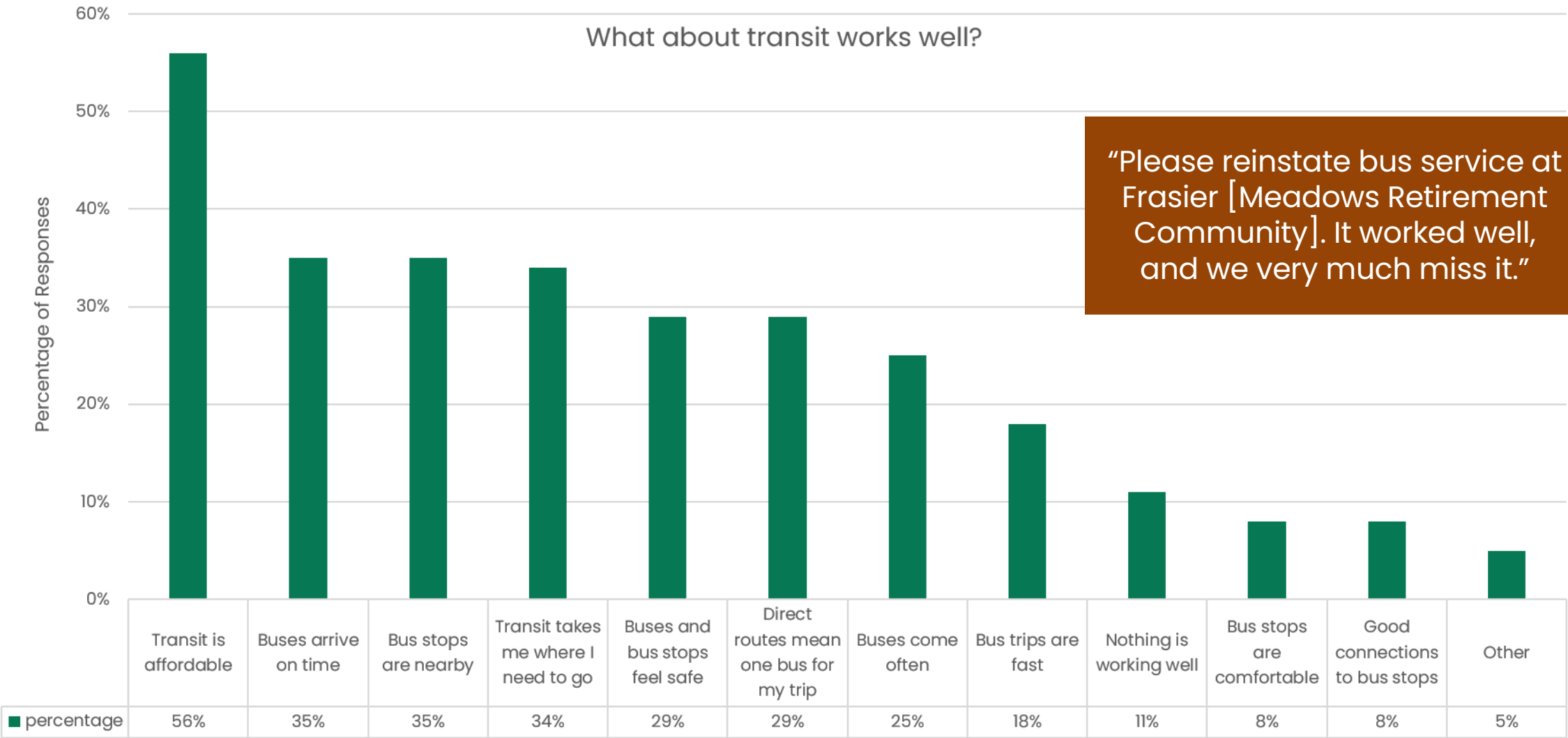


Transit Needs: Why People Ride Today

For what types of trips do you use transit today?

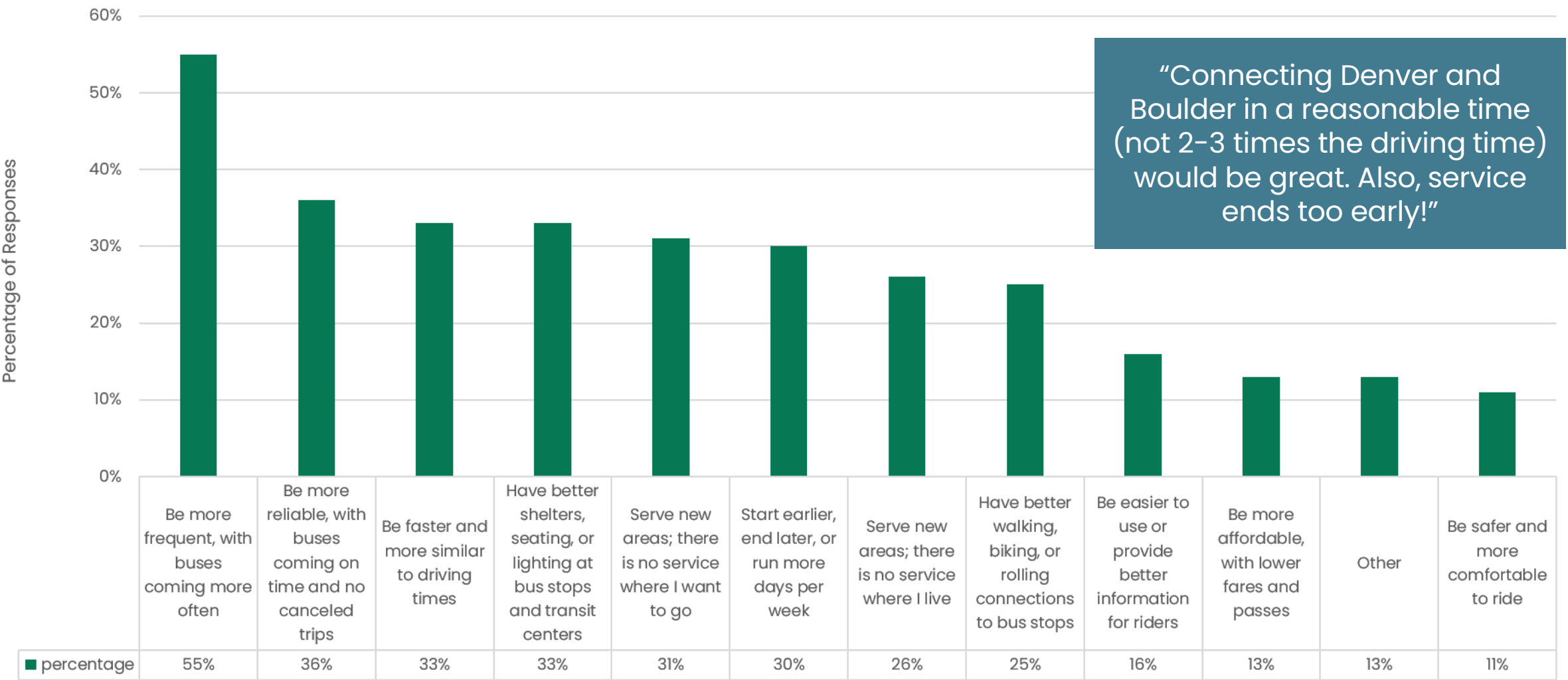


Transit Needs: What Works Well Today



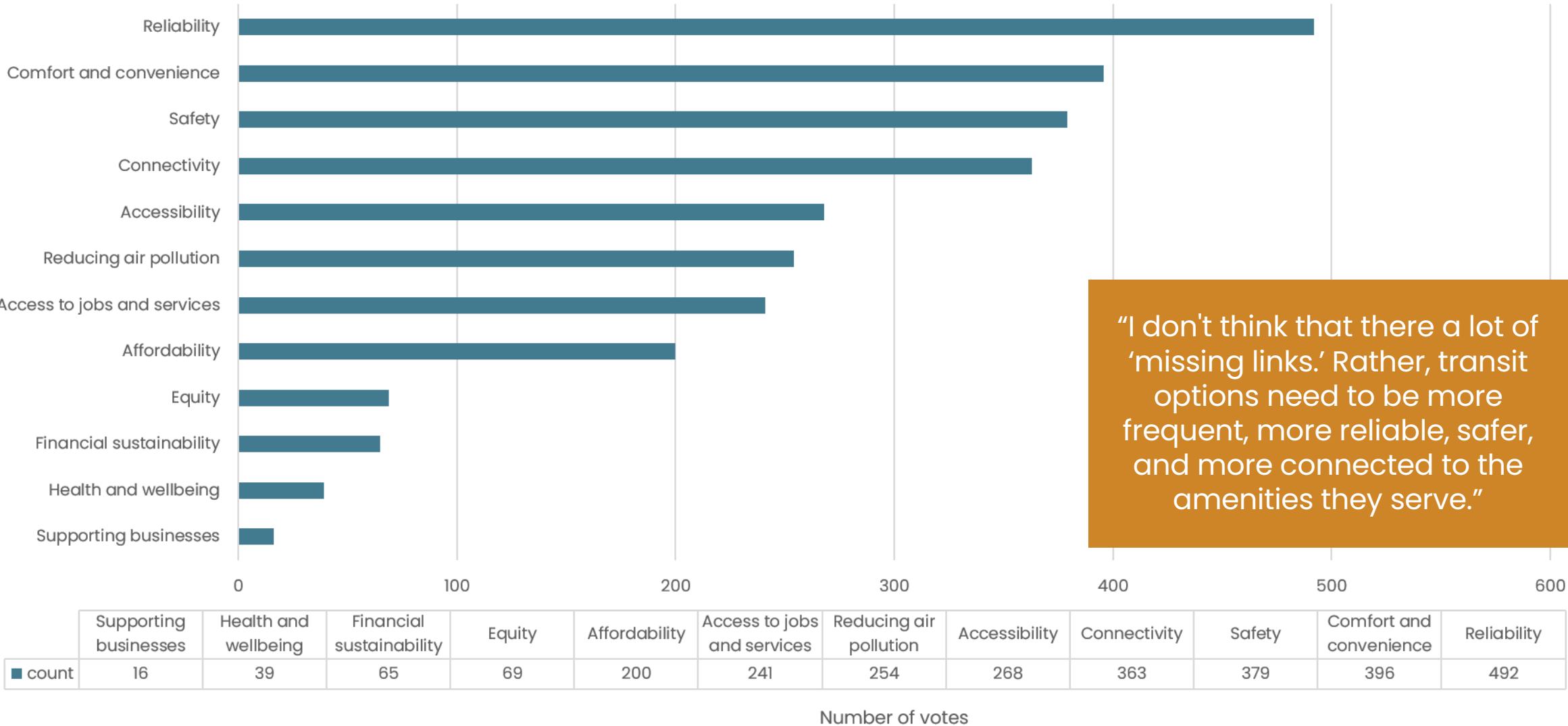
Transit Needs: Opportunities for Improvement

What about transit needs to be improved?



Transit Values: What Matters Most

What is most important to you when it comes to transit in Boulder County?



Survey Takeaways: Key Themes



All Respondents

- More frequent connections between Boulder-Longmont and Boulder-Denver
- Better and more reliable airport services
- Improved experience at stops and stations



Car-Free Respondents

- Safer biking, walking, and rolling connections
- Better access to daily destinations, such as grocery stores and schools
- More frequent service with less time waiting for buses



Non-White Respondents

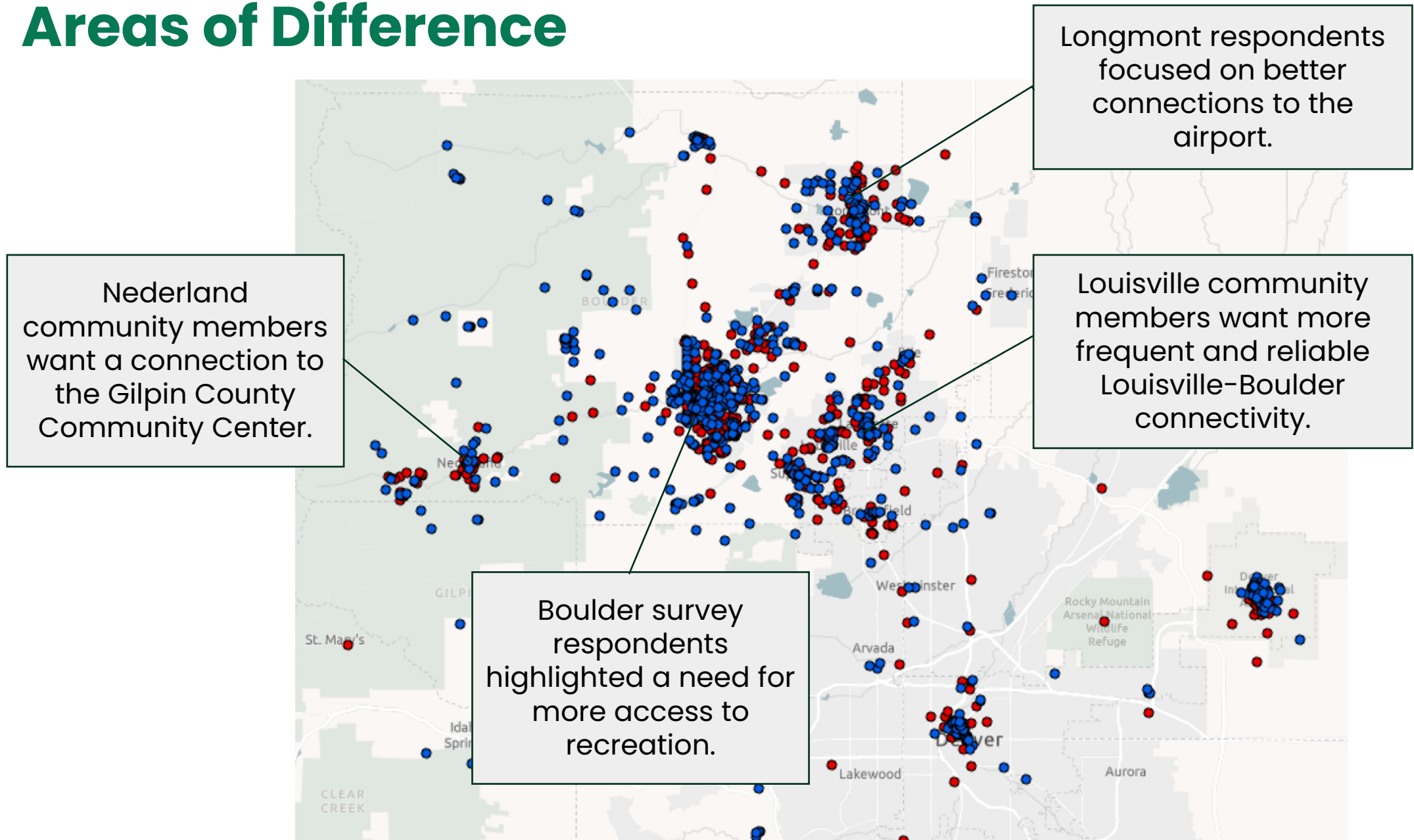
- More bus stops close to important destinations
- Better connectivity for short trips, especially when transfers are needed
- Improved intracity connections (vs regional)



Low-Income Respondents

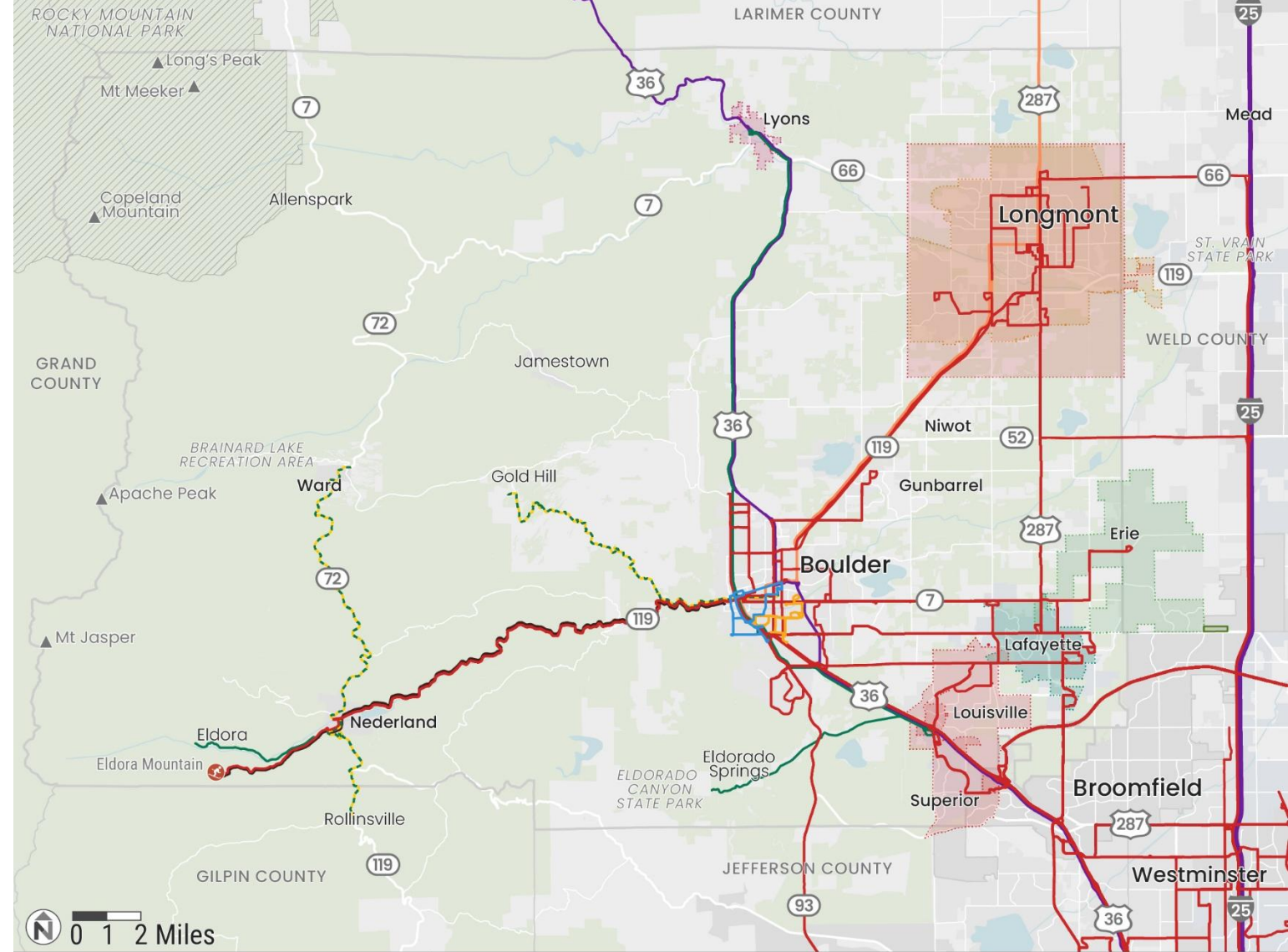
- More early-morning and late-night service for shift workers
- Direct routes to workplaces, grocery stores, and medical services
- More comfortable bus stops

Areas of Difference



Transit Services in Boulder County

- **54** separate routes/services
 - 24 fare-free
 - 30 fare-based
- **11** providers in Boulder County
- **5** public on-demand zones (+1 coming soon in Erie)
- **6** recreational/seasonal shuttles
- Multiple routes/services focused on the **CU-Boulder** campus
- **Paratransit** services provided throughout much of the county

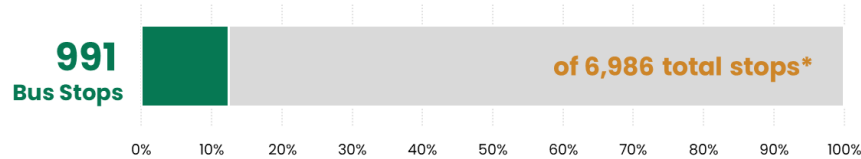


Existing Transit Service

Transit in Boulder County by Provider

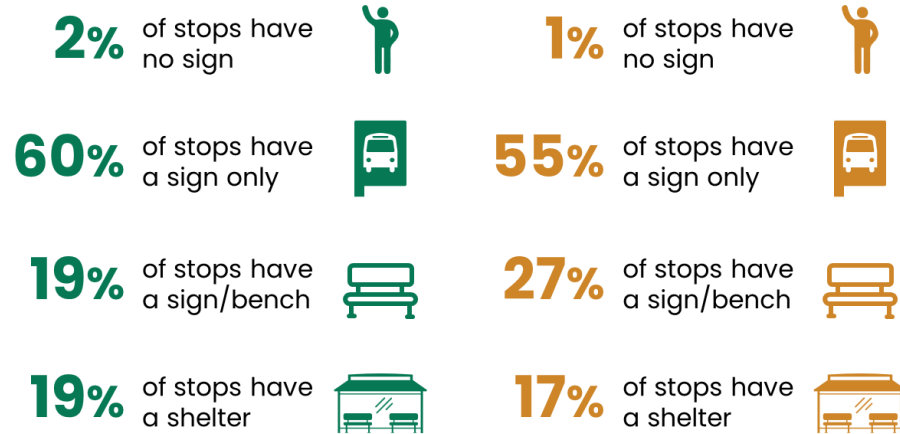
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| RTD | CDOT | Via Mobility Services |
| Boulder County | City of Longmont | |
| City of Boulder | Town of Erie | |
| CU Boulder | Town of Lyons | |
| Transfort | Eldora Resort | |

Bus Stop Amenities



Boulder County

RTD System



*Stops whose amenities have been identified

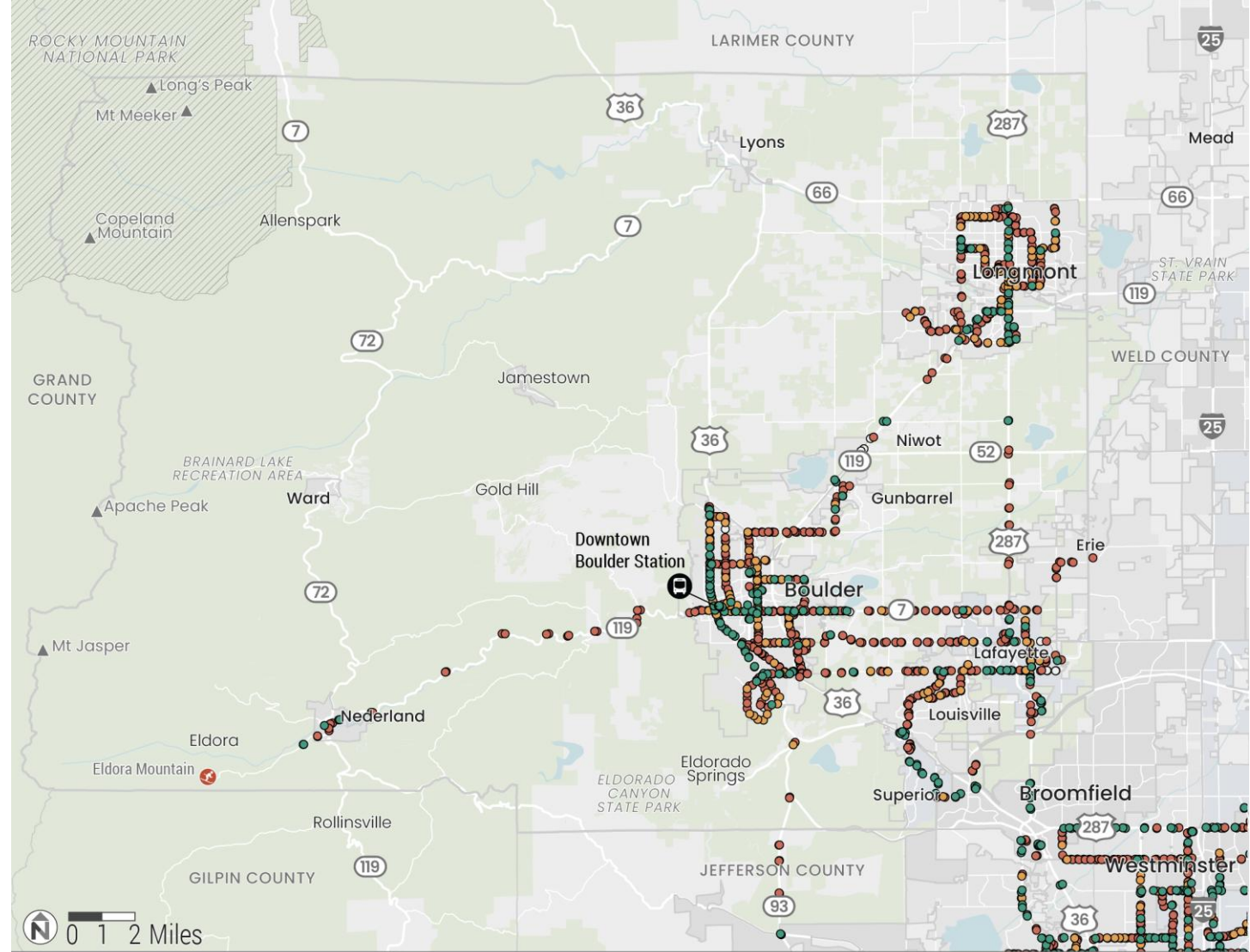
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**Meet accessibility requirements, with the exception of slope



Bus Stop Amenities

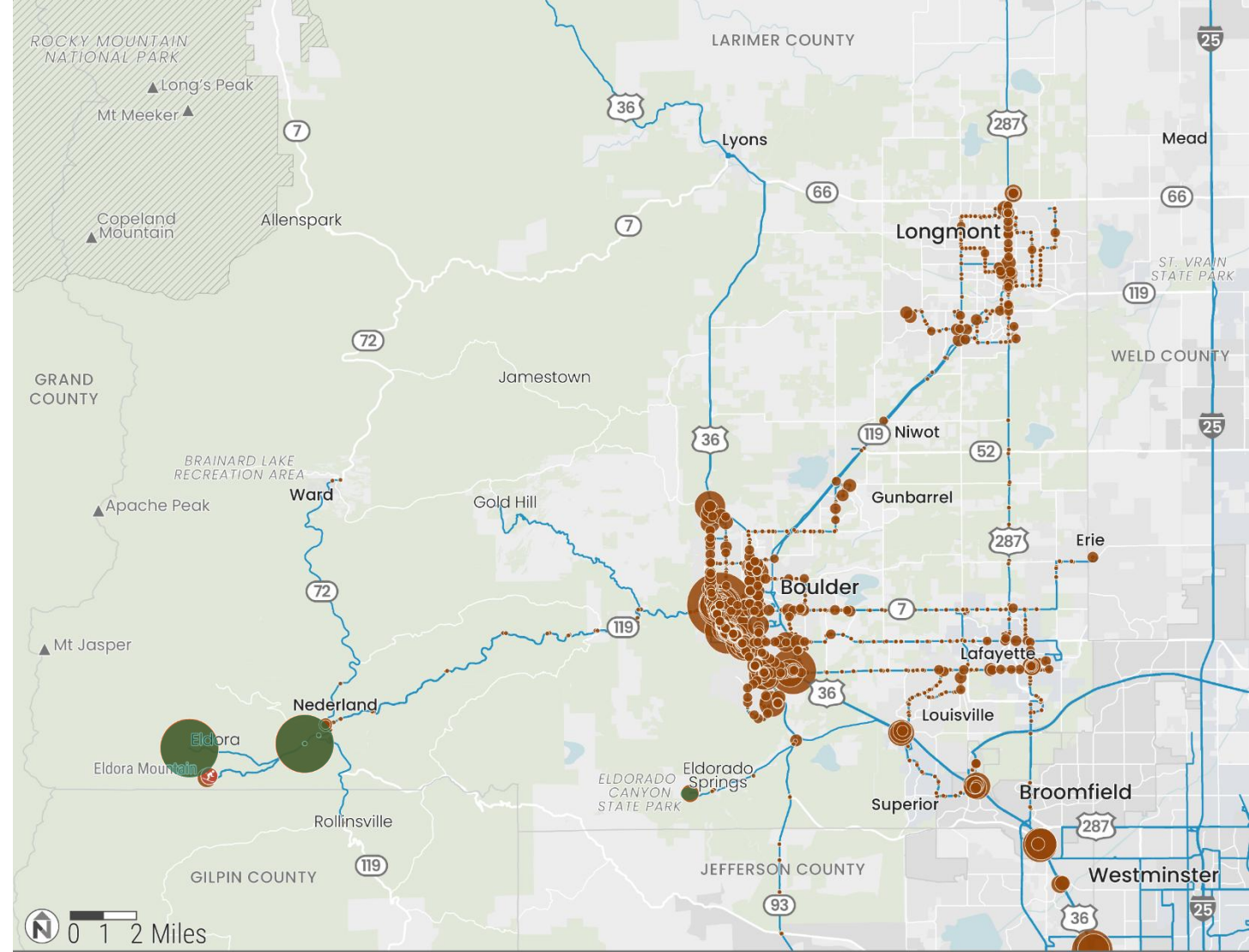
Level of stop amenity in Boulder County.

- No Sign
- Sign Only
- Sign and Bench
- Shelter

Current Transit Ridership

- Strongest ridership in **Boulder**, several **corridors** in Lafayette, Louisville, and Longmont, as well as the **park-and-rides** along US 36
- Strong ridership on **seasonal services** (Hessie and Eldo Shuttles)

Nearly 7 million annual boardings on routes/services in Boulder County



Weekday Ridership Activity

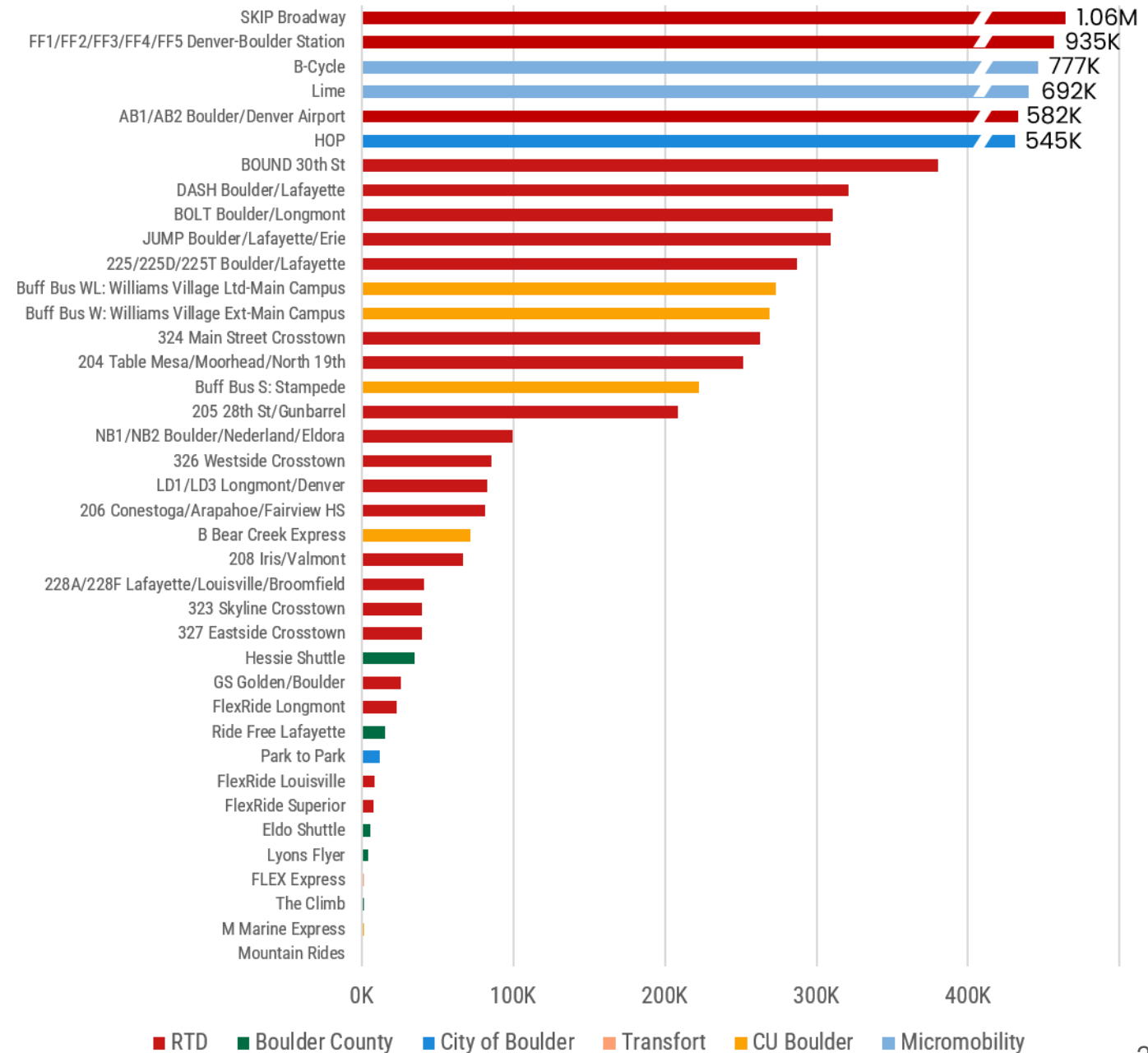
Stop-Level Weekday Ridership (Fall 2024)



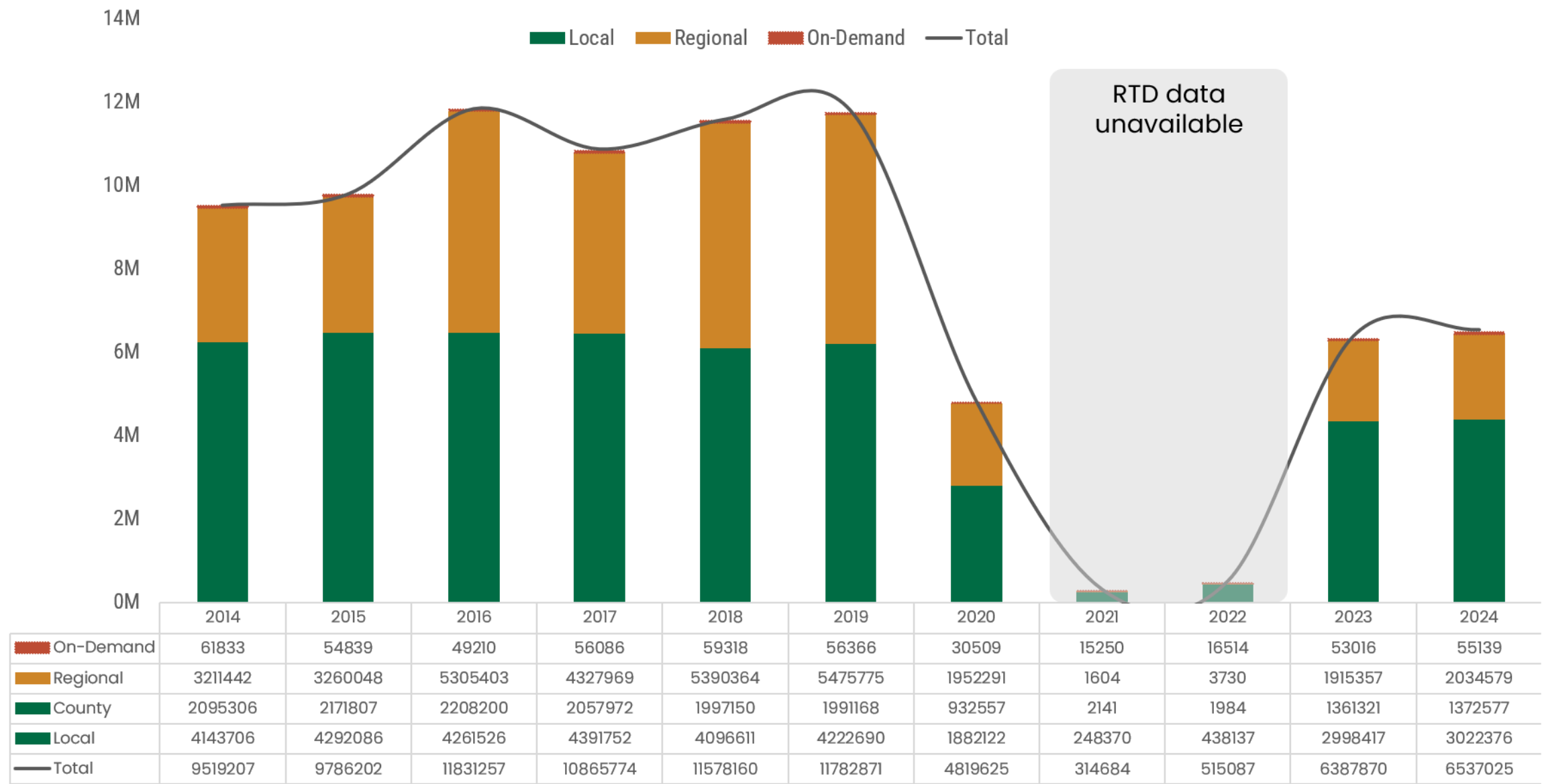
Current Transit Ridership

- **SKIP and Flatiron Flyer** are the two highest ridership routes (~30% of all routes primarily serving Boulder County)
- **AB1/AB2** service to DIA is very popular and well used
- **HOP and BOUND** have high ridership among local routes
- **Hessie Shuttle** is the highest ridership route provided by the County
- **B-Cycle and Lime** provide an important and highly used service in Boulder

2024 Annual Ridership

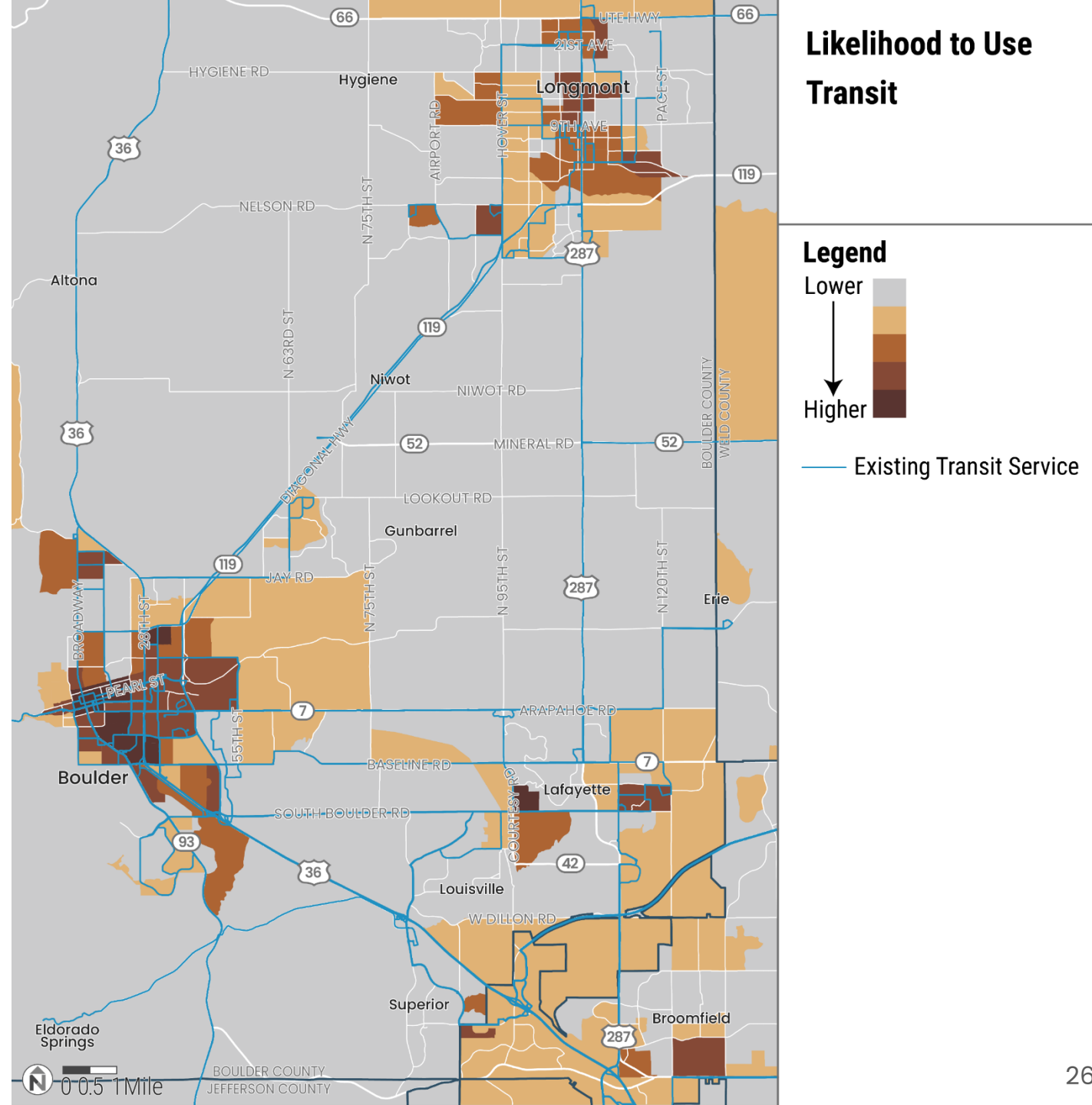


Transit Ridership Over Time



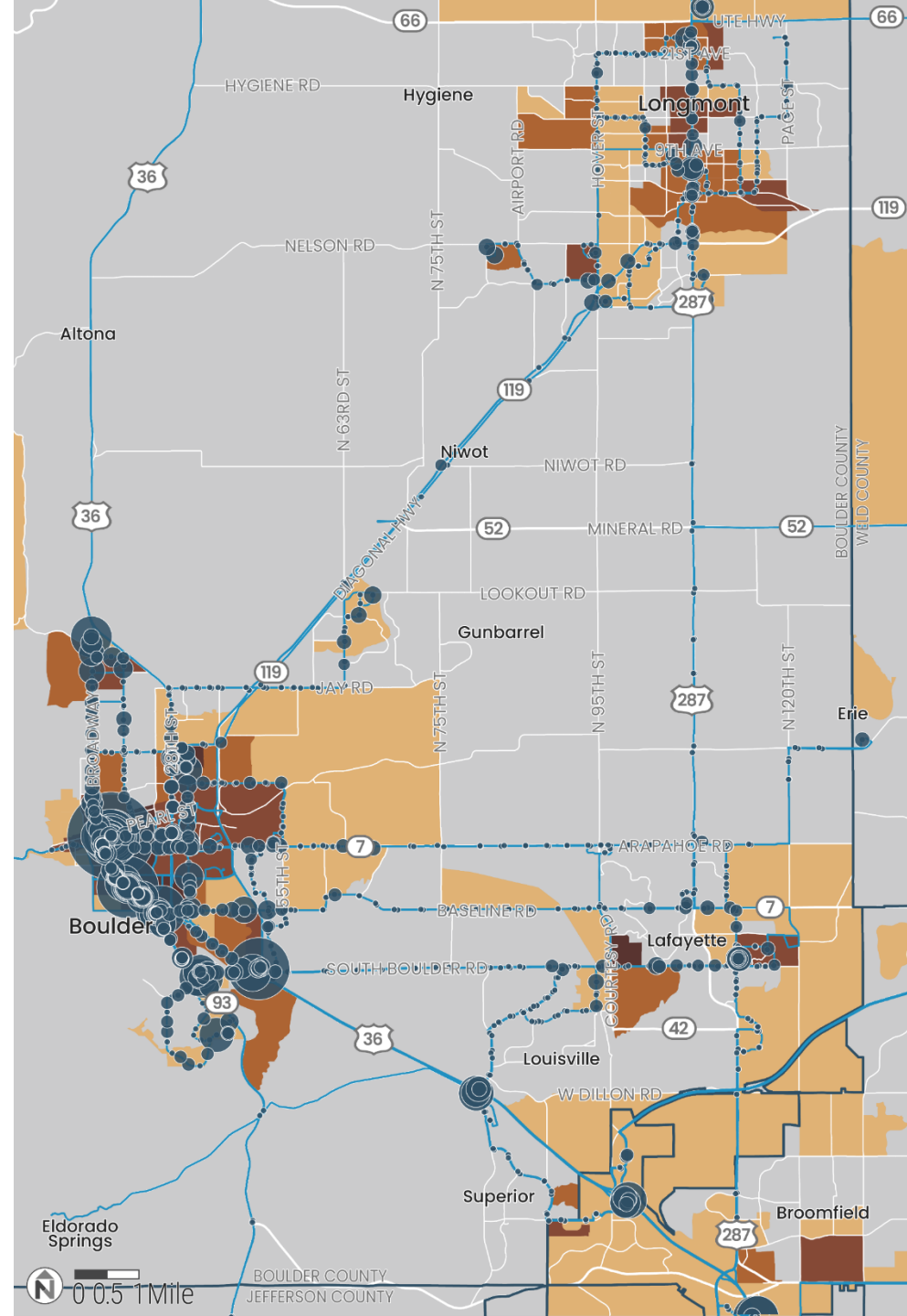
Transit Propensity

- The **Transit Propensity Adjustment Factor** focuses on demographic groups that are more likely to use transit
- Households **without access to a vehicle** is the strongest predictor of transit usage
- **Higher income households** are less likely to use transit



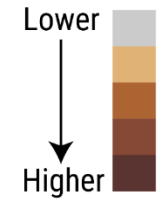
Transit Propensity & Ridership

- Existing ridership largely corresponds to the transit propensity, but some **gaps exist**
- Additional analysis, including **current travel flows**, is helping to more fully identify needs

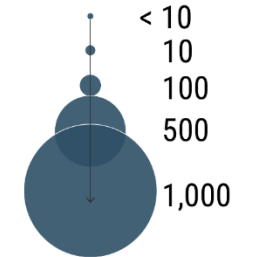


Likelihood to Use Transit and Weekday Ridership

Legend



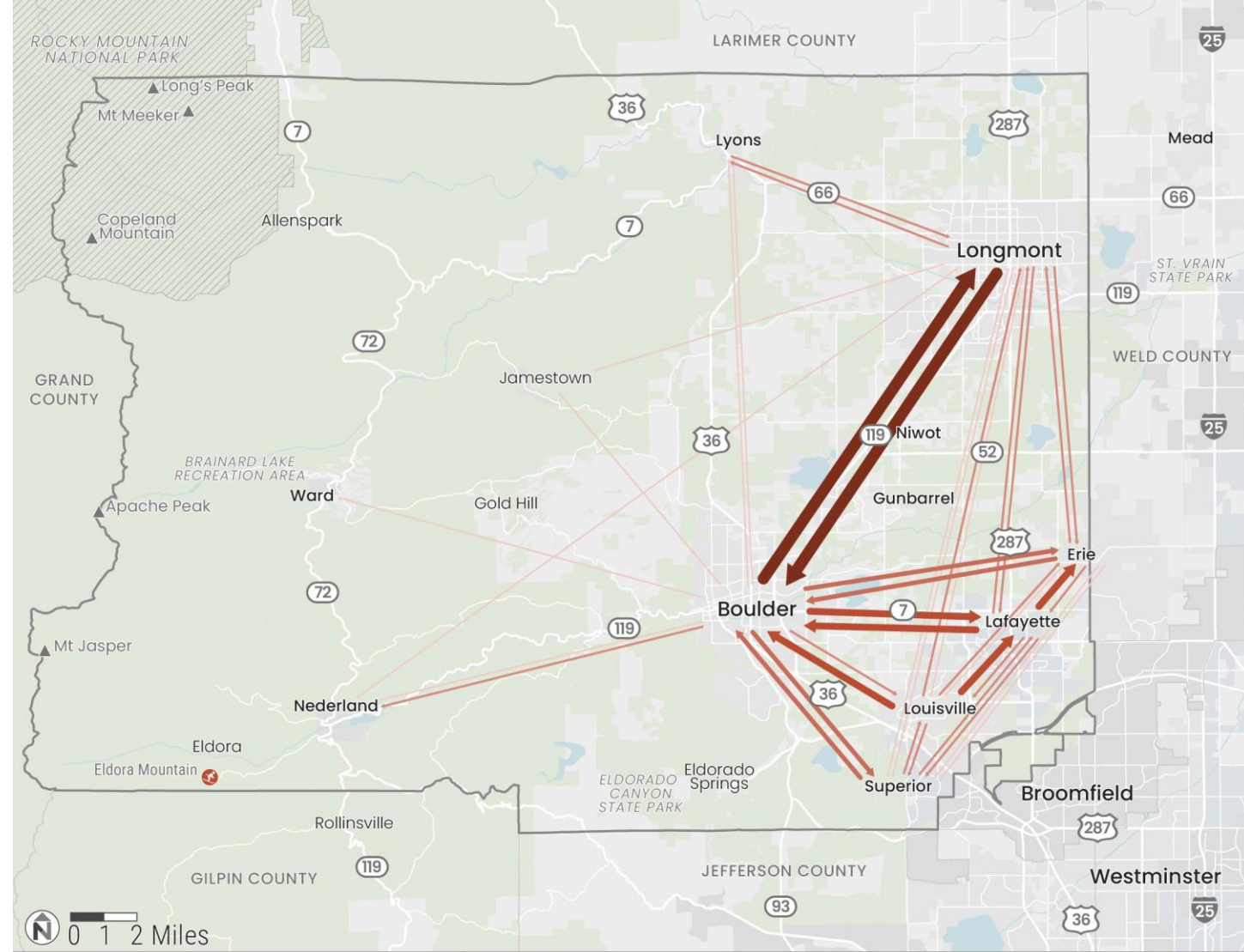
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Existing Transit Service

Where People Travel Today: In County

- City of **Boulder is a clear hub** as the county's job and population center
- The **Boulder to Longmont connection** is also important, but there are fewer other trips to Longmont
- Lafayette attracts a significant number of trips** from the nearby southeastern suburbs



Origins and Destinations of Travel within the County

The origins/destinations and volumes of travel within the County.

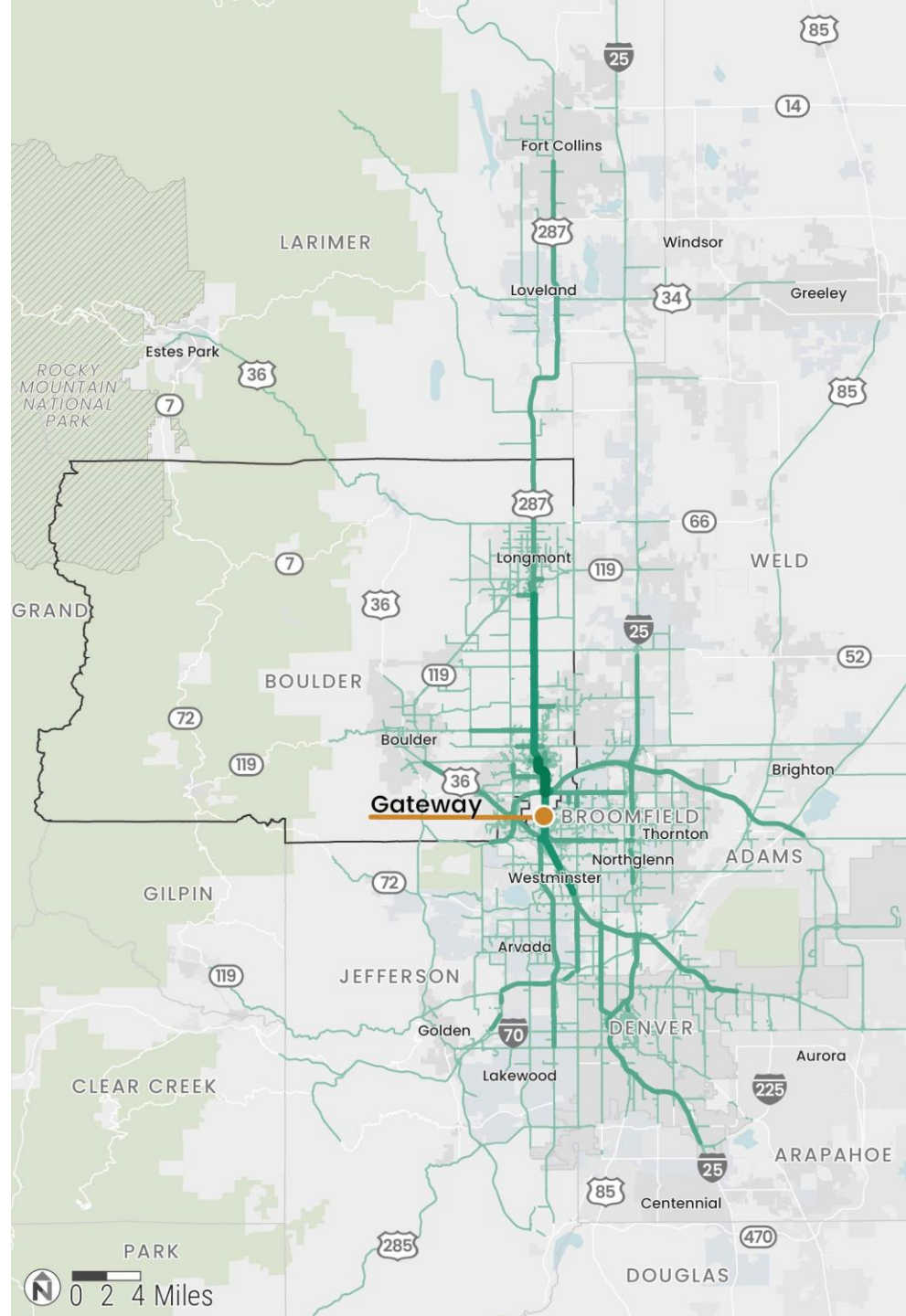
Trip Counts and Locations

- < 1,000 trips
- 1,000 - 5,000 trips
- 5,001 - 10,000 trips
- 10,001 - 20,000 trips
- > 20,000 trips

Origin → Destination

Where People Travel Today: US-287 Gateway

- Travel through the southern **US-287** gateway near Louisville shows **more dispersed travel**, linking Denver to Lafayette, Longmont, and Fort Collins
- US-287 plays an important role in both **inter- and intra-county** travel
- Longmont is a key destination**, with a significant number of trips continuing north



County Gateway Traffic Flow

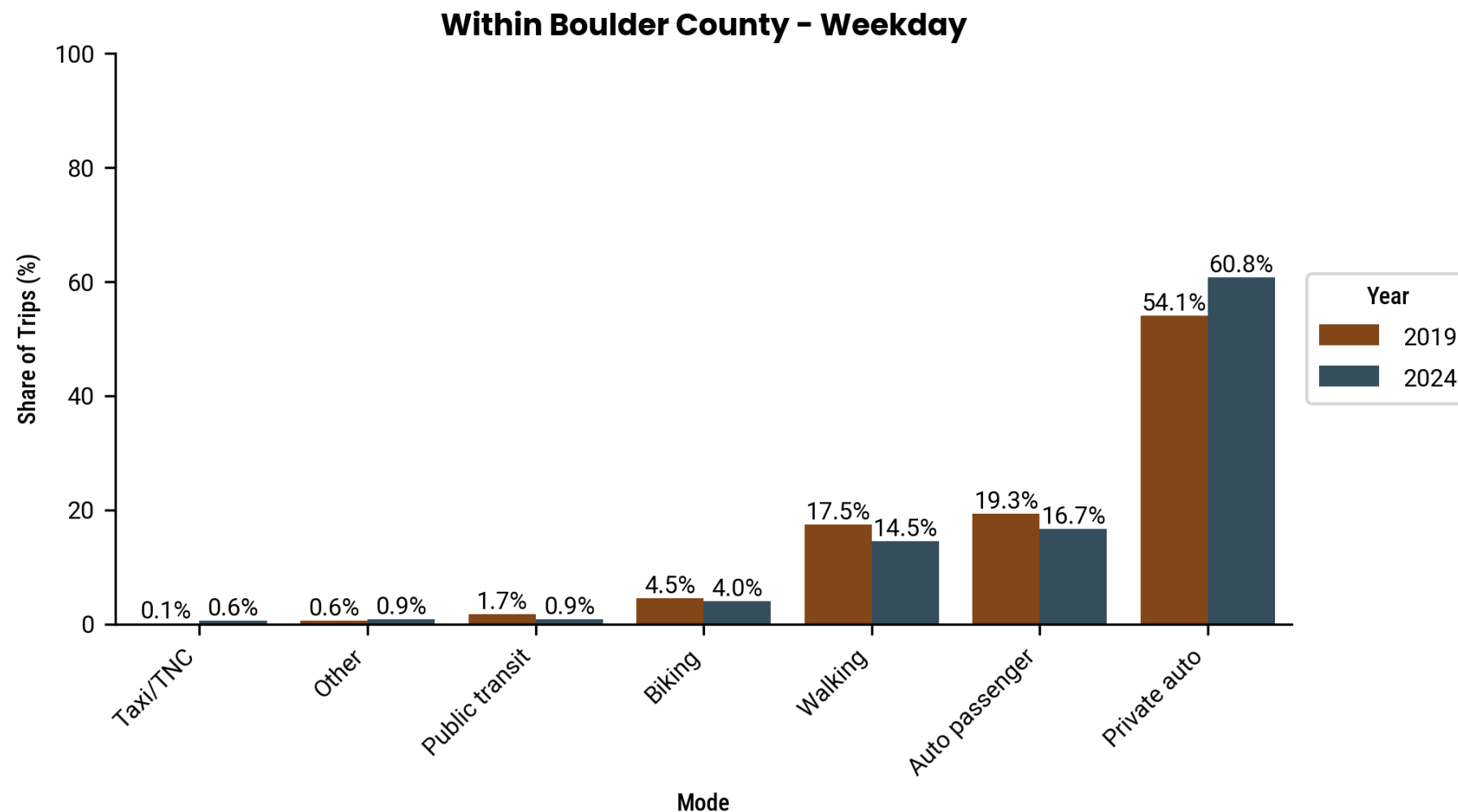
Distribution of trips flowing through the County gateway (Weekday/Fall 2024).

Count of Daily Trips

- < 1,000 trips
- 1,000 - 10,000 trips
- 10,001 - 25,000 trips
- 25,001 - 50,000 trips
- > 50,000 trips

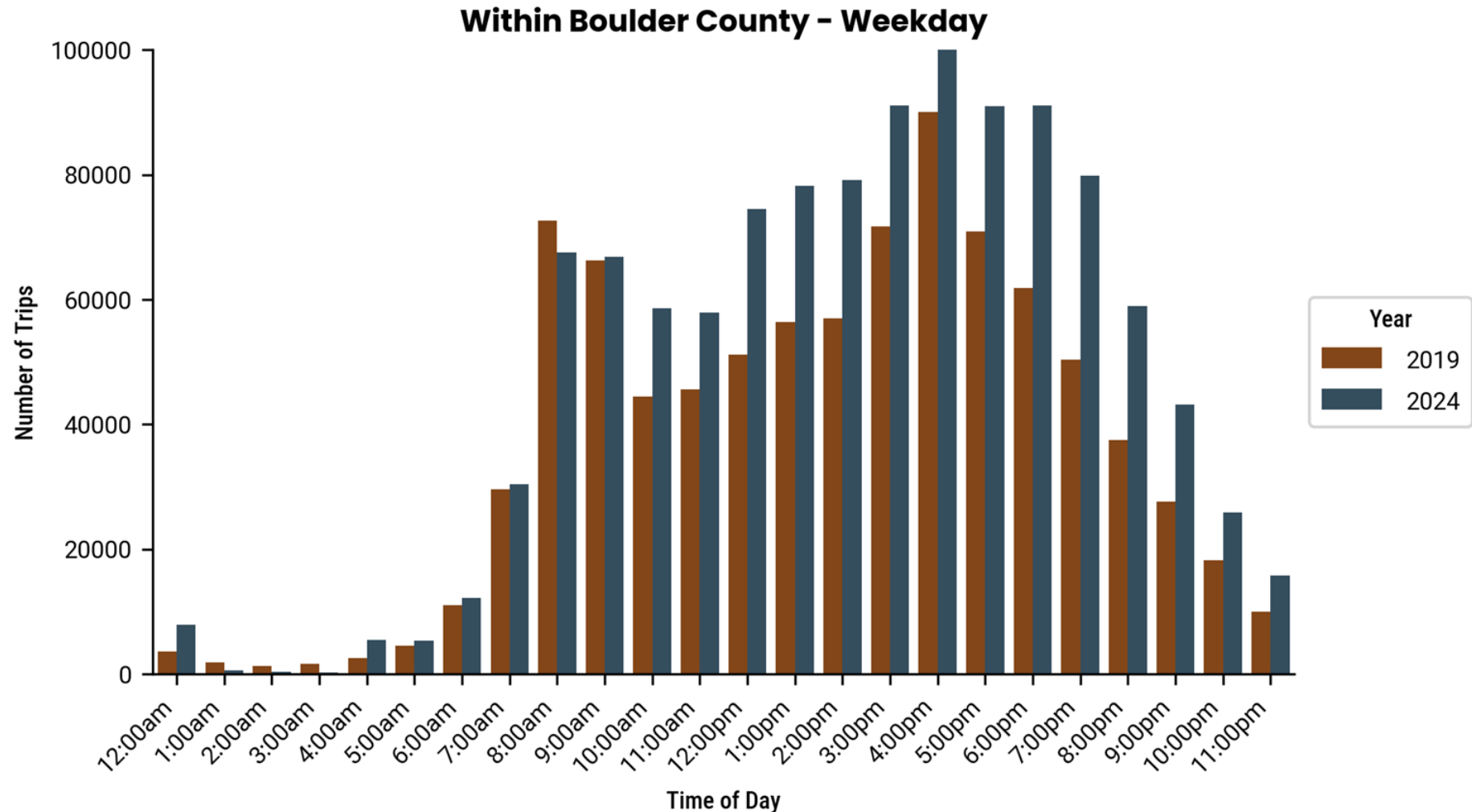
How People Travel: Mode Share

- Mode share **patterns are similar** across scales of analysis
- Private auto and auto passenger** dominate travel
- Transit** was consistently **under 1%** of trips in 2024



When People Travel: Time of Day

- Weekday **time distribution is similar** for travel within and into/out of the county
- Like most US regions, trip-making **patterns have flattened** across the day
- The **traditional peaks** of 8 AM and 4 PM **are much less prominent**



What It All Means

- The **diversity of services and providers** offers significant coverage, but frequency, reliability, and legibility are challenges
- Post-Covid **ridership remains relatively low** (although micromobility use has grown substantially), especially when compared to peers
- Regional and key corridor services meet many needs and should be complemented with **more services to everyday destinations**
- **First/last-mile** accessibility and connectivity—including through **micromobility** services—is an important area of focus
- **Service patterns could be better aligned** with changes to trip-making, especially early morning and evening

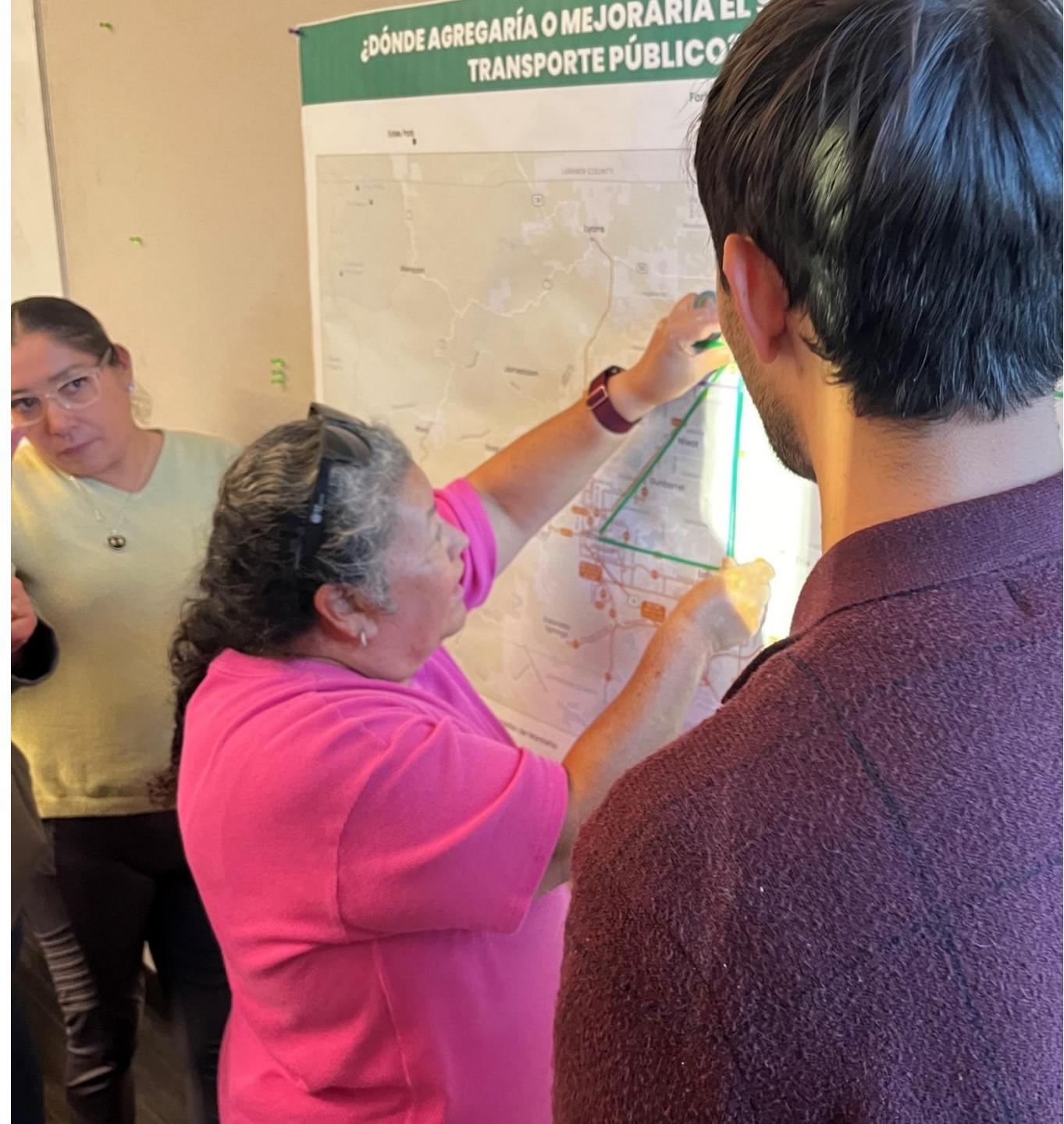




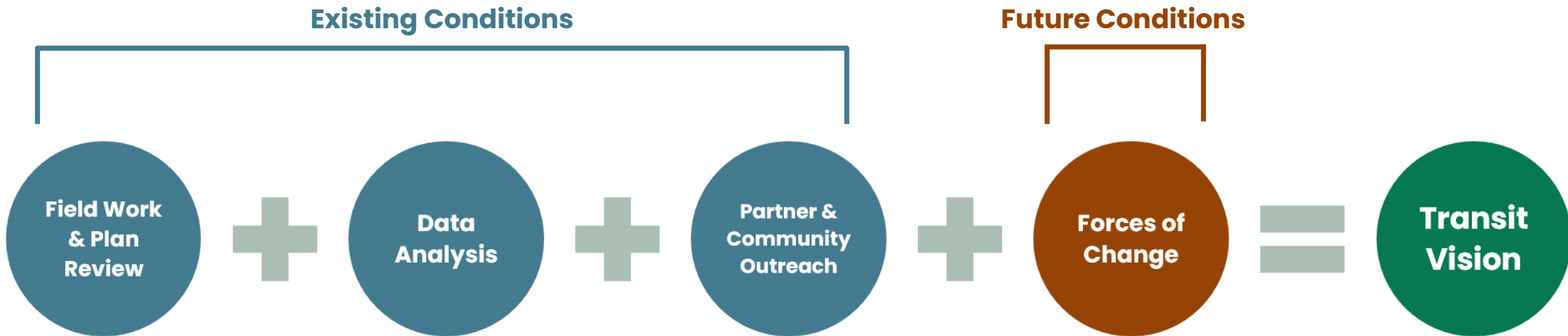
Forces of Change: Shaping a Vision

The Transit Vision Will ...

- Establish **guiding principles** that express what you hope transit can mean to and do for Boulder County
- Help to shape **goals, evaluation criteria,** and **performance measures**
- Identify **key connections** (but not modes or specific projects) and service expectations
- Set **parameters** for the types of transit improvement strategies that will be considered and evaluated



Transit Vision Inputs



Forces of Change

- What types of changes, events, or activities could impact people's **trip-making and travel behavior** in the next 10–15 years?
- What internal and external factors could shape **how transit is planned and delivered**?
- What trends could play a role in **why, when, and how people use transit** in Boulder County?

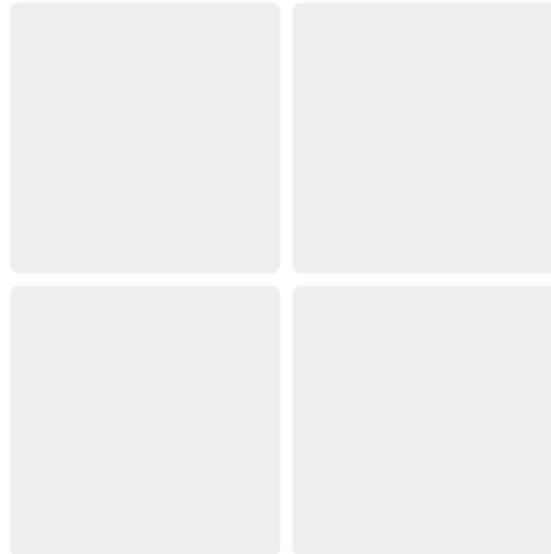


Assessing Likelihood & Impact



Consider the likelihood of the trend occurring within 10 years and the impact it would have on transit delivery and/or ridership in Boulder County.

Impact ↑



Likelihood →

- 1 Residential Growth
- 2 High Gas Prices
- 3 Return to Office
- 4 Aging Population
- 5 Federal Funding Cliff
- 6 RTD Budget Deficit



Assessing Likelihood & Impact

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Next Steps & Questions

December & January

- Summarize and share outreach findings
- Complete existing conditions analyses
- Understand future travel patterns
- Explore trends and best practices
- Develop State of Transit Report
- Prepare for light round of community outreach
- Advance draft vision and goals
- Update equity framework

February CAC Meeting

Review State of Transit Report

Discuss draft Transit Vision



Thank You!



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