



Community Advisory Committee

Meeting #4: Design Your Own Transit System

Tuesday, May 5, and Monday, May 18, 2026 | 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Presentation & Discussion Summary

Meeting Purpose

The fourth meeting of the Linking Boulder County Community Advisory Committees (CAC) provided an opportunity for committee members to design their ideal transit system. Members selected and mapped transit improvements within a limited budget to help identify priorities and inform the development of scenarios. Members were able to choose between two virtual meeting times, providing an opportunity to share perspectives across the English-language and Spanish-language CACs.

Welcome & Introductions

Alex Hyde-Wright (Project Manager) welcomed the group and thanked CAC members for their time. Jennifer Wieland (Nelson\Nygaard Project Manager) provided an overview of the meeting. Attendees included the following across the two meetings:

- **Boulder County Project Management Team:** Alex Hyde-Wright, Project Manager; Akia Pichon, Transit Compliance Specialist; Angel Bond, Mobility for All Program Manager; Paul Kwiatkowski, Transit Program Manager; Maya Browning, Bilingual Mobility Programs Coordinator; Nick Aguilera, Bilingual Mobility Programs Coordinator; Landon Hilliard, Principal Transportation Planner
- **Consulting Team:** Jennifer Wieland, Project Manager, Nelson\Nygaard; Paul Lutey, Deputy Project Manager, Nelson\Nygaard; Sarah Hyden, Nelson\Nygaard; Eiji Toda, Nelson\Nygaard; Ulises Hernandez-Jimenez,

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Nelson\Nygaard; Jonathan Mosteiro, Nelson\Nygaard; Fiona Ko
Nelson\Nygaard; Aileen Carrigan, Bespoke Transit Solutions

- **Interpreters:**

- Abi Campo, Community Language Cooperative (May 5 and 18); Itzel Antillon, Community Language Cooperative (May 5)

- **CAC Members:** Members introduced themselves by sharing their name, the community or communities they represent, and their committee membership (English-speaking or Spanish-speaking):

- ***May 5, 2026 Meeting***

- Salvador Alfaro, Superior, Spanish-speaking
- Karla Cardoza, Longmont, Spanish-speaking
- Alan Castillo, Boulder, Spanish-speaking
- Alberto De Los Rios, Boulder, Spanish-speaking
- Magali Echeagaray, Longmont, Spanish-speaking
- Jabe Hickey, Longmont, English-speaking
- Hope Holden, Longmont, English-speaking
- Aaron Johnson, Unincorporated Boulder County, English-speaking
- Sammie Lane, Boulder, English-speaking
- Cherie Maureaux, Lyons, English-speaking
- Iris Sherman-Boemker, Louisville, English-speaking
- Hunter Wright, Boulder, English-speaking
- Graciela Zuniga, Boulder, Spanish-speaking

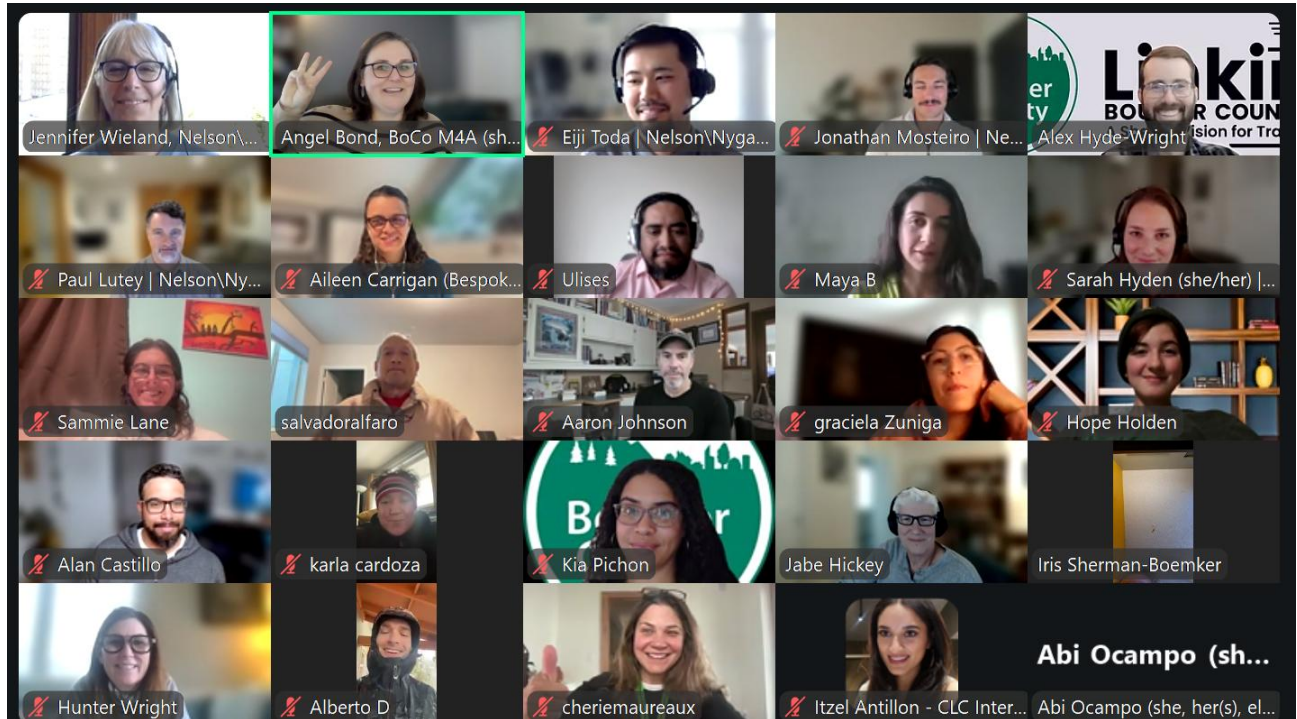
- ***May 18, 2026 Meeting***

- Salvador Alfaro, Superior, Spanish-speaking
- Johnny Barrett, Niwot, English-speaking
- Tavia Bishop, Louisville/Lafayette, English-speaking
- Chuck Brock, Boulder, English-speaking
- Gina Burrows, Longmont, English-Speaking

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- Karla Cardoza, Longmont, Spanish-speaking
- Amelia Dickerson, Boulder, English-speaking
- Carlos Lerma, Westminster/Boulder, Spanish-Speaking
- Belinda Vaca, Longmont, Spanish-speaking



Members of the English-language and Spanish-language Community Advisory Committees participated in virtual meetings on May 5 and May 18, 2026.

Scenario Planning Workshop

Following introductions, Jennifer reviewed the project's work to date and the revised Transit Vision, highlighting how CAC input shaped the updated vision statement, goals, and key connections.

Paul Lutey (Deputy Project Manager, Nelson\Nygaard) gave an overview of transit scenario planning and provided instructions for the "Design Your Own Transit System" activity. Paul reviewed the "Design Your Own Transit System" cards and an example of a finished map before Jennifer divided attendees into small groups.

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In both sessions, CAC members split into three groups. Each group had a facilitator, a game-board manager, and a notetaker. In their groups, CAC members designed their own transit scenarios through the following steps:

- Each CAC member first selected five transit improvement cards.
- As a group, members discussed which of the transit improvements were most important for the county, working within a budget.
- The group then placed their priority transit improvement cards onto a map of Boulder County, identifying the locations where certain types of improvements are most needed.

Following the activity, the full group reconvened to hear reports from each small group. A CAC member from each group presented their final set of improvements and map, summarizing how the group selected and sited their priority transit improvements. Members also described what they found challenging about the activity, especially related to working within a limited budget. The sections below provide an overview of each group's improvements and their game board.

Week 1: May 5, 2026

Group 1: Salvador Alfaro, Karla Cardoza, Sammie Lane, Hunter Wright

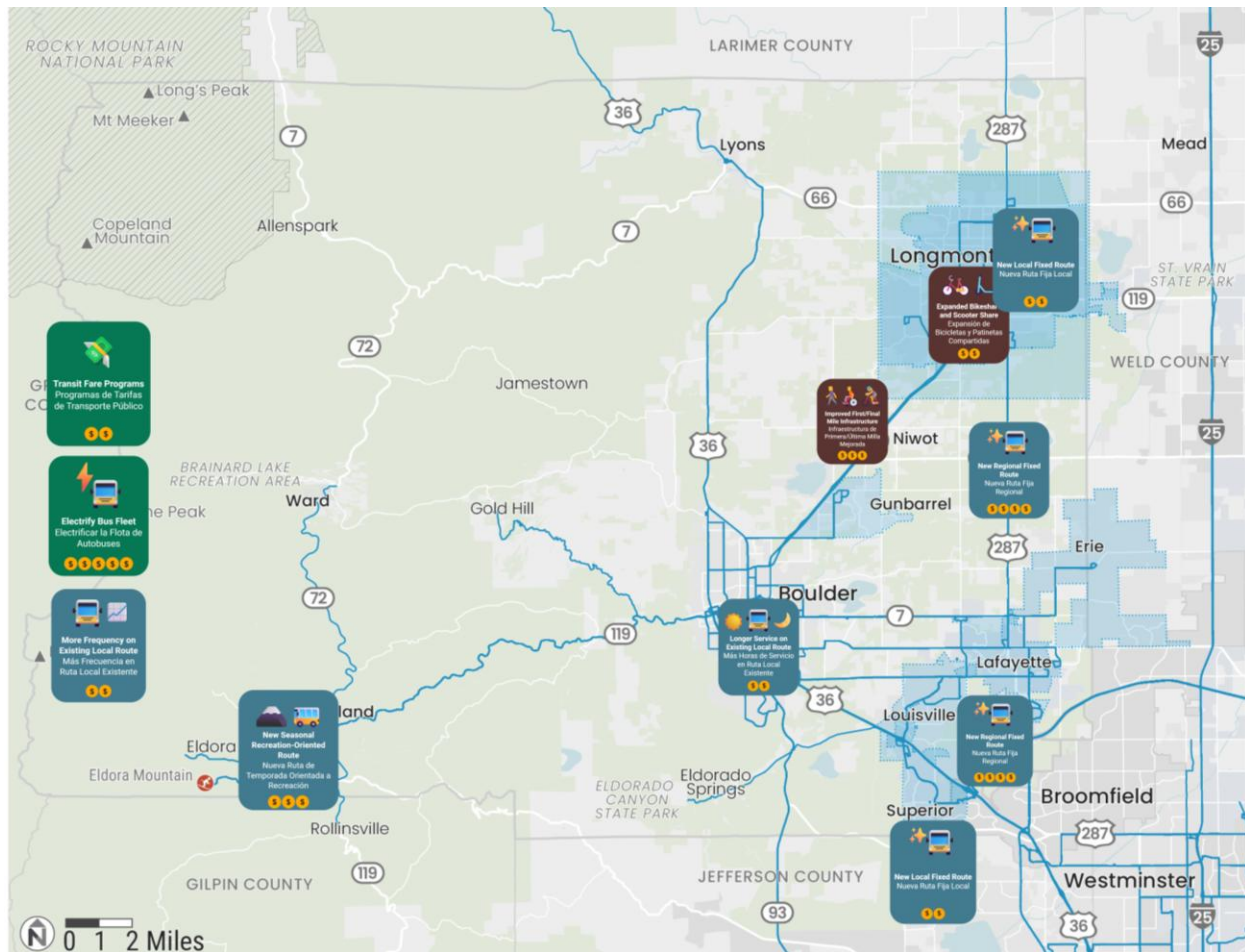
Group 1 prioritized increasing local fixed-route service, supported by fare programs, recreation-focused services, regional route improvements, and first-/final-mile improvements. The group identified investments to make fixed-route service in Longmont more comparable to Boulder's level of service, added a new local route in Superior, and created a new regional route between Superior and Lafayette's industrial area.

Group members added a recreational shuttle to supplement the NB bus, noting that route is typically full well before reaching Nederland, which makes it difficult for residents to take the bus to winter activities. Group 1 also prioritized expanding bikeshare and scootershare in Longmont, improving

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first/final-mile infrastructure, and electrifying buses to take advantage of state electrification incentives.



Group 2: Alan Castillo, Magali Echeagaray, Aaron Johnson, Iris Sherman-Boemker, Graciela Zuniga

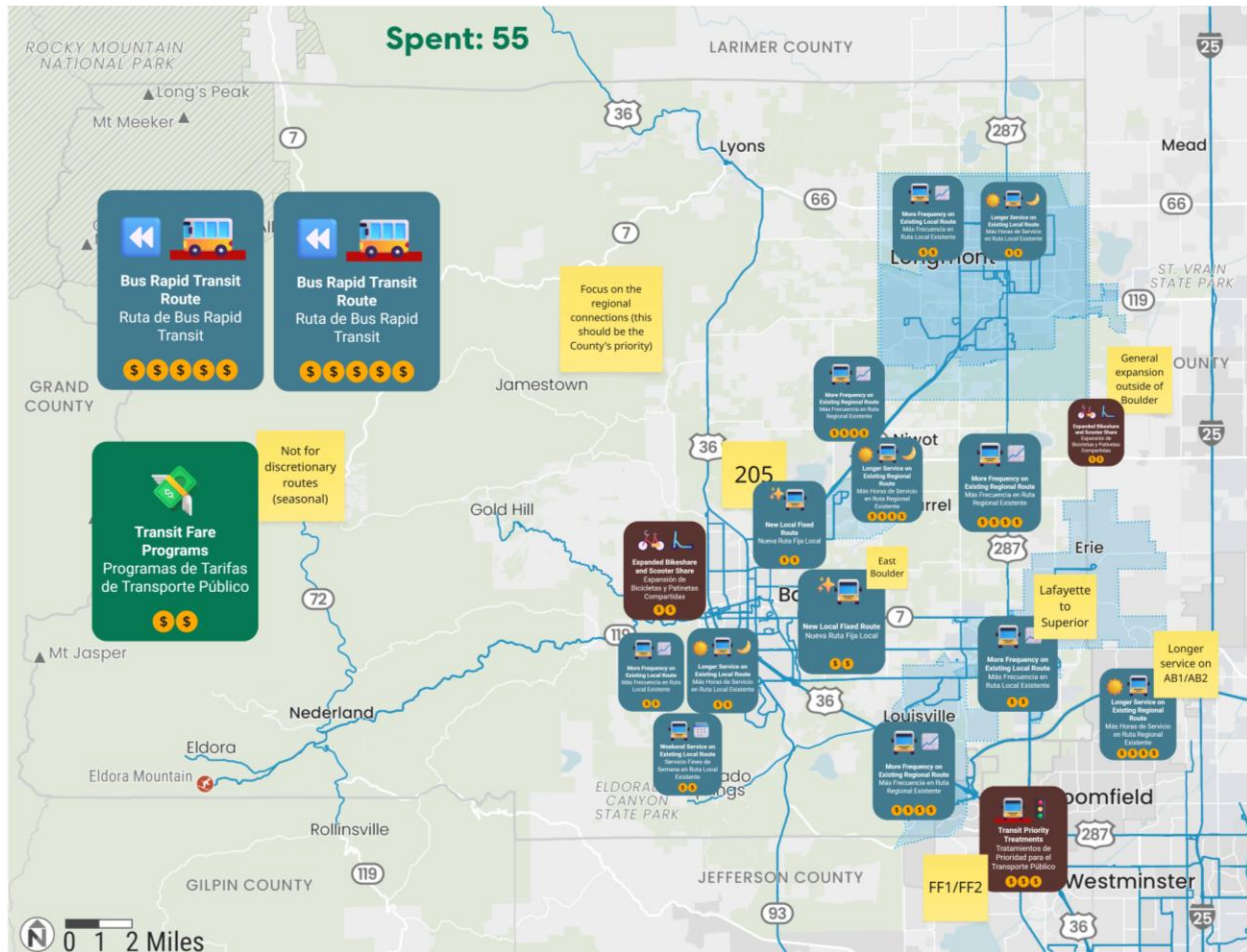
Group 2 prioritized more frequent and longer hours of service on existing regional routes, including on key corridors like Longmont-Boulder-Denver. They emphasized the need for transit priority treatments to complement increased frequency. The group noted that adding weekend service on regional routes could help to fill gaps in current seasonal routes.

Group 2 also added frequency on existing local routes and expanded bikeshare and scootershare to fill access gaps in areas without transit or bikeshare service, such as eastern and southeastern Boulder County. The

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group felt that transit fare programs should be expanded to include all routes; current programs exclude recreational shuttles, for example.



Group 3: Alberto De Los Rios, Jabe Hickey, Hope Holden, Cherie Maureaux

Group 3 prioritized improvements to regional transit services, including more frequency and longer service spans for the BOLT, Lyons Flyer, and Flatiron Flyer (between Boulder and Denver). The group added regional connections between Longmont and Denver, between several municipalities and the I-25 corridor, and between Lyons and Longmont. They noted that regional services should reach bus rapid transit frequencies and have transit priority treatments.

The group also identified a need for improved first-/final-mile infrastructure to provide better connections to regional routes. They added new on-demand zones in Niwot and Lyons to fill the gaps of limited existing service.

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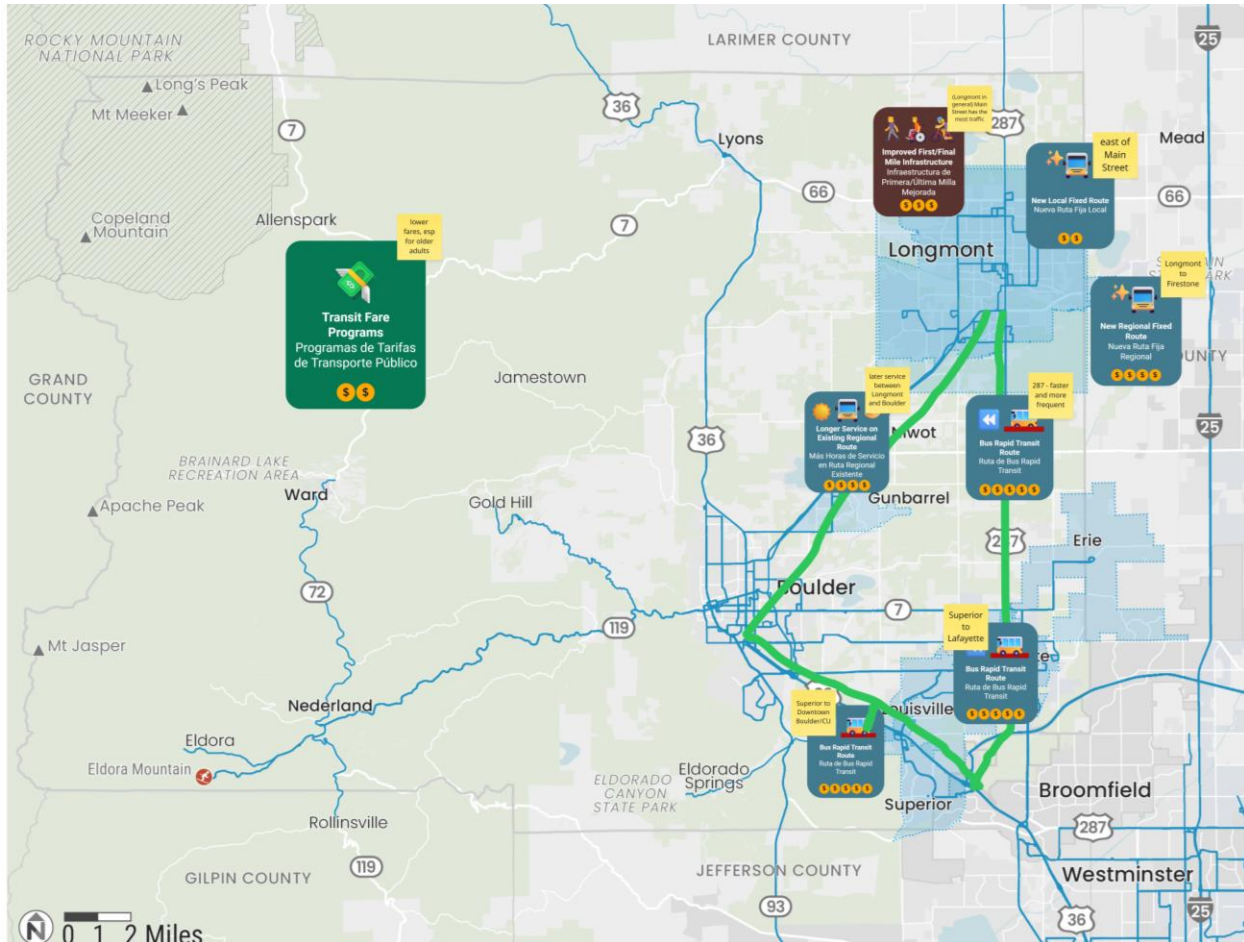
Group 1: Salvador Alfaro, Gina Burrows, Karla Cardoza

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Group 1 also added new regional fixed-route service between Longmont and Firestone and new local fixed-route service in east Longmont. To reduce financial barriers to accessing transit, the group invested in transit fare programs, prioritizing older adults who cannot afford to take transit.

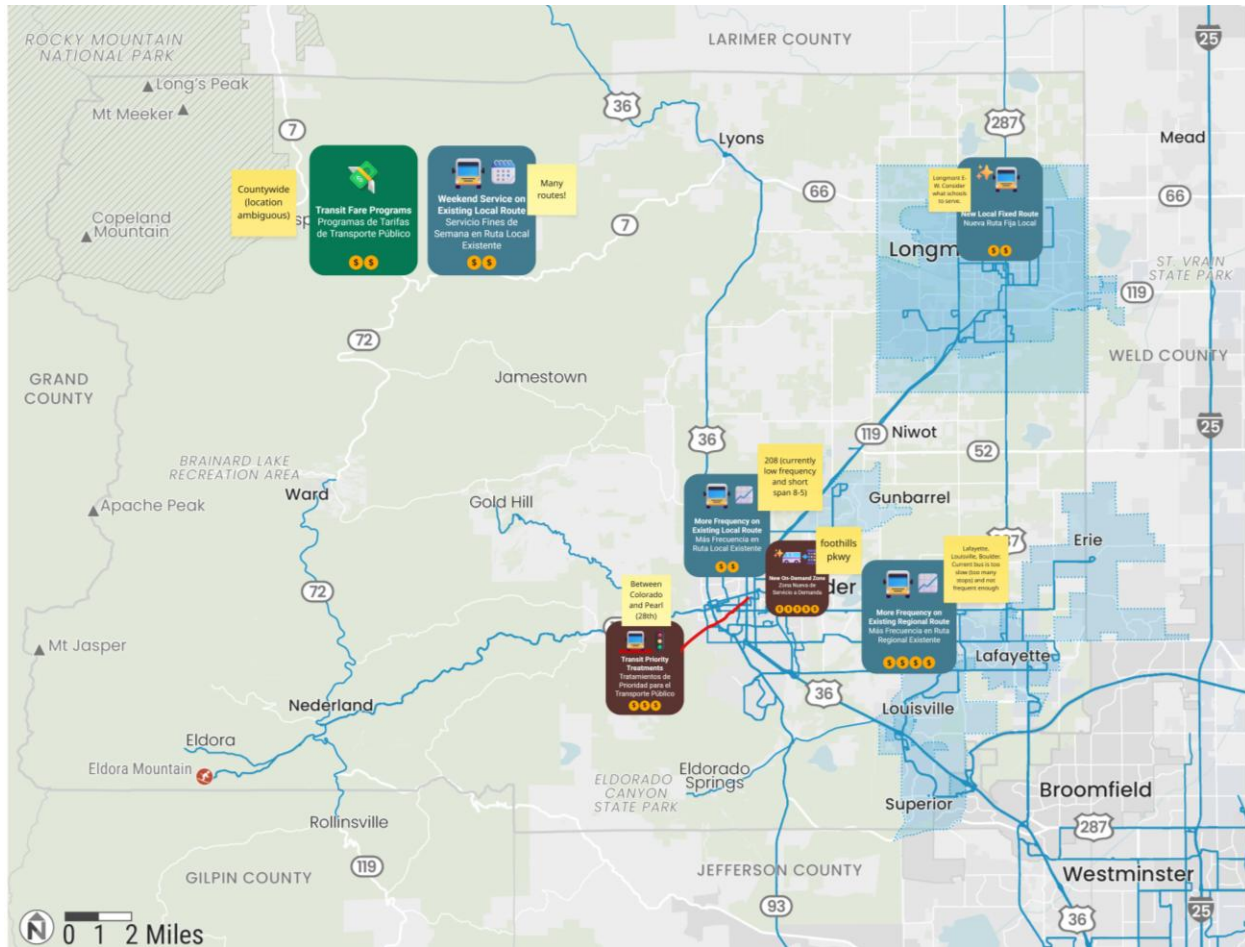


Group 2: Chuck Brock, Amelia Dickerson

Group 2 prioritized local routes, adding more frequency and weekend service on existing local routes (e.g., Route 208), as well as new local fixed-route services. The group added more east-west fixed-route service in Longmont, noting a gap in current service, especially for school connections. Group 2 also invested in more frequency on regional services between Lafayette, Louisville, and Boulder; a new on-demand zone that includes Foothills Parkway; and transit priority treatments on 28th Street in Boulder.

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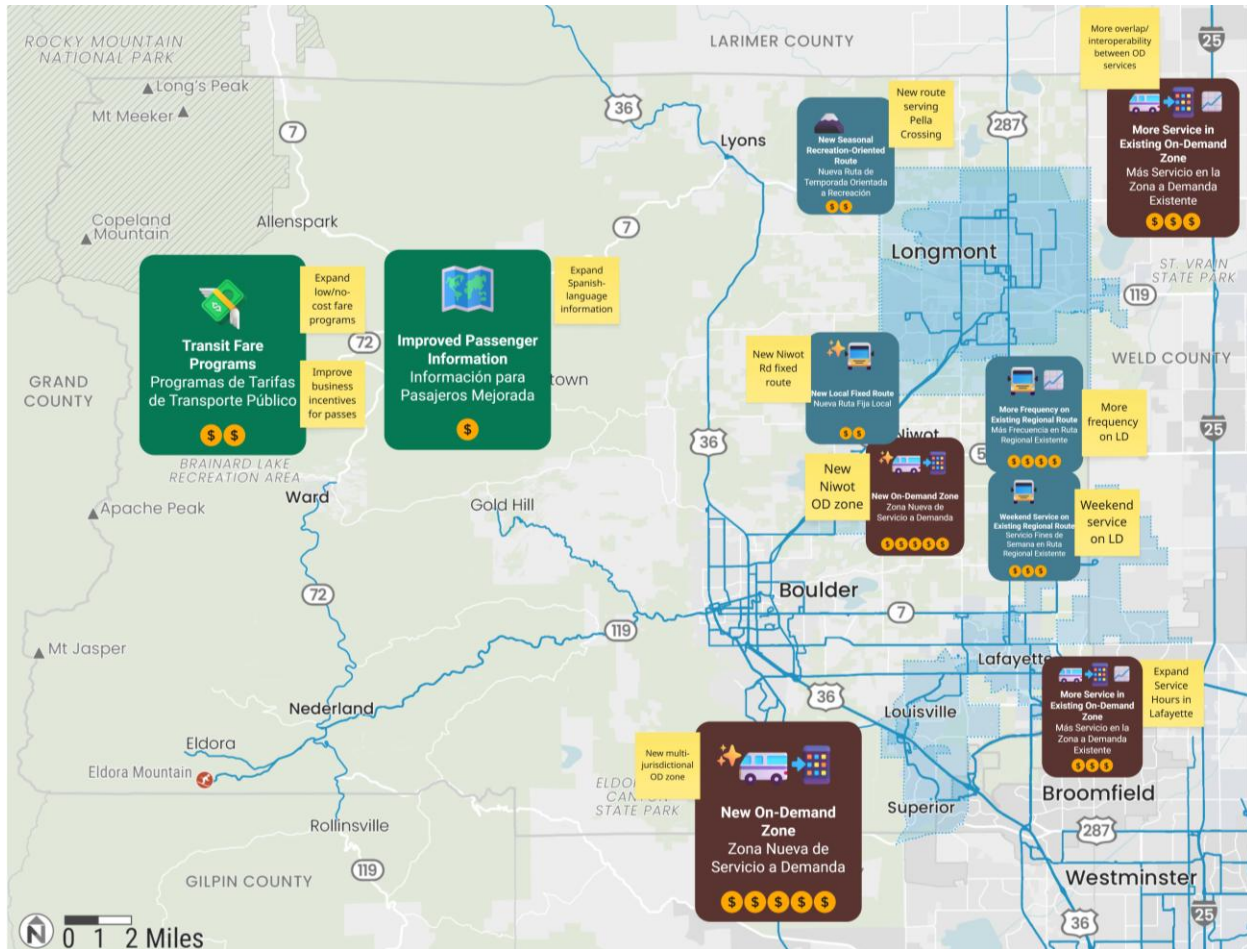


Group 3: Johnny Barrett, Tavia Bishop, Carlos Lerma

Group 3 prioritized improving on-demand transit to fill gaps in fixed-route services, focusing on increased service for Ride-Free Lafayette, a new on-demand zone in Niwot, and adding overlap between existing on-demand zones to support travel across jurisdictions. The group also invested in regional transit improvements, including more frequency and weekend service for Route LD to offer an enhanced connection between Denver and Longmont. Group 3 also selected transit fare programs to reduce financial barriers in accessing transit and improved passenger information, especially providing more transit information in Spanish.

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Key Themes

Three themes emerged across the two sessions: stronger regional services, better local coverage, and more equitable access.

Stronger regional services.

CAC members wanted more frequent and faster regional services—including service for more hours of the day and on weekends—on major corridors connecting Longmont, Lafayette, Superior, Lyons, Boulder, and Denver. They highlighted the importance of transit priority treatments to make transit more competitive with driving and build ridership. CAC members feel that current transit services do not provide adequate coverage across the county, especially on-demand services that operate in a single jurisdiction and limit people's ability to travel between municipalities.

Better local coverage.

CAC members described the importance of new local fixed-route services, especially in east Longmont, as well as a need for new on-demand zones. They also highlighted the value of improved first-/final-mile connections, including better infrastructure and expanded bikeshare and scootershare, so more people can access local fixed-route services. Priority candidates for new on-demand service include Niwot and Superior, which are areas that are not well-served by transit today.

More equitable access.

CAC members repeatedly emphasized the need for fare programs to reduce financial barriers to using transit, especially for people who are lower-income, older, or students. Some members identified improved passenger information as a priority, prioritizing more information in Spanish and real-time information to help transit feel more reliable. Members also noted the importance of serving residents in Boulder County's mountain communities, recommending a focus beyond recreational routes to provide better lifeline transit services to important destinations.

Next Steps & Questions

Alex and Jennifer described the next steps for Linking Boulder County, including revising the project's evaluation criteria and developing draft transit scenarios. They also highlighted opportunities for CAC members and their communities to participate in the Transit Vision survey and outreach activities.

Alex noted that the next meeting of the Community Advisory Committees would be scheduled for mid- to late-summer and would focus on reviewing draft scenarios. He encouraged members to reach out with any questions and thanked them for their contributions to Linking Boulder County.