

Boulder County Subregional Forum Technical Advisory Committee

Potential Paths Forward

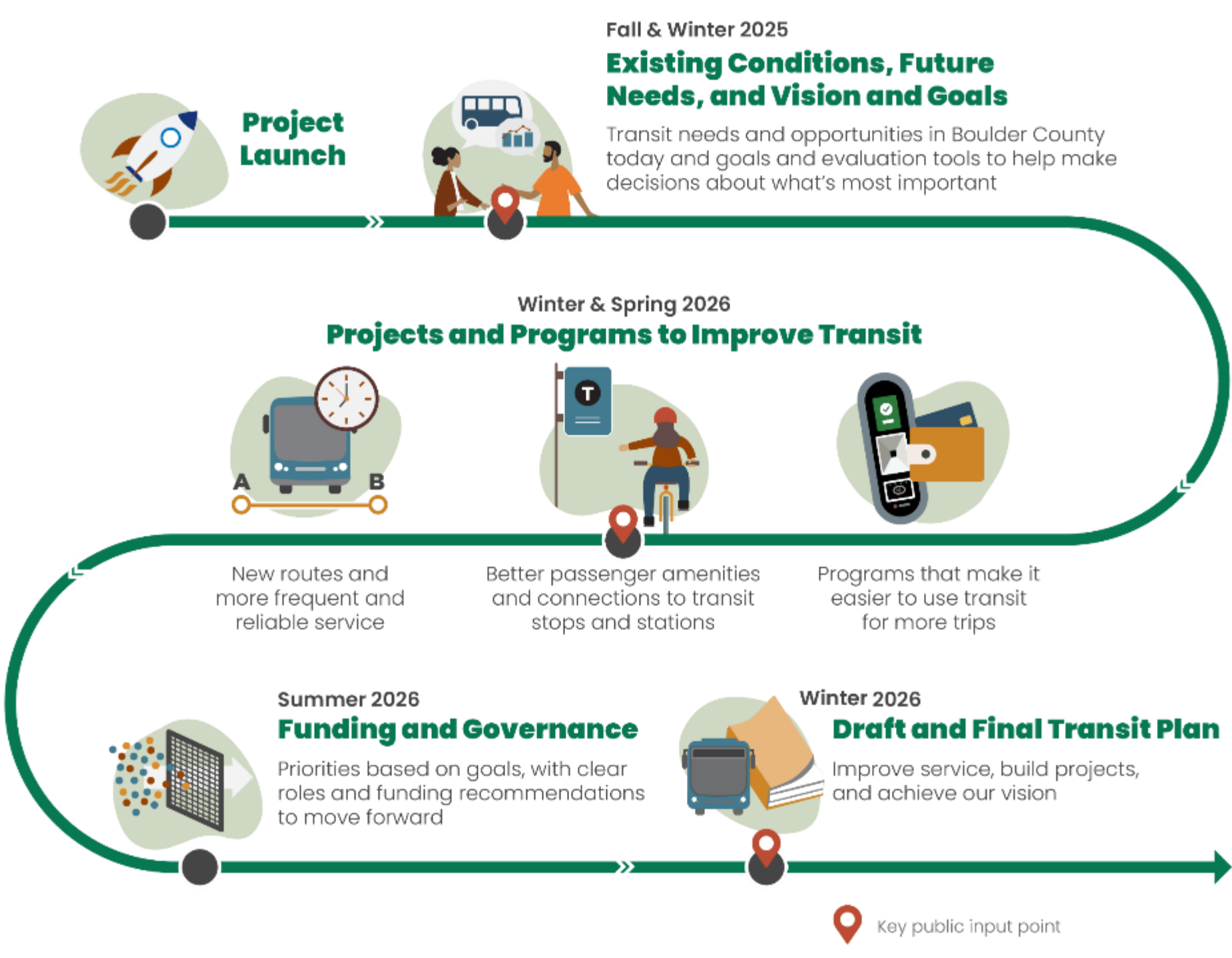
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Boulder County

Linking
BOULDER COUNTY
A Shared Vision for Transit

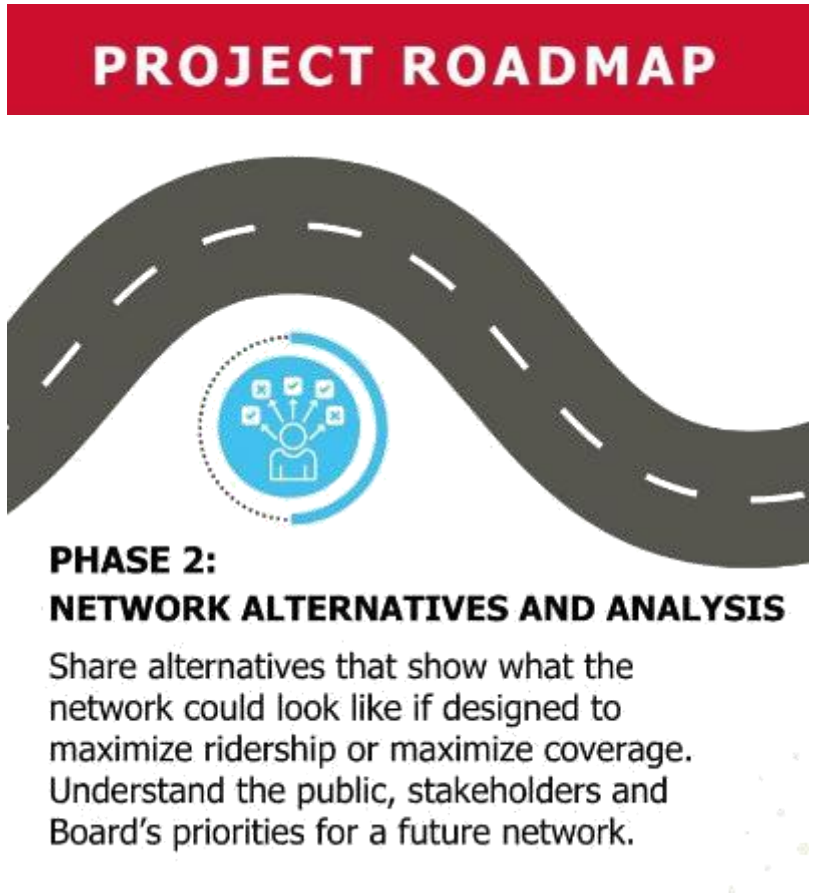
Our Original Work Plan

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



RTD Uncertainties

- We paused Linking Boulder County to avoid **overlapping community conversations** about scenarios (Fall 2026) and to avoid using an unrealistically high (June 2026) **baseline of service** in our scenarios
- RTD CONNECT abruptly **cancelled their planned scenario outreach** for Fall 2026
- Recent communications suggest **RTD will release expanded network scenarios**—with a wider range of budget assumptions—**"early next year"**
- This new schedule **introduces more uncertainty** into the timeline for restarting Linking Boulder County, and the increased number of scenarios also points to a **much longer process** before a direction is clear



Options for TAC Discussion

Option 1: Restart with 7% Cuts

- Assume RTD baseline level of service will be a **7% reduction** (+ CTE funded improvements)
- Reflects RTD Board-approved reduction, as approved for May 2027
- Risks include being seen as "volunteering" service cuts and potential overlaps with service-change outreach

Option 2: Restart with 20% Cuts

- Assume RTD baseline level of service will be a **20% reduction** (+ CTE funded improvements)
- Relies on cuts RTD developed and presented to the Board, establishing a worst-case scenario
- Risks include "taking the heat" for RTD cuts, setting an underwhelming vision, and creating confusion

Option 3: Maintain the Pause

- Wait to restart **until RTD has released scenarios** and/or established a preferred direction
- Requires being very clear about what we are waiting to see or know
- Risks include an uncertain timeline, the inability to influence RTD's direction, and the challenge of getting clarity

Thank You!

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