

**CITY OF BOULDER
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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING
MINUTES**

Name of Board/ Commission: Transportation Advisory Board	
Date of Meeting: 8 July 2013	
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Board Members Present: Andria Bilich, Dom Nozzi, Jessica Yates, Matt Moseley Board Members Absent: Zane Selvans,	
Staff Present: Tracy Winfree, Director of Public Works for Transportation Kathleen Bracke, GO Boulder Manager J.R. Clanton, Transportation Budget Analyst Marni Ratzel, Senior Transportation Planner Bill Cowern, Acting Principal Traffic Engineer Brett KenCairn, Senior Environmental Planner Carlos Hernandez, Fox-Tuttle Consulting Chris Hagelin, Senior Transportation Planner Kaaren Davis, Board Secretary	
Type of Meeting: Advisory/ Regular	
Agenda Item 1: Call to Order	[6:01 p.m.]
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.	
Agenda Item 2: Approval of minutes from 10 June 2013	[6:02 p.m.]
Motion to approve the May 13 minutes with changes by: Bilich; Seconded: Nozzi Vote: 4-0 Motion Passes	
Agenda Item 3: Approval of 2013 TAB Retreat Summary and Goals	[6:04 p.m.]
Motion to approve the 2013 TAB Retreat Summary and Goals: Nozzi; Seconded: Mosely Vote: 4-0 Motion Passes	
Agenda Item 4: Public Participation	[6:05 p.m.]
None	
Agenda Item 5: Public hearing and consideration of a recommendation regarding development-related bicycle parking requirements	[6:06 p.m.]
Marni Ratzel presented the item.	
Executive Summary from Packet Materials: The City of Boulder is considering changes to bike parking requirements for new development. While the city provides some bicycle parking in public areas of the downtown commercial district, property owners are required to provide adequate bike parking for their buildings throughout the city.	
Development-related bicycle parking requirements are codified under Title 9, "Land Use Code" of the Boulder Revised Code (BRC). According to the BRC, the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) cannot get involved in any review under the land use regulation, title 9 , "Land Use Code," B.R.C. 1981, unless its opinion is requested by the city council. While Planning Board will consider a staff recommendation and approval of proposed development-related bike parking requirements, a TAB recommendation is being sought as part of the public input to guide the Planning Board in its decision-making process. The BRC requires the TAB to hold a public hearing prior to making any recommendation.	
Improvements to the city's development-related bicycle parking requirements will better meet demand and cyclist's needs and is an important element of an integrated multimodal transportation system. As part of the <i>Complete Streets: Bike and Pedestrian Innovations</i> focus area of the 2013 Transportation Master Plan Update, the city is developing strategies to enhance bicycling opportunities for residents, commuters, students, and visitors. While the	

TMP Update is underway, work on regulations for new development was already in progress with results already available. Staff believes it is prudent to advance changes to these bike parking regulations for new development and incorporate the changes into the TMP Update. This bike parking policy analysis is also being coordinated with the 2013 *Access Management & Parking Strategies* (AMPS) interdepartmental process.

Board Discussion and comments included:

- Whether there is or will be pushback from development community regarding the cost of fulfilling the requirements.
- Suggestion for additional criteria for bike parking design that it should seek to minimize damage to bike frames.
- Clarification on changes to minimum bike parking space requirements and the move to uncouple bike parking from car parking and connect it to land usage and occupancy.
- Bike share at transit stations currently, and how the recommendation would change this. Effects on RTD.
- The more bike parking there is, the more people will ride. Good way to increase mode share.
- An expression of preference for the multi-parking spiral model wherein the connecting part between loops is along the ground rather than over the top.
- How staff is working towards guidance for the development community regarding long term bike parking.
- Codification of the location of bike racks in relation to business.
- Process for learning from the implementation with a goal of further review and improvements.
- Clarification of calculation of mode share regarding the recommendations for bike parking at Park-n-Rides.
- Discussion of the requirement for placing bike parking on a hard surface such as concrete or asphalt.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Nozzi, Seconded by Moseley

TAB recommends that Planning Board adopt policy direction and approach for changes in Bike Parking Requirements as per the staff recommendation wherein requirements are calculated based on: land use and square footage, units/bedrooms (for prior ratio see attachment C and for design see Attachment D).

Vote: 4-0 Motion Passes

Agenda Item 6: Public hearing and consideration of a recommendation regarding transportation funding item to be considered by City Council at the July 16, 2013 meeting. [6:42 p.m.]

Jessica Yates presented the item

Executive Summary from Packet Materials:

The materials consisted solely of the summary of Council discussion on Transportation funding provided by Jessica Yates between TAB meetings.

Board discussion and comments included:

- General support for a sales tax initiative. It is the best option on the table at this time and there is great appreciation to Council for committing to the Transportation funding issue.
- Concerns about putting separate items on the ballot for Transportation funding (in favor of long term funding) , which may confuse voters.
- Longs Gardens disposition and its effects on a potential funding item if combined with transportation funding.
- Priorities around Operations and Maintenance for existing infrastructure
- Clarification that the approach supports Open Space Vision Plan and advancing other city needs including Transportation.
- The concept of moving with a sales tax initiative now without giving up a commitment to a different funding mechanism at a later time.
- Importance of TAB having an authorized representative to address council and support the general funding package for both interim and long term solutions.

Resolution: Yates, Bilich

TAB resolves to authorize Moseley to attend the July 16th Council meeting and speak for the TAB with regards to the Transportation Funding Ballot Initiative.

Vote:

4-0 Resolution Passes

Resolution: Yates, Bilich

TAB authorizes Moseley to convey to Council at the July 16th Council meeting that TAB is in favor of the KC Becker proposal for long-term funding.

Vote:

4-0 Resolution Passes

Resolution: Yates, Bilich

TAB authorizes Moseley to convey to Council at the July 16th Council meeting that TAB is in favor of the going on the ballot in 2013 for interim funding through the sales tax proposal, but is not tied to a particular date or a particular amount given details are still being developed.

Vote:

4-0 Resolution Passes

Agenda 7: Staff briefing and TAB input regarding the Climate Commitment Update

[7:15 p.m.]

Brett KenCairn and Carlos Hernandez gave the presentation.

Executive Summary from Packet Materials:

Representatives of the city's multi-departmental team from Community Planning & Sustainability and Transportation have prepared a brief update for the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) outlining initial results of an assessment of options for updating the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions targets and strategies in the city's newly refocused Climate Commitment. This information is being presented to TAB in advance of the City Council Study Session regarding Climate Commitment on July 30th, 2013.

The primary purpose of the presentation at the July 8th TAB meeting is to provide a background on the overall Climate Commitment planning process and the role of transportation strategy analysis in the development of a comprehensive GHG reduction plan. No specific recommendations or findings related to transportation are to be presented to Council during the July 30th study session.

Board discussion and comments included:

- What policy enhancements are needed to effectively integrate the TMP and climate commitment objectives?
 - Behavior change is much more important than technological enhancements. E.g.: User fee approaches for pricing roads and parking. Emphasis on incremental road and parking space and intersection capacity removal. At minimum there should be a moratorium.
 - An idea to pursue revenue neutral strategy. If user fees are increased, decrease taxes.
 - How the outreach planned for climate commitment will coincide with TMP outreach.
 - Appreciation for the addition of GHG to VMT to help make VMT more understandable and connected to our goals.
 - Support for the concept of carbon offset fees as a means to have a productive conversation around "user fees".
 - Various methods of gathering data which is useful for forming policy.
 - Community-wide EcoPass.

- How can we leverage the work being done to update the TMP and develop the Climate Commitment in ways that lead to even greater accomplishments for each?
 - Funding is a perpetual barrier. Funding the TMP correctly will assist climate action. Finding new funding sources will be key. Let's be careful not to come up with more ideas without a way to fund them effectively.

No board action beyond review and input was requested at this time.

Matters from the Board Included:

Board Member Nozzi brought up the below matter(s):

- Question about whether the board or staff maintains a list of state lobbying positions that we would the City to be engaged in? It would be nice to have input. Staff: that is a function through Council and managed By Carl Castillo and there is a Transportation section of the legislative agenda. There is some policy guidance overall. Legislative agenda is generally consistent with TMP policy. Staff can send a future information packet item to the board so they can see the Transportation element of the city's Legislative Agenda.

Board Member Bilich brought up the below matter(s):

- Transit Alliance Citizens Academy: TAB should come up with some people who could be encouraged to do that. NECO coordinators perhaps?
- Greenways Advisory Committee update. CIP was approved by the GAC as it was with TAB
- Bike to Work Day: Chagrined to note that the Department of Commerce was not being very kind to bike commuters on bike paths. DoC police implemented speed reduction methods by parking a vehicle on the bike path. Followed up with a campus wide email encouraging employees to report near misses and accidents to the city. Feels like there is a witch hunt against cyclists.

Matters from staff included:**[8:07 p.m.]**

- **Staff update on Community-wide Eco Pass Study with Boulder County:** Study has been delayed. Both City and County are waiting on feedback from RTD on the analysis done to date. Have been looking at routes serving Boulder and revenue generated by those routes in order to anticipate what the demand would be with community wide pass, and what portion of the total revenue of a route is being generated by those who live and/or work in the City and County. Currently working with RTD staff to reconcile any differences regarding the assumptions used to interpret the data. Next step is calculation of total costs for several scenarios. Then finance mechanisms (current and potential) will be evaluated.
- **Civic Area Update: (handout)** Staff took the plan to Council. Most Council input did not center around Transportation. That which did were things such as: Elimination of surface parking and moving it to structures at the edge of the Civic area, Canyon as complete street, Repurposing 13th and 14th streets to more event based streets. Next steps: meeting at the Boulder Public library July 11th, Council Study Session on 30th of July to return to Council for adoption at the September 3rd meeting. Once plan is adopted it will move into implementation. Board noted the importance of bringing the concept design and planning process of Transportation elements, such as Canyon Blvd and 13th Street, back to the TAB.
- **Regional Studies Update:** Northwest area mobility study is active. Technical and policy advisory committees are in place. Content is narrowing in on three packages of options to consider; BRT, Phasing in of Northwest Rail and serving Longmont via the North Metro Line. Board requested that any public input opportunities be forwarded to them in the future.
- **Project Updates/Closure (i.e. progress, Council action, "after" studies):** Arapahoe reconstruction underway. Boulder Transit Center Area improvements underway. Boulder Junction Improvements: Pearl Pkwy, Junction Place Bridge at Goose Creek is out to bid, Pavement maintenance program is moving along, Sidewalk Repair about to begin, 63rd St. missing sidewalk will occur in phases.
- **Chambers Upgrades:** Taking any feedback TAB may have. TAB wishes to ensure that the design is properly handicap accessible.
- **E-bikes:** A petition was raised and there was strong public turnout. A heads-up was put out for an e-bike pilot. It is the intent to give adequate time for feedback from interested boards. Council expressed an interest in accelerating the e-bikes pilot. Ordinance needs to go to Council before November. This will affect TAB's schedule as the Public Hearing will be at TAB (likely in September).
- **CDOT** process to identify dollars available sooner rather than later. Some of these will be allocated to locals to apply for projects (RAMP funding). City is submitting for the 1) 36 and Violet project. 2) Continuation of the Diagonal Reconstruction project east of 30th Street, 3) Bridges over Foothills Pkwy are aging and not ADA compliant. Staff is submitting a concept to replace these bridges with underpasses. 4) Transit stop improvements along the Arapahoe corridor also submitted.

Agenda Item 9: Future Schedule Discussion:**[8:36 p.m.]**

Bilich likely out for the August meeting.

Agenda Item 10: Adjournment

[8:37 p.m.]

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, by motion regularly adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Motion: moved to adjourn; Nozzi, seconded by: Bilich

Motion passes 4:0

Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, 12 August 2013 in the Council Chambers, 2nd floor of the Municipal Building, at 6 p.m.; unless otherwise decided by staff and the Board.

APPROVED BY:

ATTESTED:

Board Chair

Board Secretary

Date

Date

An audio recording of the full meeting for which these minutes are a summary, is available on the Transportation Advisory Board web page.