

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

Name of Board/ Commission: Transportation Advisory Board	
Date of Meeting: 9 November, 2015	
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Board Members Present: Zane Selvans, Andria Bilich, Dom Nozzi, Daniel Stellar, Bill Rigler Board Members Absent:	
Staff Present: Michael Gardner-Sweeney, Interim Director of Public Works for Transportation Kathleen Bracke, GO Boulder Manager Jean Sanson, Senior Transportation Planner Bill Cowern, Transportation Operations Engineer Kaaren Davis, Board Secretary Consultants Present: Bill Fox of Fox, Tuttle, Hernandez.	
Type of Meeting: Advisory/ Regular	
Agenda Item 1: Call to Order	[6:02 p.m.]
The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.	
Agenda Item 2: Approval of minutes from 12 October 2015	[6:02 p.m.]
Approval tabled pending review of draft minutes.	
Agenda Item 3: Public Participation	[6:02 p.m.]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Baskett: Former city traffic engineer. Has questions regarding the East Arapahoe project. Is currently the City of Lakewood traffic engineer. Working on their master bike plan. Getting a lot of feedback from their public involving Folsom street. Urging an open East Arapahoe process with great transparency to facilitate a better path for the project. 	
Agenda Item 4: Staff briefing and TAB input regarding December 8, 2015 City Council Study Session on East Arapahoe transportation corridor plan.	[6:05 p.m.]
Jean Sanson gave the presentation to the board.	
Executive Summary from Packet Materials:	
The purpose of this agenda item is to provide a briefing to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) on the status of the East Arapahoe Transportation Plan and to obtain TAB's input to develop materials for the upcoming community outreach process in November and the City Council Briefing scheduled for December 8, 2015.	
Requested Action from TAB:	
Key Questions for the TAB:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does TAB have any questions regarding the range of conceptual alternatives and evaluation criteria for the East Arapahoe corridor? 2. Does TAB have any suggestions for enhancing and/or clarifying the materials prior to the upcoming community outreach planned to begin in November and the City Council Briefing in December? 	
Board discussion and comments included:	[6:23 p.m.]
Questions regarding range of conceptual alternatives and evaluation criteria for the East Arapahoe corridor:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions around how the alternatives presented tie into the plan for business and school growth in the area. • Request for clarification of outreach to date and plans for upcoming outreach. • Questions regarding biggest lessons learned from the Folsom project. • Concerns around stakeholder selection and the need for selecting properly informed stakeholders for the engagement process. • Opinion expressed that if general purpose lanes are retained, transit and bike development cannot be maintained. 	

- General comments regarding option B.
- Questions regarding connections with LEAD and addressing impacts of the proposed project on “Recycle Row”. Concerns about potential impacts of the project on the city’s long term zero waste plans.
- Concerns that much of the public feedback included in the packet is old (2 years) and may not be particularly valid at the present time.
- Questions about the exact spatial extent of the project proposed.
- Questions around criteria and specifically whether cost is one of the criteria.
- Comment that the range of options presented is an all-encompassing range and a good place to start.
- With the current zoning for the area, the range of options is too wide, but if we assume other land use patterns are on the table, they become more appropriate.

Suggestions for enhancing and/or clarifying the materials prior to the upcoming community outreach:

- Suggestion to have data ready to hand for the Council meeting.
- Include lessons learned from Folsom in the presentation to Council.
- Host charrettes with high quality consultants to narrow down options with stakeholders.
- Include more graphics that show what can be achieved with the various alternatives.
- Include a key or legend for the graphics showing lane designations.
- Make the graphics larger and to tweak the BRT graphic to make it more easily understandable.
- Make it clear what role cost and funding plays in the options.
- Make it clear that different options may have different dimensions and look very different.
- Outreach needs to be done differently by the city than it has been in the past (lessons learned from the Folsom project). This project looks like the city will be doing more of the same. Staff needs to recognize that the Daily Cameral holds undue sway in Boulder and that it is a communications outlet that staff need to be aware of.
- Every time a public meeting is held, notes should be published to the web and then encourage participants to review the notes, make corrections, and distribute them through their own networks.
- Add scoping for the TMP to the presentations to bookend the meetings. This will provide stakeholders with context for the project and keep input flowing in a positive direction.
- Take care to accurately translate what the project will look like on the ground into the outreach process.
- Evaluation table transit section could use a metric or two that acknowledge that this is a commuter corridor and discusses how we are addressing mode share and mode share change and connections within the transit planning for the project.
- Edge parking needs to come into the discussion.
- Make it clear to Council and other stakeholders that some of the options are only viable with land use changes.
- Be transparent about the stakeholder selection criteria and process.
- Present pro’s and con’s for each alternative to Council to demonstrate why the range of alternatives and specific alternatives were chosen.
- Provide list of other communities that options are being deployed in.

No formal board action requested at this time.

Agenda Item 5: Matters

[7:08p.m.]

A.) Matters from the Board Included:

Board member Nozzi brought up the below matter(s)

- Folsom project: Kudos to staff for their heroic efforts despite all the bashing. Nevertheless, is dismayed by the rollback of the project without data to justify the scaling back. This has just sent the message to those who opposed the project that they were correct in their opposition. Believes that it was a mistake to scale back the project. Hopes TAB will vote to support the other repurposing projects.

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

- Met with Sweeney out at Broadway Boogie to walk thorough sections of proposed new development to review access plans.
- Questions regarding how the TAB email works,

Board member Rigler brought up the below matter(s):

- Requested an update on the search for a new Transportation Director for Public Works.

B.) Matters from staff/Non Agenda:

[7:15 p.m.]

- **Grant submittals – FASTER and Safe Routes to School:** Working on a project to complete the mobility

hubs at the Table Mesa Park-n-Ride for the FASTER grant. Coordinating with BVSD, Boulder County Transportation, Public Health and certain schools for good infrastructure projects to submit for Safe Routes to School grants.

- **AMPS Satellite Parking update:** Starting to pilot this with downtown employees in the Civic Area sites. Also looking at additional sites such as 64th and Arapahoe. Identifying potential satellite parking sites on all corridors coming into the city. Working to help people with connections from those sites.
- **Living Lab Phase I and Phase II update:** Phase I- Continuing outreach and getting feedback from the community through a variety of methods. Lots of in person outreach. Next public meeting November 17th. Some projects are still in their experiment mode. Others have been implemented more recently. Junction Place and Pearl Parkway coming in 2016. Phase II – Made the modifications along the corridor. Continuing with outreach and evaluation and updating website, infographics and data summary accordingly. Travel times now more reflective of the “before” condition. Counts may be reflecting seasonal fluctuations. Collision rates about the same. Crash locations will be mapped so patterns can be easily seen.
- **TAB Application feedback:** Send feedback to Mike individually and he will collate and get it back to the CMO.
- **Regional studies update:** Plans for some bus service to operate on the shoulder. State law precludes this so it is now a legislative item. There is FasTracks money available; the corridor is working with DRCOG to get some funding for Quiet Zone implementation.

Agenda Item 8: Future Schedule Discussion:

[7:46 p.m.]

Combined with Matters from Staff

Agenda Item 9: Adjournment

[7:46 p.m.]

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, by motion regularly adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Motion: moved to adjourn; Selvans, seconded by: Stellar

Motion passes 5:0

Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be a regular meeting on Monday, 14 December, 2015 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

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