

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

Name of Board/ Commission: Transportation Advisory Board	
Date of Meeting: 09 February 2015	
Contact Information Preparing Summary: Rene Lopez 303.441.3208	
Board Members Present: Daniel Stellar, Jessica Yates, Dom Nozzi, Andria Bilich, Zane Selvans Board Members Absent: None	
Staff Present: Michael Gardner-Sweeney, Acting Director of Public Works for Transportation Kathleen Bracke, GO Boulder Manager Randall Rutsch, Sr. Trans Planner, GO Boulder Chris Hagelin, Sr. Trans Planner, GO Boulder Mami Ratzel, Sr. Trans Planner, GO Boulder Carl Castillo, Policy Advisor, City Manager's Office Rene Lopez, Board Secretary Consultants Present: Chuck Sisk, RTD Board of Representatives Chris Quinn, Planning Project Manager, RTD	
Type of Meeting: Advisory/ Regular	
Agenda Item 1: Call to Order	[6:01 p.m.]
The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.	
Agenda Item 2: Approval of minutes from 12 January 2015	[6:01p.m.]
Motion to approve the meeting minutes from 12 January 2015 TAB meeting as presented: Motion by: Bilich, Seconded by: Stellar Vote: 5:0	
Agenda Item 3: Public Participation	[6:01 p.m.]
Julie McCabe – Re: Transportation Master Plan Update should be encouraging the public to use public transportation and not just pedestrian/bicycle options. Real time GPS mapping and ease of payment need to be included on our buses.	
Agenda Item 4: Invitation to RTD Board Representative Chuck Sisk of RTD	[6:06 p.m.]
Chuck Sisk, RTD Board of Representatives Chris Quinn, Planning Project Manager, RTD.	
Summary from Presentation:	
Northwest Area Mobility Study (NAMS) – challenges with the rail, establish a BRT system and how the remaining Fastracks would look in the Northwestern corridor.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAMS Priorities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completion of the remaining US 36 BRT commitments 2. Arterial BRT <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. SH 119 Highest priority b. US 287 or SH 7 3. I-25 Reverse commute 4. Northwest rail completion 5. Remaining arterial BRT corridors • Arterial BRT corridors: \$304M and the expected ridership by 2035 will be 27,800 boardings per day with largest increases projected on US 287. • \$17.3M of \$304M for Boulder System Improvements minus BRT Share • US 36 BRT Status: Upgrades, Real Time information, Branding and fleet replacements • US BRT Service Plan: Express, Local and schedule free service 	
Board discussion and comments included:	[6:34 p.m.]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions regarding boarding processes in BRT – ticket vending machines, smart cards and possible bus fleet changes to decrease boarding times 	

- Questions regarding operational funding
 - 10% increase in service hours on opening day with expectations for increased usage, and 59 new busses for the corridor.
- Comments regarding BRT decreased service – the plan should provide the same or better service than before – some routes, such as S service east and mid-day express service may have decreased service – can some of these issues be addressed?
 - No final service plans have been decided on.
- How will service decreases be communicated to the public?
 - Public hearings, and graphical information
- Comments regarding practicality of BRT and this corridors specific needs.
 - Bicycle storage areas instead of luggage compartments on corridor
- Comments regarding high frequency service causes bus “clumping”
 - BRT operations will have real time management and scheduling flexibility and a dedicated lane.
- Remarks regarding RTD’s interest in increasing ridership –
 - First and final mile efforts and increased ridership are important to RTD – revenue from fares is only 21-22% currently.

Public Hearing Comments:

No board action beyond input is requested at this time.

Agenda Item 5: City of Boulder Legislative Agenda (Carl Castillo)

[7:01 p.m.]

Carl Castillo, Policy Advisor, City Manager’s Office, presented this item.

Executive Summary from Packet Materials:

PURPOSE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The purpose of the city’s 2015 State and Federal Legislative Agenda (the “Legislative Agenda”) is to formalize city positions on legislation expected to be considered by the Colorado General Assembly and the U.S. Congress. The city offers the Legislative Agenda as a guideline to legislators for reference when considering legislation impacting the City of Boulder. Strategic, targeted, and/or abbreviated versions of the information contained in this agenda will also be created throughout the year for use in further legislative communications.

The Legislative Agenda was developed in advance of the convening of the 2015 Colorado General Assembly and the 114th U.S. Congress. Consequently, it does not address legislation by bill number. Instead, it describes the underlying interest the city has on specific issues. With the coordination of the city’s Policy Advisor, it will be used by individual council members and city staff to inform city positions taken on specific bills once these legislative sessions begin. At that point, council may also consider amendments to the Legislative Agenda and address specific bills that have been proposed.

The city often attempts to influence state and federal policies through other avenues, beyond the legislative agenda, such as by submitting comments on administrative rulemakings or “sunset” reviews of expiring legislation, or by making direct appeals to federal and state administrative officials. While the Legislative Agenda is not designed to direct such action, it can be looked toward as a resource to inform such city efforts.

Council may revisit the Legislative Agenda at any point. It may do so as a body, or through its Legislative Committee. Council created this committee for the purpose of convening on an ad hoc basis with the Policy Advisor and other city staff as necessary when one or more of the following circumstances exist:

1. There is an immediate need for council members to participate with staff in developing a legislative strategy to advance or defeat a bill which is clearly addressed by the city’s legislative agenda or other council-approved policy documents, or;
2. There is action expected on pending legislation that affects a matter which council has previously provided general direction on and that could significantly impact the city, but which council did not provide sufficient specific direction on (either through its legislative agenda or other approved policy documents) and with timing that will not allow for council direction to be obtained. In these limited situations, the Policy Advisor may turn to the committee for direction on such legislation so that the city can advocate

accordingly. Council is to be informed whenever such committee direction has been provided, and may choose to subsequently revisit such direction.

Council's Legislative Committee is also turned to during non-legislative periods to provide suggestions on revisions to the legislative agenda and to plan agendas for meetings with legislators.

As has been done in years past, council is again adopting a goal that modifications to this legislative agenda require consistency, when applicable, with the six criteria described below:

1. Uniformity with current city council goals;
2. Expected relevance in the upcoming or present state and federal legislative sessions;
3. Uniqueness of issue or impact to the City of Boulder;
4. Viability, or likelihood of achieving goal;
5. Opportunity for providing funding for City of Boulder; and,
6. High probability of metrics of success in order to allow the position to be deleted from future agendas if achieved.

Departures from these criteria are made in unique circumstances as determined by council, such as when adoption of a city position is important to support its regional partners, even while the legislation is otherwise of limited consequence to the city.

The city welcomes the opportunity to discuss the city's Legislative Agenda. Please direct any questions to City Council members or to the city's Policy Advisor at 303-441-3009.

Board discussion and comments included:

[7:19 p.m.]

- Comments regarding reactivity rather than proactivity with the legislative agenda – options for initiating a proactive effort on an item
- Remarks that additional revenue sources may be necessary
- Comments regarding Stop/Yield implementation in cities, and institutional history regarding this issue
 - “Idaho Stops” Colorado Municipal League opposes this action, Boulder a small minority looking into this.
- Transportation maintenance fees – look at user based funding mechanisms for transportation – vehicle miles travelled (VMT) taxes are an option that should be looked into.
 - VMT funding mechanisms are in the legislative agenda but have little political support.
- Comments regarding managed lanes within city limits – an option for Boulder

Public Hearing Comments:

No board action beyond input is requested at this time.

Agenda Item 6: Staff briefing and TAB input regarding City Council 6-month TMP Implementation [7:40 p.m.] check-in February 24, 2015 (Bracke, Rutsch)

Randall Rutsch presented this item.
Kathleen Bracke presented this item

Executive Summary from Packet Materials:

The 2014 Transportation Master Plan (TMP) represents the continued refinement of the city's transportation and sustainability goals. The 2014 TMP is built on more than 20 years of consistent policy direction in transportation and includes a refined focus on sustainability, including greenhouse gas (GhG) reductions, and a broader integration of sustainability planning across city departments.

While all areas of the TMP were updated, the work effort producing the 2014 TMP included extensive technical work in transit planning, developing a detailed inventory of GhG emissions from the transportation sector, implementation of the “living lab” approach to improving the transportation system for all modes, development of the low stress bike network, and additional measurable objectives to track progress in safety, vehicle miles travelled per capita for residents and non-resident employees, and creation of 15-minute neighborhood access tool.

The work and results of the 2014 TMP are being integrated in other city work efforts, including Envision East Arapahoe, the Access and Parking Management Strategy (AMPS), Civic Area implementation, Housing Boulder, Climate Commitment, and the upcoming Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan update.

The 2014 TMP includes an extensive Action Plan reflecting anticipated work items for the immediate (2014-2016), mid (2017-2020) and long term (2020+). The upcoming study session is intended to provide council with the results of work on implementing the 2014 TMP in the six months since acceptance by City Council in August 2014. The work program for implementing the TMP is consistent with the council's priorities and city's efforts to promote long-term sustainability and resiliency. Highlights of the implementation work efforts include:

- Continuation of the living laboratory approach for bicycle innovations, including piloting corridor-based complete street repurposing or rightsizing projects;
- Work with local and regional agency partners to push for real-time travel information, continued work on the community wide Eco Pass program, and improving the service plan for the upcoming US36 Bus Rapid Transit system;
- Refinement of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies in coordination with the city's Access Management and Parking Strategy (AMPS), including refinements for enhancing the city's TDM Tool Kit for new development;
- Secured \$11.5 million in funding for local transportation improvement projects and regional BRT projects through Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) competitive funding process;
- Continued collaboration with integrated land use and transportation projects including Envision East Arapahoe, Civic Area, AMPS, Housing Boulder, Climate Commitment, and scoping process for Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan update.
- Completed 2014 Boulder Valley Employee survey and compiling results along with other updates to transportation related evaluation measures to gauge on-going progress toward accomplishing the TMP goals. The next Transportation Report on Progress document and web-based dashboard is scheduled for completion by end of 2015.

Board discussion and comments included:

[7:49 p.m.]

- University protected bike lanes – feedback and experiences are helpful to staff
 - Maintenance and adjustments should be prompt and efficient to show the public responsiveness
- Bike Corral program – great idea.
- Artistic bike racks -- design efforts have not been functional
- Low stress network – overlay maintenance/snow removal plan with bikeways system to see if changes to snow removal routes would be advantageous
- Remarks for parking cash-out support
- TDM Toolkit – parking reductions bundled with other services to developers
- Enforcement – voice for more rigorous monitoring of not complying with approved TDM plans
- EcoPass analysis feedback –
 - Parking needs to be managed efficiently to see a community wide EcoPass as a successful next step
 - Remarks regarding the engagement with RTD on community wide EcoPass
 - Strategic with RTD with regard to City's priorities to prevent a zero-sum game
- 6 month check-in – progress is impressive
- Living Lab Phase I– currently exploring 4 corridors to better understand them and getting input from the public
- Roll out some of these measures in Summer 2015 so that phase 2 can build on that
- Phase II timing – timeline phase I evaluation available Aug-Sep 2015, phase II begins in June/July 2015 – not able to get feedback from phase I first – need to adjust project timeline to address this

Public Hearing Comments:

No board action beyond input is requested at this time.

Agenda Item 7: Matters

[8:22 p.m.]

A.) Matters from the Board Included:

- AMPS Joint Board Meeting Update
 - Selvans – great groups and venue, spent too much time on consultant presentation to set-up conversations at tables, prefer more time for table discussions
 - Bilich- shortened presentation time would be helpful

B.) Matters from staff/Non Agenda:

[8:24 p.m.]

- Regional studies update (Bracke)
 - Still working through service plan issues, met with RTD staff and have acknowledged some of the issues

- Direct service from Boulder Junction to DIA – on going process
- MCC group and Boulder County – working together to evaluate US36 BRT service planning and other regional transit issues, including RTD Fare Study
- SH7 coalition is formed and will meet quarterly for BRT planning along SH7 corridor from Boulder to Brighton
- FLEX – regional entities meeting for planning of routes to enhance inter-regional service (Boulder to Fort Collins)
- Envision East Arapahoe Public Meeting report (Bracke)
 - Focused on transportation planning components for Open House event
 - New tools to engage public by creating models for public to work on – good input from community members
- City Council Retreat Report (Sweeney)
 - Development fees – work program to explore commercial linkage fee for housing and review/update transportation impact fees
- Colorado Bike Summit (Bracke)
 - Staff able to share the living lab approach with statewide communities
 - National Mayors challenge – looking for Boulder to participate in this and have representation to create safer communities
 - League of American bicyclists – platinum cities working together to get to diamond level and helping to elevate other cities

Agenda Item 7: Future Schedule Discussion: **[8:34 p.m.]**
None

Agenda Item 8: Adjournment **[8:34 p.m.]**
There being no further business to come before the board at this time, by motion regularly adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.
Motion: moved to adjourn; Selvans, seconded by: Yates
Motion passes 5:0

Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting:
The next meeting will be a regular meeting on Monday, 09 March 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

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