

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

Name of Board/ Commission: Transportation Advisory Board	
Date of Meeting: September 12, 2016	
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Board Members Present: , Bill Rigler, Chair; Dom Nozzi, Anna Reid Board Members Absent: Jennifer Nicoll; Zane Selvans	
Staff Present: Michael Gardner-Sweeney, Director of Public Works for Transportation Kathleen Bracke, GO Boulder Manager Bill Cowern, Acting Principal Traffic Engineer Shannon Young, Civil Engineer Joe Paulson, Transportation Engineer Gerrit Slatter, Principal Transportation Projects Engineer Bryant Gonsalves, Transportation Project Manager Melanie Sloan, Transportation Planner Lesli Ellis, Comprehensive Planning Manager, Planning, Housing & Sustainability (PH&S) Meredith Schleske, Board Secretary	
Type of Meeting: Advisory/ Regular	
Agenda Item 1: Call to Order	[6:02 p.m.]
The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.	
Agenda Item 2: Approval of minutes from August. Move to approve 8 August, 2016 minutes as presented. Motion: Nozzi Second: Reid 3:0:0 Motion Passes	
Agenda Item 3: Public Participation	[6:03 p.m.]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jay Prassl stated that both traffic and speeds have increased on Grape Avenue over past ten years. • Tim Hatstrup spoke about speed mitigation on Grape Avenue from 19th Street to Folsom including by the elementary school and efforts residents have made, such as traffic cones in the street. • Bridgette Braig observed that there are no natural mitigating features on Grape Avenue, such as dips. • Neal McBurnett expressed concern that autonomous cars are not addressed in the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan (BVCP). • Alex Hyde-Wright has concerns and suggestions regarding configuration options for the 13th Street and Arapahoe Underpass project. 	
Agenda Item 4: Safe Streets Boulder – Toward Vision Zero Implementation	[6:24 p.m.]
Kathleen Bracke and Bill Cowern made the report to the board.	
Board feedback:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion to partner with community bike shops for the Lighten-Up Boulder campaign. • Request for data to support a potential safety op-ed in the newspaper. • Questions regarding budget allocation and reallocation. 	
Agenda Item 5: Staff briefing and TAB discussion regarding the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan (BVCP) Update including scenario analysis (Ellis)	[6:48 p.m.]
Lesli Ellis made the presentation to the board.	
Board Action Requested: The Board is asked to provide comments and suggestions on the draft revised Transportation Policies for the BVCP, keeping in mind that these policies reflect the policies of the 2014 Transportation Master Plan (TMP). The Board is also asked to provide feedback or questions on the BVCP trails map and the preliminary scenarios.	
Board feedback:	

There was detailed discussion regarding various sections of the TMP as well as consistency with the BVCP, including suggestions for more specific language regarding autonomous vehicles and other forms of transportation. Additional Board comments may be emailed to staff.

Agenda Item 6: Staff briefing and TAB discussion regarding the Boulder Creek Arapahoe Underpass Project (Arapahoe & 13th) [7:39 p.m.]

Melanie Sloan made the presentation to the board.

Executive Session:

The City of Boulder has initiated planning and design for the Boulder Creek & Arapahoe Underpass (Arapahoe & 13th) project to provide a safer, more accessible and less flood prone underpass along the Boulder Creek Path at Arapahoe Avenue, near 13th Street. The planning and design process began in early 2016 and is anticipated to continue through Fall/Winter, 2016. This project is utilizing the city's Community and Environmental Assessment Process (CEAP) to select the preferred design alternative.

The purpose of this memo is to introduce to and receive feedback from the board on the planning and design process, current proposed design alternatives and proposed evaluation characteristics, which will be used to identify the preferred design alternative. Because this project impacts both transportation and parks and recreation facilities, the project CEAP requires public hearing and approval by both TAB and PRAB in a joint board hearing and so we invite the board to participate in a joint TAB-PRAB meeting (date to be determined) for official review and recommendation of the CEAP process and preferred alternative selection. Additional detail on the project background, planning and design status, timeline, community involvement role and opportunities and current proposed design alternatives are included below.

Request to the Board

The project team requests feedback from TAB on (1) the planning and design process, (2) the current proposed design options and (3) the proposed evaluation characteristics. Feedback received from TAB and PRAB will inform the selection of the preferred alternative through combination of the presented options, the next step in the CEAP. This is also the opportunity for the board to request additional information from the project team.

Additionally, we ask for the board to participate in a joint TAB-PRAB meeting (November, 2016--date to be determined) for official review and recommendation of the CEAP process and preferred alternative selection.

Board Discussion:

- Concern expressed to enhance pedestrian comfort with cyclists on the same path and suggestion that pedestrian path lights be considered.
- Request made for a walking tour to better visualize the design options.
- Support expressed for the "face on" crossing design.
- Inquiry made regarding crash data for the underpass.

Agenda Item 7: The role of electric vehicles in meeting Boulder's climate goals – Will Toor, Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEET) [8:34 p.m.]

Board Discussion:

- Questions asked whether less expensive electric cars will result in more miles traveled and other consequences.
- Inquiry made whether TAB could be helpful in encouraging the city to pursue funds allocated to the state due to the VW settlement and apply to transportation electrification.

Agenda Item 8: Matters [9:25 p.m.]

A. Matters from the Board

- Op-ed – Bill Rigler and Dom Nozzi will co-author a timely article regarding street safety and calming; Anna Reid will write one subsequently regarding the East Arapahoe Avenue project.
- Board Retreat follow up – deferred to October 2016.
- Dom Nozzi transportation safety presentation – deferred to October 2016.
- Updates re: sub-committees and working groups
 - HOP Working Group – member Bill Rigler reported that several reconfigured options were discussed at the third stakeholder meeting including spurs up Folsom and 9th Street and possibly to Chautauqua. A presentation will be made to TAB in November 2016.
 - A PRAB/TAB joint board meeting will be scheduled in November 2016.

B. Matters from the Staff/ Non-Agenda [9:50 p.m.]

- RTD/Regional studies update - Bus to Work Day will be October 5, 2016. The communications plan will be forwarded to TAB.
- Other matters – there were none.

Agenda Item 9: Future Schedule Discussion – there was none.

[9:54 p.m.]

Agenda Item 10: Adjournment

[9:54 p.m.]

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, by motion regularly adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Motion: moved to adjourn: Nozzi Seconded by: Reid

Motion passes 3:0

Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be a regular meeting on Monday, 10 October 2016 in the 1777 West Conference Room, 1st 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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