

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

<b>Name of Board/ Commission:</b> Transportation Advisory Board
<b>Date of Meeting:</b> October 12, 2020
<b>Contact Information Preparing Summary:</b> Meredith Schleske 303.441.3204
<b>Board Members Present:</b> Tila Duhaime; Mark McIntyre, Alex Weinheimer, Lauren Lambert, Robert Hutchinson
<b>Staff Present:</b> Erika Vandenbrande, Director for Transportation and Mobility Bill Cowern, Deputy Director for Transportation and Mobility, Acting Principal Transportation Engineer Natalie Stiffler, Deputy Director for Transportation and Mobility Chris Hagelin, Senior Transportation Planner, Acting GO Boulder Manager Danny O'Connor, Senior Transportation Planner David "DK" Kemp, Senior Transportation Planner Amy Lewin, Senior Transportation Planner Ryan Noles, Senior Transportation Planner Jean Sanson, Senior Transportation Planner Allison Crump, Transportation Planner Jenny Godwin, Associate Transportation Planner Robyn VanDerLeest, Traffic Sergeant Meredith Schleske, Board Secretary
<b>Others Present:</b> Brandon Crockett Smith, Assistant Director, Sustainable Transportation Program, CU Boulder Clark A. Rider, Sustainable Transportation Specialist, CU Boulder Heidi VanGenderen, Chief Sustainability Officer, CU Boulder Kevin Crouse, Executive Director, Boulder Bike Share
<b>Type of Meeting:</b> Advisory/ Regular
<b>Agenda Item 1: Call to Order</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>[6:05 p.m.]</b></span>
<b>Instructions to Virtual Meeting Participants (not an agenda item)</b> – Jenny Godwin, technical host reviewed rules and technical operations on the virtual platform.
<b>Agenda Item 2: Approval of September 2020 Minutes</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>[6:09 p.m.]</b></span> <b>Motion: Approval of September 2020 Minutes as amended agenda item 11 – change Table Mesa “underpass” to “overpass”.</b>  <b>Motion:</b> McIntyre <b>Second:</b> Hutchinson <b>5:0 Motion Passes.</b>
<b>Agenda Item 3: Public Comment</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>[6:12 p.m.]</b></span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steven Haydel – Vision Zero data in Florida indicates that fatal and incapacitating crashes are holding steady; we need to revisit what we can actually do to reduce in Boulder. Appreciate 20 is Plenty – thanks for getting that through. Need initiatives with high value signals and intersections, incremental changes are not working. Regarding the e-scooters survey, we are behind on Boulder Creek Path – they’re already out there.</li> <li>• Ryan Welsh – thanks for your work, especially 20 is Plenty. Quick story about coming from different direction than partner and each was almost hit by a driver, partner by someone turning right on green while she had the signal and he had watch signal by someone turning right on red at different intersection. Could convince less experienced riders to quit. Need big change, can afford to change rules i.e. turning drivers, repurpose space for safe travel for all modes, should be able to afford. Make it safer for families.</li> <li>• Lisa White – serving on Pedestrian Action Committee (PAC), speaking to Boulder Bike Share strategic plan and regulation of modes on sidewalks and paths. Bikeshare is for public good, offers options, prefers community-based provider. Invest in creating safe routes and more of them. Micromobility should be allowed on any street sidewalks and paths to give options for travel. Safe routes that people can take safely and legally are critically important, pursue less expensive, take bold steps.</li> </ul>
<b>Agenda Item 4: Monthly Update</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>[6:21 p.m.]</b></span> <b>A. COVID-19 Staff Update</b>

Erika Vandenbrande made the update to the board. Emails regarding HOP and crash data were sent to TAB members. HOP ridership is down 75% from April to September as are vehicle and pedestrian crashes and injuries. TAB request to receive reports earlier and make visible to the public.

**B. Safe Streets Boulder - Vision Zero (VZ) Action Plan, VZ Crash  
TAB Discussion**

- Comments regarding no discussion or attention paid to major arterials, exemplary work on left turn crashes, need to address high speed.
- Opinion expressed that engineering failures occurred with Table Mesa, missed opportunity to narrow 30<sup>th</sup> Street and not considering failsafe protected bike lanes, seems we can do more with our resources.

**Agenda Item 5: Community Check-in**

**[6:39 p.m.]**

- Comment that Colorado District 13 House candidate Judy Amabile is very interested in VZ, legislature may be moving forward regarding potential photo radar traffic enforcement.

**Agenda Item 6: Staff briefing and TAB feedback regarding Boulder Bikeshare Strategic Operational Plan  
Years 2021-2023**

**[6:43 p.m.]**

David Kemp made the report to the board with support from Kevin Crouse.

**Executive Summary**

The purpose of the item is to update TAB on the Boulder Bike Share (BBS) Strategic Planning process, and to receive feedback on micromobility provider options as part of Boulder's Shared Micromobility Program.

On January 28, 2020 staff presented information and a recommendation to continue to invest in Boulder Bike Share as the sole bikeshare provider in the City of Boulder. Since then, Boulder Bike Share underwent a Strategic Planning process, and council adopted two ordinances to allow for the business licensing of dockless e-bikes and e-scooters in the City of Boulder. With new information from Boulder Bike Share's strategic planning process, and the recent changes to the local regulatory environment to include e-bikes and e-scooters in the shared micromobility program, staff has been working with key stakeholders to develop the framework of a Shared Micromobility Program that will launch in Spring 2021. In addition to the changes to the city's regulatory landscape, the city's budget has also been significantly impacted by COVID-19 and provides staff with an opportunity to consider the appropriate level of financial investment in a shared micromobility program.

The Shared Micromobility Program will seek to provide a variety of shared mobility options including e-bike and e-scooter share. Currently, the city contracts with Boulder Bike Share, a local non-profit organization, to provide bikeshare service to the community using B-Cycle LLC's platform. Staff is evaluating scenarios that include to continue to contract with Boulder Bike Share, to consider contracting with a national/international private operator for bikeshare and other micromobility services in the community, or a hybrid approach.

At this point, staff has not identified a preferred scenario as we are seeking feedback from TAB on the potential service provider scenarios and the criteria used to evaluate each option as we prepare of the upcoming study session with Council on October 27th. Following the study session and further evaluation, TAB's feedback will inform staff's recommendation and eventually the selection of a provider(s) through the Request for Proposal process planned for later this year.

**TAB Input**

1. Does TAB have any questions or comments regarding the results of the Boulder Bike Share strategic planning process?
2. Does TAB have any feedback on the potential service provider options, and the criteria used to evaluate each option?
3. Does TAB have a preferred scenario now that we can include in the feedback to Council?
  - Questions regarding volume and goals, number of rides we are trying to shift, why Boulder is enticing to providers.
  - Comment that Boulder brand will not last to provide the gains that the providers need.
  - Inquiries about what we learned from lack of interested dockless bikeshare provider and how will we position with request for proposal (RFP) for bikeshare, where e-scooters will be allowed to operate, how to encourage diversity of types of trips, how many single occupancy vehicle (SOV) trips e vehicles will displace. Also rideshare (Lyft, Uber).

- Suggestions for a working group, consider ability to connect with CU campus. In evaluating bids, how flexible and adaptive is their model, include timeframe in proposal. Encouragement to choose a path and go.
- Comments that revenue/ridership is single dominant criterion – request for numbers and probabilities, scooter company employees’ vision of what successful program looks like are interesting, voice of industry professionals is underrepresented.

TAB representative requested to attend the 10/27/2020 Study Session regarding micromobility – Hutchinson; Lambert backup.

**Agenda Item 7: Staff briefing and TAB feedback regarding Regulation of Electric- and Human-powered Vehicles on Streets/Sidewalks/Paths [7:56 p.m.]**

David Kemp made the report to the board.

**Executive Summary**

The purpose of this memo is to examine where human and electric-powered mobility devices can be legally operated on sidewalks, streets, and multi-use paths. The micromobility devices under review include devices, such as e-scooters, e-skateboards, hoverboards, one-wheels, skateboards, bicycles, and rollerblades. The review of our current ordinances is necessary to reassess our current dismount zones on sidewalks ordinance and to also take a proactive stance due to the proliferation of electric-powered mobility devices and the plan to introduce new devices to the city’s Shared Micromobility Program.

Based on research, internal coordination and input from the community engagement process, staff is exploring several potential changes to ordinances including allowing electric-powered devices to be operated on multi-use paths and on sidewalks, except in dismount zones, and allowing skateboards, rollerblades, and electric-powered devices to be used in the street.

Staff is seeking TAB’s input on the facility types where specific devices, both privately-owned and shared, should be allowed to legally operate.

**TAB Input**

1. What are your questions and concerns regarding expanding the use of human-powered devices (e.g., bikes, e-bikes, and skateboards) on sidewalks?
2. What are your questions and concerns regarding the use of electric-powered devices on multi-use paths?
3. What are your questions and concerns regarding the use of human-powered skateboards and electric-powered devices on residential streets in the bike lane other streets?

- Appreciation for improved map.
- Questions regarding where signage should be, whether education will be effective.
- Comments supporting contra-bikelanes in dismount zone, partnering with general improvement districts (GIDs) to provide clear signage, inappropriate to bike on sidewalks, combine with education, focus on infrastructure, ordinance is critical in event of crash
- General support for flexibility in ordinance and staff direction to continue exploring the issue.

**Agenda Item 8: Matters [8:34 p.m.]**

**A. Matters from Staff/Non-Agenda**

- 2021 Budget Update (Vandenbrande) – reviewed revenue sources, 2019 to 2021 projections, 2020 and anticipated 2021 reductions in Transportation and Mobility. Detailed where funds are allocated for 2021. After approval, will develop work plans to optimize, bring to TAB for input to improve.
  - Question regarding Transportation Demand Management (TDM) reduction – HOP service, temporary staff, vanpool subsidy not being used during COVID restrictions, business EcoPass rebate, RTD rebates not being used.
- Snow and Ice Management Update (Hayden) [8:51 p.m.]
  - Records were broken in 2020, will do best possible to keep current service levels. Have now exceeded 2021 budget.
  - Questions regarding how to we modify or change priorities to clear sidewalks over completely dry street, changes that could mitigate, anything gained during COVID restrictions, reduce length of service on major arterials, move resources to other areas, say no to those not on the workplan, safe bike facilities and vehicle that can clear. Can do more staff training to be more effective and efficient.
  - Suggestion to PAC regarding Shovel A Path program – doorhangers or other reminders to residents of their responsibility.

- Regional Transportation Update (O’Conner, Sanson) [9:23 p.m.]  
Continuing to partner with agencies, coalitions, focus on maintaining funding. RTD service levels were reduced for COVID, developing 2021 budget, RTD public comment period is open. Plan to maintain COVID levels into 2021 plus additional reductions, suspended some routes, 40% reduction in service. Overall ridership down 60% similar to Boulder. Substantial layoffs of 500+ are anticipated. Staff working on mitigating as Boulder RTD service reduction appears to be higher than 40% with no routes at Boulder Junction. Ensure essential workers can get to work – Flatirons Flyer is important. Looking at alternatives, safe bike facilities, requesting restoration of bus stop at 47<sup>th</sup> Street. TAB members may relay community impacts to O’Conner.
- Neighborhood EcoPass (NECO Pass) Program (Hagelin, Crump) [9:35 p.m.]  
All RTD residents are eligible to create a neighborhood for NecoPass; Boulder is primary user. Issues – extensive volunteer time, lack of equity. 2020 pilot programs are in association with Boulder Housing Partners. Options include continuing NecoPass, MyRide (pay as you go/reloadable), mobile ticketing (pay as you go, app). RTD is allowing NecoPass groups to suspend in 2021. City financial and programmatic support make the Boulder program unique; a few other cities have programs as well. Neighborhood Transit Access working group will include TAB representative.
  - Question concerning status today, suggestions regarding more equitable support, vary subsidy per group.
  - Staff response - two practical and pragmatic barriers: tracking and administration investment and audit requires papertrail. Negative finding can impact bond rate.

**B. Matters from the Board** [10:04 p.m.]

- Updates re: collaboration with other city boards - no Access Management and Parking Strategy (AMPS) update yet.
- Open Board Comment
  - Sustainability/Transportation Connections (Hutchinson) – very difficult for Climate and Sustainability under Jonathan Koehn to incorporate transportation unless it involves electrification, which is mostly about parking. Must define or develop framing metrics.
  - Sustainability Report - comment that transportation is major contributor to greenhouse gas, reduction is not keeping pace with other components. Mainly from vehicle electrification, not transit or alternative modes. Question whether we are making the necessary progress.

**Agenda Item 9: Future Agenda Topics** [10:11 p.m.]

- TAB letter to Council – November.

**Agenda Item 10: Adjournment** [10:13 p.m.]

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, by motion regularly adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

**Motion: Moved to adjourn:** Duhaime **Second:** Weinheimer

**Motion passes 5:0**

**Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be a regular virtual meeting on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise decided by staff and the Board.

APPROVED BY:

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Board Chair

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