

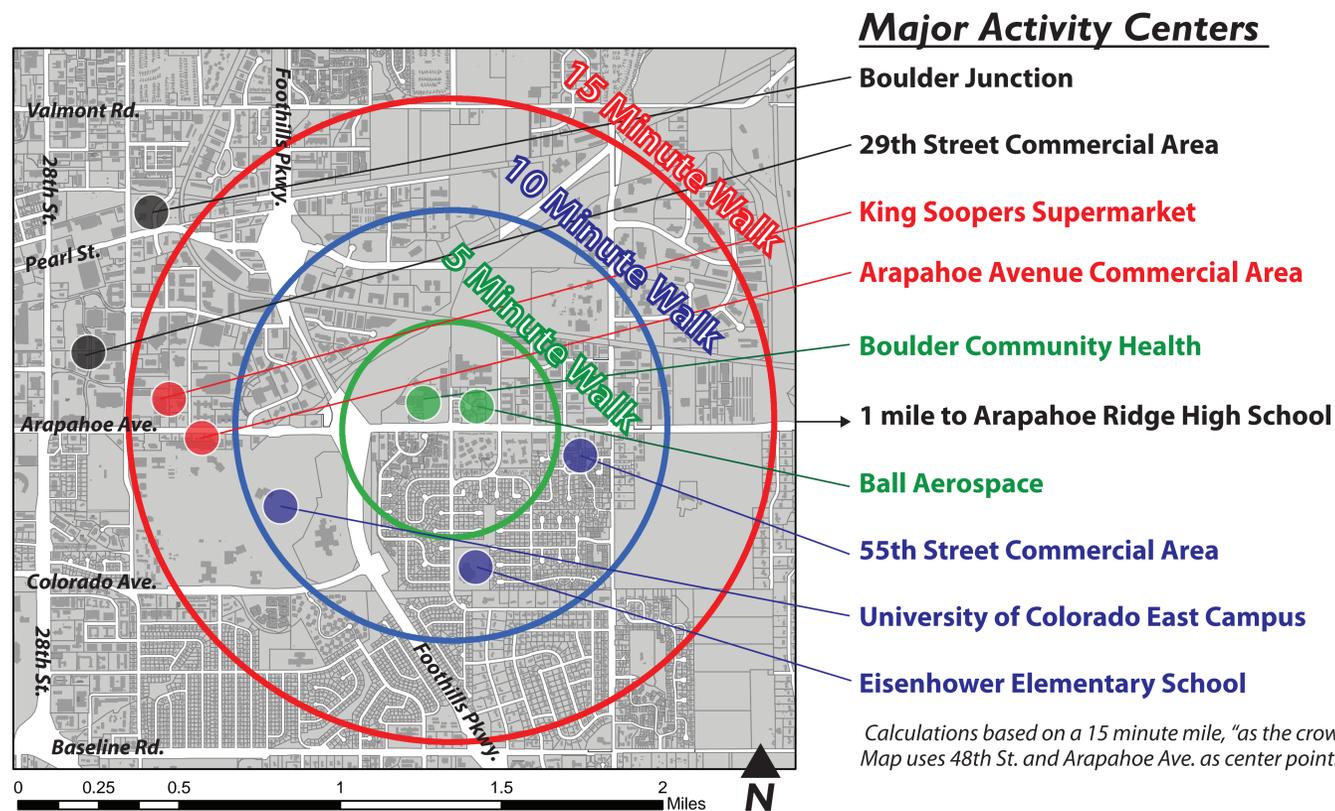
Transportation Connections

15-Minute Neighborhoods

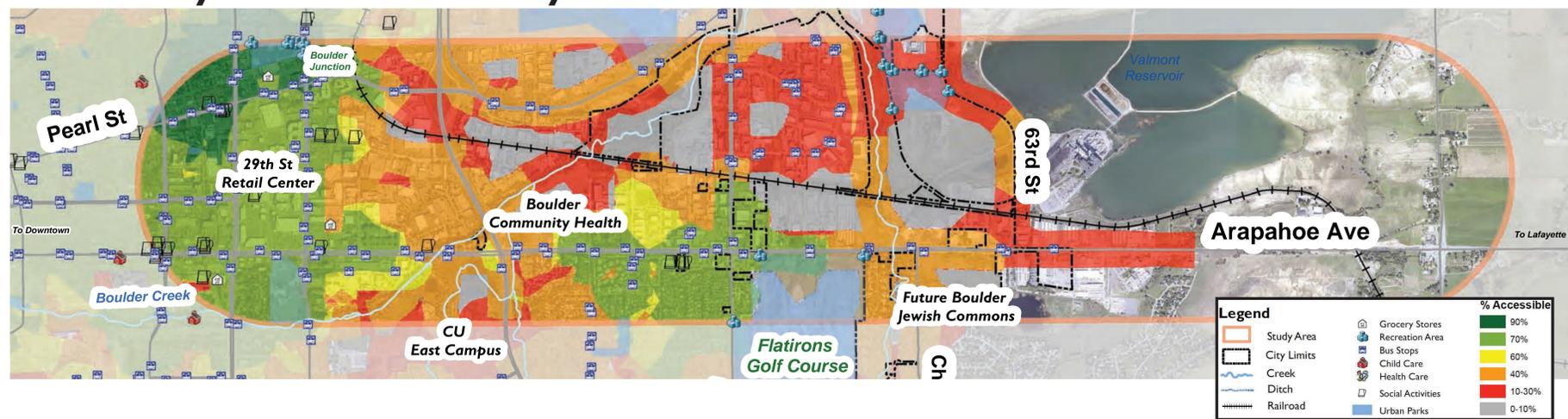
How many useful or interesting things can you walk to within 15 minutes of where you live, work, or spend your time? The City of Boulder has a community goal to create “15-minute neighborhoods,” where many basic needs can be accessed easily on foot or bike. Places that are geographically near to each other “as the crow flies” may feel further apart due to lack of direct connections; as shown in the following maps. The designation of new connections will be a key part of making East Arapahoe a 15-minute neighborhood.

Proposed Guiding Principles for Establishing Connections

- 1. Accessible** - Break up the super blocks. Establish a finer grained, multi-modal network of transportation connections “through and across” Arapahoe, linking residential and employment areas, commercial areas and major/emerging activity centers.
- 2. “Hierarchy of access”** - Establish the pedestrian environment as the primary mode.
- 3. Safe** - Create safe and convenient access to pedestrian, transit and bicycle networks for people of all ages and stages of life.
- 4. Integrated** - Support City of Boulder integrated master planning such as Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Master Plan (TMP), Access Management and Parking Strategy (AMPS); as well as CU’s East Campus and Boulder County Transportation Master Plans, and RTD’s Northwest Area Mobility Study (NAMS).
- 5. Focused** - Evaluate scenarios relative to progress in all areas of the TMP measurable objectives, including mode share, vehicle miles traveled, neighborhood accessibility and improved safety for all modes.
- 6. Sustainable and Resilient** - Support Boulder’s Sustainability Framework, including Climate Commitment, economic vitality, environmental stewardship, and social/community values.



New Neighborhood Access Tool: How many destinations can you walk to in 15 minutes?



A future meeting will be held on December 11, 2014 to discuss Transportation Connections in more detail, and to gather community input regarding how these connections will be designated.

