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RE: City Council Retreat Questions for Boards and Commissions for 2015

City Council will be hosting their annual retreat in January 2015 to develop their work program for 2015. To provide city advisory boards and commissions with an opportunity to share input with City Council to help shape their 2015 work program, the following questions have been developed and provided to each of the boards and commissions.

Staff is seeking your feedback on these questions and your guidance to share these questions with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB).

As a starting point, staff has drafted initial responses to these questions for your review and consideration. Please feel free to add/edit these responses. The plan is review and finalize the draft response at the December 8, 2014 TAB meeting. Once you have finalized your responses, staff will forward your information to City Council for their consideration as part of their 2015 Retreat.

We have attached a copy of TAB's recently approved 2014-15 work program and a copy of City Council's 2014/2015 work program for reference.

Retreat Questions for Boards and Commissions for 2015 – Responses from the Transportation Advisory Board:

- **What are your top priorities within the framework of the council work plan adopted at the last city council retreat?**

The TAB is pleased that it could deliver a TMP Update for Council acceptance in August 2014. Furthermore, TAB is particularly enthusiastic about strides made toward integrating Boulder's sustainability initiatives. Examples of integration were demonstrated through a more ambitious mode shift goal to achieve GHG objectives while supporting overall mobility; making progress on the Access Management and Parking Strategy, taking next steps on Envision East Arapahoe land use and transportation coordination; supporting the Complete Streets Living Laboratory approach, and supporting the next phase of Community-wide Eco Pass exploration.

Top priorities for the TAB are to implement the TMP, particularly focusing TAB's attention where it can help advance the TMP Action Plan. At a recent TAB retreat and subsequent board meetings, TAB prioritized its work program for 2014-15, which is in Attachment A.

TAB's priorities include advancing the next phase of the Living Laboratory program in 2014-15 and appreciates City Council's continued support and endorsement of the innovative, and increasingly ambitious complete street projects to test new designs and optimize options for people of all ages and stages of life walking, biking, and accessing transit.

TAB would like to highlight the importance of regional collaboration as one of the keys to realizing the goals of the TMP. As noted in the TMP Action Plan priorities, Boulder counts on other regional partners such as RTD, CDOT, DRCOG Boulder County, CU Boulder and BVSD to implement quality Bus Rapid Transit, implement the recommendations for the Northwest Area Mobility Study and make policy and investment decisions that expand our regional multi-modal system. TAB encourages Council to remain fully engaged in

influencing regional transportation planning, decision-making and investment.

TAB intends to reach out to regional partners to express the importance of these quality regional multi-modal connections to the Boulder community.

- **What would you like to see done that would further advance the Council Goals?**

TAB believes that additional progress must occur on in a variety of policy areas for integrated sustainability initiatives to be successful. The board recognizes that these are difficult issues for the community; however, if Boulder is serious about addressing climate change; providing a viable economy for future generations; and supporting a more diverse community, we need to make progress on:

- *land use – mixes of uses, at densities that also support livability/sustainability, 15-minute neighborhoods*
- *parking policies – maximums instead of minimums, expanded geographic applications of shared, unbundled, managed and paid (SUMP) parking, variable priced parking, TDM requirements for new development as well as advancing TDM programs for existing areas of the community, etc.*

- **How can your board specifically help reach the council goals?**

TAB can continue to serve as one of the boards which engages in planning projects such as Envision East Arapahoe, Access Management and Parking Strategy, Civic Area, the update to the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan and by taking a leadership role in the community to support the ambitious living laboratory program outlined by the 2014 TMP and Action Plan.

TAB can continue to collaborate with members of other city boards and commissions as part of continuation of the Joint Board Workshops to advance integrated planning initiatives.

TAB can reinforce Council's messages to regional partners regarding the importance of quality multi-modal solutions on our regional corridors,

including preparing for the launch of the US36 Bus Rapid Transit system and opening of Boulder Junction in 2016, along with corridor planning for arterial Bus Rapid Transit on SH119/Diagonal and SH7/East Arapahoe.

- **Are there city policies that need to be addressed that would enable your board to function at a higher level?**

TAB's focus is on advancing multimodal transportation to achieve the city's broad range of sustainability goals. TAB's efforts are supported by the policies in the updated 2014 Transportation Master Plan as well as the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan. The 2015 update to the BVCP will be an opportunity to integrate the recently updated TMP policies, goals, and measures into the broader comprehensive planning process.

- **Are there other items that council should address in the coming year?**

TAB's 2014-15 work program supports the implementation of the Transportation Master Plan action items, and TAB appreciates City Council including the implementation of the TMP, along with the Access Management and Parking Strategy, Envision East Arapahoe, Civic Area, and other integrated planning initiatives in their 2015 work program.

- **Are there other priorities outside of the Council Goals that your Board/Commission would like to address in the coming year?**

City Council's goals for 2015 include and address the TAB goals and priorities for 2014-15.

TAB Priorities for 2014 & 2015

TAB members submitted their individual priorities for implementing the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) through 2015. There was significant overlap in interests from the individual board members. A consolidated list of priorities is listed by category below.

There is significant interest in expanding improved **transit** including assuring US 36 BRT is successfully implemented and that Boulder connects well to the new system; implementing real time transit information; and expanding other local and regional transit services.

Effective **corridor** design for all modes of travel would connect with the Regional Arterial BRT corridors and would advance an accelerated innovations program testing on-street applications that make Boulder's streets safer and more convenient for all modes for people of all ages and abilities.

To achieve the ambitious TMP mode share and emissions goals, Boulder needs to advance more progressive **parking and TDM** policies and strategies across the community, employing shared, unbundled, managed and paid parking in more parts of the community.

Improving the **Land use / Transportation** relationship means that corridor and neighborhood activity center planning will advance mutually supportive community goals of addressing work force housing, supporting a vital economy, encouraging safe and convenient travel options, etc.

Transit – Regional and Local – Realizing and Optimizing Bus Rapid Transit

- Improve CTN service per Renewed Vision for Transit
- Transit Implementation Outreach process with RTD
- Real Time Transit Info Implementation
- Additional support for Via
- US36 BRT Implementation (branding, real time info, local connections, stations, First/Final Mile)
- Expand van/carpool services, including informal ridesharing options to support US36 HOT lanes 3+)

Corridor Design / Innovations / Implementation

- Regional Arterial BRT corridors from Northwest Area Mobility Study
- Corridor Studies/Traffic Calming
- Low Stress Bike Network

Parking and Travel Demand Management (TDM)

- AMPS, including fully unbundle parking price from housing price
- Bike Parking (Bike corral program, bike parking standards)
- Expand employer outreach for TDM
- Enhance access to existing Eco Pass program (NECO & BECO)
- Community wide Eco Pass

Land Use – Transportation Connection

- 15-minute neighborhoods
- Envision East Arapahoe
- Boulder Valley Comp Plan Update

Funding - Continue to Explore User fee based funding

TAB advances these initiatives through:

- making recommendations to City Council on policies specific to transportation;
- providing input at regular board meetings, open houses and joint board workshops to cross-departmental projects such as AMPS and Envision East Arapahoe;
- developing relationships with members of other boards and Council, including sharing the TMP story;
- hosting and/or participating in public engagement opportunities;
- providing advice to staff regarding design and guiding principles for projects and programs; and
- consistently messaging community interests to regional partners such as RTD, CDOT, CU Boulder and BVSD.

		2014				2015				
Project	Council or Staff?	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	
HOUSING/LAND USE/PLANNING	Comprehensive Housing Strategy	Council	Briefing - with other related efforts, workplan	SS - objectives, recommended early action items	Briefing	Direction on policy options	Adopt strategy and action plan			
		Staff Activities	Housing choice analysis; needs assessment; best practices; trends data; workplan	Opportunity site inventory; potential tools with "bang for buck" analysis	Develop policy options and recommendations; stakeholder engagement					
	North Boulder	Council	IP - update and preliminary policy choices	Briefing - options and feedback	Update and direction					
		Staff Activities	Public meeting with options	Preferred options and refined action plan	Action plan					
	East Arapahoe/Sustainable Streets and Centers	Council		Briefing - issues, scope, and feedback	SS - preferred scenarios, draft plan, and action plan	Plan "Lite" - council action	Next Corridor - 30th St or Colorado			
		Staff Activities	Joint East Arapahoe workshop to "test" planning workshop	East Arapahoe scope of work, public workshop, scenario modeling, character definition	Scenario refinement and recommendations	Develop East Arapahoe action plan				
	Resilience	Council		Briefing - scope agenda		SS - scoping session	SS	Direction or IP	Direction or IP	Direction or IP
		Staff Activities	Agenda setting workshop 4/28	Hire Asst. City Manager, begin strategy development	Scope strategy components	Scoping	Resilience work	Strategy analysis and development	Strategy analysis and development	Strategy analysis and development
	Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan	Council				SS - scoping session	SS	Direction or IP	Direction or IP	Direction or IP
		Staff Activities				Scoping analysis and partner outreach	Issues identification	Strategy analysis and development	Strategy analysis and development	Strategy analysis and development
	Other	Council	Annexation Strategy - Direction (options and feedback)	Usable open space - Code Change	Economic Sustainability Strategy implementation - Code Change					
			Density/ROW Dedication Calculations - Code Change	Parking generation and reduction - Code Change						
			County Assessor valuations for landscape and lighting upgrades - Code Change	Renewable energy sources - Code Change						
		Staff Activities	Annexation Strategy - analyze costs and options	Planning Board for above code changes	Planning Board for above code changes					
	Planning Board for above code changes									

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TRANSPORTATION	Transportation Master Plan	Council	IP (includes scope for AMPs)	SS (includes AMPS)	Acceptance - establish work program and coordination	Continue implementing pilots	Coordination with BVCP	Coordination with BVCP	Coordination with BVCP	Coordination with BVCP
		Staff Activities	Scenario and sensitivity analysis	Joint board workshop, TAB	Develop final update for board recommendation and council acceptance	Implement and coordination with BVCP and Resilience				
	Community EcoPass	Council	Feasibility Study - joint release with County	Rolls into TMP update						
		Staff Activities								
	Regional Transportation	Council	Briefing	Briefing		Briefing		Briefing		Briefing
		Staff Activities								
	Electric Vehicle Parking Ordinance/Energy Services	Council	Council agenda	SS			IP	IP	IP	IP
		Staff Activities								
	Access Management and Parking Strategies	Council	Scope	SS - Guiding principles, work program and process (includes TMP update)	Round 1 Code Changes - Auto and parking planning, zoning regs, EV charging stations	Update - Work plan and policy issues	Long Term Round 2 - Parking code changes and other policy issues	Council endorsement of ongoing work plan		
		Staff Activities	Finalize work program	Short term parking code regulation changes	Long term parking code changes	Long term parking code changes	Additional workplan items and public process tbd	Finalize document		
			TDM tool kit development for TMP integration	Long term parking code regulation changes	Additional workplan items tbd	Additional workplan items and public process tbd				
			Short term parking code ordinance changes	Public outreach and joint board meeting						
			Research/best practices	Additional workplan items tbd						
			Develop communications strategy							

ADD'L HOUS/PLAN/TRANS	Comp. Financial Strategy/Capital Bond	Council	Direction	SS	SS - finalize ballot?	Ballot?			
		Staff							
	Cap. Bond 1 Implement.	Staff		Construction			85% complete		100% Complete
	Flood Recovery	Staff		Repairs and FEMA Reimbursement	FHWA/FEMA work	FHWA/FEMA work	Building Better Boulder		Building Better Boulder
	Boulder Junction Phase 1 Implementation	Staff			South side of Pearl opens	Ongoing redevelopment coordination		Goose Creek Bridge opens	Depot Square opens
	Boulder Junction Phase 2 - City owned site	Staff		Coordination	Coordination		Coordination		
	Yards mobilized to move for Pollard option	Staff		Grading, prairie dogs, moving	Final prep			Yards moves continue	
	Safe Routes to School	Staff			Public process to prioritize projects		Application		
Implement Transpo.Tax	Staff		Expand maintenance, hire						

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Homelessness/Human Services	Council Items	Shelter/ Funding: Update on position and relationship with Boulder Shelter; Shelter funding and issues update and other funders.	SS - Human Services Strategy Update and Homeless Action Plan (including funding priorities and partnerships)	IP - Homelessness Issues	SS - Human Services Strategy Update and Homeless Action Plan (including funding and service priorities)				
				Regional Planning update/services and housing					
				2014 Point in Time Report					
				SS - Services and Regional coordination update	IP - Services and Regional coordination	IP - Services and Regional	SS - Services and Regional coordination	SS - Services and Regional	IP - Services and Regional
	Staff Activities	Facilitate monthly Boulder Homeless Planning Group re:	HS Strategy Update and Homeless Action Plan Update	HS Strategy Update and Homeless Action Plan -					
		Convene regional meeting with Denver/Boulder/MDHI							
		County Ten Year Plan meeting with focus on meeting housing	County Ten Year Plan meeting with focus on meeting housing						
Neighborhood/Park Events and Other Events	Council Items	GOCO grant application		GOCO grant acceptance					
					SS - Special Events with Street Closures and Block Party Permitting				
	Staff Activities	Review current PR permits and developm pilot program	Conduct pilot neighborhood event (link with Hill and GOCO school yard grant)	Conduct pilot neighborhood event	Review neighborhood park planning and event pilot success and plan schedule for 2015	Finalize nneighborhood event schedule for 2015	Conduct neighborhood events	Conduct neighborhood events	Review pilot program and propose permit changes required to make improvements
		Link with park planning outreach	Summer recreation programs - arts, music, health, wellness	Continue summer art series and volunteer events					
		GOCO school yard grant	Submit GOCO grant	GOCO grant award - start civic area community park					
			Review and analysis of existing special event permitting	Develop recommendations					
Arts	Council Items		SS - Library & Arts, including Community Cultural Plan				Adoption of Community Cultural Plan		
	Staff Activities		Work with new director						

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		1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
Code Enforcement	Council Items	SS	SS (includes Social Issues Strategy information)						
	Staff Activities								
University Hill	Council Items	IP - 14th St Public/Private Partnership	Update - 14th St Public/Private Partnership	Update - 14th St Public/Private Partnership					
		Bears/Trash							
	Staff Activities		SS - Hill Reinvestment Strategy	Update - Hill Reinvestment Strategy					
		14th St - Hill Alt. Mode survey	14th St - Finalize analysis and develop recommendation to proceed with the Global Agreement						
		14th St - Finalize LOI							
		14th St - Financial Analysis							
		14th St - Additional access analysis							
		14th St - Board outreach							
		Pilot Parklet Competition	Parklet Implementation						
		Outreach to CU and stakeholders for support of Reinvestment Strategy	Fox Theatre mural by CU students	start pilot RSD program (to run through 2016)					
Recommendation for staffing Strategy implementation and prelim. analysis of future org structure options	Hire a fixed term Hill Coordinator								
Civic Area	Council Items					SS - Park Program and Improvements			
	Staff Activities	Civic Activity Team established	Coordinate music in park series		Review summer series success and revise for 2015	Prepare first phase of park improvements for 2015	Conduct adult fitness and health classes	Conduct visitor event at civic area around art installations	
		Hire Civic Area staff for P&R	Add seasonal park staff for outdoor education and orientation		Expand Ready to Work crew	Revise summer programs and plan for 2015	Install temporary adult fitness playground	Coordinate horticulture gardens with Farmers' Market event	
		Prepare GOCO grant for nature play and park planning	Conduct volunteer event around upgrades to Peace Garden and edible plant exhibit		Complete park planning outreach	Conduct art competition for summer installation	Install south side nature play area		
		Work with Park Foundation to develop plan for art and entertainment	Coordinate with CU for partnership with GUB and Civic Area park plan		Develop 1% for Arts demonstration project in partnership with foundations and non-profits		Expand seasonal staffing and horticulture/edible garden displays		

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LOCAL FOOD	Civic Area	Council Items	IP - update on implementation		SS - catalyst projects				
		Staff Activities							
	Ag Plan	Council Items	IP				Acceptance		
		Staff Activities							
	Other or not categorized	Council Items							
		Staff Activities	CU/BVSD partnerhp for neighborhood garden	Form cross-dept team	Develop work plan to achieve council vision				
			Burk Park/Horizon School playground	Housing links with YSI programs and local gardening pilot					
			Design guidelines for edible landscape in local parks						

CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Zero Waste Master Plan	Council Items	IP	SS - options and feedback		Acceptance and action plan		Implementation - commercial focus		
		Staff Activities	Stakeholder input on options and rulemaking on curbside compost		Public feedback on strategies	Draft plan and action plan for public review		Implementation - program enhancements and ordinance development		
	Municipalization	Council Items		SS - workplan	Briefing - energy services	Briefing - energy services	Update - energy services	Update - energy services	Update - energy services	Update - energy services
				SS - energy services						
	Staff Activities		Xcel/city task force; refine recommendations							
		Climate Commitment	Council Items		Briefing - framework, preliminary goals/targets, strategy development	SS - goals/targets, feedback on strategy scenarios, draft document	Approval			
	Staff Activities		Working groups meet	Scenario development; GHG inventory complete	Strategy formulation; city organization initiative launched		Launch action plan			
	Valmont Butte	Council Items			SS					
		Staff Activities								

		2014				2015			
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OPEN SPACE	Charter Issues	Council Items			Address disposition process and use of Realization Point for pro bike race				
		Staff Activities							
	Highway 93 Underpass	Council Items							
		Staff Activities			In process				
	Eldo to Walker Ranch	Council Items							
		Staff Activities	City/County review of contractor proposals for potential mountain bike connection	Routes - weather dependent					
	IBM Connector	Council Items							
		Staff Activities		City/County requirement complete and await railroad to replace bridge					
	Trailhead as part of transportation system	Council Items							
		Staff Activities			status update				
	Other or not categorized	Council Items							
		Staff Activities			additional signage				

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		1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
OTHER	Council	IP							
		Develop preliminary management plan	Implement pilot plan	Monitoring	Evaluate long term forest management plan and EAB strategy	Management plan and response	Response	EAB	EAB
	Council	SS - Public/private partnership	Approval of MOU with St. Julien Partners	Update on negotiations with St. Julien Partners					
	Council		SS		SS		Public hearing		
	Council	IGA with CDOT/County for US 36 bikeway maintenance	Pilot dog waste composting project - Valmont and OSMP possible site	Transportation code changes for AMPS	Smoking ban - public hearing				
		IGA for bikeway maintenance/ US 36 enhancements	CEAP call up for Baseline Underpass east of Broadway	Comprehensive Annual Financial Report					
Old Pearl Street ROW vacation		DRCOG TIP Priorities for city applications	Appointment of independent auditor						
Transportation code changes - bike parking, TDM, etc.		Mobile food vehicles - ordinance change to expand podding in downtown	Update on investment policies - action						
NPP - zone expansions and removal			Modification of construction use tax filing - IP then action						
			Pearl Street Mall regulations - code changes						