

**30<sup>th</sup> and Colorado Corridors Study  
Community Working Group Meeting #1**

April 5, 2017 6:00-8:00

University of Colorado Biotechnology Building (Room B115) - 3415 Colorado Ave

**Meeting notes  
(DRAFT)**

Working Group Members in Attendance:

Alana Wilson, Ann Haebig, Cindy Kraft, Dave Bacon, David Ensign, Elisabeth Patterson, Ezekiel Dominguez, Jennifer Maria Shriver, Joan Gabriele, Micah Schwartz, Stavros Roditis,

City Staff and Consultants in Attendance:

City of Boulder: Noreen Walsh, Natalie Stiffer, Bill Cowern, David Kemp, Deanna Kamhi

Fox Tuttle Hernandez: Carlos Hernandez

Catalyst: Barbara Lewis, Willow Turano

Members of the Public:

Jared Hall, Mike Marsh, Charles Durring

**Introduction**

Barbara Lewis (meeting facilitator) and Noreen Walsh (project manager) began the meeting by thanking the Community Working Group (CWG) members for volunteering, followed by introducing the meeting objectives and agenda. CWG members then introduced themselves along with where they live or work in the corridor and any organizations with which they are affiliated.

**Overview of the Planning Process**

Noreen Walsh presented the study purpose, planning process and schedule. She explained that the purpose of this study is to examine the existing and anticipated transportation conditions today and develop designs to address those needs. The study will produce conceptual designs for each corridor along with preliminary engineering and a cost estimation.

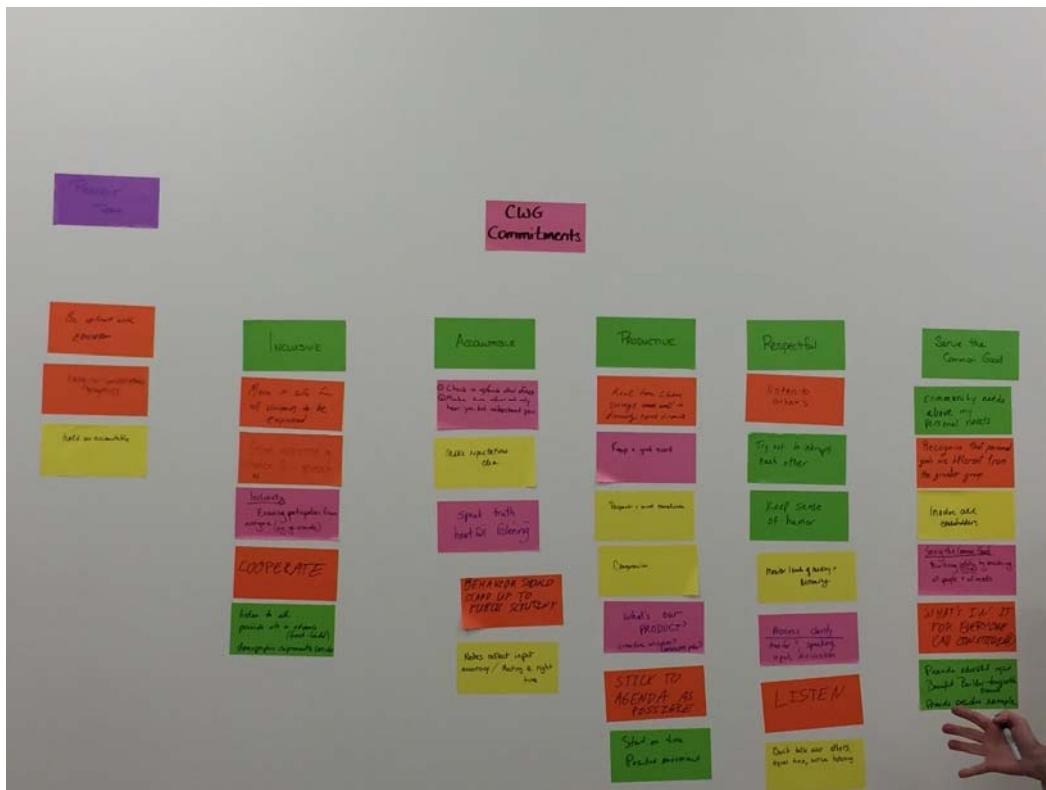
The project includes four main steps:

- Options
- Evaluation and Selection
- Approval

The study timeline showed the steps and the timeline with past and future events. Noreen outlined how the CWG will be involved in these steps, focusing on the next three meetings which will address existing conditions, vision and goals and options. Meetings 2 and 3 will include walking tours.

## Role and Responsibilities

Noreen Walsh then went over the responsibilities required of both the CWG and the project team. Barbara Lewis then invited the members to think about their experiences with really productive groups and meetings. CWG members then met in pairs to share their experiences and consider the conditions that make groups produce their best work. They then considered what agreements the CWG could make to each other to make the CWG a high performing group. The pairs wrote on sticky notes what they thought is important to agree to as a group. The group then read over all of them to get clarification and be sure they agreed. The notes are transcribed below along with an image of the posting on the wall.



### Inclusive:

- Make it safe for all viewpoints to be expressed
- Give everyone a chance to speak
- Inclusivity- ensuring participation from everyone (eg. Go around)
- Cooperative
- Listen to all,
- Providing in advance (front loaded)
- Demographic represents corridor

### Accountable:

- Check in with each other often
- Make sure others not only hear you, but understand you
- Make expectations clear
- Speak the truth
- Heart-full listening
- Behavior should stand up to public scrutiny
- Notes reflect input accuracy
- Meeting at the right time

### Productive:

- Real time clicker surveys work well to discretely express viewpoints
- Keep a good record
- Respect and meet timelines
- Compromise
- What's our product? (creative wisdom? Consensus plan?)
- Stick to agenda as possible
- Start on time with a positive environment

### Respectful:

- Listen to others
- Try not to interrupt each other
- Keep sense of humor
- Monitor levels of talking and listening
- Process clarity (time for? Speaking, input, discussion)
- Listen
- Don't talk over others
- Equal time
- Active listening
- Serve the common good- community needs above my personal needs
- Recognize that personal goals are different from the greater good
- Involve all stakeholders
- Serving the common good (prioritizing safety by considering all people and all needs)
- What's in it for everyone (all constituents)
- Provide educated input benefit boulder transportation overall
- Provide positive example

### Project Team

- Be upfront with education
- Easy-to-understand graphics
- Be held accountable

### **Issues Mapping by Corridor Segment**

Barbara Lewis explained that one of the tasks for the CWG was to help review and make meaning of public comments. In this first meeting, the CWG members split into four corridor segment groups to review the comments received at the public meeting for each segment. CWG members began by reviewing the public comment data and then they identified what they saw as the big issues in the comments. City staff recorded the CWG's input, which is presented below. After noting the big ideas, the CWG members listed Ideas they saw in the information. Once each subgroup had recorded issues and ideas, the CWG members toured the charts for the other segments and added additional comments (shown in the summary as Round 2 ideas.)



### **Public Comments**

The last few minutes of the meeting were dedicated to hearing feedback from community members who are not in the CWG. Mike Marsh from South Boulder shared his thoughts and ideas on travel and development in the City of Boulder. He shared that a lot of the decision making for the city is made in Central and North Boulder. He addressed his feelings that there is not a lot of representation in South Boulder, and that 30<sup>th</sup> Street is the last remaining lifeline to get to Central Boulder from the south. He shared that many feel that the intersection of 30<sup>th</sup> and Baseline is an awful route to get to Central Boulder. He also shared that he doesn't have a problem with the bike lanes. South Boulder people need to commute to Central Boulder for over ten retail stores of basic needs.

### **Corridor Needs**

After reviewing the public comments, Barbara asked each CWG member to consider the following question: What's most important to achieve through this study in this

corridor? Going around the group, each CWG member added their own response. Safety was the most repeated theme in the comments, as shown below.

- Expand efficiency for 30th to Central Boulder
- Safety – all modes
- Safety and community connection
- Safety
- Safety and access, connectivity all modes
- Safety – protecting places where the modes all interact
- Improved experience and increased safety for all modes
- Safety for all modes
- Shorten that connection between the engineering buildings on main and east campus
- East-West Colorado connectivity in context of CU's growth
- Respect existing business needs and functions

### **Wrap Up**

Noreen communicated that the Project Team would identify upcoming meeting dates based on input provided by the CWG on their availability for the upcoming meetings. CWG members were asked to fill in comment forms with their questions, thoughts on the meeting and interest in supporting the public outreach for the project. Comment form results are listed in Attachment B: Comment Form Transcription.

Attachment A: Issues and Ideas Mapping lists the group's input.

Attachment B: Comment Form Transcription

Attachment A: Issues and Ideas Mapping

Colorado Ave from 30 <sup>th</sup> to Foothills	Colorado from CU to 30th	30 <sup>th</sup> North Boulder Creek to Pearl	30 <sup>th</sup> South Baseline to Boulder Creek
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Flashing crosswalks</li> <li>○ Icy bike lanes</li> <li>○ Pedestrian</li> <li>○ Vehicle speed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Traffic Flow               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 35<sup>th</sup> and Colorado</li> <li>○ Turning lights (left hand)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Accessibility               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Better connections across Colorado for bikes and peds</li> <li>○ Sidewalks</li> <li>○ Transit</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Special events               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Increase in traffic</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intersection safety for all modes               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 30<sup>th</sup>/Colorado specifically</li> <li>○ Turning movements/conflicts</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vehicle/Ped/Bike Safety               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Flood mitigation</li> <li>○ Car travel speeds</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Visibility issues with underpass and intersections               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Snow/ice removal                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Safety</li> <li>○ User experience</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Transit Connections and Service               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Span of service (time and days)</li> <li>○ To downtown and to East campus from main campus</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Road sidewalk conditions (i.e. cracks)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Width – too narrow</li> <li>○</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cars turning left concern</li> <li>○ Motor vehicles</li> <li>○ Pedestrian (lack of crosswalks at Scott Carpenter bus stops)</li> <li>○ Bike</li> <li>○ Conflicts between bus and bikes</li> <li>○ Flashing crosswalks not respected</li> <li>○ Signals and flashing yellows not protected</li> <li>○ Lack of crossing opportunities</li> <li>○ Too many conflicts with curb cuts</li> <li>○ Sight line issues</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 30<sup>th</sup> &amp; Arap no RTBP island               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Direct Route                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Efficient for cars</li> <li>○ Less congested – other arterials</li> <li>○ Access to key places</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Speed               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not enforced</li> <li>○ Visual Queues drive fast</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Vehicle speed and turning move</li> <li>○ Conflict with all modes</li> <li>○ Bike facilities deficient</li> <li>○ Ped issue – crossing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Circulation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Vehicle efficiency</li> <li>○ Transit efficiency</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Scott Carpenter Park access poor for bike/ped</li> <li>• Access               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Access to nature limited</li> <li>○ Landscaping problems</li> <li>○ Aesthetics</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Multimodal Connections</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not enough ped</li> <li>○ Not enough bike</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Inadequate transit service</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Safety/comfort</li> <li>○ Location of bus stop</li> <li>○ Lack of good connections to other bus lines</li> <li>○ Hours of service</li> <li>○ Conflicts between bus and bikes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Round 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Left hand turn arrows on E-W CO through 30<sup>th</sup> intersections</li> <li>• One more bike and ped overpass to cross Colorado</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Different crossing Treatments</li> <li>○ Consolidation of driveways</li> <li>○ 30<sup>th</sup> &amp; Arapahoe RTBP Island</li> <li>○ Better separation of modes</li> <li>○ Placemaking: Improved transit stops</li> <li>○ Visual queues to slow down</li> </ul>	<p><b>Round 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bike box</li> <li>○ Road diet</li> <li>○ Improved bike/ped facilities</li> <li>○ Exclusive bike/ped crossing places</li> </ul>
<p><b>Round 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crossing from Stampede to E. Campus</li> <li>• Crosswalk at Wellman Creek</li> <li>• South side of Colorado between 30<sup>th</sup> and Foothills people do not shovel</li> </ul>			<p><b>Round 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Protected bike lanes or other separated facility</li> <li>○ More crosswalks – distances between intersections are enormous</li> </ul>

Attachment B: Comment Form Transcription

Questions	Meeting Review Worked Well	Meeting Review - Suggestions	Outreach	Other Comments
Crash data citywide to compare	Thanks!			
I'd like to see it broken down. It is overwhelming as is. I took time to read the materials but we didn't need to. (at least not obviously)	Creating comradery.	Connect meeting activities to the reading.	If it fits my schedule. Wellman Creek. Possibly some folks at CU.	Thank you for the food, keeping us on time and being organized.
	Well organized, good info.	I took pictures of bike solutions in Amsterdam last week. Could do a short presentation if interest and time.	Yes. Planning Board Transportation and City Council connections	
Where are the rabid drivers? Mike came in – hates “right sizing”, road diets. Associated business owners?	Thank you for the snacks.			
Turning movements so we have an idea of the major traffic flow				East Aurora neighborhood group,



				community cycles
<p>CU East Campus Master Plan</p> <p>More details on upcoming projects (bike bridge, underpass, other projects along corridor)</p> <p>Comparative data</p> <p>Who is Catalyst – Barbara Lewis</p>	<p>Good. Looking at street and commenting, learning the area.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Sure. East Aurora neighborhood, Park East, Next Door, Community cycles. I wonder about retail centers.</p>	
<p>I'd like to see all crash data and injury data that's available (not just 2012-present). I know there have been fatalities on 30<sup>th</sup> (of cyclists, maybe others,) and this is highly relevant background.</p>	<p>Defining participatory expectations/commitments</p>	<p>Online doodle scheduling instead of on paper</p>	<p>Sure. CU Community – SEEC complex.</p>	<p>Thanks!!!</p>