

## **East Arapahoe Transportation Plan Community Working Group**

### **Background**

The City of Boulder is developing a long-range transportation plan for the East Arapahoe corridor between Folsom Street and 75<sup>th</sup> Street. The East Arapahoe Transportation Plan will have a 20-year horizon and will consider a number of potential transportation improvements for the East Arapahoe (State Highway 7) corridor, including opportunities to enhance the experience for people walking, biking, driving, and accessing transit, including new potential regional Bus Rapid Transit service. The purpose of the plan is to:

- Address existing and future transportation needs, including local and regional travel;
- Facilitate safe travel and access by people using all modes – walking, biking, accessing transit and driving; and
- Support existing and future land use in the corridor.

To assist the city in developing a long term vision and preferred concept plan for East Arapahoe, the city is seeking individuals to join a community working group to provide input and feedback during the planning process.

### **Purpose & Role of the Working Group**

The purpose of the working group will be to provide input and feedback, from different interests and perspectives, to the city staff during the planning process. The working group's input will help staff explore future transportation improvement options that serve the diverse interests in the community the best way possible. City staff will use the working group's feedback when developing recommendations and materials for consideration at Transportation Advisory Board and City Council meetings.

Specific topics to be discussed by the community working group include: (1) the range of options for transportation improvements, (2) the development and analysis of potential concept plans – including street design, pedestrian and biking facilities, transit service, and parking (3) the criteria by which to evaluate concept plans, (4) the analysis of alternative concept plans and identification of a preferred concept plan, and (5) implementation and phasing options of a preferred concept plan for the East Arapahoe corridor.

### **Expectations & Commitment**

The city is seeking a group of 10-15 individuals with varying backgrounds and interests. Working group members will be expected to:

- Attend four to six working group meetings over the course of one year. Each meeting will be two hours, with dates and times to be determined.
- Review planning materials prior to working group meetings.
- Have experience and/or interests related to transportation planning from different perspectives. For example, do you live and/or work in the East Arapahoe corridor? Are you a regular commuter along Arapahoe? Do you have a business or are you associated with one of the organizations or institutions located along Arapahoe? Or, do you simply have a general interest in travel along the East Arapahoe corridor – whether you regularly drive, bicycle, take the bus or walk?

- Provide feedback to the project team on information prepared by city staff to ensure it is understandable, accurate and complete and provide advice on community outreach.
- Identify areas and issues to consider, and provide feedback on how to communicate information.
- Engage in a constructive dialogue with other members of the group, the consultants, and city staff.

## **Letters of Interest**

Interested individuals should email Jean Sanson at [sansonj@bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:sansonj@bouldercolorado.gov) by 5:00pm on Friday, March 25, with a Letter of Interest that responds to the questions listed below. Depending on the number of interested individuals, not all who express interest may be selected for the community working group. Similarly, more than 15 people may be selected if it is determined that additional voices or perspectives would be advantageous as the city works to understand the various views in the community. Letters of interest will be reviewed by city staff and a final selection will be made by the City Manager.

## **Questions to be Answered in Letter of Interest:**

1. **Name and Contact Information:** Please include your name, phone number, and email address.
2. **Statement of Interest:** Please summarize in a paragraph or two why you are interested in serving on the working group for the East Arapahoe Transportation Plan.
3. **Areas of Experience and Interest:** Please list or share any areas of interest or experience which you think would be beneficial to the working group and project team.