CITY OF BOULDER
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Name of Board/ Commission: Transportation Advisory Board

Date of Meeting: June 13, 2016

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Board Members Present: Zane Selvans, Chair; Dom Nozzi, Bill Rigler, Anna Reid, Jennifer Nicoll

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present: Michael Gardner-Sweeney, Director of Public Works for Transportation
Kathleen Bracke, GO Boulder Manager
Bill Cowern, Acting Principal Traffic Engineer
Gerrit Slatter, Principal Transportation Projects Engineer
Jean Sanson, Senior Transportation Planner
Meredith Schleske, Board Secretary

Type of Meeting: Advisory/ Regular

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 2: Approval of minutes from May 2016
Move to approve minutes as presented.
Motion: Nozzi Second: Reid
5:0:0 Motion Passes

Agenda Item 3: Public Participation
Frank Bruno and Micki Kaplan, each serving on the Board of Via Mobility, spoke individually. Via Mobility serves young and old riders, including 800,000 HOP trips annually, and extends past Boulder County. Needs for service continue to grow and financial support from the City of Boulder for 2017 is pending. Thanks to TAB, staff and City Council for a successful partnership.
Discussion addressed the Via Mobility CEO search and the likelihood that driverless cars will be an agenda item at the upcoming Via board retreat.

Agenda Item 4: Public hearing and TAB consideration of a recommendation regarding the 2017-2022 Transportation Capital Improvements Program (CIP) - Part III of III [Slatter]
[6:01 p.m.]

Executive Summary:
Every year the city goes through a budget process that creates a six-year planning budget, this year for the time period of 2017 through 2022. Within this process, funds are appropriated for the first year, 2017. The Transportation Advisory Board’s (TAB) role in this process is defined in the Boulder Revised Code (BRC) TITLE 2 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION, Chapter 3 Boards and Commissions, Section 14 - Transportation Advisory Board; “. . . to review all city transportation environmental assessments and capital improvements.” It is within this context that the board is asked to hold a public hearing and provide a recommendation on the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to Planning Board and City Council.

Questions for TAB
Staff briefed the TAB on the proposed CIP at the April 11 and May 9, 2016 TAB meetings. Staff asks that the TAB review the recommended draft 2017-2022 Transportation Fund, Transportation Development Fund, and Boulder Junction Improvement Fund CIPs and provide a recommendation.

Gerrit Slatter gave the presentation to the board.

Board discussion and comments included:
• Query and confirmation that the Boulder Creek underpass was funded by 2015 ballot initiative 2A and that funding alternatives can be discussed at upcoming meetings including CEAP and July TAB agenda item.
• Support for restoring Neighborhood traffic mitigation program was stated and inquiry made concerning anticipated and historical negative feedback to the program.
• Question regarding periodic street standards review and reassessment.
• Question regarding any other funding opportunities in the CIP.
• Concern expressed about use of traffic signals versus roundabouts and benefits thereof.
• Suggestion to use lower light poles.
• Dissatisfaction with the rigidity of funding allocation within CIPs was expressed.

Motion to restore the Neighborhood Transportation Master Plan (NTMP) at a cost of $250,000 annually for five years.
Motion: Nozzi    Second: none
Motion Dies

Motion to recommend 2017-2022 Transportation Fund, Transportation Development Fund, and Boulder Junction Improvement Fund CIPs as presented.
Motion: Selvans    Second: Nicoll
5:0:0 Motion Passes

Agenda Item 5: Staff briefing and TAB discussion regarding Transportation Impact Fee Update (Bracke) [7:02 p.m.]

Executive Summary:

Staff is presenting materials associated with the city’s Impact Fee Study being presented to City Council at their June 14, 2016 Study Session. The Impact Fee Study has several components including an update of impact fees for municipal capital facilities, an analysis of commercial linkage fees for affordable housing and a fee/tax analysis for Transportation.

The Transportation component of the Impact Fee Study has two primary objectives. The first is to assess new growth’s fair share of capital improvements to mitigate growth’s impacts on Boulder’s multimodal transportation system. The estimation of new growth’s fair share of capital infrastructure costs is then used to formulate impact fee or excise tax levels for different types of new residential and commercial developments. The second objective is to analyze funding options to address on-going transportation operations and maintenance (O&M) costs of the city’s multimodal transportation system. While the first part related to new development and capital facilities will be completed this year, the second part will take place on a separate timeline continuing through 2017.

Both Transportation components are directly linked to the city’s Transportation Master Plan’s (TMP) funding focus areas and investment principles. The study will identify options for how to pay for multimodal capital investments related to new development and potential funding mechanisms to pay for on-going O&M for new and existing developments. Additional opportunities for input on the on-going O&M funding options will be provided for Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) and Council throughout 2016-17.

The purpose of this agenda item is to brief the TAB on the Impact Fee Study and obtain feedback to share with City Council at the June 14 study session. TAB members are invited to attend and observe the Study Session on June 14.

This will be an action item at the July 19, 2016 City Council meeting.

Kathleen Bracke gave the presentation to the board.

Board discussion and comments included:
• Questions regarding excise tax and legal limits and the staff recommendation not to increase it to the maximum.
• Question regarding traditional level of service approach versus the Transportation Master Plan multimodal approach.

Agenda Item 6: Matters [7:27 p.m.]

A. Matters from the Board
• Updates re: collaboration with other city boards
  The Canyon Complete Streets joint meeting went well.
  There may be a joint meeting with the Planning Board in September.
  Two upcoming City Council study sessions deal with transit – September 27th and general TMP implementation -- December 13th.
  The upcoming joint Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)/TAB meeting tentatively August 9th will concern the Arapahoe/Boulder Creek Underpass.
  Nicoll reported that the Greenways CIP tour of the Four-mile pathway was very interesting and she provided updates on current and future activities.
• Portland/Eugene Trip debrief – Nozzi reported that it was very informative. Portland has frequent high quality transit, helping achieve affordability and parking objectives. Traffic signals
are synchronized for bikes rather than cars, but the oversized road infrastructure can be intimidating to bike riders. The raised platforms of Eugene’s train-like bus rapid transit (BRT) system accommodates abilities of all travelers. Mike Sweeney noted that each city has a different context.

- Retreat Planning June 23rd – agenda suggestions were proposed by TAB members, including structural and procedural thoughts as well as more long-term and visionary items. TAB members may forward other agenda item ideas to staff.
- Boulder Creek Path safety concerns - Rigler noted community concerns about assaults in lesser lit areas. Lighting enhancements are in progress for Boulder Creek from Eben G. Fine Park to 17th Street.
- Reid reported concerns from blind and low mobility HOP riders. They may be forwarded to Natalie Stiffler with copy to TAB.
- B360 – Nozzi reported that this year’s ride was lower quality due to the Valmont Park start/stop location, lack of water and lack of signage at major intersections.

B. Matters from the Staff/ Non-Agenda

- City Council May 31, 2016 TMP Implementation Study Session Update – Nicoll reported that Council had similar concerns as TAB and will bring items forward in September.
- Living Lab Phase II Update – This is a standing agenda item. An update will likely be in November. Meanwhile, learnings to date are applied to current and future activities.
- East Arapahoe Transportation Plan including regional SH7 corridor plan update (Sanson) - Reid reported that the first working group meeting generated substantive feedback summarized in a report she will make available to TAB. There is concern among the group that citizen input will not make a difference. TAB could invite the working group to attend one of their meetings.
- RTD/Regional studies update (Gardner-Sweeney) Bracke reported regarding BRT bus wrapping, US 36 Mayors Coalition, Flatiron Flyer enhancement over time, scoping for S.H.119 plan and train horn quiet zone discussions.
- Other matters. Bracke distributed Walk & Bike Month posters and announced various activities.

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<th>Agenda Item 8: Adjournment</th>
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| [8:41 p.m.]

Motion: moved to adjourn: Nicoll Seconded by: Nozzi
Motion passes 5:0

Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting:
The next meeting will be a regular meeting on Monday, 11 July 2016 in the Council Chambers, 2nd floor of the Municipal Building, at 6 p.m.; unless otherwise decided by staff and the Board.

APPROVED BY:  

ATTESTED:

Board Chair  

Board Secretary  

Date  

Date

An audio recording of the full meeting for which these minutes are a summary is available on the Transportation Advisory Board web page.