

**CITY OF BOULDER
BOULDER, COLORADO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING
MINUTES**

Name of Board/ Commission: Transportation Advisory Board	
Date of Meeting: August 8, 2016	
Contact Information Preparing Summary: Meredith Schleske 303.441.3204	
Board Members Present: , Bill Rigler, Chair; Dom Nozzi, Anna Reid, Jennifer Nicoll Board Members Absent: Zane Selvans	
Staff Present: Michael Gardner-Sweeney, Director of Public Works for Transportation Kathleen Bracke, GO Boulder Manager Bill Cowern, Acting Principal Traffic Engineer Jean Sanson, Senior Transportation Planner Randall Rutsch, Senior Transportation Planner Brett KenCairn, Senior Environmental Planner Meredith Schleske, Board Secretary	
Type of Meeting: Advisory/ Regular	
Agenda Item 1: Call to Order	[6:03 p.m.]
The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.	
Agenda Item 2: Approval of minutes from July. Move to approve 11 July, 2016 minutes as presented. Motion: Nozzi Second: Nicoll 4:0:0 Motion Passes	
Agenda Item 3: Public Participation	[6:05 p.m.]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sue Prant, Executive Director of Community Cycles – Boulder has need for safer streets, believes the rate of crashes has increased significantly, creating a public emergency. Make it less likely to occur, less deadly, supports Vision Zero. Encourages TAB to keep working on safer streets on their agenda. 	
Agenda Item 4: City Council Boards and Commissions Subcommittee visit with Matt Appelbaum	[6:10 p.m.]
Mr. Appelbaum is an emissary from City Council and serves on the City Council Boards and Commissions Subcommittee. Their goal is to improve communications and report back ideas and concerns. The annual letter to Council from the board in preparation for their retreat is the best way to communicate substantive items. TAB may also send a letter or email Mr. Appelbaum directly. When queried by the board about the appropriate level of board advocacy on initiatives, Matt suggested the Board push but be smart and realistic. Evolution not revolution. Make the system better for pedestrians, cyclists, and transit patrons without inappropriately burdensome tradeoffs. TAB should have a representative at transportation study session.	
Board discussion:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggestion that pushback on the Folsom Living Labs experiment may have created timidity but TAB should continue to make proposals. 	
Agenda Item 5: Safe Streets Boulder – next steps and recommendations	[6:33 p.m.]
Bill Cowern and David Kemp made the presentation with Shannon Young and Kathleen Bracke as resources. A Vision Zero working group is being formed; TAB is invited to appoint a representative.	
Board feedback:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Question regarding how TAB can help inform the public about the Safe Streets report and Toward Vision Zero implementation. Request for marketing and communication plans for specific initiatives. Suggestion to invite representatives from local advertising and marketing agencies on the Vision Zero working group. Concern expressed that installing more warning signage yields diminishing returns and unintentional consequences of a “forgiving road” paradigm. Question regarding how much the “Inquire Boulder” program is used and its impact. 	

Agenda Item 6: Trends in Electric Vehicles, Autonomous Vehicles and the Shared Economy – Rocky Mountain Institute presentation [7:17 p.m.]

E.J. Klock-McCook made the same presentation as for the City Council Study Session.

Board feedback:

- Inquiry whether there is evidence that transit ridership has increased due to Denver Tech Center (DTC) public transit partnerships.
- Concern expressed about autonomous transportation and the possibility of more motor trips coupled with latent demand.
- Questions about how pilot programs are funded and parking for electronic autonomous vehicles.
- Expression of intent to keep disruptive technologies on TAB’s agenda.

Agenda Item 7: Staff briefing and TAB discussion regarding East Arapahoe Transportation Plan, including updates from regional SH7 corridor plan [7:56 p.m.]

Jean Sanson presented the update and noted that East Arapahoe Avenue working group members Aaron Pasterz and Brianne Eby were in attendance. TAB member Anna Reid also serves on that group. TAB was offered the opportunity to host a public meeting on the East Arapahoe Transportation Plan.

Board feedback:

- Comment that winter may be a better TAB/East Arapahoe working group or TAB/public meeting time of year.
- Request that TAB be provided land use plans for 15 years out.
- Suggestions include a strong statement of the land use urban design vision for the East Arapahoe corridor in the transportation plan; include bike, pedestrian, vehicle, and transit levels of service; define the vision and consider moving away from space-expansive designs.
- TAB members are encouraged to comment to Jean Sanson or Anna Reid.

Agenda Item 8: Staff briefing and TAB input on the BVCP transportation policy text update for consistency with the TMP and process next steps [8:33 p.m.]

Randall Rutsch made the presentation.

Board feedback:

- Questions regarding how TAB can be helpful with improving the BVCP update.
- TAB should email or call Randall Rutsch with additional comments.

Agenda Item 9: Matters [9:25 p.m.]

A. Matters from the Board

- Expressions of consolation in the recent death of triathlete Michelle Walters at the Ironman, congratulations to Mara Abbott in the Rio Olympics and good luck to Olympian Taylor Phinney.
- Web update – suggestions include a photo of TAB members and opinion articles, links to the new Boulder newsletter, and TAB posts to the City Facebook page. Bill Rigler and Jennifer Nicoll will propose changes. TAB members may respond to staff responses to emails and copy to the full board.
- Suggestion made to add an “opt-in” section to the public comment registration form to authorize follow up.
- Updates: collaboration with other city boards – there is a joint board workshop 8/29/2016 regarding the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan (BVCP). Materials will be provided in advance.
- Suggestion to add Safe Streets as a recurring agenda item.
- Dom Nozzi will present views on transportation safety at the September 2016 TAB meeting.
- eGO CarShare and Boulder B Cycle rideshare presentation may be scheduled this fall.
- Bill Rigler and Jennifer Nicoll will author a press release and social media posts regarding Safe Streets.

B. Matters from the Staff/ Non-Agenda

- Climate Commitment briefing (Brett KenCairn)
 - A document showing trends in EV use will be forwarded to TAB. Costs are declining dramatically.

- Living Lab Phase II Update – will be removed as a recurring item.
- RTD/Regional studies update - continue to meet on a variety of projects and issues, including Flatiron Flyer enhancement and expansion and Bus to Work Day. HOV requirements on US 36 will increase from two occupants to three in January 2017. There is a new stop at Regent Drive. An RTD representative will be invited to speak to TAB, perhaps in October.
- Other matters – there were none.

Agenda Item 7: Future Schedule Discussion

[9:50 p.m.]

- Jennifer Nicoll will be excused for the September TAB meeting.
- Joint PRAB/TAB meeting will be scheduled in the September/October timeframe.

Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be a regular meeting on Monday, 12 September 2016 in the 1777 West Conference Room, 1st 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.