

City of Boulder
Joint Board Workshop - Wednesday, April 23, 2014

**Transportation Advisory Board, Environmental Advisory Board,
Planning Board and District Boards**

Workshop: 6:00 – 8:30 p.m., Sanitas Brewing Company, 3550 Frontier Avenue, Unit A

*Optional Boulder Junction Walking Tour: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., please meet at Sanitas.
Tour is hosted by city staff and Boulder Junction Access District Commissioners*

Topics: Transportation Master Plan Update, and intersecting topics with Climate Commitment and Access Management & Parking Strategy

Purpose:

- Opportunity for the city staff and Board members to discuss the update to Boulder’s Transportation Master Plan (TMP), with workshop table top discussions centered around the intersection of ideas to refine potential policy choices, strategies, and measurable objectives supporting the community’s transportation, parking, land use, urban design, and climate goals. Feedback received from this workshop will be used to refine recommendations and next steps for Transportation Master Plan Update, as well as for the Access Management & Parking Strategy (AMPS), and Climate Commitment/Travelwise - the area of Climate Commitment focused on strategies to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the transportation sector. Information from Joint Board Workshop will be shared with City Council at the April 29th City Council Study Session.

Agenda

- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Optional walking tour of Boulder Junction, tour begins at Sanitas
- 6:00 – 6:20 Welcome, introductions, social time, dinner buffet available, and open house
- 6:20 - 6:45 Presentation /overview of the workshop activities
- 6:45 – 8:15 Workshop/Small Group Discussions (Heidi Brinkman, Facilitator)
- 8:15 – 8:30 Conclusions and Next Steps

Background Materials:

Boulder’s TMP Update, AMPS, and Climate Commitment/Travelwise are guided by the Boulder Valley’s Comprehensive Plan’s (BVCP) Sustainability Framework, and are being developed in a collaborative approach to ensure integration among transportation, parking, urban design, and land use. This integrated planning approach influences policy recommendations and action plans which will then help to inform the upcoming update to the BVCP, reflecting the iterative cycle and evolution of all of these plans.

- The five Focus Areas of the **TMP Update** include Complete Streets (Bicycle & Pedestrian Innovations and Renewed Vision for Transit), Regional Travel, Transportation Demand Management, Funding, and Integration with Sustainability Initiatives. The update also includes the addition of several new measurable objectives, including safety, neighborhood accessibility, and vehicle miles traveled (VMT) per capita for residents and in-commuters. The TMP objectives are being analyzed in conjunction with the Climate Commitment/Travelwise program to develop mutually supportive sustainability goals and targets based upon the new city-wide goal to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 80% below 1990 levels by 2015. The TMP is envisioned as a living document that can be amended over time to reflect outcomes of other integrated planning initiatives to respond to community goals and values.

- **AMPS** is taking a comprehensive look at how all access and parking management is integrated throughout the city. The seven Focus Areas of AMPS include District Management, On & Off Street Parking, Transportation Demand Management, Zoning & Code Requirements, Technology and Innovation Enforcement & Compliance, and Parking Pricing. AMPS is envisioned as a phased, multi-year effort that integrates with the scope and timing of the other related planning initiatives including TMP, Climate Commitment, Economic Sustainability Strategy, Envision East Arapahoe, North Boulder plan update, and Comprehensive Housing Strategy. The proposed 2014 priority projects for AMPS includes best practice research, updating the TDM Took Kit for new development with the TMP Update; short-term code changes for auto and bike parking, including exploring parking maximums; technology improvements; public art plan for downtown garages; pilot programs for parklets and electric vehicle charging stations; assessment of downtown garages for energy generation opportunities, and updates to the downtown access demand analysis based on the Civic Area Plan.
- **Climate Commitment/Travel wise** program includes a technical working group of staff and consultants to develop a comprehensive assessment of the transportation sector of the GHG emissions. Through this analysis, the working group is evaluating potential strategies to achieve the desired 80% reduction in GHG emissions, including mode shift, VMT reduction, technology, and energy source options. This analysis includes travel by different categories such as residents, non-residents, students, freight, etc. and potential strategies to address each of these categories. Based on this analysis, the working group is identifying potential opportunities to refine and adjust the TMP measurable objectives in alignment with the new climate commitment/travel wise goals.

Additional resources and background materials available:

- Attached is a copy of the Integrated Planning Initiatives memo to City Council (February 2014), includes more detailed information regarding TMP, AMPS, and Climate.
- A link to the memo for the upcoming April 29th City Council Study Session regarding TMP Update will be provided prior to the Joint Board Workshop.
- Also attached are recent materials illustrating AMPS work program and timeline
- More detailed information regarding Climate Commitment/Travelwise analysis will be handed out at the workshop.
- More information is available:
- Transportation Master Plan Update, including copy of TMP video, at www.BoulderTMP.net
- Climate Commitment at <https://bouldercolorado.gov/climate/boulders-climate-commitment>
- Access Management & Parking Strategy <https://bouldercolorado.gov/commercialdistricts/access-and-parking-management-strategy>

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