



The Boulder 2030 Kick Off Event Summary and Feedback

Community members were invited to join their neighbors to discuss the future of the Boulder Valley at the Boulder 2030 kickoff event on Monday, Aug. 31, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Chautauqua Park. The purposes were for the city and county to gather ideas from the community; explain the history and purpose of the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan (BVCP); share the foundational work in progress for the 2015 BVCP Update; and answer questions about requests for land use or planning policy changes.

Approximately 225 people attended the event. Over 140 new people signed up to receive e-mail updates. From the demographic information entered on the approximately 50 comment forms submitted at the event:

- Most have never participated in a comprehensive plan update before
- A majority of attendees own their homes
- Length of residency in Boulder ranged from 1 year to 58 years with most living here over 10 years.

Activities at the event included open house style information booths, a presentation describing the update process and potential focus topics, discussion groups, headlines, and children and youth artwork.

Discussion Groups

After the presentation, participants were invited to join discussion groups (8-10 people) to discuss and record responses to “What do you love about Boulder?” and “Between now and 2030, we need to focus on...”? There were 13 groups that met and had lively conversations. People shared a wide range of topics but a few key themes were discussed by many groups including:



What’s Working!

Open space & natural environment; bike & pedestrian facilities; Boulder’s creative culture and the University.

Areas of Focus and those that need attention:

Housing affordability and related issues of diversity; traffic congestion; and issues around growth, redevelopment and community character.

Full Responses from discussion groups are available below.

Headlines – Extra Extra – Read All About It!!

Participants were asked to write a newspaper headline that would herald a successful outcome if goals of the BVCP or changes made in the 2015 update are successful in 2030 (or sooner). *(shown alphabetically)*

- ✓ Affordable housing!!!
- ✓ All Boulder citizens have eco-passes!
- ✓ Boulder #1 on Best Cities to Live
- ✓ Boulder celebrates 5th straight world slow city award (slow speeds, slow \$, slow food).
- ✓ Boulder crime “un-measurable” for 3rd straight year.
- ✓ Boulder has lots of people from all walks of life enjoy its natural beauty... and can live here to talk about it!
- ✓ Boulder is a model for truly sustainable development.
- ✓ Boulder maintains protection of open space.
- ✓ Boulder population: people 115,000; cars: 115
- ✓ Boulder valley reaches climate neutrality!
- ✓ City keeps Boulder small!
- ✓ Equity training in all high schools!
- ✓ Everyone has and uses an eco-pass! For free!
- ✓ Families moving to Boulder LOVE the diversity of housing choices!
- ✓ Housing crisis ends! Affordable housing for all of Boulder.
- ✓ Love everyone.
- ✓ Maintained neighborhood character.
- ✓ Middle income households increasing!
- ✓ Mobile home park residents can buy their lots.
- ✓ More low income housing.
- ✓ New small houses on small lots celebrate tenth anniversary.
- ✓ No traffic reported in Boulder for the 10th year in a row.
- ✓ Poverty rate in Boulder LOWEST ever!
- ✓ Protection of open space.
- ✓ Vail resorts opens high speed train for access to mountain sports – free for all pass-holders.
- ✓ Wolves return to Boulder wilderness corridors. Returning elk are nervous.

Comment Card Responses

Approximately 50 written responses were received on comment sheets asking “What do you love about Boulder?” and “Between now and 2030, we need to focus on...”? The responses to these questions were combined with the responses to the same questions on the online poll. However, all compiled results are also available as separate documents.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

#1
Boulder is great because ...
→ Please write in your response here:

#2
Between now and 2030, we need to focus on ...
→ Please write in your response here:

2030

One more question on the back! →

Submit your answers online and learn more:
www.BoulderValleyCompPlan.net

Verbatim Discussion Group Responses

| Topic (listed alphabetically) | What things about Boulder are currently working well? What are things you don't want to see change? |
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| Aesthetics | Continue supporting these efforts providing this result. |
| Arts & Culture | Creativity community, art, new ideas, little libraries. |
| Arts and Culture | In proportion to its size, theatres, Dairy Center, CU. |
| BeeSafe Status | Continue it. Expand education so residents can understand the value of getting onboard with their residences. Make alternatives to neonics readily available. Boast about the program. Also popularize info on usability of weeds as food / herbal medicine. Promote them as asset. (rather than pure menace). |
| Bike lanes / paths | We have a lot of these and they are well developed. |
| Bikepaths | Keep them. |
| Boulder | "Boulder is the best place in the world" music scene and open space ✓✓✓ (compare to Broomfield, Arvada). |
| Boulder County | Mountains close by, people ✓✓ |
| Building height limitation | <i>No additional comments entered in this box</i> |
| Built Environment | Craftsman bungalows 1000-1500 sf; preservation of architecture, infill better than new. Preserve small lawns. |
| Bus transportation | Could be better - routes need improvement - charging bus head. |
| Businesses | Restaurants / "businesses done with love". High quality. |
| City employees | Fire, rescue people are excellent, need support. |
| City resources | City "rec" centers. Keep investing in these. |
| Civic Involvement | allows discussions |
| Climate Action | Innovative ✓✓✓; and progressive on climate change and resiliency ✓✓ |
| Commitment to energy | <i>No additional comments entered in this box</i> |
| Commitment to outdoor lifestyle | <i>No additional comments entered in this box</i> |
| Commitment to social services | Responding to community - identified issues. (e.g. transitional). |
| Communication city govt / council | Good access to these people. |
| Creative culture | University and entrepreneur and high tech startups. Local food scene is incredible. |
| CU ** | CU Boulder - young people, intelligent community, CWA, international community, science, speakers, like Dalai Lama, vibrancy, diversity. |
| Cultural activities | Festivals, music, arts, Dairy Center, library, triathlons.. |
| Cultural stuff | We have it all. |
| Culture | Richness of community minds ✓✓; Spiritual richness and traditions. Innovation |
| Downtown | Shops ✓✓; University ✓✓✓ Arts ✓✓✓✓; Vibrancy for its size ✓✓✓ |
| Eco-ethic | <i>No additional comments entered in this box</i> |
| Education | Schools, university brings higher value on education, diversity of |

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| | school choice. |
| Education System | Diversity, welcoming to everyone. |
| Events | Bolder Boulder, CWA, Bike races |
| Facilities, infrastructure | For seniors, walking paths, bike paths, flood mitigation. |
| Farmers Market | <i>No additional comments entered in this box</i> |
| Flood Response | Engineering and response in regard to flooding and other natural disasters - fires. Continue investing in and developing programs. |
| Health | Emphasis on health, support for alternative / complementary health |
| Health | Culture of health ✓✓✓✓ |
| Height Limit on buildings | Keep it respected - no exceptions. |
| Housing | Do more about addressing homelessness. Not booting people out. Addiction and mental health services, housing and transitional housing. |
| Housing | Middle class housing. lots of zoning limitations making things difficult to. Preserving existing housing - allowing more density / accessory dwelling on existing areas. Housing development over parking lots - subsurface parking is good. |
| Innovation and creative community | <i>No additional comments entered in this box</i> |
| Interesting People | <i>No additional comments entered in this box</i> |
| Kids fishing pond | <i>No additional comments entered in this box</i> |
| Land Use | Opportunities. redevelopment of "opportunity areas". University provides culture, great community, resource. People can get most of their services. |
| Land use and Transportation | Loves downtown vibrancy and the transportation modes that are available in the downtown area. Wants walk/bike in more areas. More pockets and suburban centers are great. |
| Library / arts | <i>No additional comments entered in this box</i> |
| Local farms and farmers market | Preserve this asset |
| Muni resources | Library - evolution of, rec center. |
| Music, plays, restaurants | Nice to have these. |
| NCAR | art program |
| Neighborhoods | Like neighborhood community i.e. relating to neighbors. Like low density, rural and urban neighborhoods. Don't want high density housing to be rammed down our throats. |
| Neighborhoods | Older developed neighborhoods e.g. Martin Acres, meet neighbors, great community. Keep it the way it is. Export Boulder to other cities. Franchise Boulder for a fee. |
| Neighborhoods | <i>No additional comments entered in this box</i> |
| Neighborhoods & downtown | Civic area / downtown alive, farmers market. Walkability, small enough to get around. |
| Neighborhoods / schools | Small neighborhood centers ✓; Bilingual education ✓; Small, peaceful, safe ✓✓; Mix of city and open space / nature |
| Nice neighborhoods - communities | Support and nurture these. |

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| North Boulder | Development of North of Violet between Broadway and 28th. Great housing mix, services work. |
| Open Space | Commitment to open space. |
| Open Space | Love how it has not changed; forward thinking to have open space. |
| Open Space | ✓✓✓✓✓✓ |
| Open Space | Love hiking in open space. Great having open space all around. Open space is key for shaping Boulder |
| Open Space | Periphery of OS ✓✓✓✓✓✓. Keep farming. |
| Open Space | Keep and preserve it. |
| Open Space | We have the right amount. |
| Open Space | Quality of life, access. |
| Open space / urbanity juxtaposition | <i>No additional comments entered in this box</i> |
| Open space policy | No change - all agree. |
| Outdoor recreation | Like that climate is conducive; access to outdoors. |
| Outdoors | Open space, hiking, biking, climbing, updated play parks, Chautauqua, parks |
| Parks & Recreation | Abundance of parks and rec opportunities. |
| Parks, rec centers | Keep investing in these. |
| People | Educated, interesting, creative. Because of the university, industries here. Young, smart people want to live here. Continuing desire to inspire. |
| Planning Tradition | Blue line, height exceptions, community policies, innovative, urban design - mall, transportation, buses. |
| Police / Fire Dept. | <i>No additional comments entered in this box</i> |
| Policies | Progressive policies, social, environmental ✓✓ |
| Programs to address climate change | Continue and expand them. |
| Public education. | Continue supporting it. |
| Public spaces | Boulder spaces are comfortable, i.e. Pearl Street, Memorial Center, Farmers Market. Great entertainment, i.e. Chautauqua, Theatre, library, University and events. |
| Public Spaces | Chautauqua, CU campus, PS Mall, Arboretum, Walnut / Pearl walkway to Med. Chautauqua = Heaven |
| Public transportation | Eco-passes for everyone. |
| Quality of Life | Parks, open space, downtown, access to trails, municipalization, diversity of people (age, ethnicity), ability to live how you want to here. |
| Quality of Life | Libraries, Rec centers, bike paths, open space. Plans and builds infrastructure for alternative transportation. |
| Quality of life | Don't degrade it. Keep number of non-related residents at current level. There is room for many types of housing, but not in every area of town. |
| Rec centers / Pools | <i>No additional comments entered in this box</i> |

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| Recycling, composting | Expand these programs. |
| Restaurants | Continue having them. |
| Schools | High quality schools, community Montessori, southern hills, |
| Start-up * | Tech and start-up jobs, ideas, energy |
| Start-up / incubation culture | <i>No additional comments entered in this box</i> |
| Sustainability | Pools, software, education, small group meetings. |
| Town Creativity | Artist outlets, pottery lab, Pearl St. buskers, etc. University |
| Trails (underpasses) - safety - bikepaths | <i>No additional comments entered in this box</i> |
| Trails, hiking | <i>No additional comments entered in this box</i> |
| Transport. | Bike-ability, public transport (bus system). |
| Transportation | Great bike network, Mass transit, "I can live in Boulder and get to downtown Denver in blink of eye". |
| Transportation | Like Boulder Creek path, wants more. |
| Transportation | Transportation system is ok but could be improved. Bike paths work well. |
| Transportation | Bike/ Walkable ✓✓; Multi-use trails ✓✓✓; Bike lanes ✓✓, Multi-alternative modes ✓✓✓ |
| Transportation | Transportation solutions - take a bus, bike ✓✓ |
| Unique city | Separation from other cities, Pearl St. Mall, preserving open space, high level of education, permanently affordable housing. |
| University | Labs / diversity |
| University | Close to the university, world affairs conference. |
| Vibrant energy | <i>No additional comments entered in this box</i> |
| Views | Views of mountains and Flatirons - preserve it. |
| Walking / biking / transit facilities | <i>No additional comments entered in this box</i> |
| We're bold | We're bold - amendment 2; CAP, municipalization, Pearl St. Mall, Bohemian, courage. |
| Zero Waste | Keeping things out of landfill; recycling, compost |

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| Affordability | Aging populations; who can afford to live here? Income disparity. |
| Affordable Housing | Affordable housing policies - we don't follow through ✓✓✓✓✓ People priced out, not remotely affordable. |
| Affordable Housing | More low and moderate income housing. Fewer mansions! space for kids to play. Preserving mobile home options. Development of more housing for elderly (not segregated but part of community). |
| Affordable Housing | Young, innovative people on the verge of not going able to stay here. ✓ Density - need to increase. Density - where and how? Diversity & Equity. Housing Security Keeping workforce in the city. Neighborhoods need them. |
| Affordable Housing | Make more available. |
| Affordable Housing | Young professions and working people can't afford to live here. (from academic position socialism). Housing issues biggest issue couldn't have kiddos afford to live here. |
| Affordable housing | District voting by neighborhood. Look at Area 3 for affordable housing - 500 acres. |
| Affordable Housing | Look for ways to find common ground. Have / allow more than 3 unrelated people to live in 1 home. |
| Aging population | Consider effect on public schools of aging population base. |
| Agriculture | Keep it. |
| Arapahoe Upgrade | Need to be careful on how character changes. Little or no 4 story buildings. |
| Banks | # of banks downtown; big buildings but not big block - that don't relate to people. People oriented. Too much focus on business. Listen to people. |
| BCHA | Putting a large low-income public housing project in the middle of a quiet neighborhood without providing services is a horrible idea. 300+ people are against this - this list is growing. |
| Biodiversity / Open Space | Balance people and nature - preserve nature. Educate about treating our resources properly. We are part of nature. OS is overused. Don't overestimate nature. |
| Boulder Junction | Phase II completed |
| Boulder victim of own success | How to balance. Don't make "paying" to live in Boulder the deciding factor. Probably can't keep Boulder in current context. |
| Building design | Too many boring buildings being built. No character. Apartments small to put more people in! |
| Buses | Bus system does not encourage people to use it. Perhaps need free eco-passes for everyone. For better accessibility. For all including regional people. |
| Business | Bringing in big business kills local business. need more small businesses. |
| City council | Districts - for better representation. |
| City Council representation | City Council needs to be more representative of the city. Have representatives from neighborhoods that attend and are involved in at city council meetings, whose voices count - perhaps even vote on issues there. |

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| Civil dialogue | Discouraged by civic dialogue. Need civil conversation; people are angry. |
| Climate Change | Be more aggressive, bold and experiment. ✓✓✓✓ Resiliency. No middle class. Increasing carbon by in-commuting. Innovative laws, chickens, climate change. |
| Climate Change & Sustainability | Have to get responsible for our actions and needs. Integrated process, not just Boulder need other communities. |
| Community | Young - keep here. Supermarkets in neighborhoods. Losing Middle Class. Slow down. ✓ Aging - how to stay in the community. Preparing citizens of what is to come - economic climate. |
| Community 2 | Mixed vitality with all levels of economic spectrum. ✓ Don't make it a resort, elite, white, rich, invisible minority communities. Economic Diversity - health of non-profits - expensive development pushes these out. Keep passion and still work together on all issues. |
| Community Eco-passes | We need universal eco-passes. Make them available to EACH person. Restore neighborhood eco-pass programs at least. |
| Commuting | Too many commute in alone. Need better transit options, work at home options. |
| Creative solutions | Can't solve 2030 problems with the old methods. |
| CU | Concerted effort to reach out to CU, creates housing issue, they aren't helping Boulder deal with impact of number of students. Need outreach efforts, need to partner, not fair biggest elephant in room is not at the table. |
| Densification | We need to evaluate the assumption that plunking density into a suburban town will truly reduce impacts, or will it just add more people and higher impact? |
| Density | Like to see a more urban density core and better sharing of land. Look at land use and zoning. Not everyone is comfortable in a high density world. Don't chase out people who are already here. Health and well-being of all in the community. |
| Development | Stay small city, tall buildings keep popping up, developers need to pay for impacts, affects housing and transportation. what is our limitations - natural resources, such as water, rooftops functionality that adds to resources, blocking our mountains. Can't we spend tax dollars on buying land within city for civic use? Preservation, keep feel small town, mountain views, Boulder culture. |
| Development | Be creative and brave about making development choices. Keep public spaces / urban public spaces. Need those public spaces in "15 minute" neighborhoods. |
| Diversity | Relates to affordability, need to preserve ___ that is in places with greater diversity. |
| Diversity | City is not welcoming to socio-economic diversity, including next generation. Get young people engaged/ families engaged. Need affordable daycare. |
| Diversity | council - age, ethnicity, etc. |
| Dog waste | Dog poop in plastic bags on open space (solution - see kengraham.com poop bags). |
| Downtown | Downtown Boulder is walkable neighborhood - need more places |

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| | where walking possible, pleasant. |
| Economic Development | Focus on county vs. city objectives. Alternative mass transit options. |
| Education | Achievement gap, commitment to early education, daycare / preschool affordability, should use of public space. |
| Engagement | Misunderstanding difference between community engagement but not Nimbyism. Want cooperative homes ✓✓✓✓✓ |
| Enhanced corridors | Pearl, Arapahoe, SH119, etc. Need great transit, density and mixed use. East pearl (30th-55th)! people living where they work. |
| Environment | Keep an eye on pollution and toxins in our environment. |
| Family-friendly | More family-friendly city- more affordable so parents with children can live here. Children / families are settling outside Boulder. Our population is aging - not enough diversity. |
| Financial and ethnic diversity | <i>No additional comments entered in this box</i> |
| Floodplains | Not considering floodplains - continuing to build there. Bring in experts to plan comprehensive and how to stay true to strategic plan. |
| Growth | Boulder needs to change so that it is not so desirable to come to - how to control growth in Boulder? We can't be selfish and not allow people to move here. Need to be more creative about how we share Boulder with new people coming to Boulder. Need more creative use of land. Limited growth and limited development. |
| Growth | Need to try to get a handle on commercial or industrial growth. Need to control jobs, puts pressure on housing. |
| Growth management system | Council gutted this. Infrastructure not keeping up. Control job growth rate. |
| Growth vs. population | Zoning favors jobs. Traffic - cars - driving into city. Impact on carbon emissions. Balance needs; types of nits being built. |
| Gunbarrel | Gunbarrel - lot of construction but not affordable housing. 500 units, new. Not one unit affordable apartment. Not even open space there. "Right-sizing not well thought out. ✓✓✓ |
| Gunbarrel | Gunbarrel is getting inappropriate rightsizing. |
| Health | Restaurants are often unclean, esp. near the university. More inspections needed. |
| Health | Air Quality. Local food processing and distribution - value added. more year-round food distribution. Food security - local. Affordability for all. Forward thinking - keep setting. |
| Height | Too frequent compromises on height limitation. |
| Homeless services | Inadequate social services for homeless. |
| Housing | Housing close to jobs. Housing density how can we do it. |
| Housing | Affordability - low and medium. Maintaining existing. No room for single-family. Need to define density and growth. |
| Housing - Middle class | Make more available. |
| Housing & Transportation Costs | Important to keep things affordable |
| Housing costs | Could impact diversity we have now. |

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| Housing costs | Not enough housing. Network of vans going to neighboring communities. What happened to the train? Support neighboring communities with lower housing; Then easy transportation into Boulder. |
| Inclusiveness | Places for people of different ages, income levels, ethnic groups, students, and seniors - vibrant community based to attract diverse people. |
| Infrastructure | Boulder infrastructure needs to be... Let's focus on improving the infrastructure for all neighborhoods and all of Boulder. |
| Jobs | Need jobs housing balance. Need jobs to have tax base. |
| Jobs vs. Growth | Find a reasonable solution. |
| Jobs/Housing | Need to focus on jobs and housing - lots of jobs are here and yet we allow more i.e. Google, Apple. |
| Jobs: housing balance | Jobs 104,000 70,000 are workforce age. Imbalance of jobs/ housing. |
| Jobs:housing balance | Imbalance of jobs and housing (amount of space for jobs: housing units). Why attract additional employers if we can't house people as it is? It aggravates climate change issues. |
| Lack of risk taking | in design, often Boulder is not innovative, how can we create dynamism of change and risk taking (arts). |
| Land Use | Conversation about the mix of uses. Some places (local businesses) are priced out by making an area more attractive. This is important for redevelopment. |
| Legalization of drugs / illegal drugs, | Is disturbing. Not good environment for anybody. Pressure on law enforcement. |
| Mixed Use Development | Not in all parts of town, Affordable housing new bus stops. Middle-income more. Jobs not growth. |
| Mobile Home park | Changing to single family lots in mobile home park. Makes people too vulnerable. Mobile home only permanently diverse places. |
| Model for sustainability | Use unique position to be a model for sustainability. |
| Natural hazards | Consider increased threat of natural hazards in the siting of new development. Plan with the 7th generation in mind. |
| Neighborhoods | Stress the integrity and need for neighborhoods. |
| Neighborhoods | walkable and preserve neighborhoods. |
| Occupancy | Limiting houses to only 3 unrelated people. Why build more when there are houses that can hold more people? Why not increase it to 4 at least? Fill the bedrooms. Conserve utilities; help climate change; save land space by using what's built already. Add co-op housing. |
| Other | Equity of services / Blue line adjusted, aging population, taxes, affordable rentals, range of services, mental health care, better balance, VRBO, Create a tax to support tax investment to create economic opportunity for the middle; infill within existing housing. |
| Parking | Better traffic management and parking at open spaces. Improved parking everywhere, e.g. neighborhoods, downtown, etc. Parking reductions are being granted when developers request it. |
| Pedestrian mall | Need a few more little malls in busy places. |
| Perimeter Parking | Add perimeter parking so people don't have to drive in. Business is |

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| | partially responsible for dealing with traffic. |
| Plan | Comprehensive plan is overwhelming.. Too many parts that compete against other parts. Make the document and plan easier to relate to for everybody. People need to be more open and less confrontational. |
| Plan | How prescriptive should plan be? How much room left for creativity? |
| Population growth | Don't want to exceed capacity of open space to recover. |
| Process | Public does not know the process - is public really being included? Mass traffic problem - with 60,000 people coming in. |
| Public transportation alternatives | Shuttles, street cars, fast tracks for commuters who can't afford to live here. |
| Redevelopment | Stimulate creative renovation and redevelopment of housing stock example - co-housing, eco-villages. |
| Redevelopment | New business buildings shouldn't all look alike. Prefer more variety, mixture of traditional and modern, diversity in design. Building codes are cost-prohibitive for new housing - perhaps need lower standards for low income. Also ability to remodel existing houses is seriously limited by city requirements. |
| Regional Issues | ..problems on a regional basis. Need to include all cities in county. |
| Regional Issues | Needs improvement - don't just focus on Boulder. |
| Regionalism | Regionalism - east county road - all sprawl. We're part of a region. Meeting in Gunbarrel "right sizing". |
| Retain character of neighborhoods | Improve access to shops, etc. |
| RTD system not efficient | Need better fare structure. pay once for an hour-long ride for example. |
| School District | School district is too big. |
| Schools | Shrink the school district. fewer larger schools |
| Security | More secure environment; security. |
| Seniors | More cultural activities for seniors. |
| Seniors, housing affordability | > 50% is targeted. Where will seniors go? |
| Sister City Franchise | Help other cities. Exporting the good stuff to outlying communities. Better cooperation - collaborate gov, biz levels. |
| Squeaky wheel syndrome | Everyone that works here can live here. Do we get the real input from folks that are most impacted? Vision is changed too dramatically. |
| Sustainability | What does it mean to be sustainable? How will we measure? |
| Sustainable growth | Boulder needs to figure out to grow without outsourcing environmental impact. Need more density, affordable housing and diversity. |
| Technology | Bio-mimicry. Human Tech always fails. |
| Tolerance, change | More tolerance and openness to change. Successful people influence the conversation. |
| Traffic | Traffic bad - if you can't bike, you can't get around. Parking / poor planning / impacts. |

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| Traffic congestion, cars | Reopen blocked lanes on Folsom and don't seal off lanes on Iris or other roads. (Unanimous sentiment in our group). |
| Traffic Problem | Boulder should look at eco-passes for all, more bike lanes and new technological advances that reduce the number of cars. |
| Transit / Eco-pass | Good but need better service frequency. |
| Transport | Get people on buses. Make cheaper. |
| Transportation | Need system to define where buses are (app), Wrong road for bicycles (separate issue). |
| Transportation | Transportation traffic in town; way signage improvement. Distance and time by better for bikes and buses signage would help make it more friendly. |
| Transportation | How can people live and work in Boulder. Continuing multimodal experiments. increase density to decrease vehicles. |
| Transportation | Employers provide transportation; Google pods; Community-wide ecopass; revisit RTD model (expensive) Spoke -hub concepts. |
| Transportation / Housing | Should be in there, tied to land use, transportation must be planned ahead. Affordable, frequency, variety. Need better bike facilities as we grow, now deal with in-commuting challenge infill in large lots. What is defined footprint. Want our children to afford to live here. Serious investment in affordable, need really good mix; ability to grow food even with small footprint. Need to be willing to live smaller, affordable housing. Is it our job at tax payers to provide affordable housing? |
| Transportation Corridors | Multi-modal corridors. |
| University | Priorities favor athletic expansion. Impacts quality of life; crowds. |
| Walkability | Less reliance on the automobile. Walkability -working to maintain that. Needed services within walking distance. Diversity of businesses in one area. Too crowded where bicyclists and pedestrians must share space. |

Comment Sheets on Neighborhood Issues

Just over 20 comments were collected at the kickoff meeting regarding neighborhood issues. People were asked “What do you love about where you live?” “What are you worried about in your area?” and “What ideas do you have to make things better in your area now and in the future?” (*shown alphabetically by where people live*)

| Where do you live? | What do you love about where you live? | What are you worried about in your area? | What ideas do you have to make things better in your area now and in the future? |
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| Central Boulder | Forward thinking, healthy farms, increased sustainability and alternative transportation. | Not being sustainable enough. Getting too expensive. Needs to be more focused on community living - more small homes, land; allowing more than 3 unrelated people to live together - leads to lower costs and more sustainable living - and less need for building. | Allowing more unrelated people / home; more climate action and mass sustainability; More focus on building middle class; people who work here can live here; more focus on multi-family and smaller homes. |
| Central Boulder | Being able to walk downtown, open space and the university. I was able to build my home. | Lack of diversity; nimbyism, the Hill has gotten worse for two decades. | Address outdated land use and zoning rules - primarily focusing on ways to better ___ land - community housing, micro housing. |
| Central Boulder | The open space nearby; close to downtown - can walk; close to rec center. | Overuse of open space. I have lived here 25 years - more city activities have moved east - hate to see. | <i>No additional comments entered in this box</i> |
| Central Boulder | Nature, uniqueness, sustainability, live/work/play - all within 15 mins. | Keeping character, medium affordable housing, destroying nature. | Small home communities - tiny home community. |
| Colorado University | I can walk most everywhere I want to go - university, grocery, food, etc. | Not being allowed to redevelop / adapt property to changing neighborhood demographics and needs. (adjacent to two CU campuses). | Make occupancy uniform among houses / apartments / condos instead of requiring less occupancy in larger houses. |
| Crossroads | Quality of life | Noise pollution; air pollution; environmental balance decline; lack of ethnic diversity; inequitable economic classes. | More community city / county town hall meetings. collaboration participation; happy co-existence. |
| East Boulder | Good wilderness development; good culture; good food/ business; economic practices / environmental practices. | Traffic. Denver to Boulder - opposing. Price of rent. Flood mitigation. | Better planning of major traffic routes across town vs. designated bike lanes? elevated bike paths. Repurpose areas that will be redeveloped by businesses instead as areas of affordable housing. |

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| East Boulder | Mountains, University, the arts, bike path, schools, the people. | high density; not able to own my lot, too expensive lot rent. | putting new modular homes on the Orchard Grove 5 acres that Housing Partners owns. No higher density. free eco-passes. |
| East Boulder | Open space nearby where I can walk and run. | 1. train blasting - day and night when it crosses the street. 2. Parking - neighbors with only 1 parking space overflow into my association or onto the street. 3. Flooding - water should flow into Wonderland Creek - not the ditch. 4. Being able to drive East on Valmont with the density coming near 30th st. | Rental property - renter must sign that they will have only 1 car and be fined if they park 2nd car on the street. |
| East Boulder | I love the mountains, trails, walking / bike paths, green space, cultural opportunities, everything close, great bus system, (wish it was all electric), great attitudes (mostly open and positive) and more! | I'm not worried and here is what I know: we are facing many huge challenges (6th mass extinction crisis, climate change, economic chaos, the need to create true social justice, etc.) AND we must face into: 1. air quality security, 2. water security, 3. food security, 4. housing security, 5. preparing citizens psychologically for what is to come. | 1. Look to permaculture, 2. Emphasize deep listening, curiosity, wonder, openness, 3. ask what each person's creative contribution to the future is. 4. Be humble and recognize that humans are only 1 tiny bit of Nature AND that human technology always ultimately fails while universal technology is always self-correcting! |
| Gunbarrel | | Dog poop pollution. Too much development. | <i>No additional comments entered in this box</i> |
| Gunbarrel | Open space, bike trails, not dense, quiet. | The introduction of a low income public housing project (100-140 units) in the middle of a quiet residential neighborhood without any services - 9grocery store, job training, day care, transportation). | I think market rate small homes that fit with the rest of the neighborhood are needed in Gunbarrel and other places in Boulder City. |
| Gunbarrel | The rural environment of twin lakes. | High density development of 6655 Twin lakes road and the parcel across the street. | Be more open to plans for neighborhoods you plan to "in fill". |

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| Gunbarrel | Rural residential - in county; habitat and wildlife near Twin Lakes, dark skies, (no streetlights), quiet, no thru traffic, viewshed to continental divide. | Annexation and rezoning of parcels S of Twin Lakes, loss of residential / rural character of neighborhood, quiet and safe character, increased traffic, high-density buildings on previously undeveloped land with increased risk of basement flooding to existing residences along those parcels as a result. Don't wreck our neighborhood. | Leave it in county and rural residential; Do not annex and rezone. Don't dump city problems on our rural county neighborhood. |
| Gunbarrel | vista views, open space, people in the community, liberal thinking, arts and culture, funky, open-minded culture. | Lack of middle income housing (purchase vs. rental). High density public housing being plopped in the middle of existing residential neighborhoods where services are not located nearby. Increase in flood plain issues with high density development. Need for more diversity in the people (color), economic diversity. Traffic congestion. Public transportation is too time consuming to be useful (need better routes). | Avoid building in flood plain areas. No more cash-in-lieu of affordable housing in each development. More European-feel mixed use neighborhood center development. Sustainable neighborhood centers with shopping, services, community gardens and parks (for youth, elders, all people). Let's truly meet conflicting goals in creative, enjoyable and productive ways. |
| Gunbarrel | I used to love the fact that growth in Boulder was under control. I feel that growth is OUT of control now. I want control to come back. | Too much growth. WAY too much construction. Way too many new apartments. City leaders FAILING to understand that a majority of registered voters do NOT want Boulder to grow to 120,000 people. | Make development pay it's own way. Give neighborhoods the right to vote on how they are developed. Ask the voters these questions. How big do you want Boulder to get? How fast do you want to get there? |
| North Boulder | Open space and being able to see some stars. | Light pollution from both new housing and commercial. | Have someone be designated as the city/county dark night skies advocate. Inform residents about light glare and property intention. How to replace old lighting with new IDSA compliant fixtures and bulbs. Help preserve our bat population. |
| Outside city limits / rural | quiet, sparse population, little growth, nature. | only wildfire. | I live west - up Flagstaff - all seems good with us. |
| South Boulder | The outdoor climate, lifestyle and open space orientation of the community. Bike, ped and bus-ability; small city size, density, beauty. | Cost of living especially housing which leads to less diversity and limited options for the majority of the population. Sustainable living opportunities. Dated recreation facilities indoors and out. | <i>No additional comments entered in this box</i> |

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| South Boulder | Open space with hiking and climbing and biking; bike paths; Pearl St.; public transportation; good public schools; CU - Boulder | Sustainability - global warming; affordably housing. | Higher density housing a) with % that is affordable, b) to allow for renting part of home ADU c) to increase population density (smaller carbon footprint per person) d) to make public transportation work better e) keep improving bike transportation. |
| South Boulder | Small community, diverse. trails & open space; Bike Trails. I love my neighborhood. | Infill densification. Current top down planning. Afraid that the BVCP will be skewed by small interest groups. | Neighborhood plans written primarily by neighborhoods and adopted by planning and city council as a guide to future developments. |