Boulder County
MOBILITY & ACCESS
FOR ALL

Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting #3
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Polling Q1 (Trial)

Go to www.menti.com and use the code 9103 5350 to answer the upcoming questions.

Q1 What’s your favorite team sport?
What’s your favorite team sport?

- Football
- water polo
- Swim
- Football
- To play: Volleyball, To watch: hockey
- Hockey
- Wisconsin Badgers
- Hockey
- baseball
What’s your favorite team sport?

- Steelers
- Ping Pong
- Football
- Olympic Volleyball!
- Rowing
- Nashville Predators
- LAFC
- lacrosse
Polling Q2

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Q2 How frequently did you ride transit pre-pandemic?

- Every weekday
- A few times a week
- Few times a month
- Once in six months
- Once a year
- Other
- Never
How frequently did you ride transit pre-pandemic?

- Every weekday: 2
- A few times a week: 1
- Few times a month: 2
- Once in six months: 6
- Once a year: 3
- Other: 2
- Never: 1
Polling Q3

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Q3 How frequently are you riding transit now?

- Every weekday
- A few times a week
- A few times a month
- Not riding transit yet
- Don't plan to ride transit
How frequently are you riding transit now?

- Every weekday: 0
- A few times a week: 0
- A few times a month: 1
- Not riding transit yet: 14
- Don't plan to ride transit: 2

Boulder County Mobility & Access for All
What are we doing today?

- Test out methods for getting public input (using online polling).
- Identify the most pressing needs for Boulder County coordinated & human service transportation.
- Build a list of goal categories for this plan.
Context for Goal Setting
About this Project

- Improve mobility for seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals

- Organizations involved coordinate and provide transportation services

- Federal transit law requirement for Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program) project funding

- Projects "must be included in a locally developed coordinated plan."

- This is the first such plan of its kind exclusive to Boulder County.
Purpose of Goals

- Describe what the plan will accomplish.

- Describe value contributed to transportation.

- Provide context and guidance for your plan’s implementation.
Goal Setting

Think through the following items:

• What are your priorities from this plan?

• Of the constraints you agree with, how can they be overcome?

• Where do you want Boulder County to be 5 years from now?
Challenges and Needs
SCOT Findings

Challenges

Most Common Themes:

- Constrained Resources
  - Spreads internal staff too thin
  - Forces reliance on volunteers, partners, and grants for programs
  - Stifles expansion to meet current demand

- Not Meeting Enough of the Needs

- Mistrust/Reluctance from the Community

“Not enough resources/opportunities to meet the demand. Demand is increasing.”

“Community reluctance to accept solutions from outside agencies - we tried this before and it didn’t work…”
SCOT Findings

Challenges

Other Themes:
- High Cost for Existing Services
- Location of Services
- Organizational Limitations
- Older Adults Left Behind in Pandemic
- Aging Fleet / Driver Shortage

“Not always a clear, unified City vision of how to address transit issues.”

“Transportation options not convenient, or accessible, based on location.”
Polling Q4

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Q4 Which of the challenges do you agree with?

- Constrained Resources
- Not Meeting Enough of the Demand for Transit
- Mistrust/Reluctance from the Community
- High Cost for Existing Services
- Location of Services
- Organizational Limitations
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- Driver Shortage
Which of the challenges do you agree with?

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- Not Meeting Enough of the Demand for Transit
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Boulder County Mobility & Access for All
Draft Summary of Needs

- Personnel
- Infrastructure and Transit Rider Experience
- Ride Purposes
Draft Summary of Needs

Personnel

- Professional drivers
- Volunteer drivers
- Customer service / Travel trainers
- Grant assistance
- Data collectors
Polling Q5

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Q5 What need stands out to you as most important (Rank in order)?

- Professional drivers
- Volunteer drivers
- Customer service / Travel trainers
- Grant assistance
- Data collectors
What need stands out to you as most important (Rank in order)?

1st: Professional drivers
2nd: Grant assistance
3rd: Customer service/Travel trainers
4th: Data collectors
5th: Volunteer drivers
Draft Summary of Needs

Infrastructure and Transit Rider Experience

- Modernized wheelchair-accessible fleet of buses
- Universally accessible bus stops/sidewalks
- Affordable/free transit fares for riders
- Customer comfort with using online scheduling/information tools
- Regaining rider trust & comfort post-pandemic
Polling Q6

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Q6 What need stands out to you as most important (Rank in order)?

- Modernized wheelchair-accessible fleet of buses
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Draft Summary of Needs

Ride Purposes

- Transit for employees going to/from large workplaces disconnected from the transit network
- Transit for students attending schools outside of local cluster
- Transit for students getting to/from after-school programs and activities
- Transit for people going to/from healthcare appointments
- Transit for Veterans accessing regional VA centers
Polling Q7

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Q7 What need stands out to you as most important (Rank in order)?

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- Transit for students attending schools outside of local cluster
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**What need stands out to you as most important (Rank in order)?**

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Goals Brainstorm
Possible themes for brainstorming goals

- Accessibility
- Equity
- Safety
- Resiliency
- Fiscally Sustainable
- Coverage
Polling Q8

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Q8 What possible goal theme is most important for you (choose 1)?

- Accessibility
- Equity
- Safety
- Resiliency
- Fiscally Sustainable
- Coverage
What possible goal theme is most important for you (choose 1)?

- Accessibility: 7
- Equity: 5
- Safety: 3
- Resiliency: 0
- Fiscally Sustainable: 3
- Coverage: 1
Polling Q9

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Q9 Is there another category/concept that you think is more important?
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Reliability of services  reliability
Equity amongst populations  Reliability. Easy access
Effective and efficient  Equity

environmental consciousness/sustainability

Efficient. "Mass" transit cannot be all things to all people. In so doing, efficient mass transit will meet various other named goals.
Is there another category/concept that you think is more important?

- Reliable
- Standardized Data Collection, Evaluation, & Reporting on goals & metrics
- Rural and Urban communities
- Balancing mountain rural, urban, and metropolitan needs
- Reliability
- distance between where people live and where they need to go
# Demographic Comparison

Key demographics of Boulder County compared with State of Colorado and neighboring counties

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<th>Total Population</th>
<th>Percentage of Older Adults (aged 65 and older)</th>
<th>Percentage of Total Population with a Disability</th>
<th>Percentage of Total Population with income below 150% of federal poverty level</th>
<th>Percentage of Youth (aged 18 and younger)</th>
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<td>5,610,349</td>
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<td>Boulder County</td>
<td>322,510</td>
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Q10 What are the ways Boulder County’s transportation goals are unique from other parts of Colorado?
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- Much larger student population
- Rural and urban challenges
- More similar than unique.
- Rural/urban split
- Intersection with housing availability and affordability
- Supports a rural and urban/suburban population
- Lack of affordable housing, so many are housing + transportation burdened.
- Spread out and lack of affordable housing
- Student population and poverty level
What are the ways Boulder County’s transportation goals are unique from other parts of Colorado?

- Larger physical distance between distinct communities
- Land use isn’t always supportive of multimodal transportation
- Spread out availability of services and connections.
- Households with youth might be more telling indicator to compare to surrounding counties than just youth population alone, and where they are clumped
- Land use equity issues
- Large school districts
- Central location for finding/scheduling rides.
- reliabilityy

Regional school districts that fall outside of Boulder County
Polling Q11

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Q11 What words best describe the top priorities for improving mobility seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals?
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Open Discussion

• What are your priorities from this plan?

• Of the constraints you agree with, how can they be overcome?

• Where do you want Boulder County to be 5 years from now?
Next Steps

- We will keep working together and interviewing stakeholders as we refine the definition of project needs, goals, and strategies -- nothing is set in stone!
- Dropping the stakeholder survey on SurveyMonkey this week
- Developing a directory of transportation resources
- Sharing existing conditions report with you -- and getting your feedback
Upcoming TAC Meetings

May
- SCOT Analysis
- Demographics and Plan Review

This Meeting!
- Goal setting
- Gaps/needs analysis

July
- Strategies
- Prioritization

August
- Summarize
- Partner on implementation
Thank you

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