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About the Project
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- 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 for Boulder County.
The Process

Learning:
- Advisory Committee
- Feedback from transit riders, community leaders, and human service organizations
- Online survey of transit providers and organizations

Existing Conditions:
- Demographics
- Transit Services
- Needs

Strategies to Meet Needs:
- Goals
- Implementation
Who Is Involved

**Technical Advisory Committee**
- 25 Partner Agency Representatives

**Community Partners**
- CDOT Transit & Safe Routes to School
- Regional Planners (DRCOG & NFRMPO)
- Boulder County Area Agency on Aging
- RTD Paratransit
- CU Boulder and CU Denver
- Aging Advisory Council
- IDD Mill Levy Advisory Council
- Local Coordinating Council
- Bicycle Colorado

**Affinity/Focus Groups**
- Youth Programs Leadership
- People with Disabilities
- Racial, Ethnic, Income, and Age Equity
- Healthcare Workers
- Municipal Planners
- Boulder Valley and St. Vrain Valley School District
Key Findings
What is Boulder County's Transit Propensity?

- Older Adults
- Youth
- Disabled
- Low-Income

Transit Need

Needs is based on cumulative density of older adults population, youth population, low-income households (50% AMI and lower), and people with disabilities.

Summary of Needs

• Need for additional data and organizational support for transportation planning and policy.

• Region’s land use and urban design is not conducive to transit-supportive communities, compromising the journey one takes to access transit.

• The cost of transportation is a burden on top of the rising cost of housing.

• Community groups, non-profits, and governments alike may not necessarily have enough resources (administrative staff, operators, etc.).
Summary of Needs

- **Service gaps** for localities and communities outside regional transit hubs.
- Limited **awareness** of all transportation options.
- **Long-term** challenges demand big moves:
  - climate change
  - systemic discrimination
  - aging infrastructure and population
  - technology’s role in transportation
Draft Goals and Objectives
Overarching Goals & Objectives

- **Accessibility**
  - Supporting alternatives to car ownership
  - Expanding information and access to multimodal transportation options

- **Equity**
  - Determining which places are sufficiently serviced relative to special needs
  - Listening to marginalized communities and responding directly to their needs

- **Reliability**
  - Recognizing and supporting personnel who keep the transportation system running
  - Helping increase regular program and service use
Overarching Goals & Objectives

- **Efficiency**
  - Reducing strain on existing resources
  - Evaluating program and service effectiveness

- **Sustainability**
  - Investing in Boulder County’s future social and financial growth
  - Continuing County’s drive for greater fuel efficiency and fewer climate impacts

- **Safety**
  - Embracing a philosophy of universal design for all ages and abilities
  - Helping people feel more comfortable with multiple transportation options
Open Discussion: Goals
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- Reliability
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• Survey major employers to determine consistent shift times and reschedule bus arrivals at those sites accordingly.

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• **Improved access** to bus stops and **upgrading** the stops at high-need sites.

• Consideration for **universal design and access practices** into updated multimodal transportation standards.
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Revisions and/or Additional Strategies

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• Working on **refining the goals and strategies** -- nothing is set in stone!
• Looking forward to any additional **ideas and feedback** from you
• Developing a **directory of transportation resources**
• Drafting a **plan report**
THANK YOU!

Please visit the coordinated plan’s website for information & updates

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