Transportation Funding
June 14, 2022

Thank you for joining us. The meeting will begin shortly.
Welcome and Meeting Format

Simultaneous Spanish interpretation

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Boulder County 
Transportation Funding

**Agenda**

1. Boulder County Transportation System Overview
2. Current Transportation Funding
3. Going Forward
4. Questions
Mentimeter-

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**English Language Questions**

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**Las preguntas en español**

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Introduce el código

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O uso el código QR
Mentimeter-

- Icebreaker Trivia Questions: Truth or Lie
  - The average older adult will outlive the ability to drive by 7-10 years
  - A full-size diesel bus with 7 passengers is more fuel efficient than the average car
  - The average US household spends 20% of its total income on transportation expenses
Boulder County’s Role in Transportation

Strategy 1: Develop a Multimodal Transportation System

Strategy 2: Create the Complete Trip

Strategy 3: Invest in Key Transportation Corridors

Strategy 4: Increase Accessibility

Strategy 5: Enhance Mountain Area Connections

https://youtu.be/iXYElGiiaks
How do you typically get around Boulder County?

- Drive Alone
- Transit (bus)
- Bike
- Walk
- Wheelchair/Mobility Device
- Paratransit
- Get a Ride
- Carpool/Vanpool
- Taxi, Uber, Lyft
- Other
Boulder County’s Current Transportation Funding

- Maintenance of our existing county system is funded through a combination of property taxes, vehicle registration fees, & gasoline tax.

- Bicycle, pedestrian and road improvements, and transit support are funded through a 0.1 percent countywide transportation sales tax.

- First passed in 2001, the countywide transportation sales tax has funded multiple road improvements, transit enhancements, & regional trail connections over the past 20 years.
Countywide Sales Tax

2001 – 2021 funded the following:

- 97 miles of paved road shoulders
- 13 intersection safety improvements
- 23 miles of new regional trails
- 9 Transit Route support
- 6 new pedestrian underpasses
Why Now?

Why is Funding Needed?

◦ Implement recommendations from Boulder County’s 2020 Transportation Master Plan

Why Now?

◦ The current countywide transportation sales tax sunsets in mid-2024
◦ Need local funds to match state, regional, & federal funds

What will happen if we don’t?

◦ Future county transportation funding will be limited to basic maintenance of the existing county system
◦ County will no longer fund current transit services & programs
◦ County trail system will be limited to County-owned open space properties.
Plan Adoption

- Boulder County Transportation Plan Adopted by Board of County Commissioners (Feb 2020)

Evaluate Scenarios

- Worked with Consultant to Evaluate Funding Scenarios (Feb-April 2022)
- Boulder County Commissioners Conducted Polling on Funding Scenarios (April/May 2022)

Polling

- Gathering Community Input on Transportation Priorities (June 2022)

Public Input

- Official Decision by Boulder County Commissioners Regarding Placing the Extension on the 2022 Ballot (Summer 2022)

BOCC Decision

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What will this funding accomplish?

- Safety and Resilience
- Mobility Programs
- Regional Trails & Bikeways
- Transit Service
- Regional Corridors
Roadway Safety & Resilience

Road Shoulders
◦ Complete missing links on Isabelle Road, Niwot Road, East County Line Road and North 95th Street

Flood Resilience / Creek Restoration
◦ East County Line Road over Coal Creek in Erie
◦ 120th Street over Coal Creek in Lafayette

Intersection Safety and Maintenance
◦ 61st at Valmont Road
◦ Highway 7 and US36 in Lyons
◦ South Boulder Road- Boulder to Louisville

Mountain Road Repair
◦ Safety improvements and repair on Lee Hill, Sugarloaf & Flagstaff Drive
◦ Eldora Ski Road Reconstruction
Transit Service and Programs

On-Demand Service
- Ride-Free Lafayette
- Gunbarrel on-demand shuttle

Recreational Shuttles
- Hessie
- Eldorado State Park/Dowdy Draw

Transit Operations
- CLIMB (Boulder to Gold Hill)
- Lyons Flyer (Lyons to Boulder)
- FLEX (Fort Collins to Boulder)

Transit Programs & Partnerships
Mobility & Access Programs

Mobility and Access for All Ages and Abilities Plan for Vulnerable & Underserved Populations

Transit Education and Supports
- Pass Support Programs
- Teaching People How to Ride the Bus
- Workshops on Accessing Transportation Options

Transportation Education Programs
- Vision Zero Programs
- Bicycle Education
- Pedestrian Safety

Community Transportation Supports
- Paratransit Support
- Volunteer Driver Support
- Shared Use Mobility/Ride Hailing Support
- Safe Routes Infrastructure Projects
Regional Corridors

Key multimodal travel corridors between communities

Transit improvements
- Bus Rapid Transit
- Queue bypass lanes
- Bus stop enhancements
- Transit Signal Priority

Bike and pedestrian facilities
- Regional trail connections
- Commuter bikeways
- Grade-separated crossings

System improvements
- Travel time savings and reliability
- Intersection improvements
- Turn lanes
- Safety improvements

Includes corridors from NAMS Study:
- CO 119/Diagonal
- CO 7/Arapahoe
- US 287
- South Boulder Road
- CO 42
- Northwest Rail
Regional Trails & Bikeways

Regional Trails
◦ Complete network of recreational trails connecting Longmont, Boulder, Superior, Louisville, Lyons and Nederland

Bikeways
◦ Hard-surface bikeways along major corridors
◦ Includes Hwy 119, Hwy 66 and North Foothills Hwy
◦ New Dyer Road connection to US36 Bikeway

Multiuse Paths
◦ Multiuse paths to connect neighborhoods and other land uses
◦ Includes new connections in Niwot & Gunbarrel, Louisville and Superior
Scenario Summary (15 Years)

**High Bookend**
- 1.00%
- **Sales & Use Tax**

**Low Bookend**
- Renew 0.10%

**Scenario 1**
- 0.25%
- **Sales & Use Tax**
- Baseline Transp. Projects
- Low Fare Free
- CO 119
- CO 7/Arapahoe
- CO 42

**Scenario 2**
- 0.50%
- **Sales & Use Tax**
- Baseline-Plus Transp. Projects
- Mid Municipality Funds
- Mid Fare Free
- All BRT/ Multimodal Corridors
- NW Rail Contribution

**Scenario 3**
- 0.75%
- **Sales & Use Tax**
- Full Transp. Projects
- Full Municipality Funds
- Low Fare Free
- Full Subdivision Paving
- All BRT/ Multimodal Corridors
- NW Rail Contribution

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Polling Results and Prioritization Process

- County survey polled registered voters to find issues of concern and test support for potential ballot issues.

- Results indicate support for extension of the current transportation sales tax at 0.1%

- Several higher taxing amounts were tested and were not favorable

- Need to maintain funding for infrastructure improvements and support on-going transit services & mobility programs.

- Seeking your input to help inform the prioritization process
**Proposed Programs**

**Sales Tax Expenditures 2007 - 2024**
- Road Safety: 60%
- Regional Trails: 15%
- Transit Services: 15%
- CDOT Corridors: 10%

**Proposed 2024 - 2039**
- Road Safety & Resilience: 55%
- Regional Trails / Bikeways: 15%
- Transit Services: 15%
- Mobility & Access Programs: 5%
- Regional Corridors: 10%
Avoided Emissions by Project Category

- Road Projects: 2,684 mt CO2e
- Trail Projects: 1,598 mt CO2e
- Pedestrian Projects: 6,045 mt CO2e
- Bridge or Structure Projects: 86 mt CO2e
- Fare Free Transit: 3,004 mt CO2e
- Transit Service (Net Avoided Emissions): 12,967 mt CO2e

DRAFT PRELIMINARY RESULTS - 6/14/22
Mentimeter

- How would you spend $100?
  - Mobility & Access Programs
  - Regional Corridors
  - Regional Trails & Bikeways
  - Roadway Safety & Resilience
  - Transit Service & Programs
Next Steps

- Consideration by the Boulder County Commissioners

- Timeline through Summer-Fall 2022, if a potential ballot item moves forward:
  - June – Notify County Clerk of Intent to Participate in 2022 Election
  - July – Public Hearing to Adopt Resolution Referring Ballot Measure to Voters & Set Ballot Title Language
  - August – Board of County Commissioners Adopt Ballot Certification Resolution
  - November - Election
Questions or Comments?

Enter your questions or comments in the Q&A or raise your "hand"