

ACTION MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
July 11, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Interim Chairperson Osborn called the July 11, 2022 meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 6:03 p.m., Civic Center, Council Chambers, 350 Kimbark Street, Longmont, CO.

2. ROLL CALL

Board members present were David McInerney, Liz Osborn, Tyler Wicklund, Patrick Hinterberger and Diane Crist. Steve Laner and Joe Long were absent. Council Member Shiquita Yarbrough was also present as Council Liaison to Board.

City staff present were Ben Ortiz, Phil Greenwald, Jim Angstadt and Board Secretary, Stacy Depe.

3. INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Greenwald welcomed our new Board Members, Patrick Hinterberger and Taylor Wicklund. All Board Members and Council Member Yarbrough introduced themselves.

4. 2022 ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Chair & Vice Chair

BOARD MEMBER CRIST MOVED TO POSTPONE NOMINATION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR TO THE NEXT MEETING DUE TO TWO MISSING MEMBERS. BOARD MEMBER MCINERNEY SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

5. DESIGNATION OF PLACES FOR POSTING OF MEETINGS – PER STATE STATUTE

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BOARD MEMBER HINTERBERGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE LISTING LOCATIONS OUTLINED IN THE PACKET. BOARD MEMBER MCINERNEY SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Board Member Crist asked if it was planned to post at the transportation hub on 1st and Main Street in the future. Mr. Greenwald replied, this could be looked at and discussed further when that location opens.

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

Board Member Hinterberger asked if he should abstain since he wasn't here for last meeting. Mr. Greenwald responded he believed both Board Members Hinterberger and Wicklund would need to abstain. With both abstaining, there would not be a quorum.

BOARD MEMBER OSBORN MOVED TO POSTPONE THE JUNE 13, 2022 MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL TO AUGUST 8, 2022 MEETING. NO ONE OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

A) Transportation Improvement Program Call #2 Progress (Phil G.)

- 21st Street and Main Street
 - Have consulting firm perform study on how to safely move bikes and pedestrians across intersection
 - Restripe roadway to allow for buffered bicycle lanes; one lane each direction, including 21st Street West of Main Street.
 - Asking for Federal grant dollars to help with cost
- County Line Road, including area north from 17th Street to CO66
 - Expansion of roadway to add one bicycle lane in each direction.
 - Overall goal to help all roadway users, including pedestrians and bike riders
 - Asking for Federal grant dollars to assist with cost
- Construction costs estimate 3.4 Million dollars. The City will be asking for 89% in grant dollars for both projects. The remainder 11% of cost is planned to be covered by the City of Longmont.

Board Member Hinterberger asked if County Line Road project was coming from just DRCOG or the Federal dollars as well. Mr. Greenwald replied it is Federal dollars that flow through Denver Regional Council of Government as they score all the projects. However, this project will only need to be scored within Weld County rather than having to be evaluated region-wide.

B) Boulder County RAISE Grant Update (includes funding for Hover/Ken Pratt improvements) (Phil G.)

- Anticipating hearing back in August regarding grant
- 25 Million dollars planned for this project
- Includes a pathway for bikes underneath Hover

- C) First & Main Transportation Hub & Coffman St Busway Update (Phil G. & Jim A.)
 - Working with RTD regarding intergovernmental agreement (IGA) on dollars and how spending those dollars.
 - Appraisals for properties have been started and offers have been made to some owners.
 - Plan to start design early fall for roadway improvements
 - Coffman Street design is at the final stages of design and will be presented to the public once more prior to construction phase
- D) NW Rail Peak Service Study (PSS) Update (Phil G.)
 - Updated work is being done to determine cost and engineering
 - Peak service would be three trains in morning and three in evening between Longmont, Denver and Boulder
 - Expand as ridership grows
 - Anticipate study to be done after approximately 16 months along with costs for building

Board Member Crist asked for clarification if there were to be three trains from Denver to Longmont and then from Longmont to Boulder or is it only Denver to Boulder. Mr. Greenwald responded that it would be three trains leaving on half hour intervals in the morning starting at 1st Street and Main Street in Longmont. They would then head down the corridor to the Boulder Station, onto Louisville, Broomfield, and Westminster then to Union Station in Denver. In the evening, those would be in reverse.

Board Member Crist also asked if there was an idea on how long that would take or was this part of the study. Mr. Greenwald responded the estimated ride time is 65 to 70 minutes.

Board Member McInerney asked how many stations stops there would be in total. Mr. Greenwald responded he believes there are six.

- E) 2022 Street/Trail Construction Progress & Upcoming Road/Bridge/Trail work (Jim A.)
 - Current asphalt rehab
 - Long's Peak by Roosevelt Park
 - Coffman Street and Bowen Street
 - Upcoming asphalt rehab
 - Clover Basin from Airport Road to Grandview Meadows
 - Chip Seal
 - 3rd Avenue (Martin to Ken Pratt Blvd)
 - Adding bike lanes with striped buffers
 - Water Rehab
 - West Side 3rd Avenue – expected completion by end of July
 - Roadway Projects near completion
 - Boston Avenue bridge over St. Vrain Creek
 - Design complete
 - Bidding process underway with anticipated construction starting late fall
 - Traffic to be maintained during construction

- Water Line Replacements
 - Coffman Street
 - Gas line also to be relocated prior to construction
- County Line Road
 - Design started
- Sidewalk Rehab
 - Replacing asphalt walkway North Side of 17th Street between Bowen Street and Cook Court
 - Design 75% to 80% complete
 - Property acquisitions in progress
 - Purchasing right away and easements from property owners
 - Plan to get bids this summer and begin construction over winter
- Trail Project
 - Third phase of Spring Gulch #2
 - Between South end of Union Reservoir and will connect to underpass North of Ken Pratt Blvd by Sandstone Ranch
 - Design 90% complete
- Traffic Signal Work
 - Grant received last year for Highway Safety Program for signal work throughout City
 - Project out for bids to replace some signal poles, signal heads
 - Design being worked on for traffic signal at Alpine Street and CO66 with goal for construction 2023
 - CDOT actively working on signals at Main Street & Mountain View
- Neighborhood Mitigation Project
 - North Gay Street from Mountain View to 17th Avenue
 - Planned improvements proposed
- Upcoming Road Expansion/Developments
 - Costco
 - Roads to be added East side of town off HWY 119
 - Traffic signals to be added early fall
 - Mountain Brook
 - Expansion of road planned behind Target and Home Depot for future home development
 - Highlands
 - East side of town behind hospital

Board Member Crist commented that the discussion about the trails and bike paths reminded her of an email Board Member Laner sent out previously. She asked if this email could also be forwarded to our new Board Members. Speaking to the program mentioned in that email on how important networking the trails are, what percentage do you think we are in our bike accessibility within the City. Mr. Angstadt replied he thinks we are doing all right. There are challenges and always room for improvement on how we prioritize some of our projects. As a City, we could do a better job of chasing dollars but overall, I think our hearts are in the right place.

Board Member Crist asked if there was a map of the bike trails within the City the public can access. Mr. Greenwald replied we do have a map online we try to keep as updated as possible. A new version is being worked on to include closures that impact our system.

We also have a map called Envision Longmont trail system map. It is our comprehensive plan for the City that shows plans for future building.

Board Member Crist asked where this map was located. Mr. Greenwald indicated he would send out the links to all the Board Members that will include the existing bike map and Envision Longmont.

Board Member Crist also spoke to Google as discussed in the previous meeting. When will that be updated with the bike paths as it is difficult to find directions on Google Maps? Mr. Greenwald would relay back to GIS staff to update any changes and road closures.

8. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

None

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

A) Boulder County Mobility and Access for All Ages and Abilities Plan (Angel Bond, Boulder County)

- About the Project:
 - Improve mobility for seniors, people with disabilities, low income individuals and youth
 - Organizations involved coordinate and provide transportation services
 - Federal transit law requirement for Section 5310 project funding
 - Projects must be included in a locally developed coordinated plan
- Goals and Objectives:
 - Accessibility
 - Equity
 - Reliability
 - Efficiency
 - Sustainability
 - Safety
- Who Is Involved:
 - Technical Advisory Committee
 - Community Partners
 - Affinity/Focus Groups
- Plan Contents:
 - Executive Summary
 - Body
 - Appendices
- The Process:
 - Public Comment Period: February 18 – March 25, 2022
 - MAC, TAC, Newsletters, Social Media

- About the Strategies:
 - In Plan: Prioritized Strategies are organized by the need they are meeting
 - In Progress – Low Hanging Fruit
 - Tier I – Implementation in next 2 years
 - Tier II – Implementation in 3 to 5 years
- Data Strategies:
 - Tier I
 - Boulder County Transit Plan
 - Vision Zero Safe Routes to School Action Plan
 - Tier II
 - Formalize data analysis, collection and reporting
 - Study cost-effectiveness
- Access Strategy:
 - Tier I
 - Paved Access routes and upgrades to bus stops
 - Year-round maintenance of access routes and bus stops
- Cost Strategies:
 - Tier I
 - Expand affordable and/or free transit fare programs
 - Tier II
 - Cover/reimburse buss pass request made by community liaisons
- Resource Strategies:
 - Tier I
 - Support driver training & retention
 - Grant writing assistance
 - Youth representation on Mobility & Access Coalition
 - Safe Routes Regional Hub
 - Tier II
 - Expand pot of competitive funding community transportation projects
 - Volunteer travel ambassador program
- Service Gap Strategies:
 - Tier I
 - Boulder County RTD Access-A-Ride Cert Center
 - Support volunteer driver programs
 - Collaborate with transit and TMO/TMAs to survey major employers
 - Include coordination clauses as part of grants awarded in transportation providers
 - Tier II
 - Pilot a hybrid connector service in areas underserved by fixed-route transit
 - Encourage nonprofit transportation providers to share fleets coordinate on maintenance

- Explore Via or others with fleets ability to provide school choice transportation
 - Transportation for Veterans under 60 to VA sites in Cheyenne, WY and Aurora, CO
- Awareness Strategies:
 - Tier I
 - Expand Travel training to special needs populations
 - Advertise transportation options and programs at human services and community locations
 - Encourage more coordination of funding streams and raise awareness of available grants
 - Tier II
 - Promotion/expansion of vocational training in transportation trades
 - SHIFT Driver training funding support
- Ongoing policies:
 - Long-Term
 - Thoughtful land use planning which promotes coordinated transportation
 - Universal design in transit situations
 - Adopting clear data sharing standards and expectations
 - Be involved in local/regional advocacy groups and efforts that support new funding streams for transportation and mobility
 - Continued equitable investments in communities, programs and infrastructure
 - Priorities in Progress – Tier I Priorities In Progress
 - Youth Transportation Services
 - Travel Buddies
 - Community Service & Mobility
 - Bike Safety
 - Access-a-Ride Certification Center
 - Youth Mobility
 - Affordable/Free Transit
- Seeking Funding – Tier I Priorities for Next 2 years
 - Grant Writing
 - Service Study
 - Transit Access Improvements
 - Volunteer Drivers
- Local Partner – Tier I Priorities for Next 2 years
 - Employer Survey
 - Service for Veterans
 - Data Standards
- Longer-term – Tier II Priorities for Next 3-5 years
 - Advocacy
 - Funding Stream
 - Equitable Investment

- Universal Design
 - Land Use Planning
- Next Steps:
 - BOCC Adoptions
 - Integration
 - Funding
 - Jurisdiction “Speaking Tour”

Council Member Yarbrough thanked Ms. Bond for the presentation and inquired how much funding has been asked for from the infrastructure. Ms. Bond replied they haven’t requested any but may be exploring applying for the SS4A. Those funds do require local dollars are matched so a public meeting is planned to discuss continuation of the transportation sales tax. At that meeting, the commissioners would decide if that continuation request would be put on the ballot. Mr. Greenwald added this will also be presented at the upcoming City Council meeting July 26, 2022.

Council Member Yarbrough asked for clarification on the Safe Routes Hub and what it entails. Ms. Bond Response explained it is a collaborative forum at the County level where we can strategically apply for safe routes funds. These would include schools, parks, grocery stores and overall youth transportation needs. The County would need to take a bigger part in data collection and prioritizing which projects we can apply for and make sure all schools are eligible to apply for funding streams.

Council Member Yarbrough asked if both school districts were on their list. Ms. Bond replied that yes, Ms. Edson works with both school districts. Collaborative meetings take place every other month regarding the upcoming funding cycle. Currently, they are working to determine which projects to apply for grants.

Board member Osborn thanked Ms. Bond for the concise and informative presentation. She wanted also to reinforce the importance that transportation is to employment. Especially for those populations where transportation can be a barrier to employment due to reliability and cost. She spoke about a person she knows that is older, uses a cane and cannot walk more than about thirty feet but wants to be employed. Getting to and from work for her is very difficult. Currently, she is able to get a ride to work in the mornings from a volunteer but has to rely on an Uber to get home. Earning \$12 to \$13 per hour and then having to pay \$25 for the ride home is unconscionable.

Ms. Bond replied, she definitely understands that transportation to employment is central and not just a matter of cost and reliability, but also when it operates. Recently, she spoke to the OUR Center about transportation challenges. The biggest challenges for those they serve is the after-hours transportation needs. A lot of money is being put towards Uber and Lyft after 11:00 pm due to no other transportation options for those workers.

Board Member Crist thanked Ms. Bond for mentioning situations where land has been managed in such a way it expects travel by car. Adding, in retrofitting some of these isolated neighborhoods or facilities, what kind of solutions are you thinking may work in that scenario. Ms. Bond replied being in the programs and public engagement rather than infrastructure she would say more density where possible and thinking intentionally about what might be being built within a 20 minute walk of those places.

Board Member McInerney thanked Ms. Bond for the overview of the policies and programs. He particularly wanted to applaud the focus on involving youth because both long-range planning and you are about the future.

10. ACTION ITEMS

A) None

11. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Hinterberger indicated he didn't have any prepared comments but did want to express his thanks for the opportunity to serve on this board. It will be a great place to learn and have input.

Board Member Wicklund echoed Board Member Hinterberger expressing his thanks for the opportunity to be here. Adding, it will be a very interesting learning experience and very exciting to see lots of cool activities coming in the future.

Board Member McInerney thanked Mr. Angstadt and Mr. Greenwald for the updates regarding the very informative ongoing and upcoming projects.

Board Member Crist thanked Board Member Osborn for stepping up and doing an excellent job running the meeting today. She also expressed her thanks to Mr. Angstadt, Mr. Greenwald and Ms. Bond for her presentation.

Board Member Osborn thanked everyone and indicated she had made her comments earlier so had nothing more to add.

12. COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

Council Member Yarbrough thanked all for everything and appreciates all the hard work that is being done.

13. ITEMS FOR UPCOMING AGENDAS (Next scheduled meeting is August 8, 2022, 6pm)

Candidate projects for 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Operational Budget Review – Local Bus Fare Buy Up

**INTERIM CHAIRPERSON OSBORN MOVED TO ADJOURN MEETING. NO ONE OPPOSED.
THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

TAB Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
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