



**AGENDA - TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MONDAY, March 9, 2020, 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CENTER
385 KIMBARK STREET, LONGMONT, CO 80501**

TAB members - please contact Tyler Stamey at (303) 651-8737 or Tyler.Stamey@longmontcolorado.gov if you cannot attend this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

- Chair request – sidebar conversations

ROLL CALL

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING – February 2020 Meeting Minutes *

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

ACTION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Regional Transportation District (RTD) Annual Longmont Report - (Phil Greenwald)

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

INFO ON UPCOMING TRANSPORTATION RELATED MEETINGS

- County Line Road Open House #2 – Erie Middle School, March 31, 4:30-6:30PM

ITEMS FOR UPCOMING AGENDAS (Next scheduled meeting is April 13, 2020)

- Climate Emergency – April

ADJOURN TAB Meeting

*Attachments

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AT (303) 651-8309 PRIOR TO THE MEETING TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS**

**ACTION MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
February 10, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Melanie Burgess called the February 10, 2020 meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 6:00p.m., in the Twin Sisters Conference Room located at 385 Kimbark Street.

2. ROLL CALL

Board members present were Sandra Stewart, Neal Lurie, Melanie Burgess, David Droege, Jacques Livingston and Courtney Michelle.

City staff present were Tyler Stamey, Phil Greenwald, Jim Angstadt and Recording Secretaries, Jane Madrid and Stacy Depe. Council Liaison Joan Peck was also present.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

Board Member Stewart asked for spelling correction page 2 last paragraph 1st sentence to read "Bolt bus route to Boulder..." and page 2, last paragraph, 2nd sentence to read "Bolt and Rail driver shortages..."

BOARD MEMBER LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 9, 2019, MEETING MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS. BOARD MEMBER LURIE SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSES 6-0.

4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

Tyler Stamey/Phil Greenwald

- Introduction of Macie May of Longmont Observer. All future meetings will be recorded and edited for sensitive information, if needed, prior to broadcasting. Recording to begin at next meeting, March 9, 2020.
- 9th Ave Public Open house held Jan 15th - Hover to Airport. Twenty to thirty in attendance with great feedback and discussion. A primary concern expressed by some residents was the need for a west-bound turn lane from 9th Ave to Wade Road. City Staff to take back to designers. Board Member Michelle asked where Wade road is located. Tyler Stamey indicated it was west of Fordham Street.
- Winter bike to work day Friday, February 14, 2020 with breakfast station at this location (385 Kimbark St.)
- Still waiting to hear on Consolidated Railroad Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) grant. Anticipate hearing more by end of March 2020.
- City Staff working on developing a plan for Sustainability and Climate Emergency. Lisa Knoblauch, the Sustainability Program Manager/Coordinator will be giving a presentation at a meeting coming up in April, 2020. City Staff will be asking for recommendation to council.

Board Member Livingston asked about any upcoming RTD presentations. Mr. Greenwald shared the plan to have them present on local and regional ridership data as well as FastTracks at the March TAB meeting.

Mr. Greenwald asked if anyone had additional questions to present to RTD to prep for the March presentation.

Chairperson Burgess asked if enough time had elapsed to get ridership information specific to service changes in January, 2020 regarding the LD bus. Several expressed concerns about time issues, walking distance between drop-off and pick up locations, as well as being dark at times of pick up/drop offs at some stops. Mr. Greenwald said he would ask RTD what they have on this information.

Board Member Michelle asked about driver shortage issues and if that was affecting us in this area, as much as Denver proper. Mr. Greenwald indicated the impacts to Longmont are the specialty services being lost (i.e. BuffsRide, BroncosRide, RockiesRide and the RunRide for Bolder Boulder) in May.

Board Member Livingston requested to hear more about FlexRide; specific to how much increase they are seeing and their vision is going forward. He commented on how the FlexRide adds a benefit to riders on a schedule basis and pick up within a ten-minute window, providing pick up to door service at no additional cost from a typical local fare.

Chairperson Burgess commented for the routes, cut off with FasTracks, FlexRide could be a solution.

5. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

None

6. ACTION ITEMS

- 2020 Work Plan (Tyler Stamey) *

Tyler Stamey updated the Board on the current 2020 Work Plan and requested comments.

Board Member Lurie commented that the neighborhood traffic mitigation program was last reviewed and updated in 2006 and agreed it might be time to schedule an update or at least a review.

Board Member Droege asked about what kind of impact is expected with the sustainability mandate. Mr. Greenwald indicated the plan is to wait and see how the Climate Action Task Force reports. Specifics need to be worked out on how they report and timing of that reporting structure to TAB vs Council.

Council Member Peck asked if this report will be available to go to all the Advisory Boards and Council at same time, before the meeting, as there is concern this will not get done before the 2021 budget process. Mr. Greenwald indicated this is to go to Council on April 14, 2020. Mr. Stamey added that a mid-year meeting, to allow for adjustments, can be included, should there be any outcomes based upon climate emergency in need of revision.

BOARD MEMBER LURIE MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDED 2020 WORK PLAN, BOARD MEMBER LIVINGSTON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

State Highway 119 Planning Update * (Phil Greenwald)

- Coffman Street Corridor Update.

A meeting took place in January with property owners, regarding the Coffman Street Corridor Project along 119. Questions and concerns were expressed at that meeting.

- Parking is a concern; how many more buses/impact on traffic/bikes & buses sharing the street.
- Could bike lanes be moved to Terry Street
- Consider narrowing lanes for buses
- Preservation of trees. A landscape architect is being added to the team to review preservation plan.
- Increased congestion with parking being added.
- Impacting the majority to accommodate the minority.
- Enough overhead lighting for safety and the signals with the new plan.
- Noise with increased traffic/buses on Coffman Street.
- Option for a downtown shuttle vs parking downtown to ease issue
- Extending striping through the intersections to provide better bicycle safety/decrease deaths.

Board Member Livingston asked for clarification about left hand turns and the bike lane at the intersection. Mr. Greenwald indicated that was a specific detail that still needed to be worked out. Mr. Stamey indicated more review will be made prior to final design.

Board Member Michelle asked about imminent domain issues and if the area indicated is wide enough to accommodate plan. Mr. Greenwald said there is 100 feet of existing ROW currently and the proposed plan should be able to be accommodated within that footprint.

Chairperson Burgess asked if the city would entertain getting rid of the street parking on Coffman Street due to potential safety concerns with increased bus and bicycle traffic. The comment was taken into consideration.

Board Member Livingston added traffic is too much with buses on left side, cars on right which could create safety concerns. Mr. Greenwald indicated parking has been an issue and they are working with Longmont Downtown development to come up with the best plan.

Board Member Droege asked what direction we should be advising when questions come up such as parking availability, more buses and are we prioritizing bikes over cars. Mr. Greenwald recommended directing them to Envision Longmont website as the outreach to the community for engagement to provide feedback.

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Board Member Michelle asked if it would cause a problem with fire trucks with the buses turning at 11th and going back up main. Mr. Greenwald said it could cause issues but the proposed plan provided an overall safer situation.

Board Member Livingston asked if there has been any concern about the South Parkway Bridge not being able to handle the weight of the buses with the new route. Mr. Greenwald indicated that RTD is not planning to have the larger coaches going that way unless it is an emergency or in the case where there is a train blocking route. The hope is technology is available to alert them to re-route when a train is blocking. Drivers are communicating currently, when there are issues.

- SH 119/SH 52

Staff is working on a DRAFT Policy Position Statement to allow us to change our policy. A separated interchange/intersection at SH 119 and SH 52 would provide a better flow of traffic. Boulder County has opposed this, in past, expressing concerns about any bridge structure for cars to get through area and view's being obstructed. Longmont is willing to accept if the cost savings would be allowed to be moved to another project; SH 119/Hover Street.

Council Member Lurie expressed concerns around the turn going from 52 to southbound 119. In the image it appears to be a single left turn lane. Has there been any discussion about having it be a double left turn instead as image doesn't reflect? Mr. Greenwald indicated it should be shown as double left. Mr. Stamey also explained two separated intersections are shown.

Chairperson Burgess asked if there is an option to dig down to not require elevation. Mr. Greenwald said there was discussion about keeping same concept as SH 119/Hover.

Board Member Droege asked if the money was the reason Boulder County didn't want the interchange. Mr. Greenwald indicated it was not. This project was originally ready about 15 years ago. Financial approval was previously requested from the CDOT Transportation Commission but stopped due to County Commissioner concerns over impacts.

Chairperson Burgess expressed concern with inviting more traffic to Longmont by cars diverting to other streets creating negative traffic effects in those areas. Mr. Greenwald said this a great piece to add to the policy. The current DRAFT policy may be presented to Council to determine view of moving forward with interchange. Any updates or changes would need to be discussed as group prior to re-submittal to Council.

Board Member Lurie pointed out he understands not wanting to add to congestion but we do have an opportunity to address issues with a corridor in Longmont that would help those in our community. Mr. Greenwald added steps would need to be determined if want to move forward.

Board Member Lurie gave credit to staff on capturing other options for best possible outcome should the interchange not be approved by Boulder County.

Board Member Livingston agreed and indicated if we do not utilize monies in that area, there are other places they could be utilized.

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- SH 119/Hover
 - City of Boulder is behind us on project; funds currently not available
 - SH 119/Hover ranked #14 CDOT Region 4 for recommended safety improvements
 - Intersection best potential for improvement
 - Final handout/information to CDOT by February 12, 2020
 - Working on Grants to assist in funding project

Board Member Michele asked about level of confidence with project. Mr. Greenwald said not just City of Longmont on board, we also have partnerships with a larger sub-region of Denver including City of Boulder and Boulder County. A trip to Washington, D.C. is planned in March to lobby to agencies, senators and representatives to get excitement surrounding project.

Council Member Peck asked about the timeline. Mr. Greenwald indicated it is shown on bottom of handout.

- SH-119/I-25 Park-N-Ride

Chairperson Burgess asked about the Park-N-Ride at SH 119/I-25. Mr. Greenwald indicated that SB 267 dollars totaling \$2.5 million was approved last year for 119/I-25 interchange right-of-way acquisition and funding for Park-N-Ride expansion. This is currently outside of the RTD, so not served by RTD buses. The Park-N-Ride will be served by the State-sponsored Bustang route.

Chairperson Burgess also asked if this Park-N-Ride was added being outside of RTD area, if parking would be free for 24 hours like current RTD lots. Mr. Greenwald indicated this is a CDOT lot and no restrictions or parking charges are currently in place that he is aware of. It is still in the first phase, but plan is to build this year. It may allow for more rider availability between Loveland/Denver/Ft. Collins as Bustang ridership is already very full from Ft. Collins to Denver.

Board Member Michelle asked where the parking lot was planned to be built. Mr. Greenwald said it was to be close to the Home Depot on SH 119/I-25.

Chairperson Burgess asked if there was a plan or a way to transport Longmont riders to this Park-N-Ride. Mr. Greenwald responded options have been looked at such as the TransFort Flex buses or VIA running a shuttle out to this location.

8. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Stewart expressed kudos to Staff regarding 9th Street expansion and how they handled meeting. She also attended a local Mobility for All meeting with RTD where discussion came up about difficulty for riders getting testing needed to utilize Access-A-Ride. If we provided funding and a facility, could Boulder County have a Medicaid certification facility in Boulder County to do function test assessment required for riders to participate. Mr. Greenwald responded we are supportive of request and would need to put into budget for funding approval.

Board Member Michelle shared she was glad to see more communication being offered to the citizens of Longmont. Specifically, showing the importance of working together with Longmont Observer, who is now attending and broadcasting meetings to the public.

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Board Member Livingston said we should keep our eyes on FlexRide for the future as it has a lot of appeal and provides a great service. It could add options for getting to physician appointments, grocery shopping and jobs.

Chairperson Burgess asked what the follow up from last meeting with snow clean up action committee entailed. Mr. Greenwald responded it was determined not to have a committee as many citizens may get upset with handling of first snow, and this first snow was atypical with a freezing component first, then heavy snow. Negative public comments are typical of any kind of large storm event and no other issues were heard with storms after. Mr. Angstadt added one of the challenges with that storm was rain, even though pre-treatment was done on roads, the rain washed it away. The amount of snow and being a Holiday weekend created additional challenges. With overall feedback and many challenges seen, several changes were made to subsequent snow storms.

Chairperson Burgess also asked if there was anything different that could be done to get information to public about updated storm and road information. Mr. Angstadt replied more public outreach & communication on website could benefit and better inform about snowfall amounts as well as road status during storms.

Chairperson Burgess commented regarding the RTD stop by Peerless Tires on South Main/287 has not yet been moved and buses are still not stopping in driveway. Mr. Greenwald said he has been working on this going back and forth with RTD for many months. One potential option is to just move the stop ourselves. If we did move, then ADA access has to be included in that move as the current stop is "grandfathered" and is not required to meet ADA.

Council Member Michelle asked who would fund the cost to move the stop. Mr. Greenwald said we work with a company called Lamar, separate from RTD that builds the shelters for stops. It would require the City to pour the concrete pad for a new shelter.

Council Member Droege asked about the approximate cost to move and update the stop. Mr. Greenwald was not sure, but was hopeful the cost could be covered by RTD. Most likely the City will do the flatwork to get the project completed.

Council Member Peck asked if TAB could write letter to RTD describing problem and outlining risks. Mr. Greenwald indicated the issue can be added as a question to March meeting.

Chairperson Burgess asked who was responsible for clearing snow on opposite side of street. Mr. Greenwald indicated homeowners and businesses are to clear those areas. Any that are not cleared should be reported to the City's Code Enforcement group.

Board Member Lurie shared it was exciting to see the changes to St. Vrain Trail. Truly something we can all be proud of. He asked about the bike/pedestrian walkway on the east side indicating that he had seen broken glass. In this case, he asked who would be best to contact. Mr. Greenwald said there is a Public Works contact email and phone to reach out to. Mr. Stamey will send out email with information.

9. COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

Council Member Peck joined a conference call on Monday with RTD. Topics mentioned were about easements for Northwest Corridor, service and going through open space. Transportation directors are being invited to go to Ft Worth, TX to talk to BNSF.

Mr. Greenwald responded that utilizing open space was for sidings, with a goal to speed up service. Mr. Greenwald and Mayor Bagley will be a couple of attendees going to speak with DJ Mitchell, Director of Engineering with Rail/RTD scheduled for February, 21st. Her request is to have report from that meeting for the March TAB meeting.

Council Member Peck and Mr. Greenwald are part of a local transportation group called Advanced Longmont Connectivity. Some ideas from that group are:

- Request monies back from RTD putting into local transportation vs routes not being added to benefit community.
- Two business in Longmont want to do shuttles.
- Getting businesses affected by no service to I-25 to contract with local vendors will help make better transportation system.
- Community meetings.

Openings are available in this workgroup. Any interested can reach out to Morgan Smith.

10. INFO ON UPCOMING TRANSPORTATION RELATED MEETINGS

- Linking Longmont – Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at Longmont Museum, 5 to 7 pm
- County Line Road Open House – March 31, 2020 at Erie Middle school 650 Main Street, Erie, CO. 4:30pm to 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, February 12th Rocky Mountain Railway Open House – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Longmont Library – Not a City event

11. ITEMS FOR UPCOMING AGENDAS (Next scheduled meeting is March 9, 2020)

- Update from RTD - March
- Climate Emergency Update and Report – April

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER MICHELLE. BOARD MEMBER STEWART SECONDED THE MOTION. NO ONE WAS OPPOSED. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

TAB Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: March 9, 2020

Subject: Regional Transportation District (RTD) Update

Type of Item: Information **Time for Presentation:** 90 minutes

Presented By: Phil Greenwald, Transportation Planning Manager

Suggested Action: Provide input and discussion

BACKGROUND

Each year Regional Transportation District (RTD) staff members report on the “State of Longmont’s Transit System” to the Longmont TAB. The topics for this year are:

- Ridership trends on all routes supporting Longmont
 - FlexRide--how the rebranding and phone apps help increase/streamline the service
- Issues with the recent schedule changes that impact Longmont—Buff, Bronco, Rockies and RunRides
- Possible route changes from SH-119 BRT, both regional and local
- Budget numbers from RTD
 - How much Longmont generates in RTD revenues vs. expenditures by RTD in Longmont.
 - Ride Free Longmont contributions
- Update of 1st & Main Transit Hub and Infrastructure Master Plan status
- Update on NW Rail
 - Peak Rail (Feb. 21st BNSF/RTD/locals meeting)
- Other questions from TAB

ATTACHMENTS

N/A