

FasTracks Local Optimization (FLO) February 15, 2007 Open-House Meeting

What are FasTracks and FLO?

FasTracks is a seven-county regional transit expansion plan, approved by voters in November 2004, which includes 119 miles of light and commuter rail improvements and 18 miles of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).

- **FLO** is an effort to ensure that the city and its community partners (RTD, CU, Boulder County, the business community and interest groups) fully respond and maximize the benefits of regional commuter rail and BRT investments that will be in place by 2014 and 2016, respectively.

The City of Boulder's 2003 Transportation Master Plan (TMP) was developed prior to the passage of the FasTracks program, and the FasTracks improvements will be constructed before the TMP's horizon of 2025. FLO is our opportunity to review the TMP and other local plans to insure that Boulder's local transportation infrastructure, programs and services will mesh seamlessly with the FasTracks improvements.

In 2006, a FLO Committee of community representatives developed a "To Do" list of local projects, programs and services needed to be in place and early action items for successful outcomes. Each of the organizations are working on their **FLO early action items** and getting ready for the coming commuter rail and BRT improvements.

- **As directed by the Boulder City Council in August 2006, the city of Boulder Transportation staff is creating a subset of the TMP Action Plan list focused on FLO priorities. The subset list may include such projects as:**
 - **Improvements to the 14th & Walnut bus station to accommodate future BRT service**
 - **Enhancements to local transit service between downtown Boulder and the Boulder Transit Village**
 - **Completion of Wonderland Creek/Four Mile multi-use path links to connect North Boulder to Boulder Transit Village**
 - **Expanding Transportation Demand Management (TDM) tools, including the Eco Pass program**

How can you get involved and give feedback on FLO?

- Attached is a Comment Form. Your input on this form will help staff develop the FLO priority list of projects. Please visit each of the stations at this open-house meeting and then complete the form and return it to us before you leave. All comments and suggestions will be considered.

Information about the FLO work program is located on the Web page at: www.boulderflo.net
Comments can be submitted there, as well.

What are the next steps?

- A third open-house meeting will be held in March to get final input from the public on the subset list.
- In April 2007 staff will present this list to the TAB and obtain their input and recommendation to City Council.
- In the late spring of 2007, staff will present this information to City Council for use in their discussions of future Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) and applications for federal and state funding.

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Public Comment Form**

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NAME _____

INTERMODAL FACILITIES:

Please rate the 14th & Walnut Station and Broadway at Euclid (CU) bus stop today: (1 – 5 with 5 being the best).

| | 14th & Walnut | CU |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Convenience | | |
| Functionality | | |
| Comfort | | |
| Attractiveness | | |
| Safety | | |

1. Do you have comments on the key issues, opportunities and constraints for the **14th & Walnut** station? Is there anything missing?

2. Do you have comments on the key issues, opportunities and constraints for the **CU Broadway & Euclid** station? Is there anything missing?

LOCAL TRANSIT SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS

1. Should public transit vehicles receive priority (turn signals green sooner or keep them green longer) at congested intersections around Boulder in order to keep buses on schedule?

2. Should Denver bound BRT services serve every bus stop along their route within Boulder or should they only serve major stops in order to reduce the travel time to Denver?

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TDM:

1. What are the top three Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies that the city should pursue?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- 2.

ECO PASS

1. Which Eco Pass program package do you prefer? Why?

MULTIMODAL CONNECTIONS

1. Is the strategy for selecting projects appropriate?
2. Of all multi-modal projects identified in the FLO action plan, what are the top 5 projects you think need to be constructed before 2014?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
3. What connections to FasTracks commuter rail, BRT and US 36 bikeway are missing?