

This is not completely verbatim, but the important passages pretty much are. Lots of dots mean I skipped stuff. Transcribers notes are in [square] or {italic}. Most interesting passages are BOLD.

Start of the Meeting

BOCOCO Ben: We do have a lengthy agenda a number of things to cover so lets just dive right in, we do have at the beginning I hope everybody has a copy of this, but we should probably take the chance while we're all in the same place to remind ourselves of the tremendous number of things that we're working on together and the various successes and so we're looking at a document that has three pages and I think we all know there's a lot of things we have done together successfully over the years...

...I think its pretty clear that we benefit tremendously as do those who live within our jurisdictions from this high level of collaboration on a lot of important projects it goes without saying although I just said it...I think George our Transportation Director also has put together some maps and some thoughts on the collaboration projects for transportation.....

Transportation George: What I've handed out here is just for your information and identifies our 2011 transportation CIP program that we'll be working on this coming year ...good distribution around the county and a lot of focus on the corridors leading into and out of boulder...119 the diagonal...continued to buy up service on the Bolt to assure all day service on the Bolt... improving and buying up additional service on the Y from Lyons to Boulder ...Lyons has a community transit pass....Lot of work with the city and partners on the 36 corridor...and there's some smaller stuff that's indicative of collaboration ...working with Open Space and Mountain Parks on extending boulder creek bike path up to Red Lyons...Nederland to Boulder... [George took questions about costs of eco-pass, other costs and statistics]...so a lot of good close working relationships...

Minute 5:58

KC on City Council: Then before we leave transportation collaboration discussion Macon Cowles who can't be here tonight he did post a hotline to other city council members about this topic and so I'd love to just read it since he's not present and I don't know if it went to county commissions but it said:

"I'm traveling and will not be present for the city council and county commissioners meeting later this month, I'd like to see the city and county engaging with the forest service, the state and other entities to do regional planning for bicycle connections including mountain bike connections The BMA is urging a multi-jurisdictional approach to implementing connections, that is a very good idea. I'd like to see the energy and tolerance of our transportation staff engaged in making these connections in order to increase the opportunities for car free travel throughout the

county and the recreation opportunities for mountain bikes that permit them to take long rides without having to get in their car to begin their rides.”

So for what that’s worth it sounds like you’re doing some trail collaboration...

Transportation George [rough]: We are, in fact we’re creating our first county transportation master plan and we’ve gotten public comment particularly focused on bicycle access to the west to the mountains.....so we’ve been hearing that comment also.

Minute 8:30

BOCOCO Toor: I think there’s some real logic to that notion of getting the different agencies together to take a big look as opposed to having everything be individual agency planning just what’s within our right of ways or our parcels of land...I think there’s some logic to that.

Transportation George: A key project that we’re collaborating on with the City OSMP as well as CDOT is shoulders on state hwy 93 from Eldorado Springs drive up to 128th out of town ...underpass under 93....with OSMP & CDOT committing several million dollars to the shoulders and the county committing several million dollars into the shoulders it’s going to reduce costs for everybody. CDOT has committed \$400,000 to the project this year to get it going...

Minute 8:67

Crystal on City Council: So I want to make sure we don’t forget about the Boulder Feeder Canal trail and I bring this up because Susanne [Weasel] wrote council an email and I was so pleased to find out that um, that BATCO and the BCHA supported that trail, so I know that we all feel politically that it’s on the back burner but, um, I’d like to see us leverage the fact that Boulder County communities are the largest contributor to Northern as well as, um, well that’s one of the main things as well as the fact that the city has their Carter Lake Pipeline which involves a number of partners from Northern its still kind of chugging along at least you see it in our CIP with no funding for the final construction but I’d like to at least use that to also leverage any type of discussions. I know we all think its bleak but I think it’s kind of worth it to work on, and especially with this new information that BATCO and Boulder County Horsemen supported it. I don’t know if Suzanne ever made that known to Northern but she made it known to us.

...silence follows for about 5 seconds...

George brought up laughter by saying “speechless”

Crystal: Speechless...I’m not gonna give up on it...

Minute 10:19

BOCOCO Will: You know my comment on that one would be it’s certainly still in our comprehensive plan as a trail corridor. I think it is unlikely that in the near future the Northern Colorado Board is likely to be open to it so I think we have dropped down the priority and tried to focus in on other trail connections that seem more doable, and one of the ones that I think is actually a very exciting opportunity

right now that ties directly into the City of Boulder it's not the same link as Lyons to Boulder Reservoir but is the potential for the rails to trails conversion from Boulder to Erie. Now that RTD has settled Union Pacific Line I think that they're much more open to discussions about the use of that right of way for a trail connection. In order for that to happen its gonna require close collaboration with the City of Boulder and I think that there are in particular going to be City of Boulder Open Space issues that will need to be worked through so I think that may be the next realistic for people for a major new regional trail connection on the plains.

Crystal on Council: I think that that's great, I just want to make sure as our staff has discussions or as we have opportunities to discuss things at Northern that we always bring that up.

Minute 11:45

Lisa on Council: Well and I would just echo that hopefully we can work with Jefferson county and Boulder county and others to connect to Golden eventually, so I mean kind of the big vision is the Golden-[Lyon?] ... {Inaudible – although she has previously mentioned a trail system all the way from Golden to Lyons so I assume that is what she says here} ...and be able to get there and we are now getting enough open space that connects all of that so I think it's a doable thing and as someone who used to ride her bike to Golden daily I'm happy to get off of 93. [laughter]

Ben: Any other thoughts about anything on this list? [None so they moved on.]
P.S. never heard anything all night about Fastraks.

HIGHLY RECOMMEND YOU TURN TO HOUR 37:33 – The Double Dove. This is a fascinating listen but I won't transcribe.