



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

March 19, 2025
12:00 p.m.
Town Hall | Board Room

AGENDA

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| 12:00pm | Public Comment | |
| 12:05 pm | Trustee Liaison Update | <i>Trustee Igel</i> |
| 12:10 pm | Approval of Minutes dated February 19, 2025 (packet) | |
| 12:15pm | Final Draft Discussion:
Multimodal Transportation Plan
Transit Development Plan – Executive Summary
Transit Development Plan
Transit Development Plan – Comments | |
| 12:35pm | Multimodal Transportation Plan & Transit Development Plan:
Next Steps | |
| 12:55pm | 2025 Paid Parking Rates: Town Board Recap & Next Steps | |
| 1:10pm | Parking & Transit Updates | <i>Manager Klein</i> |
| 1:30pm | Engineering Updates | <i>Director Muhonen</i> |
| 1:50 pm | Update on Past Public Comment | |
| 1:55 pm | Other Business | |
| | Adjourn | |

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Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, February 19, 2025

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD** of the Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado. Meeting held in the Municipal Building in said Town of Estes Park on the 19th day of February, 2025.

Board: Chair Belle Morris; Vice-Chair Kristen Ekeren; Members Larry Gamble, Linda Hanick, Joan Hooper, Misti Marcantonio, Carissa Streib, and Wallace Wood; Trustee Mark Igel; Staff Liaison Dana Klein

Attending: Chair Morris; Vice-Chair Ekeren; Members Gamble, Hanick, Hooper, Marcantonio, Streib, and Wood; Manager Klein; Director Muhonen; Engineer Bailey; Engineer Wittwer; Recording Secretary McDonald; Mayor Hall; Trustee Bill Brown; Nick Smith, The Car Park

Absent: Trustee Igel

Chair Morris called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Member Hooper reported overhearing comments at the Wheel Bar regarding the risk of vehicles being towed from its parking lot, even when a vehicle is left there overnight by patrons who could not safely drive from the premises. Manager Klein advised that occasional incidents like this would not typically result in towing, and that the TAB will have the opportunity to review upcoming proposed Municipal Code changes that could address such incidents.

Member Marcantonio reported being approached at the January 24-26 Estes Park Skijor regarding parking problems that could be relieved by the availability of event transit services. Manager Klein advised that The Peak provides transit exclusively for Town events because it is not eligible to compete with commercial transit providers. During a brief discussion of possible solutions, Member Streib indicated that Visit Estes Park has also been exploring this topic.

TRUSTEE LIAISON UPDATE

Trustee Igel was not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2025

It was **moved and seconded** (Hooper/Streib) **to approve the February 5, 2025, minutes**, and it passed unanimously.

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN & TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN: FINAL DRAFT DISCUSSION

With the TAB having discussed the Multimodal Transportation Plan (MTP) draft on February 5, Chair Morris opened discussion today on the draft Transit Development Plan (TDP/Plan). As a prelude, Member Hooper presented a bound copy of the Transportation Visioning Committee's 2012 [Roadmap to the Future](#) as a thorough and relevant reference for the TAB's current work on the MTP-TDP drafts. Members were then called upon individually to share their analysis of the TDP's pros and cons.

Discussion points included overall proofreading edits; the need to define the term "microtransit" within the TDP and specify the microtransit solutions being suggested; enthusiastic agreement that microtransit services would be cost-effective support during The Peak's operational months and also supplement transit needs during the off-season, particularly for areas like Carriage Hills and Dry Gulch Road; the benefits of a Blue/Silver Route loop around Lake Estes, and potential service expansion into the Marys Lake Road and Peak View Drive corridors; the funding-dependent expansion of The Peak's overall services, including a weekend-only Green Route late in the season, and a potential express shuttle from the Events Complex (EC) to the VC to Bond Park; the desire to collaborate with Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP) beyond the "hub-and-spoke" transit of the Estes Park Visitor Center (VC), and avoid "restriction by jurisdiction"; whether the Town can provide any sort of traffic communication support for RMNP this summer, given the short-staffing caused by federal budget restrictions; support for increased general signage about parking challenges for motorists entering Estes Park on US 34 and US 36, which the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) would have to approve and provide; the ongoing need to direct motorists to the Parking Structure and EC during heavy parking hours, despite their tendency to overlook traffic signage, especially in sign-heavy areas and roundabouts; praise for the Plan's funding resource options and focus on zero-emission vehicles; and a reminder of Via Mobility's services, which can be secured with less than 24 hours' notice at accessible pick-up locations.

Director Muhonen advised that Cheri Yost is RMNP's current liaison to the TAB; any suggestions for a Town-RMNP information exchange or public messaging partnership should start with her.

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN & TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN: NEXT STEPS

Manager Klein will work with Kimley-Horn to ensure that all comments are considered in developing the final MTP-TDP; TAB members will have the opportunity to review it before the March 19 TAB meeting. The goal is submission of the MTP-TDP for Town Board adoption on April 22.

UPDATE ON PAST PUBLIC COMMENT

Member Hooper reported that she had contacted CDOT about safety issues at the Moraine Avenue/Crags Drive crosswalk. Discussion ensued about possible improvements or alternatives to the crosswalk, or whether to have it eliminated altogether. Since the Town owns Riverside Drive, Director Muhonen advised that Public Works could experiment with the installation of safe-hit delineators, and that potential solutions be tried "in bites." It was agreed that any solutions should not hinder traffic flow, and that excessive

signage confuses motorists in complex areas like roundabouts. Engineer Bailey advised that in-pavement flashers, used in such places as Philadelphia International Airport, would be eligible for grant funding.

OTHER BUSINESS

Director Muhonen advised that the Larimer County pages from the draft Upper Front Range (UFR) 2050 County Project List Update were included in the packet for informational purposes only; the projects were based on feedback from Estes Park and Wellington as member agencies of the UFR Transportation Planning Region (UFR TPR). He also advised that he had shared with the UFR TPR the TAB's comment on February 5 about the benefits of a tram project in Estes Park. Plans such as the UFR's serve as guidance on future projects and can influence funding decisions; but since those projects can change over time according to necessity, the plans should be reviewed every five years.

Other discussion points included whether and how the US 34 corridor could safely accommodate cyclists; and the desire for a safe paved trail from Marys Lake Road to Lily Lake. Manager Klein advised that the GoNoCo 34 Transportation Management Organization might be a good champion for US 34 access improvements.

Additionally, Director Muhonen encouraged TAB members to attend the February 21 "Public Works Director Candidate Presentations & Meet and Greet," for which they should have received a private invitation by email from the Town's Human Resources Department.

There being no further business, Chair Morris adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Lani McDonald, Recording Secretary