



Boulder Municipal Airport Community Conversation Boulder Planning Document Summary

[Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan – 6.23](#)

Municipal Airport: Boulder Municipal Airport is a general aviation airport that has been in existence since 1928. The airport will continue to ensure it meets the needs of the community by providing a safe environment for aviation business and business-related travel, scientific and research flights, recreation and tourism, flight training and vocational education, aerial fire-fighting, emergency medical flights as well as flood and other disaster-related support for the city and county. The city will seek to mitigate noise, safety and other impacts of airport operation while assuring that new development in proximity will be compatible with existing and planned use of the airport. At the time of the next Airport Master Plan, the city will work with the community to reassess the potential for developing a portion of the airport for housing and neighborhood-serving uses.



[2022 Sustainability, Equity and Resilience Framework](#)

Safe: A welcoming and inclusive community that fosters positive neighborhood and community relations and ensures that all residents are secure and cared for during emergencies and natural disasters. Public infrastructure is well-maintained and reliable, and natural resources like water, air, and land are protected.

Healthy and socially thriving: All Boulder residents are able to meet their critical needs, enjoy high levels of social, physical, and mental well-being, and have access to abundant recreational, cultural and educational opportunities in an environment that respects and celebrates human rights.

Livable: High-performing, safe, and well-maintained buildings and infrastructure that accommodate a diverse set of community needs for working, learning, playing, and living.

Accessible and connected: A safe, accessible, and sustainable multimodal transportation system that connects people with each other and where they want to go. Open access to information is provided both physically and digitally to foster connectivity and promote community engagement.

Environmentally sustainable: A sustainable, thriving, and equitable community that benefits from and supports clean energy; preserves and responsibly uses the earth's resources; and cares for ecosystems.

Responsibly governed: A local government that provides an excellent customer experience, responsibly manages the city's assets, and makes data-driven decisions informed by community engagement inclusive of those who have been historically excluded from government programs and services. The city organization exemplifies an employer of choice with policies and programs to support employee inclusion and well-being.

Economically vital: A healthy, accessible, resilient, and sustainable economy based on innovation, diversity, and collaboration that benefits all residents, businesses, and visitors.



[2007 Airport Master Plan Plan Highlights](#)

- Goals of Boulder Municipal Airport
 - Operate in a safe and efficient manner
 - Continue to serve the needs of the Boulder Aviation community
 - Maximize compatibility with the community with regard to aircraft noise impacts
 - Maintain financial self-sustainability
- The airport is self-sustaining and does not receive subsidies from the city of Boulder General Fund or Transportation Fund.
- Boulder Municipal Airport has received several FAA grants that help pay 90-95% of the costs associated with airport upkeep and capital improvement projects.
- Maintain an appealing appearance of the airport, using the same high standard of quality and condition used for other city-owned buildings. Bring grounds and buildings, both city-owned and non city-owned, up to this standard of condition.
- FAA grants were also used to acquire 49 of the airport's 179 acres.



[2019 Boulder Transportation Master Plan](#)

Transportation Vision and Goals

A safe, accessible and sustainable multimodal transportation system connecting people with each other and where they want to go. Our transportation system will:

- Be safe
- Be equitable
- Be reliable
- Provide travel choices
- Support clean air and our climate commitment

Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan Core Values

The TMP reflects long-standing community values contained in the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan (BVCP) and is meant to implement those values in transportation. The transportation system is our largest public asset and should reflect community values and support citywide initiatives. BVCP values that are particularly important to transportation are:

- Sustainability as a unifying framework to meet environmental, economic and social goals
- Strong city and county cooperation
- Great neighborhoods and public spaces
- Environmental stewardship and climate action
- A vibrant economy based on Boulder's quality of life and economic strengths
- An all-mode transportation system to make getting around without a car easy and accessible to everyone
- Physical health, safety and well-being



[East Boulder Subcommunity Plan – Vision Statements](#)

Access & Mobility: People and goods will easily and safely travel to, from, and through East Boulder by a variety of efficient, practical and affordable transportation modes, employing advanced transportation technology where appropriate.

Arts & Culture: The city will support the development of art spaces and experiences, installations, businesses and venues for professional and amateur creatives that enhance the subcommunity's local culture.

Design Quality & Placemaking: East Boulder will include walkable neighborhoods, for all ages and abilities, whose aesthetic character reflect the subcommunity's industrial identity. Experimentation in design and construction to build enduring and engaging places will be encouraged.

Housing Affordability & Diversity: East Boulder will be home to new and affordable housing that complements existing uses, includes a diverse mix of housing types and ownership models and extends live-work-play choices in the community.

Local Business: The city will support affordable business space, support a wide variety of businesses and help deliver attractive neighborhoods so local businesses can thrive in East Boulder

Resilience & Climate Commitment: Development, redevelopment and transportation systems in East Boulder will support the city's climate action plan to reduce emissions, become net-zero and carbon-positive. They will be designed to respect and enhance the area's natural resources and minimize impacts of natural disruptions, including flood events. The subcommunity's numerous public and health care facilities will provide a strong network for resilience in the face of future health crises.