



Boulder Municipal Airport Community Conversation: San Lazaro and Vista Village Bilingual Community Meetings

Meeting 1 Summary

April 19, 2023 and April 24, 2023



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Introduction and Purpose

Meeting overview

The purpose of the bilingual community meetings was to introduce the Airport Community Conversation project, to share information (history, operations, role in the community, etc) about the existing Boulder Municipal Airport, share what engagement and feedback has occurred so far, and gather input from the community on issues with the airport and ideas for the future of the airport.

The intention was to collaborate with both Spanish speaking and English-speaking community members at Vista Village and San Lazaro, two manufactured home communities that are located adjacent to the Boulder Municipal Airport. The city's Communications and Engagement Department and the Transportation and Mobility Department worked to provide an inclusive environment by providing simultaneous interpretation services, a bilingual facilitator, childcare services, and collaboration with community leads.

San Lazaro and Vista Village Bilingual Community Meeting Details

Meeting information

- Vista Village: April 19th, 6:00-8:00 pm
 - 33 adult attendees + children
 - English first presentation with Spanish interpretation
- San Lazaro: April 24th, 6:00-8:00 pm
 - 39 adult attendees + children
 - Spanish first presentation with English interpretation

Project Team Attendees and Support

- Danielle Furuichi, City of Boulder (COB)
- John Kinney, COB
- Allison Moore-Farrell, COB
- Manuela Sifuentes, COB
- Angela Maria Ortiz Roa, COB
- Ryan Hanschen, COB
- Leticia Abajo, Bilingual Facilitator Consultant

Meeting Notifications

- Bilingual flyers distributed at Vista Village and San Lazaro
- Bilingual email invite to residents



- Verbal and email invitations from Community Connectors, Community Leaders and partners

Summary of Meeting

Noise Complaints:

To file airport-related noise complaints, please call (303) 441-4000. This number will take you to a voicemail in English. We are working on additional languages. You may leave a message in English or Spanish. When calling, please provide:

- The date and time of the incident
- If known, the direction of the aircraft (for example: to or away from the airport)

You can find additional information about airport noise complaints on [this webpage](#).

Airport Tours:

If you and your family are interested in a tour of the airport, please contact Allison Moore-Farrell (moorefarrella@bouldercolorado.gov) and she will arrange a date for a group airport tour with John Kinney, the airport manager. We heard that Friday or Saturday afternoons would be best. Please send an email in your preferred language and we will translate.

Free Youth Flights:

If youth (ages 8-17) are interested in a free flight with the Young Eagles program, there is an organization at the airport that organizes this. You can sign up online [here](#). We will bring Spanish and English paper copies to San Lazaro and Vista Village. This is a not a city organized program.

Additional Airport Information:

- The airport typically has staff onsite Monday through Friday.
- The airport is currently open to flights 24/7. However, the City of Boulder encourages pilots to:
 - Avoid making touch-and-go landings at the Boulder Municipal Airport before 8:00 am and after 5:00 pm.
 - Avoid flight operations between 11:00 pm and 7:00 am.
- Civil Air Patrol based at Boulder Municipal Airport train cadets and perform critical search and rescue missions.
- Scientific research missions are conducted from Boulder Municipal Airport.
- During the 2013 floods, over 1,200 were evacuated using Boulder Municipal Airport as a base. The largest human airlift since Hurricane Katrina.

Upcoming Events at the Airport (not affiliated with the City of Boulder)

- [1940's Ball](#), June 17, 2023



- This is a paid event. It will be held in English and may not have interpretation services available.

Meeting Notes

Concerns:

- Noise from flights, tow planes, touch-and-go activities, and helicopters
- Air pollution, carbon emissions, and decreased air quality due to airport activities
- Health impacts of leaded aviation fuel on children and residents
- Noise from early Sunday morning flights
- If affordable housing is built, the increase in traffic and noise
- The impact of future airport expansion or addition of hangars

Ideas:

- Increased community involvement in airport activities
- Better communication between the community and airport pilots and tenants
- Air quality and soil testing for lead
- Teen programming at the airport
- An on-airport space for community gatherings
- An on-airport café/coffee shop
- Scholarship and learning opportunities for youth interested in aviation, mechanics, etc
- An area to picnic and watch the planes
- Aviation acrobatic shows
- A place for community art to be displayed at the airport
- Employment opportunities at the airport for local teens and others
- Planes using unleaded fuel
- Planes using electrification – [link to Joby Aviation](#)
- Real-time information about flights/airport activities
- A covered park that can be used by the community
- Movie nights/showings at the airport



Next Meeting

The next San Lazaro and Vista Village Community Bilingual Meetings will be in August. We will share the date and time soon. At this meeting, we will share different future scenarios for the airport and ask for your feedback on those.

For more information, please visit the [City of Boulder Airport Community Conversation website](#). If you have additional comments or questions, please contact:

Allison Moore-Farrell, Project Manager
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John Kinney, Airport Manager
kinneyj@bouldercolorado.gov

You may send your email or message in your preferred language (English or Spanish) and we will ensure that it is translated.

Thank you!