



Boulder Airport Community Conversation Boulder Planning Documents and BDU

This document highlights the references to the Boulder Municipal Airport and the Community Conversation process in relevant Boulder planning documents.

[Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan – Policy 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 (p.80).

[2007 Airport Master Plan](#)

This plan outlines operations and capital improvements at the Boulder Municipal Airport.

[2019 Boulder Transportation Master Plan](#)

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2019 Boulder TMP Action Plan

Airport: Update the Airport Master Plan and work with the public airport to broaden its value to the community and prepare for any Advanced Mobility opportunities that may utilize it for passenger or freight delivery (p.27).



[East Boulder Subcommunity Plan](#)

Boulder Municipal Airport: This is a general aviation airport that began operating in 1928. The airport serves business, private, recreational and emergency aviation services to the City of Boulder and surrounding communities. The airport facilities include runways, underground fuel storage tanks, hangar space and tie-down space for aircraft. The City's relationship with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Boulder Municipal Airport includes periodic access to grant funding from the FAA and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for capital funding or for the historic purchase of land at the airport. Contracts with the FAA and CDOT for capital funding requires a legal agreement to keep the airport open for the useful life of the improvements, designated as 20 years. If actions were taken by the City which denied the public access to the airport, then the contract requires that the City must repay the FAA or CDOT for the unused useful life of the funding on a pro-rata basis (p.44).

Policy M6: Redevelopment in East Boulder will be done in accordance with the city's Airport Influence Zone and FAA rules that guide safe and compatible development near an airport (p.68).

M16 Project: Explore updates to the Boulder Revised. Code to align the updated BVCP land use map with FAA requirements for the Boulder Municipal Airport. Code updates may include a revised airport influence zone and consideration of aviation easements for redevelopment in the subcommunity (p.74).

A6 Project: Increase the amount of public art in East Boulder by considering city owned sites for future permanent and/or temporary artwork installation. Today, there three public art installations in East Boulder. The city may consider the following city-owned locations as potential sites for future installations, using the percent for art allocation during capital improvements: 48th Street Vehicular Bridge over Goose Creek, Valmont City Park, Boulder Municipal Airport, the future Flatiron Greenway and the future Eastern City Campus (p.80).

B7 Project: Create incubator space at city-owned sites. The city owns significant sites in East Boulder, including the municipal services center (site of the future Eastern City Campus) and the Boulder Municipal Airport. As these sites evolve in the future, the city should consider programming incubator space to offer local entrepreneurs' affordable commercial space (p.94).