



# **Boulder Municipal Airport Community Conversation: Public Open House**

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## **Public Open House 1 Summary** **April 11, 2023**



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## Introduction

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### Meeting overview

This summary has been prepared to detail the notifications efforts and outcomes of the first public open house meeting. The public open house is one of many engagement touchpoints the city and project team will have with the community throughout the Community Conversation Project.

The meeting was held in an open house format. At the open house, the project staff introduced the Airport Community Conversation engagement project and shared information about the airport's history, current uses, future opportunities and constraints. Community members were invited to provide feedback about their concerns or interests about the airport and contribute to the future of the airport's visioning process.

Additional details about the Community Conversation project can be found on the [project website](#).



## Public Open House Details

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### Meeting information

- Location: Brookdale North Boulder (3350 30th St, Boulder, CO 80301)
- Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023
- Time: 4:00 – 7:00 pm
- Number of Attendees
  - 202 (202 attendees signed in using the online or paper form)
  - 16 project team members

### Project Team Attendees

Natalie Stiffler, COB  
John Kinney, COB  
Allison Moore-Farrell, COB  
Kathleen King, COB  
Manuela Sifuentes, COB  
Leticia Abajo, COB  
Dylan Swanson, COB  
Nick Pollock, COB  
Danielle Furuichi, COB  
Amalia Andrews, Kimley-Horn  
Andrew Scanlon, Kimley-Horn  
Olivia Perez, Kimley-Horn  
Anthony Pratt, Kimley-Horn  
Blake Young, Kimley-Horn  
Johnathan Craig, Kimley-Horn  
Aidan Johan, Kimley-Horn  
Kathleen Wanatowicz, PR Studio  
Jeffrey Range, CDR Associates





## Meeting Notifications

- Post Card
- Email Invite
- Flyer
- Social Media Post – Facebook
  - April 18, 2023
  - April 10, 2023
  - March 29, 2023
- Social Media Post – Facebook, Spanish
  - March 2, 2023
- Social Media Post – Twitter
  - April 18, 2023
  - April 10, 2023
  - March 28, 2023
- Press Release
  - March 28, 2023

## Media Coverage

- [\*Boulder hosts open house on Boulder Municipal Airport's future\*](#), Daily Camera, March 28, 2023
- [\*Boulder hears from community members on the future of its airport\*](#), News9, April 11, 2023.
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## Presentation Topics

- Airport Information
- Boulder Planning Documents
- Community Feedback
- Airport Vision

## Summary of Public Meeting

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- Interim Transportation and Mobility Director Natalie Stiffler shared some brief remarks with attendees, thanking them for their participation and providing some context for the meeting's purpose.
- The project team presented information boards detailing airport information, planning documents, previewing community feedback so far, and soliciting feedback from the community. These presentation boards and included in this report at Appendix B.



- Community members had an opportunity to share their feedback to the public open house materials through sticky notes. These comments are included in this report at **Appendix D**. Common areas of concern include:
  - Noise
  - Leaded Fuel
  - Rules and Regulations
  - Economic Impact
  - Emergency Services
  - Alternative Uses
  - Training
  - Land Use
  - Environmental Impact
  - Safety
  - Community Involvement and Relations
  - Airport Management
- Community members had an opportunity to fill out a comment card during the open house. These comments are included in this report as **Appendix C**. Common themes in the public comments include:
  - Community Involvement and Relations
  - Community Resources
  - Alternative Uses
  - Noise
  - Rules and Regulations
  - Environmental Impact









## Appendices

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### Appendix A. Public Notifications



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# Boulder Municipal Airport Holds Public Open House for Community Conversation Project



## Details

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PUBLISHED DATE

**Mar 28, 2023**

Community invited to learn more and share their vision for the airport's

Related Events

TUE APR 11 2023	<b>Airport Community Conversation Open House 1</b>
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BOULDER, Colo.– The City of Boulder is hosting an in-person public open house on Tuesday, April 11 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Brookdale North Boulder located at 3350 30th St, Boulder, CO 80301. This is the first of three public open houses designed to understand the community’s vision for the future of the Boulder Municipal Airport.

The meeting will be an open house format where community are welcome to come and go at any time. At the open house, city staff will introduce the Airport Community Conversation engagement project and share information about the airport’s history, current uses, future opportunities and constraints. Community members will be invited to provide feedback about their concerns or interests about the airport and contribute to the future of the airport’s visioning process.

“The city is committed to engaging with the community about the airport throughout the Community Conversation process.” said Interim Transportation and Mobility Director Natalie Stiffler. “The open houses and upcoming online questionnaires are opportunities for all interested community members to make their voices heard on this topic and contribute to the visioning process. We’re looking forward to positive and productive conversations.”

Learn more about the [Airport Community Conversation online](#). Through the project, the city will develop a deeper understanding of the community’s desired future for the airport. It will provide city leadership with a community-supported scenario for the future of the airport to help guide next steps while being mindful of the city’s long-term commitments to the Federal Aviation Administration.

[Boulder Municipal Airport](#) is a general aviation airport, providing business, private and recreational aviation services to the City of Boulder and surrounding communities.

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MAY 1, 2023

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### **Neighborhood Grant Program Returns**

MARCH 2, 2023

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### **City Opens First Round of Engagement for Snow and Ice Response Review**

FEBRUARY 24, 2023

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### **City of Boulder Seeks Input on the Future of the Airport**

FEBRUARY 14, 2023

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# PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE



## Boulder Municipal Airport Community Conversation

The Airport Community Conversation project seeks to learn what the community's aspirations and goals are for the future of the airport. The project will provide city leadership with a community-supported scenario and next steps to guide future planning of the airport.

**Please join us at a Public Open House to learn more about the airport, meet the project team and provide your feedback.**

**Children welcome | Come and go at any time | Se habla español**



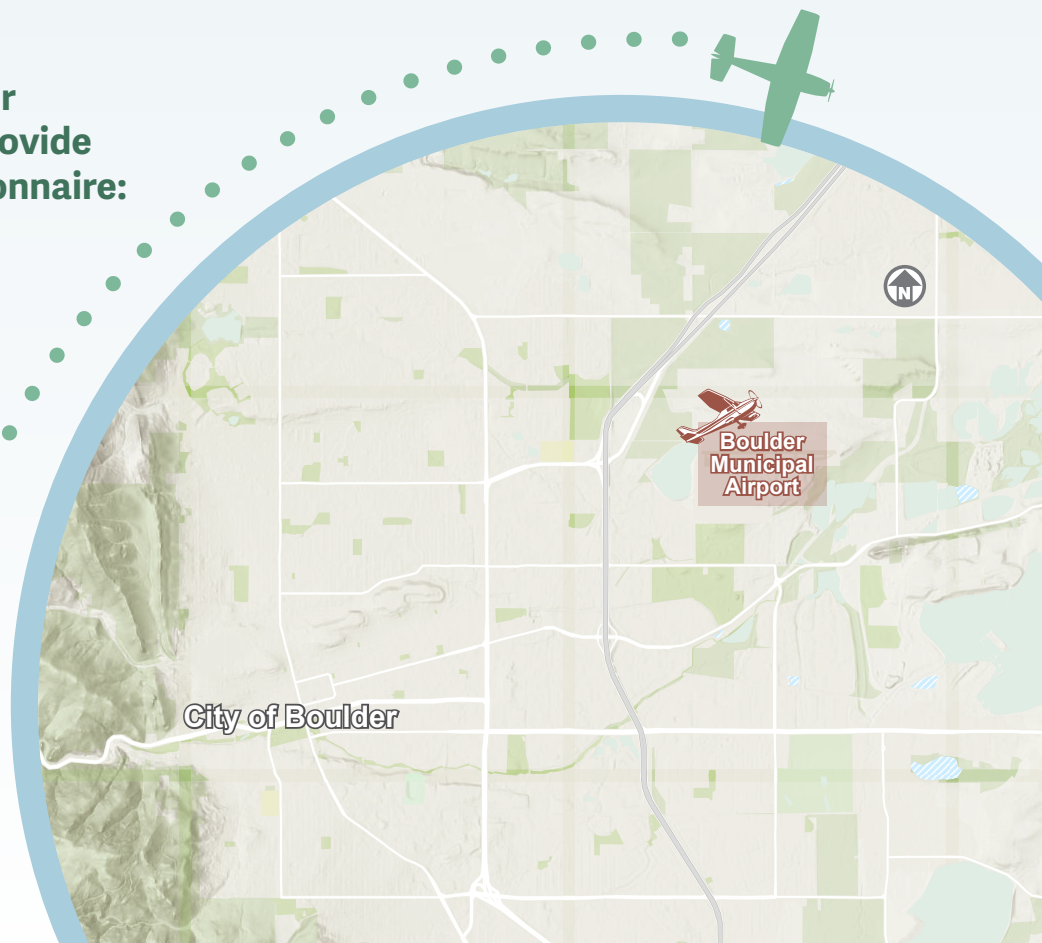
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**Boulder, CO 80301**



When:  
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Visit the project website for  
more information and to provide  
feedback through a questionnaire:  
<https://bldr.fyi/ACC>

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# CASA ABIERTA AL PÚBLICO



## Conversaciones Comunitarias del Aeropuerto Municipal de Boulder

El proyecto Community Conversations busca conocer cuáles son las aspiraciones y objetivos de la comunidad para el futuro del aeropuerto y brindar a los líderes de la ciudad un escenario apoyado por la comunidad y los próximos pasos para guiar la planificación futura del aeropuerto.

**Acompáñenos en una Casa Abierta Pública para obtener más información sobre el aeropuerto, conozca al equipo del proyecto y dé su opinión.**

Los niños son bienvenidos | Puede ir y venir en cualquier momento | Se habla español



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**Boulder, CO 80301**



Cuándo:  
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Visite el sitio web del proyecto para más información y dar su opinión a través de un cuestionario: <https://bldr.fyi/ACCESP>

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# Facebook

**City of Boulder Colorado Government** · March 29 · 🌐

We invite you to share your vision for the future of the Boulder Municipal Airport!

A variety of ideas, aspirations and lived experiences will help us understand how the airport fits into the community's vision for Boulder.

- 👉 Want to learn more? Attend the first Public Open House.
- 📅 Save the date: The first open house will be held on April 11 from 4 to 7 p.m.
- 👉 Drop in anytime. Children and families are welcome. Spanish information available.

Brookdale North Boulder  
3350 30th St.  
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🔗 Visit the project website for more information and to provide feedback through a questionnaire available in early April: <https://bldr.fyi/ACC>

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**Boulder Municipal Airport**

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**City of Boulder Colorado Government** · April 10 at 10:15 AM · 🌐

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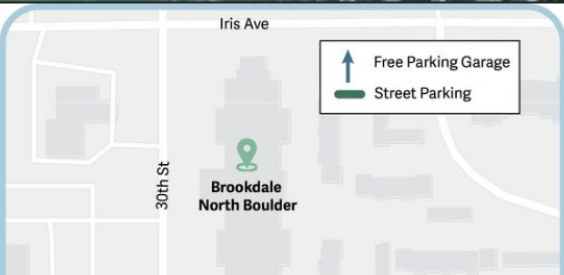
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**Brookdale North Boulder**

📍 30th St

📍 Iris Ave

📍 Free Parking Garage

📍 Street Parking



City of Boulder Colorado Government

April 18 at 2:01 PM · 🌐




Thank you for joining us at the Airport Community Conversation open house last week! Nearly 200 people attended to learn about the airport and provide ideas for the airport's future.

If you missed it, share input via the online questionnaire through May 4: <https://bldr.fyi/ACC>.





## Facebook - Gobierno de la Ciudad de Boulder, Colorado

**Gobierno de la Ciudad de Boulder, Colorado**  
March 29 · 🌐

¡Les invitamos a compartir su visión para el futuro del Aeropuerto Municipal de Boulder!

Una variedad de ideas, aspiraciones y experiencias vividas nos ayudarán a comprender cómo encaja el aeropuerto en la visión de la comunidad para Boulder.

👉 ¿Quiere saber más? Asista a la primera Casa Abierta Pública.

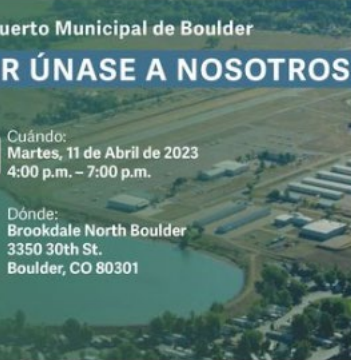
📅 Reserve la fecha: La primera casa abierta se llevará a cabo el 11 de abril de 4 a 7 p.m.

👉 Pase cuando pueda, no es necesario quedarse todo el rato. Traiga a los niños, ¡tendremos actividades para ellos! Estaremos ofreciendo información en español.

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See Translation



### Aeropuerto Municipal de Boulder

## ¡ÚNASE A NOSOTROS

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**¡ÚNASE AL EQUIPO!**



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# Twitter




**City of Boulder**  
@bouldercolorado

Share your vision for the future of the Boulder Municipal Airport at an open house April 11! 🛫

We'll introduce the Airport Community Conversation project and share info about the airport's history, current uses, and future opportunities.


Details ➡ [ow.ly/aNh150Nuiw](https://ow.ly/aNh150Nuiw)



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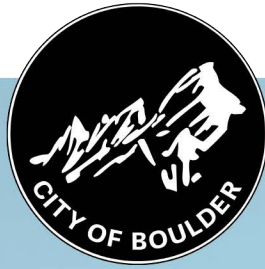
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**Appendix B. Public Meeting Display Boards**



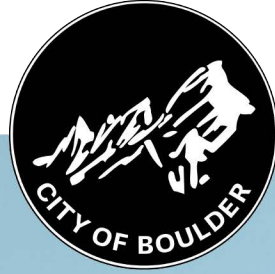
# **WELCOME**

## **Boulder Municipal Airport**

Community Conversation

# **OPEN HOUSE**





# Overview and Information



# Project Overview

## Understand the Existing Conditions

The project team will provide information about the current conditions of the airport site, the ongoing operations at the airport, FAA obligations and its role in the community.

## Understand the Community's Vision for the Airport Site

The community will discuss goals and aspirations for the future of the airport site. The project team will incorporate community feedback from a variety of engagement venues.

## Inform Community Priorities for the Airport Site

Community feedback will help inform and evaluate a range of scenarios (short-term and long-term) that are mindful of safety and FAA obligations.



# COMMUNITY CONVERSATION PURPOSE

The purpose of the Community Conversation project is to learn what the community's aspirations and goals are for the future of the airport site and provide city leadership with a community-supported scenario and next steps to guide future planning of the airport. The community conversation process includes three major elements: in depth interviews, Community Working Group Meetings (CWG) meetings and Public Open Houses.

## Process

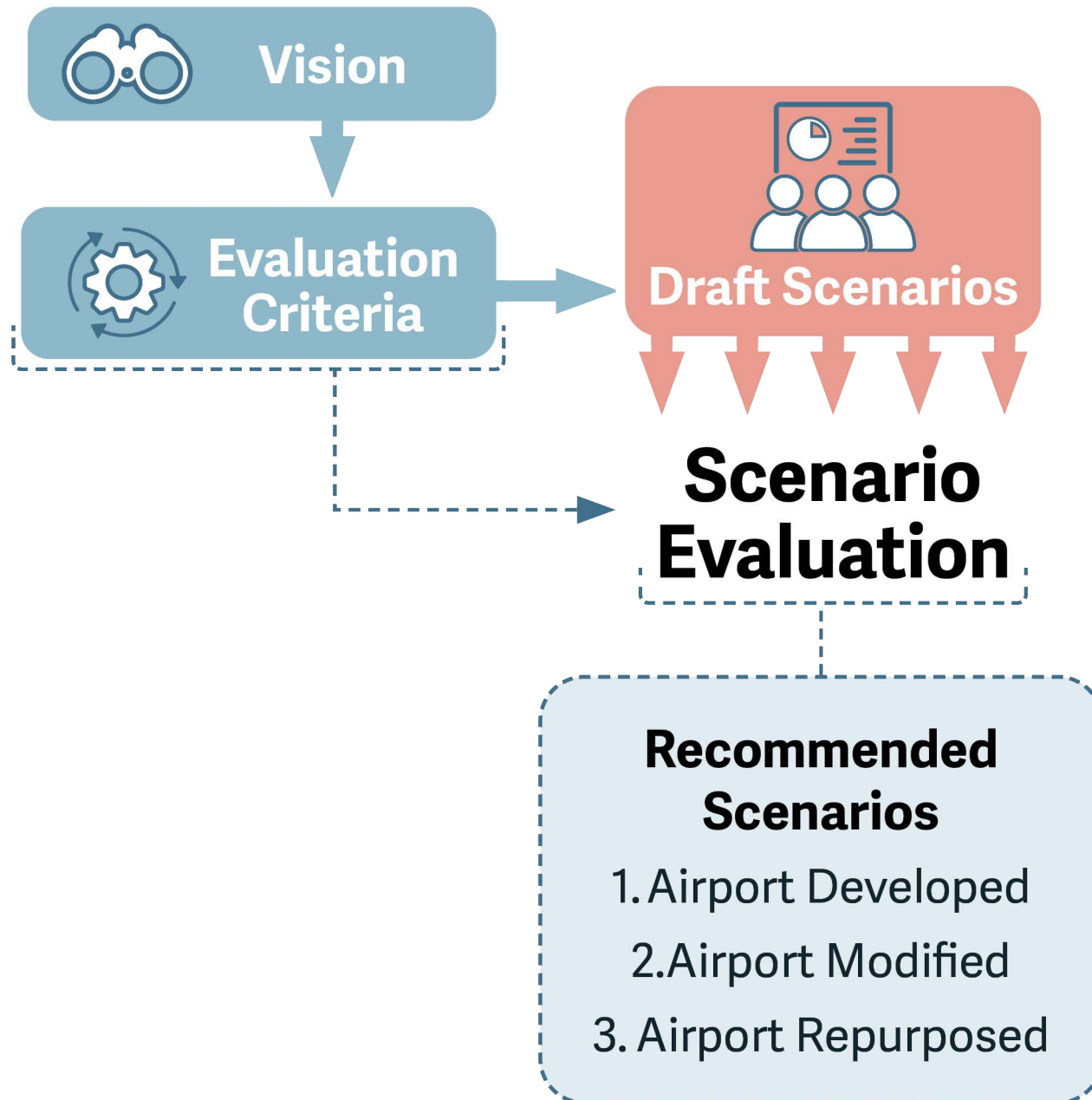
- Identification of community goals and aspirations for the future of the airport site
- Identification of key issues and opportunities for consideration in future planning of the airport site
- Identification of a community preferred scenario for the airport's future
- Determination of the next steps to move towards that preferred scenario

## Future study may include...

- A change to the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map or the City of Boulder Zoning Map
- Detailed site planning or modeling for the airport site



# SCENARIO PROCESS



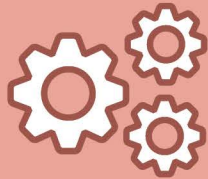


# SCENARIO DECISION MAKING

## What



Scenario Input



Scenario Development  
and Recommendations



Scenario Decision Making

## Who

CWG

Public Meeting

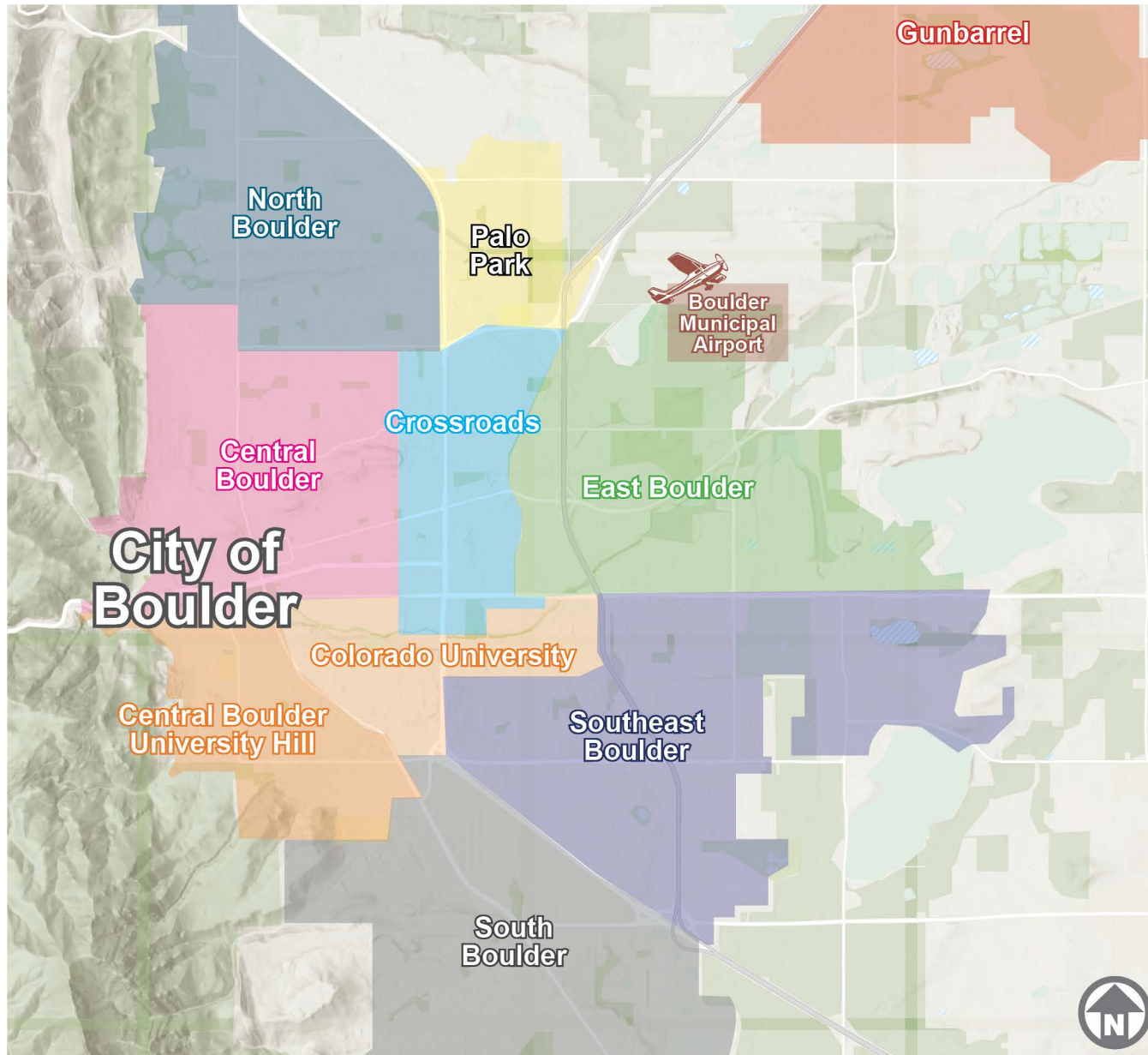
Interviews

Community  
Questionnaire

Project Team

Council

# BOULDER NEIGHBORHOOD MAP





# AIRPORT HISTORY AND FACTS

## History

**1928**

Hayden Field opens as dirt landing strip

**1943**

Boulder Municipal Airport founded

**1958**

First Federal Grant

**1976**

Boulder Aerobatic Club female pilot ranked in U.S. top 5

**1976**

High altitude record of 44,100' above sea level

**2004**

Record-breaking 1000km flight by glider

**1953 – 1969**

Numerous improvements

**1964 – 1969**

Additional land bought

**1977**

Pete Bartoe Jr. builds the Jet Wing

**1994**

Boulder County fires contained thanks to BDU single engine air tanker

## Key Features

Approximately **65,000** operations in 2022

BDU is a **non-towered** airport

**Spring 2022**

BDU implemented flight tracking system

Airport is not staffed **24/7/365**

**171**

based aircraft

**40**

gliders

**129**

fixed-wing

**2**

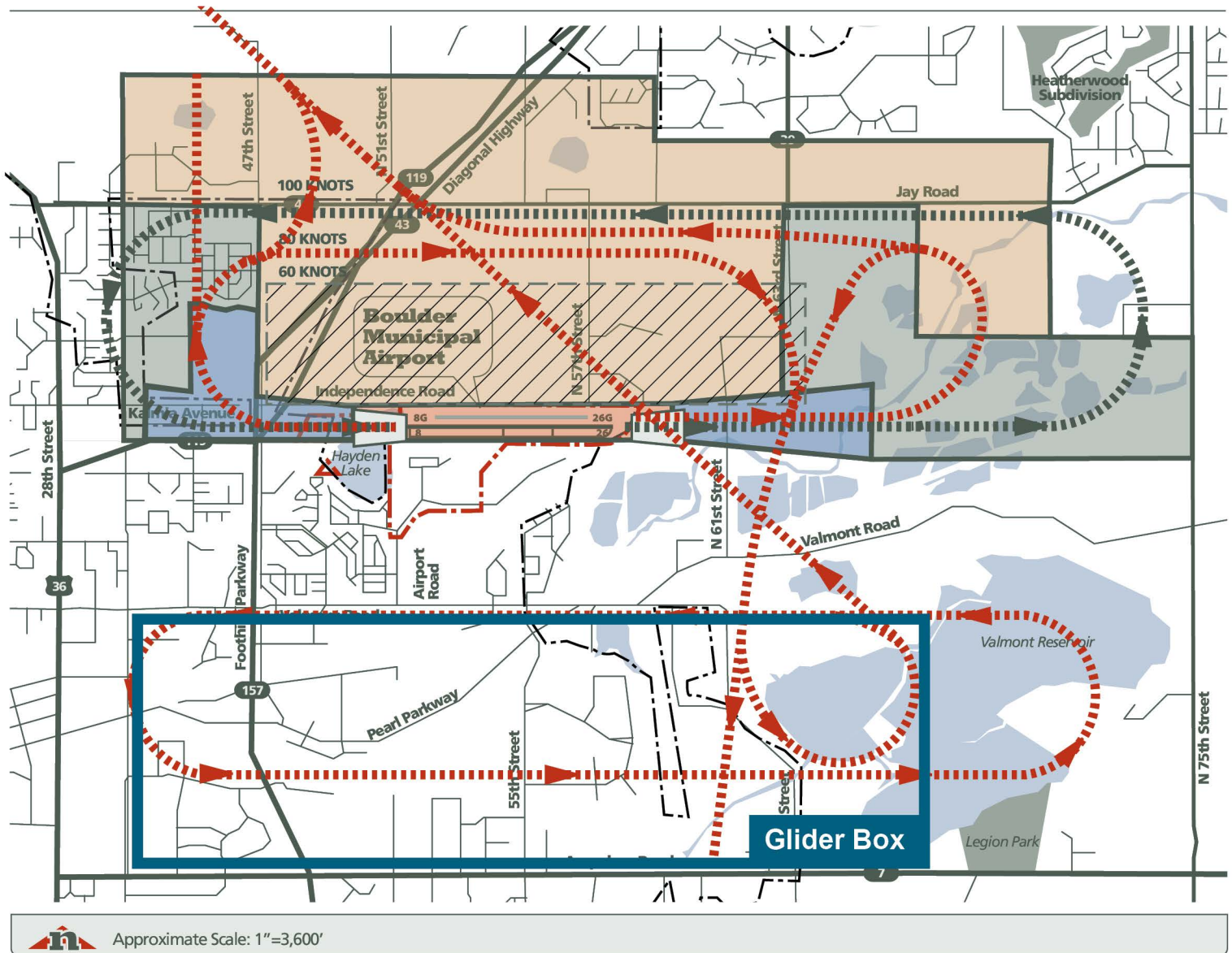
helicopters

## Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Roles and Responsibilities

- Regulates civil aviation to promote safety
- Encourage and develop civil aeronautics, including new technology
- Air traffic control and navigation of both civil and military aircraft
- Research and develop the National Airspace System
- Promoting and funding environmental compatibility while preserving the airports as a system within critical infrastructure
- Fund the operation and development of airports as part of the national airport systems through grants and the associated grant obligations



# CITY AIRPORT INFLUENCE MAP



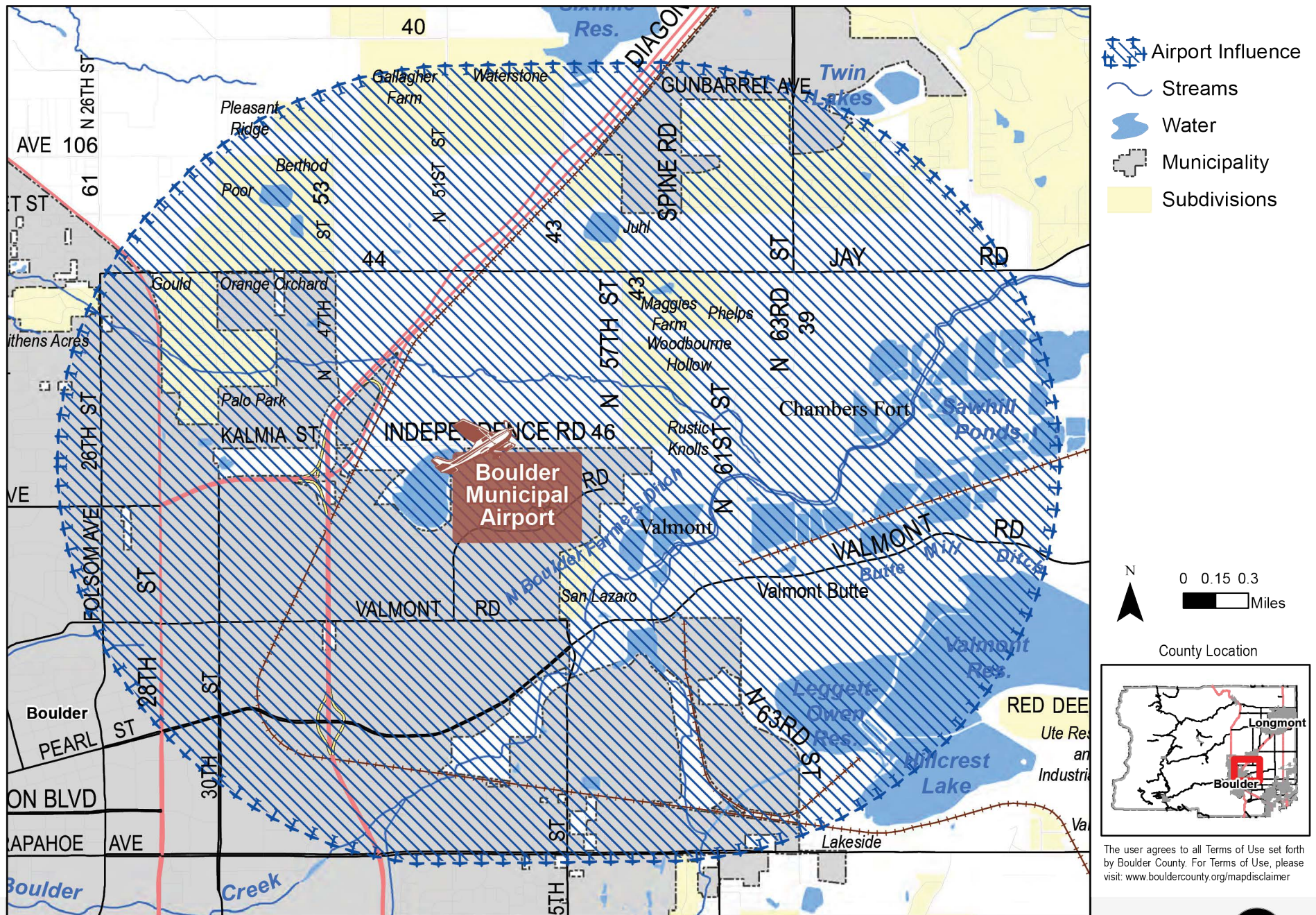
## Airport Influence Overlay Zone Map with Flight Tracks

	Zoning Area 1		Gliders
	Zoning Area 2		Powered Aircraft Flight Track
	Zoning Area 3		Glider/Tow Plane Flight Track
	Zoning Area 4		Helicopter Traffic
	City Boundary		Runway Protection Zone





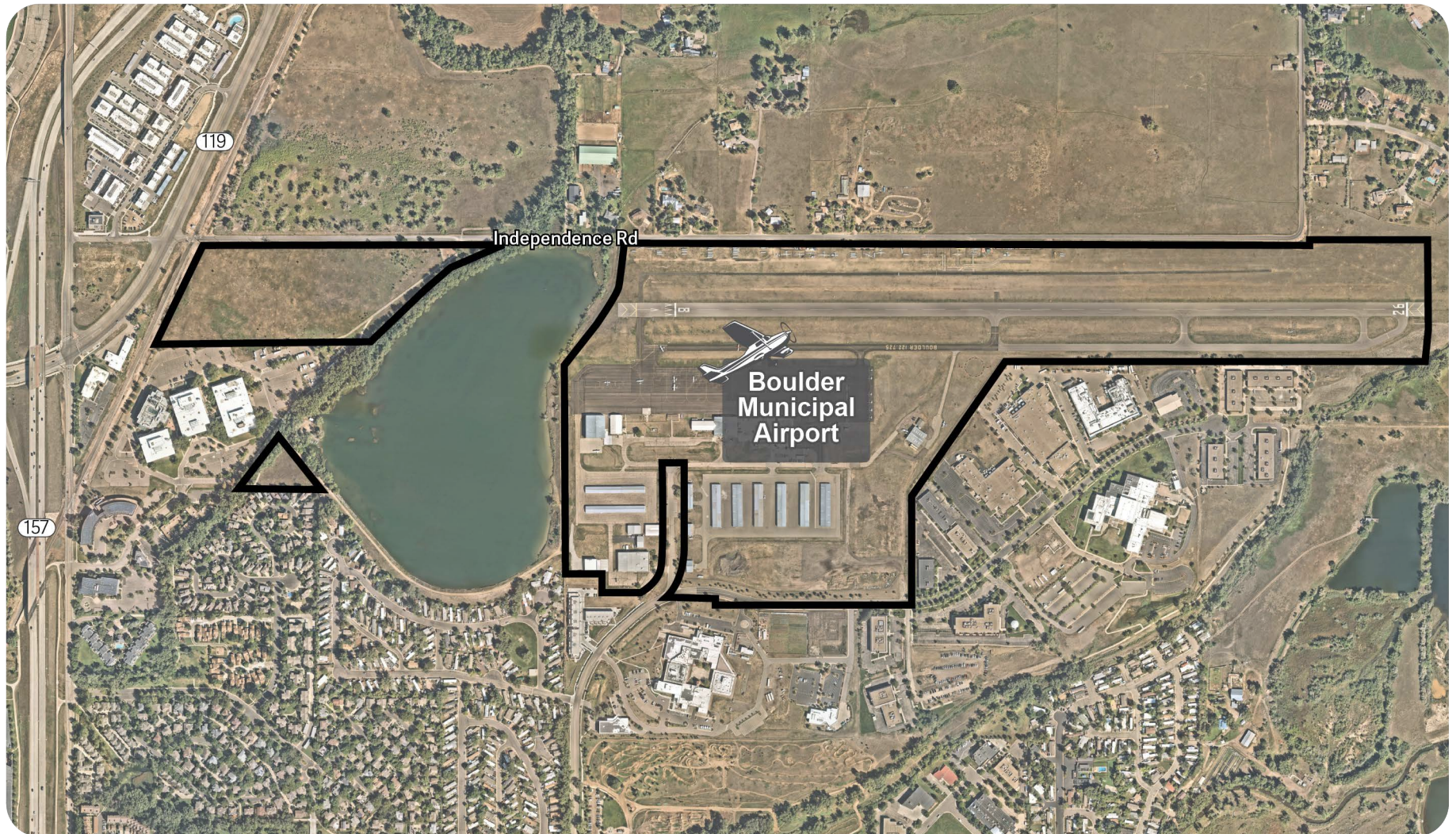
# Land Use Department Airport Influence Map: Boulder Municipal Airport





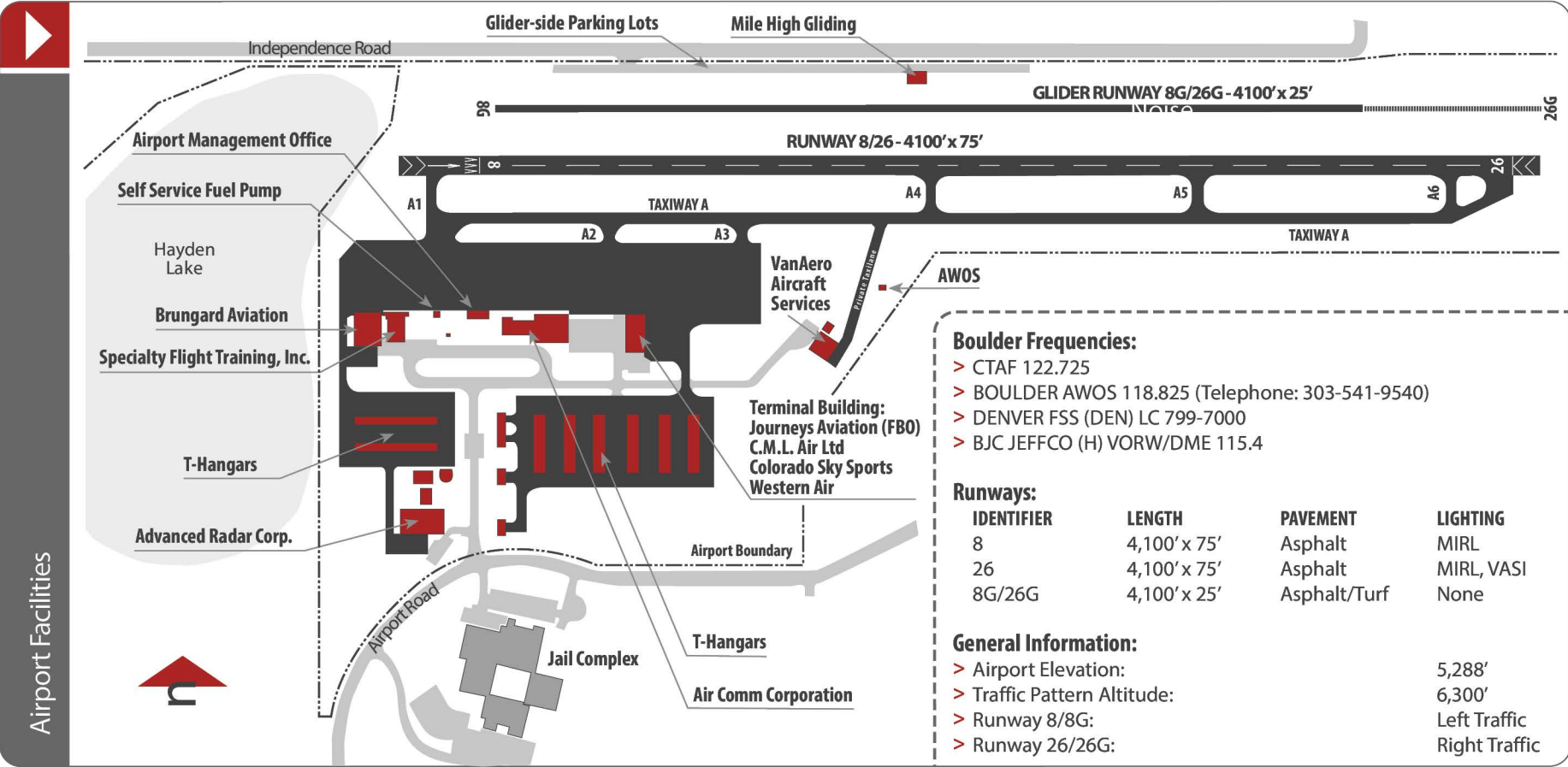
# AIRPORT BOUNDARY\*

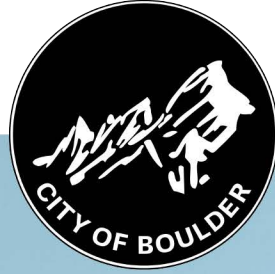
\*As defined in the Airport Layout Plan





## AIRPORT FACILITIES





# Boulder Planning Documents



## BOULDER VALLEY COMPREHENSIVE 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.



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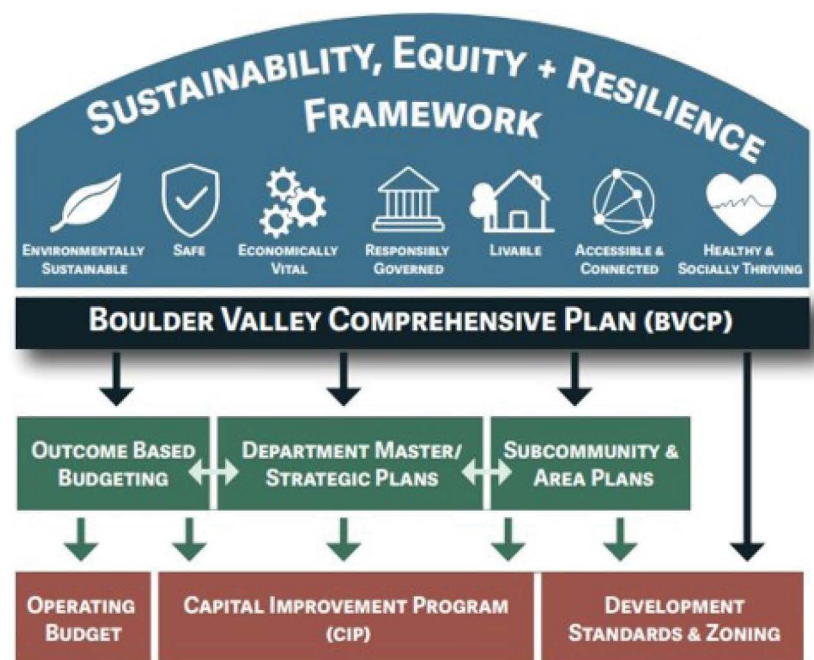
# 2007 AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

## Goals

- 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

## Highlights

- 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.



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# 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.

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# EAST BOULDER SUBCOMMUNITY PLAN – VISION

**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.

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# BOULDER PLANNING DOCUMENTS

## 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;
- A welcoming, inclusive and diverse community;
- Culture of creativity and innovation;
- Strong city and county cooperation;
- Our unique community identity and sense of place;
- Compact, contiguous development and infill that supports evolution to a more sustainable urban form;
- Open space preservation;

- Great neighborhoods and public spaces;
- Environmental stewardship and climate action;
- A vibrant economy based on Boulder's quality of life and economic strengths;
- A diversity of housing types and price ranges;
- An all-mode transportation system to make getting around without a car easy and accessible to everyone; and
- Physical health, safety and well-being

## Transportation Master Plan 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

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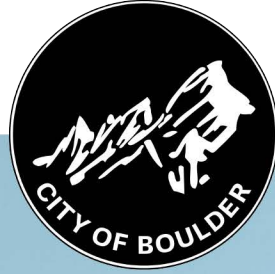






# What Is Your Big Idea for the **Boulder Municipal Airport?**





# Community Feedback



# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Feedback received to date has been organized in various subject areas. Feedback was received through individual interviews and our first Community Working Group meeting. Please review these areas of feedback, themes, comments and ideas and share with us what you think about these subject areas.





# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK – AIRPORT OPERATIONS

## Leaded Fuel

- Concern about flight traffic over schools and recreation areas
- Residents have reported finding lead in the soil in their homes
- Impact on air quality

## Future Scenarios

- Improve airport facilities
- Close the airport
- Repurpose all or part of the airport for housing or neighborhood-serving uses

## Runways

- Only allow FAA compliant runways

## Technology Advancements

- Electric aircraft
- Self-launching gliders
- Urban air mobility

## Glider Operations

- Safety concerns about gliders sharing airspace with motorized aircraft
- Tow planes are noisy and tend to fly over residences

## Scientific Research

- Some research operations cannot easily move
- Even if the operation moved to a different airport, all research is calibrated for Boulder – aircrafts may come back and fly over for calibration flights
- Boulder is a hub for scientific research, innovation



# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK – SAFETY AND NOISE

## Enhance Safety

- Introduce traffic pattern modifications
- Evaluate touch and go activities
- Enforcement for individuals/companies who deactivate collision avoidance systems
- Introduce a traffic management program

## Privacy

- Tenants concerned that community members have access to their personal information through noise complaints
- Community concerns with pilots and airport users retaliating against them

## Voluntary Noise Abatement Procedures

- Engage congressional delegations given similar themed proposed legislation
- Enhance flight tracking software capabilities
- Update rules, regulations, and leasing policies to incentivize compliance with the noise program
- Noise abatement procedures at Boulder are described as more strict than most airports

## Update Procedures

- Technical Noise Committee made up of airport tenants to address community complaints and buy-in
- Improve signage at the airport to educate departing pilots on noise abatement procedures
- Communicate to the public the steps the group is taking to address noise complaints

## Community Relations

- Some pilots and users live in neighborhood adjacent to the airport
- Adhering to voluntary noise abatement procedures is important to some users and pilots
- Airport noise impacts the wildlife and environment surrounding Boulder





# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK – AIRPORT ECONOMICS

## Landing Fees

- Recover facility and maintenance costs
- Implement technology solutions

## Tenant Accountability

- Implement rules and regulations
- Enforce leasing policy
- Tenants need to understand long term plan for airport

## Airport Benefits

- Additional study on economic benefits and costs
- FAA Rules and Regulations
- FAA does not enforce liability insurance rules

## Investment

- Change lease structure so business can invest in new hangars and facilities
- Update building code to enable tenants to develop hangars without facility requirements of storage units
- Support the development of new hangars
- Improve FBO facilities to improve reputation and service

## Training

- New pilot training to support nationwide aviation
- Youth outreach provides access to those who might not otherwise
- Training operations are the cornerstone of some airport tenant's businesses



# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK – ENGAGEMENT AND LAND USE

## Community Involvement

- Community board with biannual updates to City Council
- Airport expenses better delineated in the transportation budget
- Provide web-based real time flight data

## Improve Relationship

- Improve community relations
- Community movie nights
- Open a restaurant or café
- Airport supports crucial environmental research and brings grant funding to Boulder
- Airport operations support innovation
- Share ways tenants are improving and abiding by voluntary noise abatement procedures
- Pilots and tenants need to be good neighbors and information should be shared with community members to understand the role of the airport

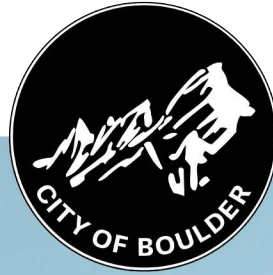
## Land Use and Planning

- Density is increasing in areas around the airport, increasing the numbers of people impacted by the airport
- Schools were approved to operate near the airport and are impacted by noise and other environmental factors
- The city has affordable housing goals to meet

## Housing

- Growth in areas around the airport is increasing the numbers of individuals impacted
- Affordable housing is needed in Boulder and the airport site is an interesting opportunity for meeting those needs
- Repurpose all or part of the airport for housing or neighborhood-serving uses





# Community Conversation Station





# COMMUNITY CONVERSATION STATION

Grab a seat and let's talk. Share your thoughts, feelings and ideas. The goal of the Community Conversation Station is to exchange information and build relationships with one another.

## Conversation Starters

What does the Airport look like to you in 20 years?

What prompted you to attend this Open House?

Do you live near the Airport?





# ESTACIÓN DE CONVERSACIÓN COMUNITARIA

Tome asiento y hablemos. Comparta tus pensamientos, sentimientos e ideas. El objetivo de la Estación de Conversación Comunitaria es intercambiar información y establecer relaciones entre ellos.

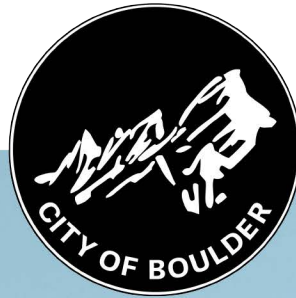
## Iniciadores de Conversación

¿Cómo es para usted el Aeropuerto dentro de 20 años?

¿Qué le impulsó a asistir a esta Casa Abierta?

¿Vive cerca del aeropuerto?

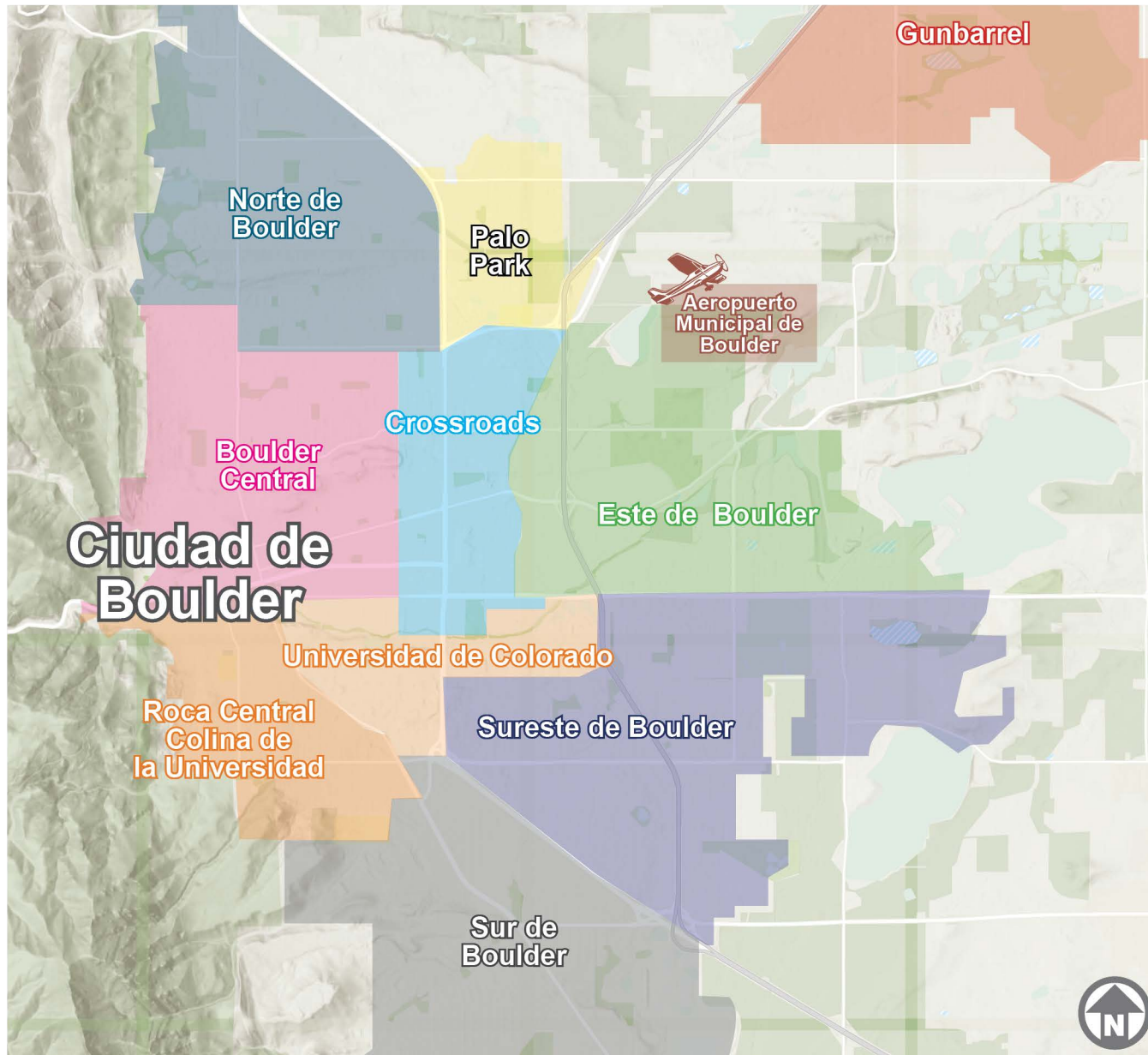




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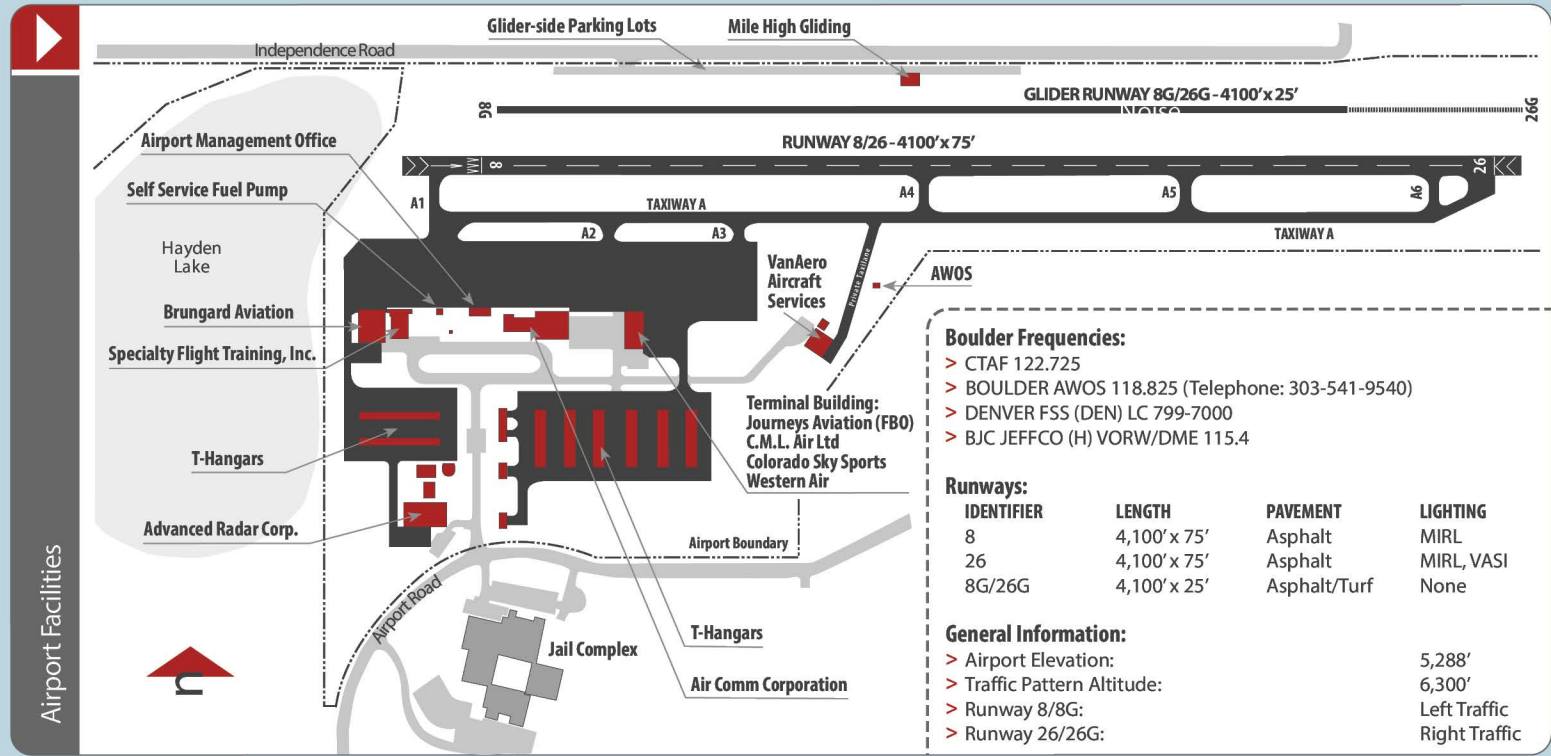
# VECINDARIOS DE BOULDER





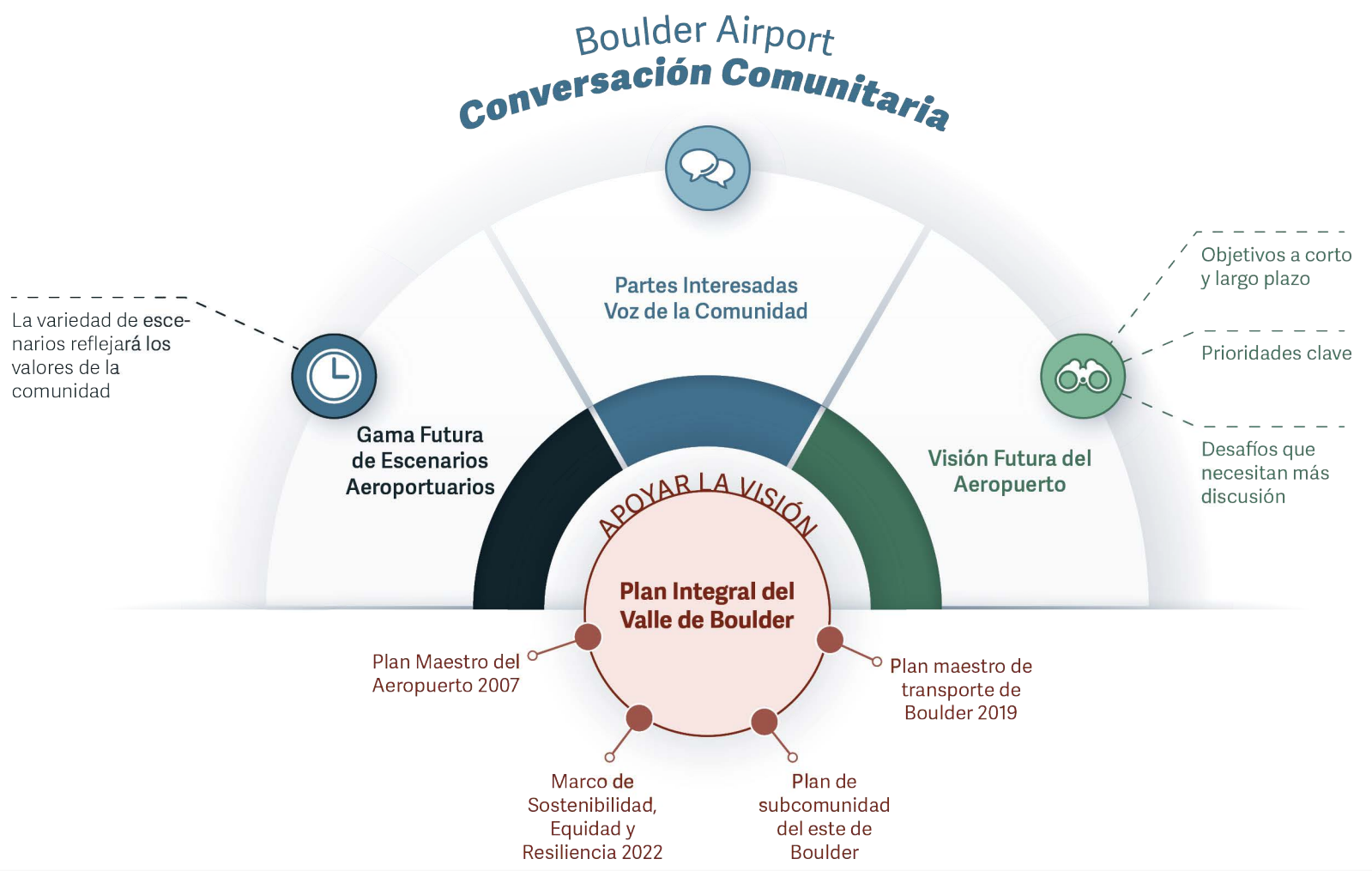
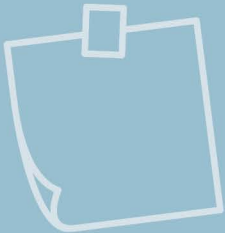
En preparación para un futuro Plan Maestro del Aeropuerto, la Ciudad de Boulder ha lanzado un proceso de participación comunitaria para comprender el futuro deseado por la comunidad para el Aeropuerto Municipal de Boulder y recomendar los próximos pasos.

¡Esta noche, nos gustaría saber de usted!



# ¿Cómo describiría un aeropuerto ideal?

## ¿Cuál es su visión para el Aeropuerto Municipal de Boulder?



# **¿Vive cerca del aeropuerto?**

Si es así, ¿cuál es su experiencia viviendo cerca del aeropuerto?

¿Qué ideas tiene para abordar los intereses de la comunidad con respecto al aeropuerto?



**¿Qué información le gustaría saber sobre el Aeropuerto?**





**Appendix C. Public Comments - Community Feedback Boards**

### **Boulder Planning Documents**

1. Importance of BDU for sustainable transportation, commercial freight and for people
2. While helis do offer some medical service, they don't need a runway. It's safe to say 95 - 98% of airport ops are sheer hobby. Even the flight training. What stats of students go onto commercial? We don't need 179 acres here.
3. The airport fiscally costs the city money and is not needed for emergency use. VBO and RMM are better. This myth has no data to back it.
4. I started my career flying at Boulder and now my job is flying cargo to keep the just-in-time supply chain going for American manufacturing. Boulder is a great home for my aviation life!
5. Keep nearly 300 jobs.
6. Please expand the viewing area at the airport so more families can come and safely be part of the airport community.
7. STEM for adults (build their own planes)
8. The airport is critical piece of transportation infrastructure
9. Leave space open. Space for spot landing
10. Viewing area. Great activity for little kids.
11. Agreed, unleaded fuel.
12. Lead issues being resolved by EPA and FAA. Newer airplanes don't use lead.
13. Save the airport. It is too important to the city of Boulder.
14. Airport. Rescue education. All necessary.
15. Super pro. Keep the airport. I love it.
16. If you insist on keeping the airport, airport manager must be available all day Saturday and Sunday.
17. Airport/aviation crew be used to teach kids science.
18. Keep airport as is, keep small and local.
19. Close it.
20. Community space and runway viewing, food and restaurants.

21. The airport is a virtual resource for young aviators.
22. Keep the airport. It is a great resource.
23. If we lose the airport we can't get one back.
24. Airport important for wildfire management and operations
25. Neighbors support the airport.
26. Has anyone studied the impacts of pollution from Leaded fuel used in airplanes?
27. Let's start with Monday through Friday.
28. These are some bad actor pilots flying north of Jay Rd. should be reprimanded.
29. Implement BVCP 6/23 assess potential for housing
30. Airport to remain.
31. The airport is an important subcommunity within Boulder. It is used by so many youth programs.
32. Regulate so props don't go supersocial (noise).
33. We don't know what the future holds, regarding emergencies and climate issues.
34. For a walker on 4 mile trail - the noise of circling airplanes is unwelcome. I get that it's fun for them.
35. Airport generates revenue and supports medivac and rescue. Keep it and upgrade.
36. Friendships made at airport =community
37. Make airport self managed by person group who runs the FBO.
38. I was born and raised by the airport. It's been an invaluable experience for my life. Father and brother fly, my son is interested.
39. Get rid of paragliders/trespassers.
40. This airport is such a vital part of our community. Please, please do not take it away.
41. Don't build housing in the path of the runway. (Outside airport suggestion).
42. Value of programming - WWII Ball Event
43. Generate tens of millions of dollars of economic benefit as an airport.

44. Support air wildfire efforts.
45. Value of education and training at the airport is high.
46. Terminal Building could use a little updating.
47. BDU provides grounds for the local Civil air patrol squadron, which allows search and rescue training and prepare to be of service to Boulder.
48. There are too many general aviation airports. Noise, lead and air pollution. Tear down the airport and build something that will benefit all.
49. KBDU is wonderful space for civil air patrol. It is great facility for our squadron to meet and educate youth about emergency services, aerospace education and leadership.
50. How can [we] attract more companies/research groups to use the airport?
51. The airport is a big part of why I moved to Boulder.
52. Consider tax and monthly revenues from hangers.
53. Recognition of importance of BDU for emergency services, rescue, wildfire, and hospital.
54. The community needs the airport.
55. The future of aviation for small airports are invaluable to the communities they serve.
56. Airport desperately needs instrument procedures
57. Treat airport as recreation amenity like parks, golf course, etc.
58. "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." How did this throw away statement that most council members probably didn't even know was in the plan kick off a process that is threatening our airport? Other than investing in the airport. Please change nothing.
59. I'm a master gardener. Plant some trees and O2 the air more around there. We have 650 trees and are contributing O2 from pollution.
60. Importance of Airport. - Provide skills toward employment, youth eagles, exposure to flying for those who might not experience it, programs to rescue animals (via flights) Pilots and paws and animal rescuing.



61. I would like to see a proper FBO operation for private jets, planes and helicopters. This can bring higher revenues for the city and attract more investors. I run an aircraft detailing business in Aspen and Vail. The FBO is by far the most profitable part of those airports.
62. Airport is an important community resource. It provides strategic location for firefighting, mitigation, emergencies. Creates jobs to local youth and mentorship, Trainings future airlines pilots for you to visit family and vacation time.
63. Solar powered/electric aircraft
64. The airport is valuable for the community.
65. Hangers - Get rid of reversal clause
66. Keep the airport - the glider facility is wonderful. We love watching the small planes. - Neighbor for 55 years.
67. Fewer cars! More bicycles and pedestrian, smaller and more frequent transit.
68. I live next to a noisy school (air conditioning units) and would trade to live by the airport.
69. Longer runways for jets
70. Keep the airport alive.
71. I'd love to see the airport users and the airport complianers sit together and know each other. The city could invite the airport neighbors to take glider/power flights (city paid) to experience the magic of flight.
72. Save the airport for the future use. Electrified aviation is coming sooner than you think once it is gone we will never get it back.

### **Airport Economics**

1. What type of rules and how do you patrol
2. Preference for city residents for hangar waitlist
3. Publish the waitlist for hangars
4. Boulder is a local airport that changed several years ago to training without community input. There are better options for pilot training than Boulder's small landing strip.
5. Why aren't sales taxes raised at airport used for the airport?
6. More friendly lease
7. This whole project and conversation is looking for a problem where there is none. Spend that city's tax dollars on something more worthwhile like housing and businesses failing in the city center (i.e. Pearl Street).
8. City of Boulder does provide support (space opportunity) via CAP and EAA
9. Provides access to youth
10. Partnerships for training
11. I don't understand this process. How do the dots get weighted? Why are there no guides to how to use the dots? Can I put 10 on the bullet I really want? With no instructions and no voting control this data is absolutely worthless and a total waste of my time. And my city's funds.
12. Soaring - Access to world class soaring, home to the best soaring pilots in the US/World, Safe Glider Training, Affordable/Sustainable Glides Operations
13. The Airport Benefits section is not useful as it is stated. No one could identify a benefit? Perhaps we should speak to the pilots.
14. Is there a budget shortfall for the airport? Why add fees?
15. Substantial scientific research based at the airport, Scientific aviation, national ecological observatory network.
16. Training - 1. Educational Access and Opportunity - KBDU is a hidden education/experiential gem. Local school districts with STEM and non-STEM programming could better utilize what KBDU has to offer. 2. EAA Young Eagles - Free flight for youth 8 - 17. KBDU is a venue for giving local kids the experience of flight in a small aircraft. This is such a unique event to instill and inspire kids to fly - our

future aviators. 3. You Outreach - KBDU has so much potential to provide aviation access for youth from all backgrounds.

17. The airport is a valuable, integral part of the community. Pilot training, emergency services (fire and flood), research. Concerns about leaded fuel will go away in the next 3-5 years. Yes, the airport could be better with: 1. Voluntary noise abatement program enforcement. 2. Some airplanes are just too loud.

### **Airport Operations**

1. Unleaded fuel has been approved
2. Unleaded fuel is coming in +/- 2 years
3. City of Boulder - Leaded fuel is not good. Unleaded fuel is now available. Please subsidize the used and switch to unleaded fuel.
4. Boulder can/should become an early adopter of new unleaded gas.
5. Why not offer unleaded fuel at the airport. The cessna's reportedly operate better on unleaded fuel. The lead in soil could also be from when cars ran on leaded.
6. Very few cities have the privilege of having an airport. Don't destroy this valuable asset!
7. FAA has approved at least one non/leaded fuel. When they bring it online - all planes will be required to use it.
8. Lead and other heavy metals exist naturally here in the Rockies. And, lead will exist in the soil irrespective of airplane emissions
9. With the concerns of lead in the soil. Augas is also offered "100 UL" or unleaded fuel. Compliant aircraft engines may safely run on this fuel.
10. Profound, low cost, inspirational programs such as civil air patrol cadets operate here to inspire future aviators.
11. Unleaded automotive gas available at Longmont. It should be available here.
12. EPA tested for lead at the run-up areas of Longmont airport and found no lead new or actionable levels.
13. Why were schools built in flight paths?
14. Please do not take away this wholesome program when our youth needs it more than ever.
15. No! The airport is part of the community.
16. Keep in mind that operations surrounding airports. Rm, Fort-Love, Erie, etc. All FH around the area and mostly don't land at Boulder's airport.
17. This would be very short sided.
18. First housing and then what?



19. Walden Ponds - the airport noise on the weekdns at Walden ponds is very, very distrubing. It's not just people who are affected by the continuous take offs and landings.
20. Essential fueling site for BCU medivacs, incident command and response site in emergencies.
21. Positive; education opportunities for youth and underserved community
22. We need weekend airport manager - not leave message - solve the problem
23. Flying towerplanes is like a master class in situational awareness. It is a tremendous stepping stone for a career in aviation.
24. Airport access drives scientific groups to locate in Boulder. NEON 70 million per year budget is based in Boulder.
25. Unleaded aviation fuel is not far away - don't need to change policy for this issue to change in the near future.
26. Is there a suggestion that the runways are not compliant to FFA regs? Is so, how?
27. Sell unleaded fuel at BDU. Pilots will get the STC and use it.
28. Lead conversion to unleaded and electric and solar power
29. Efforts can be made to minimize noise and imporve flight paths and operations.
30. Why is it presumed that the Boulder municipal airport needs an alternative? At a time where wildfire risks are increasing shouldn't we want to maintain this valuable infrastructure for air based fire operations?
31. I would like to see an FBO operation for private jets. It will bring a lot more revenue for the county. More private hangers too.
32. We are neighbors to the north of the airport and we are very supportive of the airport. It is an incredible resource to the city and country and changes should be carefully considered.

### **Land Use and Engagement**

1. Mixed income
2. Start now!
3. Little market rate
4. 60 - 150% AMV
5. No private cars, Vanban
6. Vanban, Freiburg, Germany
7. Civil air patrol would love to help with these, boulder. Cap.gov
8. Has airport noise in the areas of the schools been measured road noise is? Much higher where I live than airport noise.
9. Boulder has 100K acres of open space. Why are we talking about 180 acres at the airport?
10. We need affordable housing
11. Best opportunity in Boulder to develop middle income permanently affordable housing!
12. Housing is a much bigger problem than the airport can solve. Boulder needs denser housing. Closing the airport only means we lose valuable resources. It does not solve the housing problem.
13. If you want to reduce noise, please slow highway 36 speed between Table Mesa and Baseline. It is noisier than the airport.
14. Already exists with apps like Flightaware
15. Improve accuracy of flight map
16. Housing is coming to East Boulder. (E. Boulder subcomm. Plan). Are airport operations still compatible?
17. Everyone involved with the increase in density around the airport moved in with full knowledge of the airport's existence. They consciously chose to move next to our airport. They accepted it when it served their personal interest, but now want to deny its right to exist.
18. Expand the play area for kids to watch
19. Weekend supervision and communication with pilot groups.

20. In the last 6 to 7 years noise and pollution from the airport affect quality of life in East Boulder. One guy in a plane and one guy in glider should have the power to disturb the children, animals and people who have to live with it over and over in their neighborhood. This airport was not a problem before the increase in traffic especially on weekends.
21. Existing residential areas should be upzoned. Not giving away public resources to a developer.
22. I vote for repurposing the airport land for housing that is affordable, with transportation going to all parts of Boulder. The airport currently: contributes to air pollution, uses fossil fuels, is a big noise contributor in my area (Northfield Village), Scares me when planes are so low over my house, is used by a tiny minority of residents the airport could be moved to less populated areas or at least, stop the "touch and go" training.
23. This isn't just a city of Boulder issue. All Boulder county residents who live in the airport area should be allowed and encouraged to weight in on this decision regarding the future of the airport.

### **Safety and Noise**

1. First deal w/the noise pollution coming off Hwy-36. Then, lets talk about the exponetially less noise coming from airplanes over Boulder that are not likley coming from Boulder's airport.
2. NA procedures seem better than in many places, but some pilots would be unaware of them. Work on improving their visibility.
3. Living closer to the my flight schoool is a also an added benefit
4. Yes, I've lived next to KBDU for over 7 years and have had no issues to this day.
5. Which has not changed significantly since the airport was built. What impact on wildlife will all the homes have?
6. What alternative noise reduction and how?
7. Same concern of aiport community worried about retaliation on them and their families
8. What percentage of residents near the airport compalin about the noise? Is it really a "community issue" or a small handful of loud complainers?
9. How do these increase safety? Deviations from standard patterns will decrease safety
10. Don't buy a house near an airport if you don't want noise.
11. Airport operators concernd complaints are anonymous and complainers have access to all operators personal info.
12. Increase in noise
13. Noise is very disruptive to people who use Walden and Sawhill ponds for bird and wildlife viewing.
14. What is the goal of new traffic pattern?
15. What is the goal of evaluating touch and go activity?
16. For flight trainings electric trainers are a good option. Much quieter. Lower environmental impact
17. Allow quiet winch-launched gliders again like in the 1970s
18. The airport has been here longer than most of the people complaining about the noise
19. Improve accuracy and give feedback to pilots



20. Create noise abatement - signs on the take off ends of the runway with desired patterns - many small airports, how have these.
21. As a person who lives right under the traffic pattern for runways 8 and 26; noise has never been an issue for me, and never will be. Jay Rd. is a lot noisier and the sound of train horns and traffic from vehicles on the road - far out numbers sound from l

### **Community Feedback**

1. Environmental sustainable? Not an airport!
2. Could steeper approaches be mandated to reduce noise complaints?
3. The airport provides valuable place to help with wild fees, presidential visits, hangar parties, community events.
4. No more traffic on Independence and 57th Street, Keep airport!
5. Affordable housing with emergency staging station only
6. Innovate noise abatement. Innovate more business investment
7. Go lead free. Push clean fuels, power innovation.
8. Close the airport
9. Keep airport, go solar
10. Keep airport as is small and local.
11. Keep the airport enforce outlier plane with excessive noise.
12. Get rid of paragliders
13. Pilots need to more respectful of those below.
14. Thank you to the airport for all you do for our community rescue, firefighting base, community gathering place, raising funds.
15. Better fuel refill system
16. Near the self-serve pump
17. QR codes should link to phone friendly web pages, not hard to read PDF documents.
18. Plane quantity and noise has surged dramatically during my 23 years as a homeowner! It's disturbing me all day long - often the first thing I hear in the morning and sometimes the last thing I hear at night. My peaceful walks are disrupted daily. Makes me want to move away. Enough already.
19. Noise abatement strategies and signage for noise

20. We should consider FAA planning process to further develop air operations, notably serving electric and unleaded flight. We should also seek FAA funds that increase airport operations transparency.
21. As a home owner here for decades the airport has gotten out of control in recent years. It gets worse every year. This is not "you move near an airport" it's what the culture is. This airport has become .
22. Airports is an important community resources: - Creates opportunities for local youth. Provides placement emergency sources. Trains future airlines pilots.
23. Please publish the schedule for Comm. Eng. Conv. And MP development. Is there enough time to get an honest land use study and then engage with the community? I understood MP would start this summer. That is not enough ime to get into we need for an informed decision.
24. Enhance current airport capabilities: Design for next generation fuels: 100 unleaded, electric. Maintain firefighting capability, medevac, search and rescue capabilities. Empower local students to pursue STEM and aviation careers. Bolster the Boulder economy with buisness access to the sky within the city. Present history of aviation to locals. Provides glides flying capability to Colorado's north - a really unique instutution. Don't fall victims to predatory development practices.
25. This open house feels biased. Given that it's paid for by BDU operations and thus the tenants. This is not surprising, but very disappointing. We need an honest balanced comprehensive land use study. Citizens need this in order to be fully informed then we can have a conversation.
26. To the city council - By sessing "credits" from the "developers" to be used somewhere, anywhere else, you have eliminated any opportunity to combine income groups. The original idea was healthy, but has been destroyed. To demolish the airport, a viable economy, is foolish in my opinion. Boulder could be at the forefront of electric airplanes, why don't you pursue that?
27. Things that are plusses for Boulder - As seen as a huge taxpaying family since 1960 - Aerial ambulences have saved people lives, multiple times airport was turnedover to aerial firefighting - it was key in the formile fire ( My company was key during thatfire) and all other fires around boulder and Fort Collins, emergency hospital helicopters operate and train here, Trained aerial firefighters, backcountry alaskan critial transport, aerial survey pilots who fly enviromental research flew townplanes - that's were they gained experience. 2013 flood - Boulder was keyh to saving people (and pets) lives. Thousands of young eagles flights that introduce all sorts of children - some in conjunction with school STEM programs.

## **Vision**

1. First responder training
2. Local business for all not just pilots
3. Aviation Education - Museum, BVSD Partner
4. Scholarship for education
5. Restaurant/Brewery
6. Technology upgrades for cutting edge technology
7. View preservation
8. Flood ops
9. Better Wildlife Habitat that is aviation compliant
10. Affordable Housing
11. Airport Influence/Area signs
12. Engine Shop/Maintenance
13. Upholstrey shop
14. Parks and trees
15. Better/new access points
16. Community building
17. Art gallery center
18. Sun shelters for airplanes
19. City should not take ownership of hangars at 20 years. Promote investment and aviation
20. Private Hangars
21. More hangars/ better hangars
22. Dog and kid park



23. Park for kids
24. Petting zoo
25. Make it all a park
26. EVTOL Hub
27. Leader in Alt fuels
28. Landscape beautification
29. Open space beautification wild flowers
30. Fire education
31. Church/Worship area
32. More fire ops
33. New terminal
34. New zero hangars
35. Better snow infrastructure
36. Maintain For helicopter emergency
37. Fly - In camping sites
38. Commercial flights
39. Avionics Shop
40. Aviation Business promotion
41. Place to highlight all colorado companies
42. Do nothing - keep airport as is. It's a beautiful openspace. We love seeing the gliders everyday. We are very concerned about additonal traffic if multihousing goes in. Not the right direction.
43. More events - Ampitheather/outdoor movies

44. Design for the future of aviation - Add infrastructure for 100 unleaded and electric aircraft. The nationally ranked aerospace engineering college at CU will continue to have access to resources that helps make better engineers. Pilots will be trained to
45. Do Nothing. The airport serves a critical pillar for emergency services during floods, fires etc. Turning the area into affordable housing will devalue existing homes in the area with increased traffic. Independence is a high traffic road with runners, cy
46. The northern edge of the property is largely in AG. Use with many properties having sold development rights or created conservation easement or had restricted use based on pastoral aesthetic by Boulder city and county. Building tall housing that disrupts
47. Please do nothing - The airport is more than a place for airplanes. It is a reassuring to know that a strategic base for firefighting crews, flood victims rescues, research for aerospace, N. C.A.R. Training for future pilots, open airspace. There are so m
48. Please do nothing - The airport is a rare resource for so many important services. Training pilots, fire emergencies, flood victim rescue. Not to overlook the beautiful gliders and future transportation hub for our progressive community. Keep the airport.
49. Boulder airport is an important community resource! Creates opportunities for local youth, provides strategic location for emergency services, trains future airline pilots for your vacations.
50. Build middle income housing - not high density (sidewalks, parks, outdoor pool) A place with yard for kids. We are losing BVSD students.
51. "Boulder airport can be "everything everywhere all at once" - A new public space system using "local" art, new stormwater garden. Diverse housing - mixed income. Solar garden energy production. A unique transportation experiment. A working model to "Build

### **Conversation Station**

1. I live near the airport and don't mind the noise at all. I see it as a critical part of our community.
2. In 20 years the airport is a thriving part of the community. We love it.
3. The airport is not used out of necessity for emergencies. It's convenient but not needed. RMMA VBO are more capable than BDU. Close BDU.
4. KBDU supports local education, economy, and public safety: maintaining it for the future of the city would be a positive investment for Boulder.
5. Light aircraft (w/lawnmower engines) are the only noise issue at the airport. Keep the airport
6. Helped with 2013 flood evacuation of Mtn. Towns!
7. Trying to close Boulder airport won't get rid of pilot on the front range. Just pilots know about KBDU's noise abatement. Pilots will be more likely to over fly the middle of Boulder and flat iron airport without KBDU.
8. Boulder airport is one of the last "mom and pop" airports on the front range in my opinion. As a former flight instructor at Journey's and student at UWD. I believe mom and pop FBOs is one the most inclusive caring experiences for CU students and local community members. Boulder is your small business of traveling.
9. No other airports compare
10. Publish a study on what percent of the population is bothered by the airport. I see mostly support in the comments.
11. The airport is a great place for international students at CU Boulder to further their passion for aviation which is unaffordable or non-existent in their own countries.
12. Keep the airport! Maybe improve with some community features, parks? Better enforce noise abatement rules. Make airport attractive to non-pilots.
13. High speed rail not GA airports
14. KBDU is perfect, wonderful airport the community the services just can't be matched!
15. Only pilots champion the airport. It's important to know how organized they are.
16. Agreed! This airport is home to many aviators and aspiring aviators.

17. All the forest fires, airplanes fought and saved neighborhoods.
18. Airports supports environmental research = NEON co.
19. Do nothing, keep the airport.
20. No major changes needed. Airport is great.
21. Airport needs to stay as is. Not for housing development zone 3. Continue plan North of 36 now.
22. I'm frustrated the city has approached the conversation asking "why should we close the airport?"  
Not from a perspective of what's the benefit of the airport how could we best use it?
23. Airports are for airports. Not for housing.
24. High value for training of search and rescue.
25. If airports goes away pilots drive cars to other airports, so more traffic. Keep the airport.
26. No more airport
27. J/H balance already!
28. What is EVTOL? Electric Vehicle, Take Off and Landing
29. MHG Flight training provides lower cost. Opportunities to our underserved communities (include scholarship).
30. Boulder airport is used for business, flight training, gliders, fire training, search and rescue. A city of 100,000 needs an airport. Keep the airport.
31. Why tear up the airport. Plenty of vacant land nearby to build on just north of the airport for example.  
How much will the city have to reimburse FAA for improvements?
32. Keep the airport like it is! There are so many people who use it. It makes our city more interesting.
33. EVTOL does not need a runway or "airport". Suspending 179 acres makes no sense. Close BDU. We can have housing and local business here for all.
34. The airport is where the ecosystem goes to die. Nothing regenerative here and it's a huge polluter of noise, lead and carbon. We need to be better stewards of the area than serving a few of the population.
35. Airport is perfect. Creates opportunities for local youth, Perfect location for emergencies procedures such as flooding, fire fighting, your future airline pilots train here.

36. The 179 acres could be a great site... for housing. We need it badly.

37. Think about the future. Boulder municipal airport will be a future EVTOL hub. Who wants the uber of air at boulder?





Appendix D. Public Comments – Comment Forms

### **Airport Economics**

1. What type of rules and how do you patrol
2. Preference for city residents for hangar waitlist
3. Publish the waitlist for hangars
4. Boulder is a local airport that changed several years ago to training without community input. There are better options for pilot training than Boulder's small landing strip.
5. Why aren't sales taxes raised at airport used for the airport?
6. More friendly lease
7. This whole project and conversation is looking for a problem where there is none. Spend that city's tax dollars on something more worthwhile like housing and businesses failing in the city center (i.e. Pearl Street).
8. City of Boulder does provide support (space opportunity) via CAP and EAA
9. Provides access to youth
10. Partnerships for training
11. I don't understand this process. How do the dots get weighted? Why are there no guides to how to use the dots? Can I put 10 on the bullet I really want? With no instructions and no voting control this data is absolutely worthless and a total waste of my time. And my city's funds.
12. Soaring - Access to world class soaring, home to the best soaring pilots in the US/World, Safe Glider Training, Affordable/Sustainable Glides Operations
13. The Airport Benefits section is not useful as it is stated. No one could identify a benefit? Perhaps we should speak to the pilots.
14. Is there a budget shortfall for the airport? Why add fees?
15. Substantial scientific research based at the airport, Scientific aviation, national ecological observatory network.
16. Training - 1. Educational Access and Opportunity - KBDU is a hidden education/experiential gem. Local school districts with STEM and non-STEM programming could better utilize what KBDU has to offer. 2. EAA Young Eagles - Free flight for youth 8 - 17. KBDU is a venue for giving local kids the experience of flight in a small aircraft. This is such a unique event to instill and inspire kids to fly - our

future aviators. 3. You Outreach - KBDU has so much potential to provide aviation access for youth from all backgrounds.

17. The airport is a valuable, integral part of the community. Pilot training, emergency services (fire and flood), research. Concerns about leaded fuel will go away in the next 3-5 years. Yes, the airport could be better with: 1. Voluntary noise abatement program enforcement. 2. Some airplanes are just too loud.

### **Airport Operations**

1. Unleaded fuel has been approved
2. Unleaded fuel is coming in +/- 2 years
3. City of Boulder - Leaded fuel is not good. Unleaded fuel is now available. Please subsidize the used and switch to unleaded fuel.
4. Boulder can/should become an early adopter of new unleaded gas.
5. Why not offer unleaded fuel at the airport. The cessna's reportedly operate better on unleaded fuel. The lead in soil could also be from when cars ran on leaded.
6. Very few cities have the privilege of having an airport. Don't destroy this valuable asset!
7. FAA has approved at least one non/leaded fuel. When they bring it online - all planes will be required to use it.
8. Lead and other heavy metals exist naturally here in the Rockies. And, lead will exist in the soil irrespective of airplane emissions
9. With the concerns of lead in the soil. Augas is also offered "100 UL" or unleaded fuel. Compliant aircraft engines may safely run on this fuel.
10. Profound, low cost, inspirational programs such as civil air patrol cadets operate here to inspire future aviators.
11. Unleaded automotive gas available at Longmont. It should be available here.
12. EPA tested for lead at the run-up areas of Longmont airport and found no lead new or actionable levels.
13. Why were schools built in flight paths?
14. Please do not take away this wholesome program when our youth needs it more than ever.
15. No! The airport is part of the community.
16. Keep in mind that operations surrounding airports. Rm, Fort-Love, Erie, etc. All FH around the area and mostly don't land at Boulder's airport.
17. This would be very short sided.
18. First housing and then what?

19. Walden Ponds - the airport noise on the weekdns at Walden ponds is very, very distrubing. It's not just people who are affected by the continuous take offs and landings.
20. Essential fueling site for BCU medivacs, incident command and response site in emergencies.
21. Positive; education opportunities for youth and underserved community
22. We need weekend airport manager - not leave message - solve the problem
23. Flying towerplanes is like a master class in situational awareness. It is a tremendous stepping stone for a career in aviation.
24. Airport access drives scientific groups to locate in Boulder. NEON 70 million per year budget is based in Boulder.
25. Unleaded aviation fuel is not far away - don't need to change policy for this issue to change in the near future.
26. Is there a suggestion that the runways are not compliant to FFA regs? Is so, how?
27. Sell unleaded fuel at BDU. Pilots will get the STC and use it.
28. Lead conversion to unleaded and electric and solar power
29. Efforts can be made to minimize noise and imporve flight paths and operations.
30. Why is it presumed that the Boulder municipal airport needs an alternative? At a time where wildfire risks are increasing shouldn't we want to maintain this valuable infrastructure for air based fire operations?
31. I would like to see an FBO operation for private jets. It will bring a lot more revenue for the county. More private hangers too.
32. We are neighbors to the north of the airport and we are very supportive of the airport. It is an incredible resource to the city and country and changes should be carefully considered.



### **Land Use and Engagement**

1. Mixed income
2. Start now!
3. Little market rate
4. 60 - 150% AMV
5. No private cars, Vanban
6. Vanban, Freiburg, Germany
7. Civil air patrol would love to help with these, boulder. Cap.gov
8. Has airport noise in the areas of the schools been measured road noise is? Much higher where I live than airport noise.
9. Boulder has 100K acres of open space. Why are we talking about 180 acres at the airport?
10. We need affordable housing
11. Best opportunity in Boulder to develop middle income permanently affordable housing!
12. Housing is a much bigger problem than the airport can solve. Boulder needs denser housing. Closing the airport only means we lose valuable resources. It does not solve the housing problem.
13. If you want to reduce noise, please slow highway 36 speed between Table Mesa and Baseline. It is noisier than the airport.
14. Already exists with apps like Flightaware
15. Improve accuracy of flight map
16. Housing is coming to East Boulder. (E. Boulder subcomm. Plan). Are airport operations still compatible?
17. Everyone involved with the increase in density around the airport moved in with full knowledge of the airport's existence. They consciously chose to move next to our airport. They accepted it when it served their personal interest, but now want to deny its right to exist.
18. Expand the play area for kids to watch
19. Weekend supervision and communication with pilot groups.

20. In the last 6 to 7 years noise and pollution from the airport affect quality of life in East Boulder. One guy in a plane and one guy in glider should have the power to disturb the children, animals and people who have to live with it over and over in their neighborhood. This airport was not a problem before the increase in traffic especially on weekends.
21. Existing residential areas should be upzoned. Not giving away public resources to a developer.
22. I vote for repurposing the airport land for housing that is affordable, with transportation going to all parts of Boulder. The airport currently: contributes to air pollution, uses fossil fuels, is a big noise contributor in my area (Northfield Village), Scares me when planes are so low over my house, is used by a tiny minority of residents the airport could be moved to less populated areas or at least, stop the "touch and go" training.
23. This isn't just a city of Boulder issue. All Boulder county residents who live in the airport area should be allowed and encouraged to weight in on this decision regarding the future of the airport.

### **Boulder Planning Documents**

1. Importance of BDU for sustainable transportation, commercial freight and for people
2. While helis do offer some medical service, they don't need a runway. It's safe to say 95 - 98% of airport ops are sheer hobby. Even the flight training. What stats of students go onto commercial? We don't need 179 acres here.
3. The airport fiscally costs the city money and is not needed for emergency use. VBO and RMM are better. This myth has no data to back it.
4. I started my career flying at Boulder and now my job is flying cargo to keep the just-in-time supply chain going for American manufacturing. Boulder is a great home for my aviation life!
5. Keep nearly 300 jobs.
6. Please expand the viewing area at the airport so more families can come and safely be part of the airport community.
7. STEM for adults (build their own planes)
8. The airport is critical piece of transportation infrastructure
9. Leave space open. Space for spot landing
10. Viewing area. Great activity for little kids.
11. Agreed, unleaded fuel.
12. Lead issues being resolved by EPA and FAA. Newer airplanes don't use lead.
13. Save the airport. It is too important to the city of Boulder.
14. Airport. Rescue education. All necessary.
15. Super pro. Keep the airport. I love it.
16. If you insist on keeping the airport, airport manager must be available all day Saturday and Sunday.
17. Airport/aviation crew be used to teach kids science.
18. Keep airport as is, keep small and local.
19. Close it.
20. Community space and runway viewing, food and restaurants.

21. The airport is a virtual resource for young aviators.
22. Keep the airport. It is a great resource.
23. If we lose the airport we can't get one back.
24. Airport important for wildfire management and operations
25. Neighbors support the airport.
26. Has anyone studied the impacts of pollution from Leaded fuel used in airplanes?
27. Let's start with Monday through Friday.
28. These are some bad actor pilots flying north of Jay Rd. should be reprimanded.
29. Implement BVCP 6/23 assess potential for housing
30. Airport to remain.
31. The airport is an important subcommunity within Boulder. It is used by so many youth programs.
32. Regulate so props don't go supersocial (noise).
33. We don't know what the future holds, regarding emergencies and climate issues.
34. For a walker on 4 mile trail - the noise of circling airplanes is unwelcome. I get that it's fun for them.
35. Airport generates revenue and supports medivac and rescue. Keep it and upgrade.
36. Friendships made at airport =community
37. Make airport self managed by person group who runs the FBO.
38. I was born and raised by the airport. It's been an invaluable experience for my life. Father and brother fly, my son is interested.
39. Get rid of paragliders/trespassers.
40. This airport is such a vital part of our community. Please, please do not take it away.
41. Don't build housing in the path of the runway. (Outside airport suggestion).
42. Value of programming - WWII Ball Event
43. Generate tens of millions of dollars of economic benefit as an airport.

44. Support air wildfire efforts.
45. Value of education and training at the airport is high.
46. Terminal Building could use a little updating.
47. BDU provides grounds for the local Civil air patrol squadron, which allows search and rescue training and prepare to be of service to Boulder.
48. There are too many general aviation airports. Noise, lead and air pollution. Tear down the airport and build something that will benefit all.
49. KBDU is wonderful space for civil air patrol. It is great facility for our squadron to meet and educate youth about emergency services, aerospace education and leadership.
50. How can [we] attract more companies/research groups to use the airport?
51. The airport is a big part of why I moved to Boulder.
52. Consider tax and monthly revenues from hangers.
53. Recognition of importance of BDU for emergency services, rescue, wildfire, and hospital.
54. The community needs the airport.
55. The future of aviation for small airports are invaluable to the communities they serve.
56. Airport desperately needs instrument procedures
57. Treat airport as recreation amenity like parks, golf course, etc.
58. "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." How did this throw away statement that most council members probably didn't even know was in the plan kick off a process that is threatening our airport? Other than investing in the airport. Please change nothing.
59. I'm a master gardener. Plant some trees and O2 the air more around there. We have 650 trees and are contributing O2 from pollution.
60. Importance of Airport. - Provide skills toward employment, youth eagles, exposure to flying for those who might not experience it, programs to rescue animals (via flights) Pilots and paws and animal rescuing.



61. I would like to see a proper FBO operation for private jets, planes and helicopters. This can bring higher revenues for the city and attract more investors. I run an aircraft detailing business in Aspen and Vail. The FBO is by far the most profitable part of those airports.
62. Airport is an important community resource. It provides strategic location for firefighting, mitigation, emergencies. Creates jobs to local youth and mentorship, Trainings future airlines pilots for you to visit family and vacation time.
63. Solar powered/electric aircraft
64. The airport is valuable for the community.
65. Hangers - Get rid of reversal clause
66. Keep the airport - the glider facility is wonderful. We love watching the small planes. - Neighbor for 55 years.
67. Fewer cars! More bicycles and pedestrian, smaller and more frequent transit.
68. I live next to a noisy school (air conditioning units) and would trade to live by the airport.
69. Longer runways for jets
70. Keep the airport alive.
71. I'd love to see the airport users and the airport complianers sit together and know each other. The city could invite the airport neighbors to take glider/power flights (city paid) to experience the magic of flight.
72. Save the airport for the future use. Electrified aviation is coming sooner than you think once it is gone we will never get it back.

### **Safety and Noise**

1. First deal w/the noise pollution coming off Hwy-36. Then, lets talk about the exponetially less noise coming from airplanes over Boulder that are not likley coming from Boulder's airport.
2. NA procedures seem better than in many places, but some pilots would be unaware of them. Work on improving their visibility.
3. Living closer to the my flight schoool is a also an added benefit
4. Yes, I've lived next to KBDU for over 7 years and have had no issues to this day.
5. Which has not changed significantly since the airport was built. What impact on wildlife will all the homes have?
6. What alternative noise reduction and how?
7. Same concern of aiport community worried about retaliation on them and their families
8. What percentage of residents near the airport compalin about the noise? Is it really a "community issue" or a small handful of loud complainers?
9. How do these increase safety? Deviations from standard patterns will decrease safety
10. Don't buy a house near an airport if you don't want noise.
11. Airport operators concernd complaints are anonymous and complainers have access to all operators personal info.
12. Increase in noise
13. Noise is very disruptive to people who use Walden and Sawhill ponds for bird and wildlife viewing.
14. What is the goal of new traffic pattern?
15. What is the goal of evaluating touch and go activity?
16. For flight trainings electric trainers are a good option. Much quieter. Lower environmental impact
17. Allow quiet winch-launched gliders again like in the 1970s
18. The airport has been here longer than most of the people complaining about the noise
19. Improve accuracy and give feedback to pilots

20. Create noise abatement - signs on the take off ends of the runway with desired patterns - many small airports, how have these.
21. As a person who lives right under the traffic pattern for runways 8 and 26; noise has never been an issue for me, and never will be. Jay Rd. is a lot noisier and the sound of train horns and traffic from vehicles on the road - far out numbers sound from I

## **Vision**

1. First responder training
2. Local business for all not just pilots
3. Aviation Education - Museum, BVSD Partner
4. Scholarship for education
5. Restaurant/Brewery
6. Technology upgrades for cutting edge technology
7. View preservation
8. Flood ops
9. Better Wildlife Habitat that is aviation compliant
10. Affordable Housing
11. Airport Influence/Area signs
12. Engine Shop/Maintenance
13. Upholstrey shop
14. Parks and trees
15. Better/new access points
16. Community building
17. Art gallery center
18. Sun shelters for airplanes
19. City should not take ownership of hangars at 20 years. Promote investment and aviation
20. Private Hangars
21. More hangars/ better hangars
22. Dog and kid park

23. Park for kids
24. Petting zoo
25. Make it all a park
26. EVTOL Hub
27. Leader in Alt fuels
28. Landscape beautification
29. Open space beautification wild flowers
30. Fire education
31. Church/Worship area
32. More fire ops
33. New terminal
34. New zero hangars
35. Better snow infrastructure
36. Maintain For helicopter emergency
37. Fly - In camping sites
38. Commercial flights
39. Avionics Shop
40. Aviation Business promotion
41. Place to highlight all colorado companies
42. Do nothing - keep airport as is. It's a beautiful openspace. We love seeing the gliders everyday. We are very concerned about additonal traffic if multihousing goes in. Not the right direction.
43. More events - Ampitheather/outdoor movies

44. Design for the future of aviation - Add infrastructure for 100 unleaded and electric aircraft. The nationally ranked aerospace engineering college at CU will continue to have access to resources that helps make better engineers. Pilots will be trained to
45. Do Nothing. The airport serves a critical pillar for emergency services during floods, fires etc. Turning the area into affordable housing will devalue existing homes in the area with increased traffic. Independence is a high traffic road with runners, cy
46. The northern edge of the property is largely in AG. Use with many properties having sold development rights or created conservation easement or had restricted use based on pastoral aesthetic by Boulder city and county. Building tall housing that disrupts
47. Please do nothing - The airport is more than a place for airplanes. It is a reassuring to know that a strategic base for firefighting crews, flood victims rescues, research for aerospace, N. C.A.R. Training for future pilots, open airspace. There are so m
48. Please do nothing - The airport is a rare resource for so many important services. Training pilots, fire emergencies, flood victim rescue. Not to overlook the beautiful gliders and future transportation hub for our progressive community. Keep the airport.
49. Boulder airport is an important community resource! Creates opportunities for local youth, provides strategic location for emergency services, trains future airline pilots for your vacations.
50. Build middle income housing - not high density (sidewalks, parks, outdoor pool) A place with yard for kids. We are losing BVSD students.
51. "Boulder airport can be "everything everywhere all at once" - A new public space system using "local" art, new stormwater garden. Diverse housing - mixed income. Solar garden energy production. A unique transportation experiment. A working model to "Build



### **Community Feedback**

1. Environmental sustainable? Not an airport!
2. Could steeper approaches be mandated to reduce noise complaints?
3. The airport provides valuable place to help with wild fees, presidential visits, hangar parties, community events.
4. No more traffic on Independence and 57th Street, Keep airport!
5. Affordable housing with emergency staging station only
6. Innovate noise abatement. Innovate more business investment
7. Go lead free. Push clean fuels, power innovation.
8. Close the airport
9. Keep airport, go solar
10. Keep airport as is small and local.
11. Keep the airport enforce outlier plane with excessive noise.
12. Get rid of paragliders
13. Pilots need to more respectful of those below.
14. Thank you to the airport for all you do for our community rescue, firefighting base, community gathering place, raising funds.
15. Better fuel refill system
16. Near the self-serve pump
17. QR codes should link to phone friendly web pages, not hard to read PDF documents.
18. Plane quantity and noise has surged dramatically during my 23 years as a homeowner! It's disturbing me all day long - often the first thing I hear in the morning and sometimes the last thing I hear at night. My peaceful walks are disrupted daily. Makes me want to move away. Enough already.
19. Noise abatement strategies and signage for noise

20. We should consider FAA planning process to further develop air operations, notably serving electric and unleaded flight. We should also seek FAA funds that increase airport operations transparency.
21. As a home owner here for decades the airport has gotten out of control in recent years. It gets worse every year. This is not "you move near an airport" it's what the culture is. This airport has become .
22. Airports is an important community resources: - Creates opportunities for local youth. Provides placement emergency sources. Trains future airlines pilots.
23. Please publish the schedule for Comm. Eng. Conv. And MP development. Is there enough time to get an honest land use study and then engage with the community? I understood MP would start this summer. That is not enough ime to get into we need for an informed decision.
24. Enhance current airport capabilities: Design for next generation fuels: 100 unleaded, electric. Maintain firefighting capability, medevac, search and rescue capabilities. Empower local students to pursue STEM and aviation careers. Bolster the Boulder economy with buisness access to the sky within the city. Present history of aviation to locals. Provides glides flying capability to Colorado's north - a really unique instutution. Don't fall victims to predatory development practices.
25. This open house feels biased. Given that it's paid for by BDU operations and thus the tenants. This is not surprising, but very disappointing. We need an honest balanced comprehensive land use study. Citizens need this in order to be fully informed then we can have a conversation.
26. To the city council - By sessing "credits" from the "developers" to be used somewhere, anywhere else, you have eliminated any opportunity to combine income groups. The original idea was healthy, but has been destroyed. To demolish the airport, a viable economy, is foolish in my opinion. Boulder could be at the forefront of electric airplanes, why don't you pursue that?
27. Things that are plusses for Boulder - As seen as a huge taxpaying family since 1960 - Aerial ambulences have saved people lives, multiple times airport was turnedover to aerial firefighting - it was key in the formile fire ( My company was key during thatfire) and all other fires around boulder and Fort Collins, emergency hospital helicopters operate and train here, Trained aerial firefighters, backcountry alaskan critial transport, aerial survey pilots who fly enviromental research flew townplanes - that's were they gained experience. 2013 flood - Boulder was keyh to saving people (and pets) lives. Thousands of young eagles flights that introduce all sorts of children - some in conjunction with school STEM programs.

### **Conversation Station**

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5. Light aircraft (w/lawnmower engines) are the only noise issue at the airport. Keep the airport
6. Helped with 2013 flood evacuation of Mtn. Towns!
7. Trying to close Boulder airport won't get rid of pilot on the front range. Just pilots know about KBDU's noise abatement. Pilots will be more likely to over fly the middle of Boulder and flat iron airport without KBDU.
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9. No other airports compare
10. Publish a study on what percent of the population is bothered by the airport. I see mostly support in the comments.
11. The airport is a great place for international students at CU Boulder to further their passion for aviation which is unaffordable or non-existent in their own countries.
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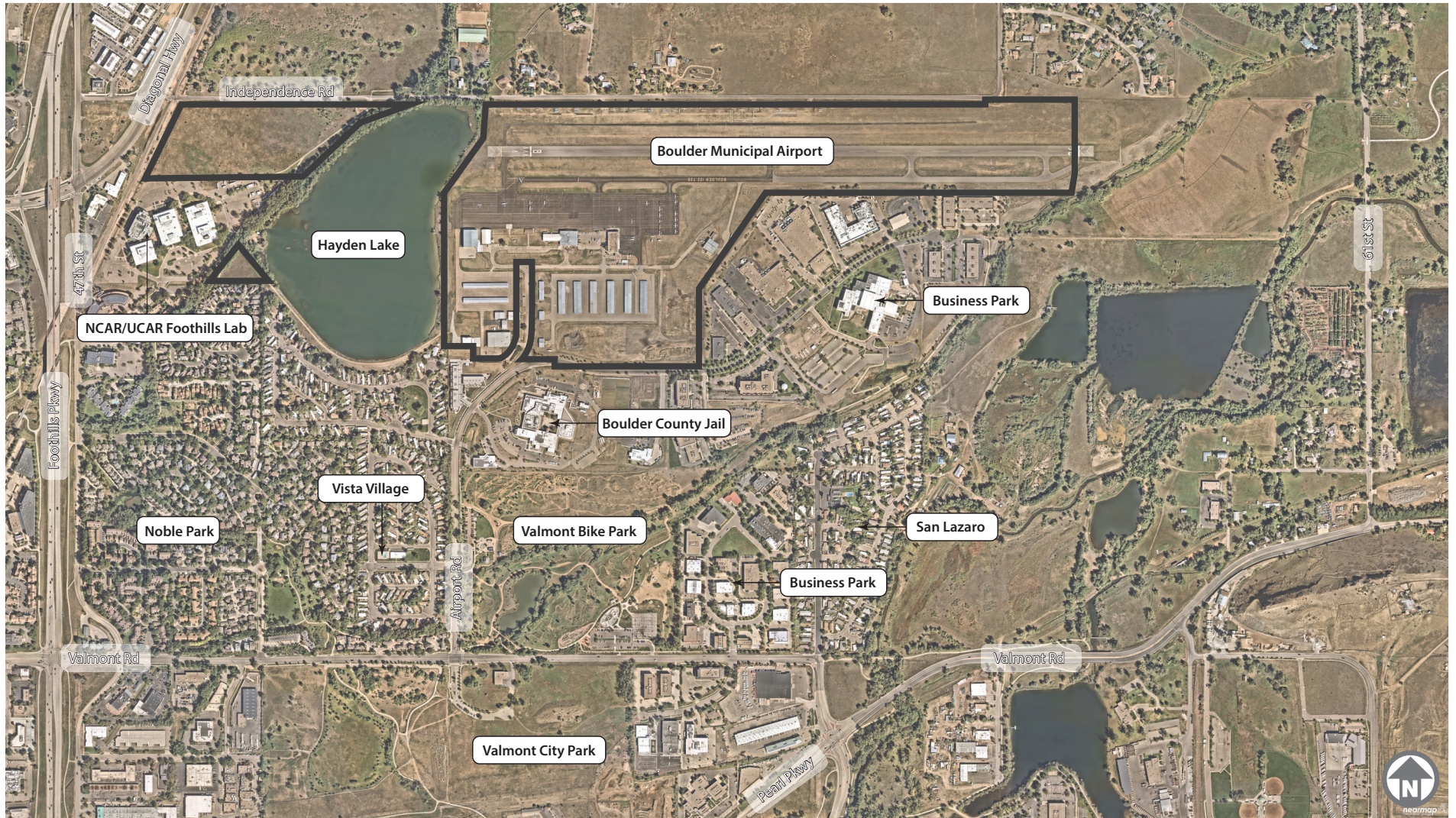
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**Appendix E. Public Meeting Airport Site Map**



# AIRPORT AREA







Appendix F. Public Comments -Photos

## Boulder Planning Documents

### 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 operations 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.



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BOULDER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

### 2007 AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

#### Goals

- Operate in a safe and efficient manner
- Continue to serve the needs of the Boulder community
- Maximize compatibility with the community
- Maintain financial self-sustainability

#### Highlights

- The airport is self-sustaining and does not rely on Boulder General Fund or Transportation Fund
- Boulder Municipal Airport has received several FAA grants for the costs associated with airport upkeep
- Maintain an appealing appearance of the airport grounds and buildings, both city-owned and leased
- FAA grants were also used to acquire 49 of the airport's acres

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BOULDER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT COMMUNITY CONVERSATION OPEN HOUSE 1

### COMMUNITY CONVERSATION FEEDBACK

Which elements do you think should be incorporated into future planning efforts?

I'm a Master Gardener. Plant some trees + Osage. The air more around trees + are contributing to air pollution. 3883 574

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Support the airport as a resource. Airport is high.

Don't build housing in the path of the runway. (Include school, shopping, etc.)

Value of program. And plan. And plan.

Generate funding of costs. And plan. And plan.

Support the airport. And plan. And plan.

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## BOULDER PLANNING DOCUMENTS

### 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;
- A welcoming, inclusive and diverse community;
- Culture of creativity and innovation;
- Strong city and county cooperation;
- Our unique community identity and sense of place;
- Compact, contiguous development and infill that supports evolution to a more sustainable urban form;
- Open space preservation;

- Great neighborhoods and public spaces;
- Environmental stewardship and climate action;
- A vibrant economy based on Boulder's quality of life and economic strengths;
- A diversity of housing types and price ranges;
- An all-mode transportation system to make getting around without a car easy and accessible to everyone; and
- Physical health, safety and well-being

### Transportation Master Plan 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

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## Airport Economics

### COMMUNITY FEEDBACK - AIRPORT ECONOMICS

#### Landing Fees

- Recover facility and maintenance costs
- Implement technology solutions

#### Tenant Accountability

- Implement rules and regulations
- Enforce leasing policy
- Tenants need to understand long term plan for airport

#### Airport Benefits

- Additional study on economic benefits and costs
- FAA Rules and Regulations
- FAA does not enforce liability insurance

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- Update building code to enable tenants to develop hangars without facility requirements of storage units
- Support the development of new hangars
- Improve FBO facilities to improve reputation and service

#### Training

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- Youth outreach provides access to those who might not otherwise
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 - "provide access to youth"  
 - "your priority issue"  
 - "weekend supervision out pilot"

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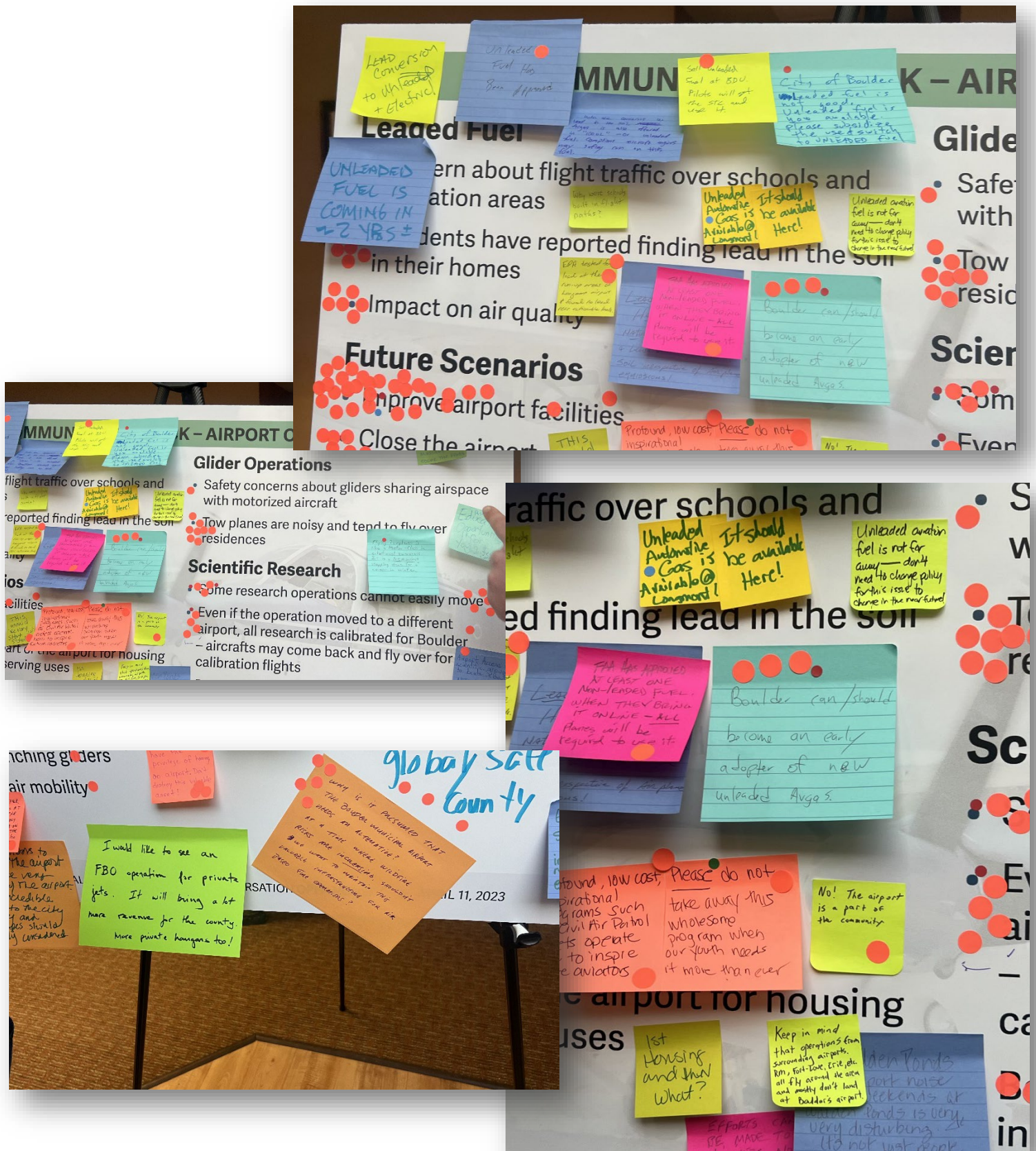
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## Airport Operations









## Safety and Noise

access to their personal information through noise complaints

- Community concerns with pilots and airport users retaliating against them

What is the goal of new traffic pattern?

What is the goal of touch-down?

Noise is very disruptive to people who live near the airport. It's a big problem.

As a pilot, I've been an advocate for a lot of things. I've been a pilot for 10 years and I've been a pilot for 10 years. I've been a pilot for 10 years and I've been a pilot for 10 years.

What alternative to noise reduction?

Increase in noise

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

## SAFETY AND NOISE

### Update Procedures

- Technical Noise Committee made up of airport tenants to address community complaints and buy-in
- Improve signage at the airport to educate departing pilots on noise abatement procedures
- Communicate to the public the steps the group is taking to address noise complaints

### Community Relations

- Some pilots and users live in neighborhood adjacent to the airport
- Adhering to voluntary abatement procedures is important to some users and pilots
- Airport noise impacts the wildlife and environment surrounding Boulder

reduce traffic pattern

enforce touch and go

enforcement for individuals/companies who deactivate collision avoidance systems

introduce a traffic management program

privacy

Tenants concerned that community members have access to their personal information through noise complaints

Community concerns with pilots and airport users

### Abatement Procedures

- Engage congressional delegations given similar themed proposed legislation
- Enhance flight tracking software capabilities
- Update rules, regulations, and leasing policies to incentivize compliance with the noise program
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For flight track, evaluate touch-down procedure as a good option that is more transparent

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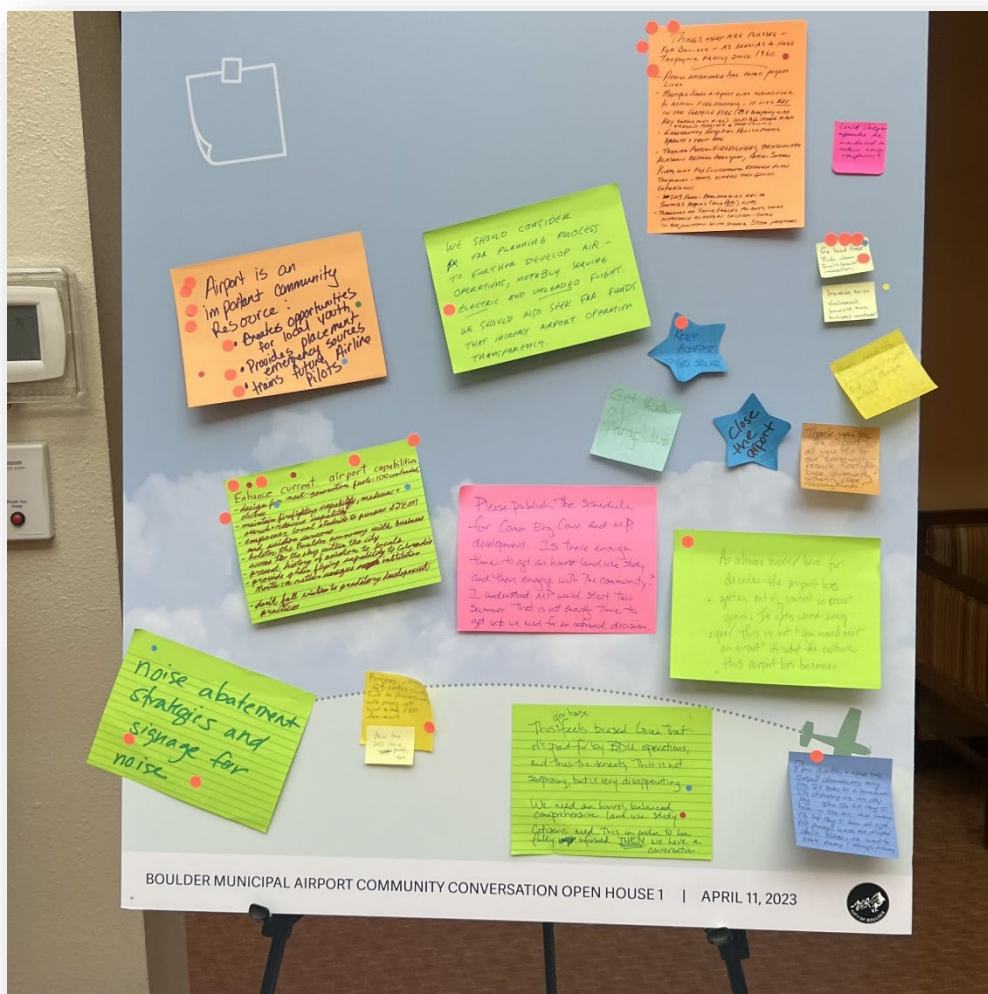
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## Community Feedback





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It's a beautiful open space. We love seeing the gliders every day. We are very concerned about additional traffic if multi housing goes in.  
NOT THE RIGHT DIRECTION!

Not high density

Sidewalks  
Parks  
Outdoor pool

A place with yards for kids.

Kids.  
We are losing BVSD students.

The airport serves a critical pillar for emergency services during floods, fires etc.

Turning the area into affordable housing will devalue existing homes in the area with increased traffic.

Independence is a high traffic road with runners cyclists, neighbors walking don't turn into another busy road.

Everyone that bought in the area knew the airport was there.

There are other lots for affordable housing.

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- a new public space system using "lago" and new stormwater gardens + wbs

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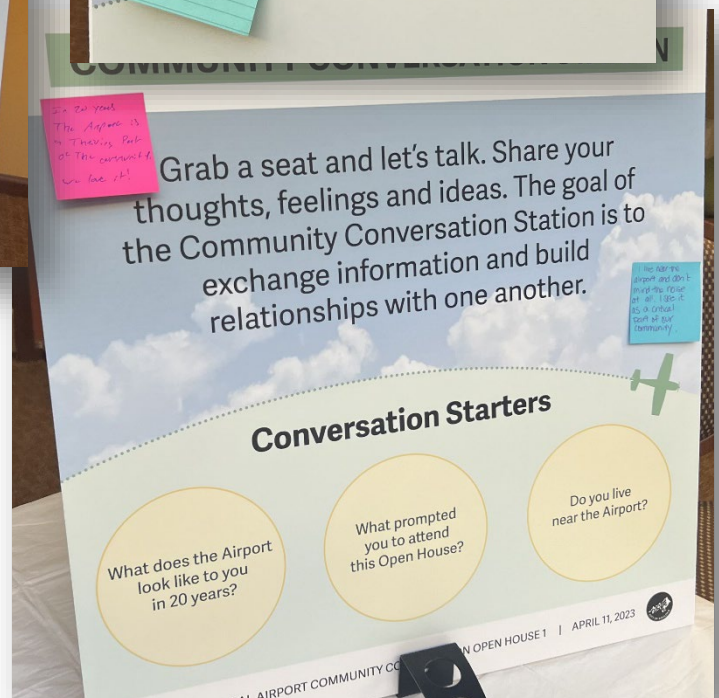
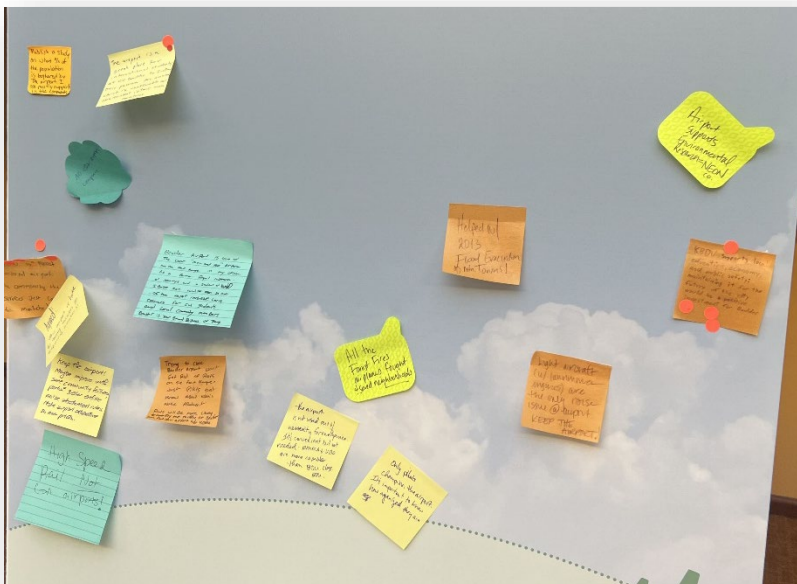
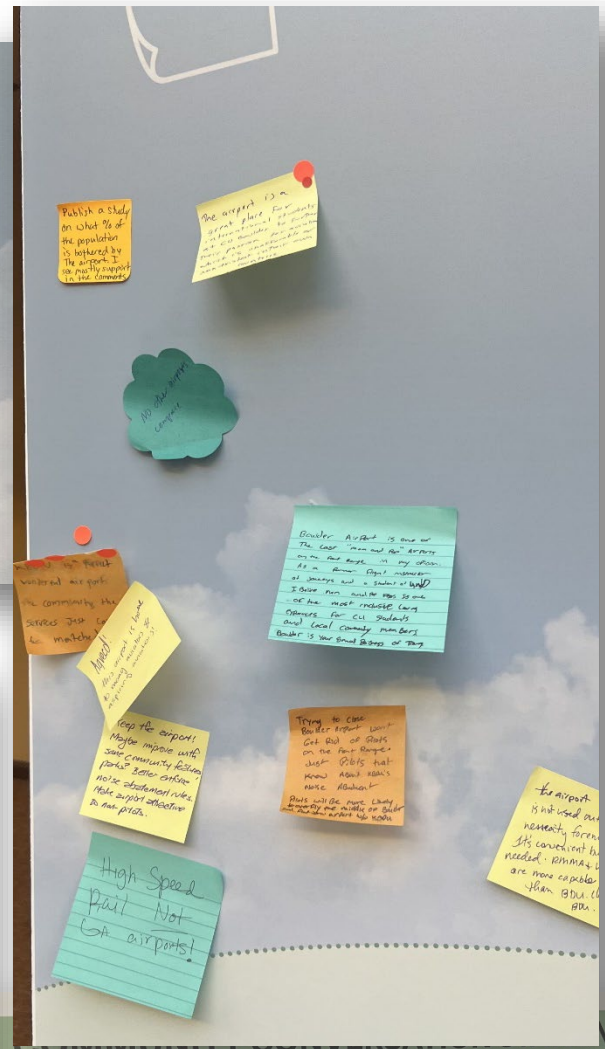
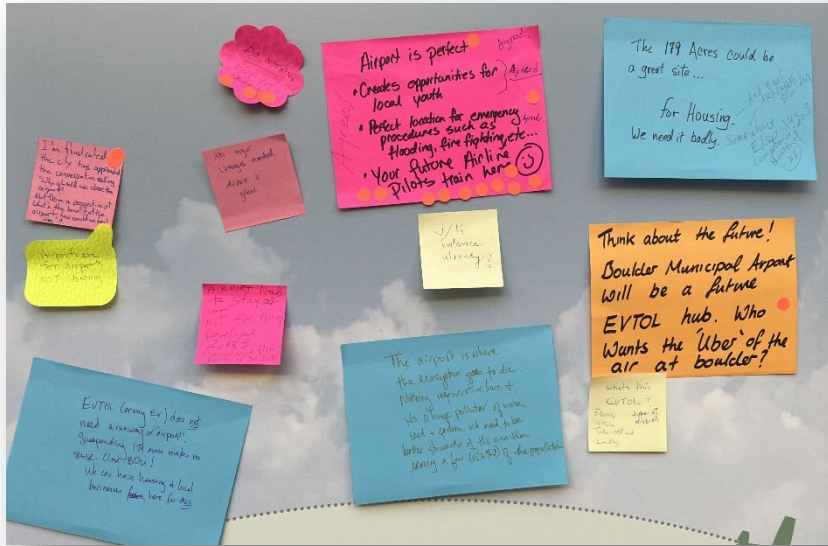
- SOLAR BARBERS, several neighborhoods
- ENERGY PRODUCTION

Boulder Airport is  
An important  
Community Resource!

- Creates a local youth strategic emergency
- Provides location services for Airlines
- Trains future pilots for your vacations



## Conversation Station







Appendix G. Media Coverage

# Boulder hears from community members on the future of its airport

The first of three open houses occurred Tuesday night that allow Boulder residents to engage on the future master plan for the Boulder Municipal Airport.

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BOULDER, Colo. — Community members filed into a lobby in Boulder Tuesday bringing with them curiosity and ideas about a property a few miles away – the [Boulder Municipal Airport \(BDU\)](#).

[According to the city](#), the airport is due for a new Airport Master Plan, which is a process that is guided by the FAA.

"I think at this point we could go in a variety of different directions," said Boulder's Senior Transportation Planner Allison Moore-Farrell at the first of three open houses Tuesday night.

[But in a separate project](#), the city kicked off a community engagement process in preparation of the future master plan to "...understand the community's desired future for Boulder Municipal Airport and recommended next steps." The first of three open houses occurred Tuesday night.

The final recommendation, the city said, are also based off of the city's [Transportation Master Plan](#) and the [Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan](#).

"It's kind of exciting to hear some community voices in this," Moore-Farrell said.



*Credit: Luis de Leon*

**Community members are addressed during an open house on the future of the Boulder Municipal Airport.**

### **A history lesson to guide understanding**

The city describes Boulder Municipal Airport as a general aviation airport. It started as a dirt landing strip in 1928, before the name was made official in 1943, according to presentations at the open house.

It received its first federal grant in 1958, and additional land was bought between 1964 and 1969.

But the type of aviation that occurred at the airport has largely stayed consistent, according to the airport's manager, John Kinney.

"You don't see too many jets coming in and out of the Boulder airport," he said, estimating that a private jet comes through BDU once every few weeks on most occasions.

The airport itself is mostly used by glider pilots, recreational pilots and first responders. The airport also does not have a control tower like Broomfield and Centennial do.

The airport is also not staffed 24/7, but did implement a flight tracking system in the spring of 2022.

“Right now, I think the community has a thirst to become more part of this airport and I think the pilot groups also want to find a way of how do we bring the community more into this airport so its more of a harmonistic relationship,” Kinney said.



*Credit: Foster Gaines*

**The Boulder Municipal Airport terminal building.**

On the website's FAQ, when asked why the conversation about the airport is starting now, it references the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan, "...which guides long-range planning in Boulder..."

In the plan's section on the airport, it states in part that, "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."

It also says that 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."

However, it remains unclear as of now which direction the city could move with the airport.





*Credit: Luis de Leon*

**Community members view presentations on the Boulder Municipal Airport.**

## **Analyzing potential**

City planners will take feedback before presenting proposals to council, but Moore-Farrell said it has to be a robust process with regards to community engagement.

"So we're looking at continuing safety at the airport and continuing our operations...can we also introduce other land uses? Can we look at other ways to improve community relations at the airport?" she said.

While they have already received feedback on mitigating noise, they're also listening to feedback specific to aviation.

"And some things we've heard thus far is looking at the future of aviation and how that could benefit the city of Boulder," she said. "Improvement can look different to different people."

Kinney explained his take on the airport's potential on several levels.

"Whether it's people learning to fly, people understanding the economic value of an airport – what it brings in terms of tangible economic impacts to the community," he explained. "But at the same time not having the activities dominate or degrade the community's quality of life to their homes."

The city plans to have two more open houses, and will keep [an online questionnaire](#) public until May 4.



[LOCAL NEWS](#)

# Boulder hosts open house on Boulder Municipal Airport's future

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Boulder is seeking feedback on the future of the Boulder Municipal Airport through an in-person open house from 4 to 7 p.m. April 11.

The open house, the first of three, will be held at Brookdale North Boulder, 3350 30th St. Dates for the other two open houses haven't yet been set.

City staff members plan to introduce Boulder's [Airport Community Conversation](#) engagement project and share information about the airport's history, current uses, future opportunities and constraints. Community members also will be invited to provide feedback. Other participation options include upcoming online questionnaires.