



# **Boulder Municipal Airport Community Conversation: Community Working Group (CWG)**

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**Meeting 5 Summary**  
**September 12, 2023**



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## Introduction

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This summary has been prepared to detail the notifications efforts and outcomes of the fifth CWG meeting. Additional details about the Community Conversation project can be found on the [project website](#).

## CWG Meeting 5

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### Meeting Information

- Location: City of Boulder Open Space & Mountain Parks (2520 55th St, Boulder, CO 80301)
- Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023
- Time: 4:30 – 6:30 pm
- Number of Attendees: 18 CWG members, 7 project team members

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## Meeting Notifications

- Email invite to CWG members
- Email reminder

## Presentation Topics

- Summary of Community Questionnaire #2
- Summary of Bilingual Community Meetings
- Evaluation Considerations Feedback Summary
- CWG Accomplishments and Outcomes
- City Council Meeting Report Out
- Next Steps
- Closing Remarks and Comments

## Summary of Meeting

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The presentation slides are included in this document as **Appendix A**. The project team reviewed Questionnaire #2 highlights. A detailed summary of the Questionnaire feedback is included as **Appendix B**.

**Please note:** The Be Heard Boulder questionnaire is an engagement tool for collecting feedback from the public. It is not intended to express a scientific, statistically valid representation of all of the city's residents. In addition, staff is not interpreting the feedback as "votes" for or against future scenarios. The Be Heard Boulder questionnaire is just one of the tools the city uses to solicit input and the city acknowledges the limitations with this type of questionnaire. Nevertheless, it is a useful engagement tool to help identify trends and potential areas of commonality in the community's opinions on the subject and as a channel for people to provide anonymous feedback without attending a meeting."

- The most favored City **of Boulder goals and objectives** (as identified in the Sustainability, Equity and Resilience Framework) were:
  - Environmentally Sustainable
  - Safe
  - Responsibly Governed
- The most favored **physical and programmatic elements** were:
  - Bike path and/or nature trail
  - Restaurant and/or café
  - A range of housing types
  - Improved aviation facilities
  - Community Park
- When asked which **near-term action items** should be implemented at the airport, respondents most frequently identified the following items:
  - Facilities improvements
  - Community serving uses



- Community relations
- Update noise abatement procedures
- Better roads connected to the airport
- Address the use of leaded fuel
- Landing fees
- Eliminate recreational flights
- Most Common Vision Words:
  - House/Home
  - Airport/Aviation
  - Neighborhood
  - Communal
  - Quiet
  - Thriving
  - Vibrant
  - Inspire
  - Nature
  - Peace
- Scenario Feedback:
  - **Scenario 3: Airport with Neighborhood Serving Uses and Limited Housing is the most preferred option** and scenario 4 is the least preferred option.  
According to public feedback, the scenarios are ranked in the following order:
    1. Scenario 3: Airport with Neighborhood Serving Uses and Limited Housing
    2. Scenario 2: Airport with Aviation Improvements
    3. Scenario 1: Existing Airport with Enhanced Maintenance
    4. Scenario 4: Decommission Airport and Create New Neighborhood

CWG Comments on Questionnaire #2 include:

- It's important to caveat this feedback by sharing it is not statistically valid.
- One CWG member mentioned that noise issues near his home are a bit more granular, he sees more traffic than other areas.
- There is concern that adding more planes or facilities will increase noise.  
How many more hangars could the airport add?
  - Capacity to add maybe 100 more in addition to the current 80. But this will depend on style and needs.
- The project team should be clearer about grant assurances and what the obligations mean. One CWG member feels that the project team does not understand what it would take to close the airport.
  - The project team shared that working with the FAA is not black and white. If the city were to pursue closing the airport, it is a policy decision. The City Council can choose to challenge the FAA.
  - Some stakeholders expressed they did not see flexibility in recent communications from the FAA.



## City Council Study Session

The Project team shared some highlights from their presentation to City Council on August 24, 2023.

- The project team shared that the City Council wanted the team to investigate the feasibility of the near-term action items.
- One CWG member mentioned that she heard the city council members express a desire for additional background into aviation and case law.
  - The project team shared that the city has outside council who will study the case law.
  - Additional near-term action items include:
    - Additional legal analysis.
    - More discussion with FAA.
    - Financial analysis on closing the airport.
- One CWG member asked why we continue to talk about the possibility of closing the airport in meetings and with City Council if it is an unlikely option.
  - The project team reiterated that this project is intended to gauge if that was the desire of the community. Some community members expressed interest in this and this option must be discussed.
- One CWG member expressed concern that the participants in this process are only those who care about what it is happening at the airport. The City Council needs to take into consideration the full community of Boulder.
- The four scenarios offered have difficult tradeoffs, it makes it hard to see the best option and choose the best scenario.
- One CWG member felt that housing advocates should look for other opportunities for housing that don't require taking on the FAA.
- One CWG member felt that the uncertainty of the future of the airport make investing in new equipment difficult.
- One CWG member expressed a desire to share the outcome of the noise abatement meetings with the public and CWG.

## Bilingual Meetings

The project team held two bilingual meetings with the residents of the Vista Village and San Lazaro communities. These meetings go into similar detail as the CWG. The meeting summaries are included as **Appendix B**. Highlights from the meetings include:

- Desire to keep airport but reduce noise, especially on Sundays.
- Desire for the airport to provide job opportunities for near-by residents.
- Is an airport needed in Boulder? Discussion of pros and cons for neighbors.
- Concern about displacement if/when land uses changes occur nearby.
- Concern about increase in vehicle traffic.
- Concern that community improvements in scenario 3 and 4 would be too expensive and not benefit the manufactured home communities.



## Comments from the CWG:

- CWG member wanted to know if similar meetings have been organized for other nearby neighborhoods.
- One CWG member shared that she has lived in a mobile home community for 30 years. She often finds it hard to have a conversation with someone 10-20 feet away. However, noise is not always the biggest concern in a conversation like this where changes may not benefit the current residents.
- Feedback from the meetings was really focused on how to improve the neighborhood for those who live there now.
  - There is fear that changes at the site will impact housing affordability.
- One CWG member reiterated that we should focus on getting rid of lead, improving the noise and find ways to engage the community.
  - Several CWG members expressed that they had ideas on how to accomplish this.
  - New near-term action item:
    - Find ways to connect the community to employment and aviation opportunities.
- One CWG member requested that the project team should add the mobile home communities to the scenario drawings.

## CWG Accomplishments

The project team shared the following accomplishments with the CWG:

- Airport facts, history and character.
- Identification of airport areas of improvements.
- Listening and understanding neighborhood concerns.
- Incorporate community feedback to develop scenario programmatic elements.
- Developing goals and evaluation criteria to inform each scenario.
- Near term action items and prioritization.
- Feedback and recommendations for each scenario.
- Established a new culture for community involvement.

The project team asked the CWG to share what they think the group accomplished.

- Opened a dialogue. There is a lot left to be done and unsure if anything got accomplished in this phase but looking forward to the future.
- Learned from others.
- Identified things that can be address immediately.
- Making connections with the community. Would like more dialogue about noise and actionable improvements.
- Fostered respect towards one another and for the concerns of the community.
- Encouraged by the sensitivity to concerns of community.
- Learned there is an active noise abatement group but has yet to see improvement.
- The city and community would benefit from understanding how we got to this point.
- Good to hear both sides of the conversation.





- The pilot community should spend more time getting to know the community and listening to concerns.
- We have identified a separate path for near-term and long-term actions, but there is still a lot left to be done.
- There has been some great dialogue but some misconceptions that have crept into the process.
- Has learned a lot from the pilots and the community.
- Has a deeper understanding of the perspective of the mobile home communities nearby.
- There has been an increased awareness about the airport and concerns.
- Desire to keep the group going and work with council.
- Developed interest in the overall condition of aviation on the front range.
- Desire to see more diversity of voices involved in the community.

## Meeting Wrap Up

- Next Steps for staff:
  - FAA discussions and clarification
  - High-Level Feasibility of Scenarios
  - Technical work on the Near-Term Action Items
  - Formation of Community + Airport Noise Group
  - Final City Council meeting in early 2024 to provide staff direction
- The airport masterplan update is anticipated to begin in 2025.
- The final city council study session will be in early 2024.
- The project team thanked the CWG for participating. These conversations would have been unimaginable a year ago, but the group made momentum in the process by having tough conversations.
- This meeting is the conclusion of the CWG.



**Appendices**

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**Appendix A. Presentation Slides**

# Boulder Airport Community Conversation

Community Working Group #5  
September 12, 2023





# CWG Purpose and Goals

The purpose of the CWG is to **provide input and recommendations to the project team to support the community conversation effort**. The CWG will collaborate with the project team to develop a range of scenarios for the future of BDU. The CWG will be mindful of FAA obligations, preserving and enhancing safety. The CWG will meet five times throughout the project.





# CWG Meeting Purpose



**CWG #1**  
March 14,  
2023

- Establish rules and sign participation charter
- Present baseline facts
- Share the “why” behind this project
- Communicate known opportunities and constraints
- Provide summary of one-on-one interviews

**CWG #2**  
April 13,  
2023

- Develop and discuss vision for the airport
- Identify evaluation considerations for future airport scenarios
- Connect project scenarios to city goals

**CWG #3**  
June 7,  
2023

- Introduce desired action items
- Discuss the initial range of scenarios

**CWG #4**  
July 20,  
2023

- Refine scenarios
- Share how well scenarios align with city goals
- Refine desired action items

**CWG #5**  
September  
12, 2023

- Consensus building
- Conduct reflection
- Share next steps
  - What we have accomplished
  - What is next for the process





# Meeting Objectives

- Review accomplishments, share perspectives and debrief
- Provide overview of next steps in the engagement process, discuss opportunities for further engagement
- Formal closure to CWG, group acknowledgements



# Meeting Agenda

- Summary of Community Questionnaire #2
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# Questionnaire #2 Summary

- Demographics of questionnaire participants
- Key findings
- Scenario ranking and feedback
- Common themes throughout comments
- Top ten to envision words





# Summary of Bilingual Community Meetings – Vista Village & San Lazaro

- Near-Term:
  - Desire to keep airport but reduce noise, especially on Sundays
  - Desire for the airport to provide job opportunities for near-by residents
- Long Term:
  - Is an airport needed in Boulder? Discussion of pros and cons for neighbors
  - Concern about displacement if/when land uses changes occur nearby
  - Concern about increase in vehicle traffic
  - Concern that community improvements in scenario 3 and 4 would be too expensive and not benefit the manufactured home communities

# Evaluation Considerations Feedback Summary



## Boulder Sustainability and Resiliency Goals

- Safety
- Healthy and Socially Thriving
- Livable
- Accessible and Connected
- Environmentally Sustainable
- Responsibility Governed
- Economically Vital



# CWG Accomplishments

- Airport facts, history and character
- Identification of airport areas of improvements
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- Incorporate community feedback to develop scenario programmatic elements
- Developing goals and evaluation criteria to inform each scenario
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- Feedback and recommendations for each scenario
- Established a new culture for community involvement



# CWG Accomplishments

Group Question:

What do you recognize as an accomplishment and what is left to be done?



# City Council Study Session

- Staff shared the community engagement that was conducted
- Staff shared the ideas, issues, and visions that were shared by the community
- Council requested more information from the FAA
- Some council members are interested in exploring the cost benefit analysis and feasibility of repurposing the airport
- Some interested in a statistically significant survey, some not
- Desire to explore high-level feasibility of each scenario
- Desire to explore feasibility and pursue the near-term action items



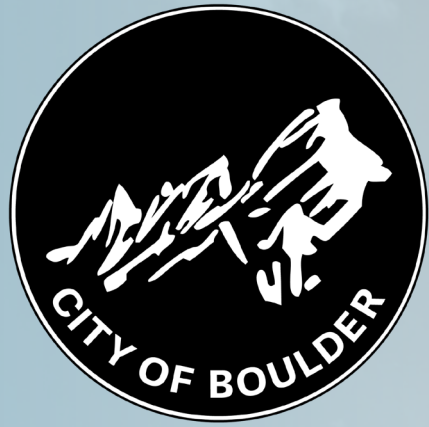
# Next Steps Public Process

- Formation of Community + Airport Noise Group
- Final City Council meeting in early 2024 to provide staff direction



# Next Steps Staff Work

- FAA discussions and clarification
- High-Level Feasibility of Scenarios
- Technical work on the Near-Term Action Items
- Formation of Community + Airport Noise Group
- Final City Council meeting in early 2024 to provide staff direction



**Closing**







**Appendix B. Questionnaire 2 Feedback Summary**



## Boulder Municipal Airport Community Conversation Questionnaire #2 Key Findings

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Questionnaire #2 opened on July 12, 2023 and closed on August 2, 2023. The purpose of this questionnaire was to gain a better understanding of the community's preferences on four draft scenarios for the future of the airport site that were developed as part of the Boulder Municipal Airport Community Conversation.

The four draft scenarios were developed from wide-scale community input through multiple engagement activities over the past several months, including the first questionnaire, the first open house, Community Working Group meetings and bilingual community meetings. Feedback informs the further development of these scenarios:

Scenario 1: Existing Airport with Enhanced Maintenance

Scenario 2: Airport with Aviation Improvements

Scenario 3: Airport with Neighborhood Serving Uses and Limited Housing

Scenario 4: Decommission Airport and Create New Neighborhood

### Summary of Survey

- The project team received **961 responses** on Questionnaire #2.
- The survey was advertised through a press release, social media, email, and word of mouth. Opportunities to take the survey were available at the second Public Open House, which took place on July 11, 2023 and the Bilingual Community Meetings on August 22 and 29, 2023.
- Most questionnaire respondents indicated they are from East Boulder (163), North Boulder (159) and outside the City of Boulder but within Boulder County (155).

### Key Findings

When asked which **City of Boulder goals and objectives** (as identified in the Sustainability, Equity and Resilience Framework) were most important, respondents selected the following:

- Environmentally Sustainable (410)
- Safe (373)
- Responsibly Governed (365)



When asked which **physical and programmatic elements** were important, questionnaire respondents selected the following five elements with the most frequency:

1. Bike path and/or nature trail (575)
2. Restaurant and/or café (499)
3. A range of housing types (461)
4. Improved aviation facilities (451)
5. Community Park (426)

When asked which **near-term action items** should be implemented at the airport, respondents most frequently identified the following items:

- Facilities improvements
  - Meeting space
  - Hangars
  - Restrooms
  - Create a maintenance plan
  - Better equipment: radios, ADSB, approach equipment
  - More security/fences at airport
- Community serving uses
  - Events
  - Scholarships
- Community relations
  - Educate about why airports are important
  - Opportunities for the public and airport users to discuss noise and other areas of concern
- Update noise abatement procedures
  - Limit hours of operations (there were comments for and against this option)
  - Clarify which activities the airport can regulate
- Better roads connected to the airport
  - Bike infrastructure
  - Walking paths
  - Connect Airport Road to the north
- Address the use of leaded fuel
  - Ban the use of leaded fuel
  - Subsidize electric aircraft through unleaded fuel sales
- Landing fees
  - There were comments against and in support of this option
- Eliminate recreational flights

Respondents were asked to submit a one-word summary of their vision for Boulder Airport. The ten **most common vision words** submitted are:

1. House/Home
2. Airport/Aviation
3. Neighborhood
4. Communal
5. Quiet



6. Thriving
7. Vibrant
8. Inspire
9. Nature
10. Peace

## Scenario Feedback

**Scenario 3: Airport with Neighborhood Serving Uses and Limited Housing is the most preferred option.** Scenario 4 is the least preferred option. According to public feedback, the scenarios ranked in the following order:

1. Scenario 3: Airport with Neighborhood Serving Uses and Limited Housing
2. Scenario 2: Airport with Aviation Improvements
3. Scenario 1: Existing Airport with Enhanced Maintenance
4. Scenario 4: Decommission Airport and Create New Neighborhood

### ***Scenario 1: Existing Airport with Enhanced Maintenance***

Many commenters were against this option. Some noted that the airport as-is is not an acceptable outcome. This option does little to optimize the potential for aviation and recreation. Many commenters argued that this option would not change anything about the airport, while some found this option favorable because it would bring the airport to a state of good repair. In addition to this, it would enable the airport to continue with emergency response capabilities. Some commenters suggested that this scenario may be the lowest cost option. However, some comments noted that any improvements may not be possible without City funding. There were some comments in favor of this option, as some commenters are happy with the airport as it is now and would like to see the airport continue to operate.

Many comments did not like this option because it did not address the stated issue about noise, lead emissions and land-use compatibility. There was concern that this scenario would not lead to improved relationships between the airport and nearby residents. This option serves the interests of a small set of the Boulder population. Some comments also argued that this continued use of the site is not the highest and best use for the property. Commenters also noted that this scenario would allow recreational aviation to continue, which may lead to increased environmental impact and noise.

### ***Scenario 2: Airport with Aviation Improvements***

Many commenters noted that improvements and upgrades at the airport are long overdue. There were some positive responses to this option with some observing this could improve operations at the airport. These upgrades will address the hangar shortage and ultimately implement improvements that were identified in the Airport Master Plan. Some noted that improving facilities and creating a more professional airport improve the culture of the airport and lead to better outcomes for transportation, emergency response and training.



Many commenters noted that this solution would not address the stated issues from neighbors and nearby residents such as noise, pollution and hours of operations. Other comments observed that this solution does nothing to address the housing availability and affordability issues in Boulder. This option may encourage expansion of the airport site, which could lead to increased plane traffic. Increased operations may lead to more noise and pollution. Some comments wondered if the solution was economically viable, when the economic impact of the airport is unknown. There were also comments that did not support spending city and tax money at the airport in favor of a small number of the population. These commenters would prefer to see transportation funds spent on roads, sidewalks and alternative transportation, not improving the airport.

### ***Scenario 3: Airport with Neighborhood Serving Uses and Limited Housing***

The majority of the comments were in favor of this option. Many comments suggest skepticism on the airport coexisting with neighborhood uses. Allowing housing to develop in the area may exacerbate land compatibility issues and lead to more noise complaints. There were also some comments that were concerned about increased congestion and traffic in the area with the expansion of the site. In addition to more exposure to noise, this option would not address the stated concerns around lead pollution at the airport. Commenters were concerned this may place more at risk if the plan were put forward while the airport is using leaded fuel.

While there were some comments expressing opposition to housing, many comments were supportive of the proposal to develop community-serving uses such as meeting space, vocational space or café. Mixed uses may encourage more businesses, which may increase revenue streams at the airport. Many comments were supportive of proposals to develop STEM facilities. This proposal is in line with the Boulder trend toward being a tech hub. Comments in support of these types of uses noted that options seem more compatible with aviation operations and would be more suitable than housing. Another common theme in the comments was support for favoring community relations and programming. These types of developments would create more spaces for the community to make use of the airport site, which may improve the culture and public perception. Many comments suggested that this is the most favorable option to weigh community needs and aviation needs.

### ***Scenario 4: Decommission Airport and Create New Neighborhood***

Most of the comments were against this option. Commenters expressed skepticism that the FAA would allow this option to move forward, suggesting clarification that this option would require grant assurances to elapse before implementation. This plan would also involve high costs and might set unrealistic expectations for housing goals, in addition to likely requiring environmental cleanup before development. This could increase the cost of redevelopment, in addition to the costs required to pay back FAA loans or maintain the airport until grant assurances lapse.

Many comments are supportive of the proposal to repurpose the airport for housing and community needs, with many commenting that it would serve the most people. Housing availability and affordability is an issue in the area, and this option could help address the



problem. In addition to housing, many commenters noted that Boulder needs more community spaces like parks, open space, trails and live-work neighborhoods. Commenters suggested this is the best option to address the state pollution and noise concerns from neighbors and nearby residents. Some comments were against the possibility of building more housing for rent. Many comments against this option stated that they did not want to see more growth in Boulder, expressing concerns about congestion, traffic and the airport being located far from services. Increased growth might take away from the city offerings such as views and diverse recreation options.

Many comments were against this option, arguing that the airport is a vital resource and that the city should not dissolve this asset. This option would sacrifice facilities for emergency operations. Some comments noted that many business owners will be displaced and pushed out if the site is repurposed. General aviation airports are at the center of conflict in many areas. Some commenters were concerned that this proposal would take away industries Boulder is known for and sacrifice the area's history.



**Appendix C. Bilingual Meeting Summaries**



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

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## **Meeting 2 Summary**

**August 22, 2023 and August 29, 2023**





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## Introduction and Purpose

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The purpose of the bilingual community meetings was to share updates on the Airport Community Conversation project, share the four long-term scenarios that have been developed, and share the list of near-term action items. The purpose was to seek feedback on these community-informed items.

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

## San Lazaro and Vista Village Meeting Details

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### Meeting information

- Vista Village: August 22, 2023, 6:00 – 8:00pm
  - 34 adult attendees + children
  - English first presentation with Spanish interpretation
- San Lazaro: August 29, 2023, 6:00 – 8:00pm
  - 50 adult attendees + children
  - Spanish first presentation with English interpretation

### Project Team Attendees and Support

- Angela Maria Ortiz Roa (City of Boulder)
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- Allison Moore-Farrell (City of Boulder)
- John Kinney (City of Boulder)
- Dylan Swanson (City of Boulder)
- Leticia Abajo Torrijos (Consultant)
- Danielle Furuichi (Consultant)

### Meeting Notifications

- Bilingual flyers distributed at Vista Village and San Lazaro
- Bilingual email invite to residents
- Verbal and email invitations from Community Connectors, Community Leaders and partners



## Meeting Notes

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### Long-Term Scenario and Near-Term Action Item Feedback

- Scenario 1
  - Concern expressed about the low number of people that currently use the airport (approximately 200 people).
- Scenario 2
  - Concern about need for expanded airport when multiple general aviation airports are already nearby.
  - Concern about noise increases.
- Scenario 3
  - If this scenario is chosen, please work to make the new community resources free or affordable for nearby neighborhoods.
  - Concern about noise increases.
- Scenario 4
  - Concern about vehicle traffic on Airport Road or Independence Road if land uses change.
  - Concern about displacement if land uses change.
  - If this scenario is chosen, please work to make the new community resources free or affordable for nearby neighborhoods.
- Near-Term Action Items Feedback
  - Limit the days/hours that pilots fly.
  - Reduce the noise from aircraft.
  - Transition away from using lead fuel.



## Meeting Questions

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- Does funding from the airport come from the city's general fund?
  - No.
- What days and hours is the airport open?
  - The airport is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Can the city limit the days/hours that pilots fly? Specifically, can they avoid flying on Sunday mornings?
  - No, the city cannot restrict flying hours. However, the city can inform pilots of days/hours that are very impactful on the neighboring communities.
- How necessary is the airport?
  - The airport provides business, private, and recreational services and sometimes serves as a location for emergency aviation services.
- Can an airport tour for Vista Village and San Lazaro be organized?
  - City staff will work with Vista Village and San Lazaro on a future bilingual airport tour.
- Will there be more flights in any of the scenarios?
  - Scenario 2 and 3 may lead to increased flights.
- If there are more flights, will the community benefit?
  - There would likely be both advantages and disadvantages for each scenario, including the scenarios that could lead to more flights.
- Who responds to noise, pollution, and safety issues?
  - Airport city staff respond to these issues.
- What businesses are at the airport?
  - Current businesses at the airport include flight schools, scientific research, aircraft maintenance, and others.
- How will the growth of the airport impact Vista Village and San Lazaro?
  - There would likely be both advantages and disadvantages for each scenario.
- How important is Boulder Airport given that there are multiple general aviation airports nearby? (Rocky Mountain Metropolitan, Longmont, Erie, etc)
  - The Boulder airport serves the needs of the local aviation community.
- Would the airport move elsewhere?
  - No, that was not an idea widely raised by community members.
- If housing were to replace the airport, who would that housing be built for? Would it be affordable housing?
  - Future housing in Boulder is intended to be mixed income – this would include affordable housing and market rate housing.
- Would there be increased vehicle traffic along Airport Road if Scenarios 3 or 4 were chosen?
  - With an increase in activity and a variety of land uses, there would likely be more vehicle traffic.



## Noise Complaints

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

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

You can find additional information about airport noise complaints on this webpage:

<https://bouldercolorado.gov/services/aircraft-noise>

## Next Steps

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The project team will bring the community's feedback on the long-term scenarios and the near-term action items to City Council in early 2024. The team will ask for Council's direction on how to move forward.

For more information, please visit the City of Boulder Airport Community Conversation website:

English: <https://bouldercolorado.gov/projects/airport-community-conversation>

Spanish: <https://bouldercolorado.gov/es/projects/airport-community-conversation>

If you have additional comments or questions, please contact:

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

Thank you!



# **Conversaciones comunitarias sobre el aeropuerto municipal de Boulder: Reuniones comunitarias bilingües de San Lázaro y Vista Village**

**Resumen de la segunda reunión  
22 de agosto de 2023 y 29 de agosto de 2023**



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## Introducción y propósito

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El propósito de las reuniones comunitarias bilingües fue compartir actualizaciones sobre el proyecto del Aeropuerto Municipal de Boulder, los cuatro escenarios a largo plazo que se han desarrollado y la lista de elementos de acción a corto plazo. El propósito era buscar comentarios sobre estos elementos informados por la comunidad.

La intención era colaborar con miembros de la comunidad de habla hispana e inglesa en Vista Village y San Lázaro, dos comunidades de casas manufacturadas ubicadas junto al Aeropuerto Municipal de Boulder. El Departamento de Comunicaciones y Participación Comunitaria de la ciudad y el Departamento de Transporte y Movilidad trabajaron para brindar un entorno inclusivo brindando servicios de interpretación simultánea, un facilitador bilingüe, servicios de cuidado infantil y colaboración con líderes comunitarios.

## Detalles de la reunión de San Lázaro y Vista Village

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### Información de la reunión

- Vista Village: 22 de agosto de 2023. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
  - 34 asistentes adultos + niños
  - Presentación en inglés con interpretación en español.
- San Lázaro: 29 de agosto de 2023. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
  - 50 asistentes adultos + niños
  - Presentación en español con interpretación en inglés.

### Asistentes y soporte del equipo del proyecto

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- John Kinney (Ciudad de Boulder)
- Dylan Swanson (Ciudad de Boulder)
- Ryan Hanschen (Ciudad de Boulder)
- Leticia Abajo Torrijos (Consultora)
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### Notificaciones de reuniones

- Folletos bilingües distribuidos en Vista Village y San Lázaro
- Invitación bilingüe por correo electrónico y mensaje de texto a los residentes
- Invitaciones verbales y por correo electrónico de conectores comunitarios, líderes comunitarios y socios





## Notas de la reunión

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### Comentarios de los diferentes escenarios

- Escenario 1
  - Se expresa preocupación por el bajo número de personas que actualmente utilizan el aeropuerto (aproximadamente 200 personas).
- Escenario 2
  - Preocupación por la necesidad de ampliar el aeropuerto cuando ya hay varios aeropuertos de aviación general cerca.
  - Aumenta la preocupación por el ruido.
- Escenario 3
  - Si se elige este escenario, por favor trabajen para que los nuevos recursos comunitarios sean gratuitos o asequibles para los vecindarios cercanos.
  - Aumenta la preocupación por el ruido.
- Escenario 4
  - Preocupación por el tráfico de vehículos en Airport Road o Independence Road si cambian los usos del suelo.
  - Preocupación por el desplazamiento si cambian los usos del suelo.
  - Si se elige este escenario, por favor, trabajen para que los nuevos recursos comunitarios sean gratuitos o asequibles para los vecindarios cercanos.

### Elementos de acción a corto plazo: comentarios de la comunidad

- Limitar los días/horas que los pilotos vuelan.
- Reducir el ruido de los aviones.
- Hacer la transición para dejar de utilizar combustible con plomo.



## Preguntas de la reunión

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- ¿La financiación del aeropuerto proviene del fondo general de la ciudad?
  - No.
- ¿Qué días y horarios está abierto el aeropuerto?
  - El aeropuerto está abierto las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana.
- ¿Puede la ciudad limitar los días/horas en que los pilotos vuelan? En concreto, ¿pueden evitar volar los domingos por la mañana?
  - No, la ciudad no puede restringir las horas de vuelo. Sin embargo, la ciudad puede informar a los pilotos sobre los días/horas que tienen un gran impacto en las comunidades vecinas.
- ¿Qué tan necesario es el aeropuerto?
  - El aeropuerto ofrece servicios comerciales, privados y recreativos y, en ocasiones, sirve como lugar para servicios de aviación de emergencia.
- ¿Se puede organizar un recorrido por el aeropuerto de Vista Village y San Lázaro?
  - El personal de la ciudad trabajará con Vista Village y San Lázaro en un futuro recorrido bilingüe por el aeropuerto.
- ¿Habrá más vuelos en alguno de los escenarios?
  - Los escenarios 2 y 3 pueden dar lugar a un aumento de vuelos.
- Si hay más vuelos, ¿se beneficiará la comunidad?
  - Probablemente habría ventajas y desventajas para cada escenario, incluidos los escenarios que podrían conducir a más vuelos.
- ¿Quién responde a los problemas de ruido, contaminación y seguridad?
  - El personal de la ciudad del aeropuerto responde a estos problemas.
- ¿Qué negocios hay en el aeropuerto?
  - Los negocios actuales en el aeropuerto incluyen escuelas de vuelo, investigación científica, mantenimiento de aeronaves y otros.
- ¿Cómo podría el crecimiento potencial del aeropuerto impactar a Vista Village y San Lázaro?
  - Probablemente habría ventajas y desventajas para cada escenario (por ejemplo, aumento del tráfico por carretera, mayores oportunidades de empleo, aumento de vuelos).
- ¿Qué importancia tiene el aeropuerto de Boulder dado que hay varios aeropuertos de aviación general cercanos? (Metropolitano de las Montañas Rocosas, Longmont, Erie, etc. )
  - El aeropuerto de Boulder satisface las necesidades de la comunidad de aviación local.
- ¿Se trasladaría el aeropuerto a otra parte?
  - No, esa no fue una idea ampliamente planteada por los miembros de la comunidad.
- Si las viviendas reemplazaran al aeropuerto, ¿para quién se construirían? ¿Sería una vivienda asequible?
  - Se pretende que las viviendas futuras en Boulder sean de ingresos mixtos: esto incluiría viviendas asequibles y viviendas a precio de mercado.
- ¿Habrá un mayor tráfico de vehículos a lo largo de Airport Road si se eligieran los escenarios 3 o 4?
  - Con un aumento de la actividad y una variedad de usos del suelo, probablemente habría más tráfico de vehículos.



## Preguntas sobre la zonificación de parques de casas manufacturadas

¿San Lázaro y Vista Village serán rezonificados en alguno de los escenarios?

En general, sería muy difícil rezonificar un parque de casas móviles existente para otro uso. Existen capas de protecciones locales y estatales para los parques existentes:

- Existe una ley estatal que protege a los inquilinos de viviendas manufacturadas existentes. Esto se llama Ley de parques de casas móviles, que se adoptó en 2019. Este sitio de HUD (por sus siglas en inglés, *Housing and Urban Development*) ofrece un buen resumen: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/rbc/in Depth/interior-061121.html> (recurso federal solo disponible en inglés)
- A nivel local, el Plan Integral del Valle de Boulder designa el uso futuro de la tierra. Si el propietario de una propiedad desea rezonificar, su propuesta de zonificación debe alinearse con el [mapa de uso de la tierra](#). Tanto Vista Village como San Lázaro están designados como viviendas manufacturadas en el mapa de uso de suelo, por lo que una rezonificación para un uso diferente no cumpliría con los criterios establecidos en el código de la ciudad (Sección [9-2-19](#)).
- Otro criterio enumerado en el código es que la rezonificación debe ser consistente con las políticas y objetivos del [Plan Integral del Valle de Boulder](#) (recurso listado solo en inglés). La Política 7.09 describe la intención de la ciudad de preservar los parques de casas móviles existentes, por lo que esto ofrece otra capa de protección. Para San Lázaro (que está cubierto por el Plan Integral del Valle de Boulder), ubicado en el condado, el [Plan Integral del Condado de Boulder](#) (recurso listado solo en inglés) también ofrece una política similar en la sección HO 3.07 Casas móviles y viviendas manufacturadas.



## Quejas de ruido

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Para presentar quejas por ruido relacionado con el aeropuerto, llame al (303) 441-4000. Este número lo llevará a un correo de voz en inglés. Estamos trabajando en ofrecer idiomas adicionales. Puede dejar un mensaje en inglés o español. Al llamar, proporcione:

- La fecha y hora del incidente.
- Si se conoce, la dirección de la aeronave (por ejemplo: hacia o desde el aeropuerto)

Puede encontrar información adicional sobre quejas por ruido en aeropuertos en esta página web: [Ruido de las aeronaves | Ciudad de Boulder \(bouldercolorado.gov\)](#)

## Próximos pasos

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El equipo del proyecto traerá los comentarios de la comunidad sobre los escenarios a largo plazo y los elementos de acción a corto plazo al Concejo Municipal a principios de 2024. El equipo solicitará la dirección del Concejo sobre cómo avanzar.

Para obtener más información, visite el sitio web de conversación comunitaria sobre el aeropuerto de la ciudad de Boulder:

Inglés: <https://bouldercolorado.gov/projects/airport-community-conversation>

Español: <https://bouldercolorado.gov/es/projects/airport-community-conversation>

Si tiene comentarios o preguntas adicionales, comuníquese con:

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Puede enviar su correo electrónico o mensaje en su idioma preferido (inglés o español ) y nos aseguraremos de que esté traducido.

¡Gracias!