



## Transportation Department

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Dear Resident or Property Owner:

This month Boulder County will begin developing a master plan to identify an alignment for a soft surface, multi-use trail that will travel through a corridor from Lyons to Boulder. Because you are critical to this effort, we want to let you know what will occur as we initiate this next phase of planning.

As you may be aware, the Lyons-Boulder regional trail has long been included in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan and Boulder County Regional Trails Priorities plan as a key component of the regional trails system. The development of the Lyons-Boulder regional trail master plan continues work that has taken place over the past several years. The planning phase that we are now embarking upon will continue to focus on areas to the west and east of the feeder canal, which is owned by the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (NCWCD).

The master plan will recommend a trail alignment, provide a conceptual trail design, and include an environmental review. During the master plan development, we hope to work closely with you to identify a specific trail alignment that takes into account the needs and concerns of property owners, public agencies, and future trail users. Our goal is to design a trail that will be sensitive to the environment and surrounding areas while also providing a safe, quality, and extraordinary user experience.

Our first major event for the master plan will be a Public Open House in early 2009:

Wednesday, January 14, 2009

4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Boulder County Parks and Open Space Department

5201 St. Vrain Road, Longmont

At the Open House, we will discuss the master plan process, share information about the study area, and propose criteria for evaluating the alignment alternatives. We will use your feedback to identify several options for the trail alignment and undertake an evaluation of these options next winter. We will hold two additional open house meetings during the study to keep you informed and involved at key decision points.

Between now and January, we will be talking with residents in the study area and other potentially affected landowners about the issues that we need to address during the planning process. During this time, we encourage you to:

Cindy Domenico  
County Commissioner

Ben Pearlman  
County Commissioner

Will Toor  
County Commissioner

- Contact Julie McKay, Boulder County Transportation Manager, at (720) 564-2662 or [jmckay@bouldercounty.org](mailto:jmckay@bouldercounty.org) if you would like to meet with us to discuss your hopes and concerns about the trail;
- Visit the project website at [www.LyonstoBoulderTrail.com](http://www.LyonstoBoulderTrail.com) to view current information about the development of the master plan;
- Send your comments directly to us at [LyonstoBoulder@bouldercounty.org](mailto:LyonstoBoulder@bouldercounty.org) to let us know how you would like to be involved in the study and what issues you would like it to address; and
- Join our project mailing list by emailing [LyonstoBoulder@bouldercounty.org](mailto:LyonstoBoulder@bouldercounty.org) or by calling (303) 441-3900. You can indicate whether you would like to receive meeting announcements and other project information by email or by post.

Within the Lyons-Boulder Corridor we believe that it will be possible to identify a trail alignment that will be responsive to concerns that have been expressed in the past and also take advantage of opportunities for the trail to become a valued community asset. We look forward to working with you to accomplish this.

Sincerely,

George Gerstle, Director  
Boulder County Transportation Department

Ron Stewart, Director  
Boulder County Parks and Open Space Department