

From: [Jill White](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] "Yes" on BERT trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:10:15 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

It is critical to the Boulder County community that you build safer ways for bikes and pedestrians to travel. Right now you have a unique opportunity to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

The reasons to support this trail:

1. The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
2. We need safer places to ride. The drivers on our roads drive carelessly and recklessly. Cyclists and pedestrians cannot rely on drivers to keep them safe.
3. The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
4. This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate. It promotes sustainable living conditions, which is one of the values of this community.

Please create a safe cycling route and build the BERT trail.

This is your opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to sustainability and keeping our community moving safely throughout the county.

Sincerely,

Jill White
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From: [joshua crane](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] A Vote for the Boulder to Erie Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 12:07:57 PM

To The Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail. As a resident of Erie, a small business owner in Boulder, and a cyclist; this would be a massive improvement. 10 years ago I used to ride those roads out to Erie to the Coal Creek trail system all the time. Now due to a drastic increase in traffic, increase in distracted drivers, and lack of shoulder (especially on isabelle rd), I refuse to ride those roads especially during peak traffic hours.

I know that there is consideration of the trail system with partial closure due to wildlife, putting bike riders back onto Valmont for most of the year. Valmont, although having a wide shoulder, has some of the most distracted drivers I've seen around Boulder. As someone who is a daily driver during peak traffic hours, I watch drivers swerving across the white line regularly as well as driving at speeds excess of 75mph +. That road has become a major highway for commuters and is no longer somewhere I recommend anyone ride their bike. Unfortunately though, similar to hwy 36, it offers easy access to some amazing trail systems.

If this proposed BERT trail were to be built, I would once again feel comfortable commuting by bicycle and I guarantee there are lots more folks just like me out there. There are already at least 5-10 riders that I see a day doing that same commute and I believe you would see at least 10 times that amount if you go through with this plan. Not to mention the weekend bicycle traffic, where you would see a massive increase of riders. A large majority of cyclists are only riding gravel these days due to car vs. bike fatalities.

Thank you for your time,



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From: [Agnes Markos](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Approve BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 5:29:41 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

I am an avid cyclist and I use our regional trail network every day. The BERT offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.

We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous. The BERT could prevent further untimely deaths and support Boulder's Vision Zero goals. Having protected trails for cyclists, walkers, and runners is critical to saving lives because it separates dangerous, high speed traffic from people.

This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT.

Sincerely,
Agnes Markos

From: [michael white](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Approve the BERT trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 7:02:02 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). I know better than anybody what happens when a cyclist is not protected. Start prioritizing the lives of people and children over disrupting wildlife. We all know the wildlife will not be disrupted. The wildlife will continue to live and thrive there, as we all want them to. This is a bike route, not a 4 lane road. Disruption will be minimal. Please stop prioritizing keeping open space closed, over the lives of the people that are living and growing up here. I ask this question, because I live this question, every day since July 29, 2023. How many kids have to be hit and killed by drivers before anything changes and we start doing things differently? Open the open space and build the BERT trail.

Michael White

Magnus' Dad

The White Line

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From: [Josh Kahn](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT - Negative Impact
Date: Monday, October 21, 2024 6:00:01 PM

Our continued "development" in Boulder County takes a significant toll on the wildlife.

With increasing human population and encroachment on wildlife habitats in Boulder County and surrounding areas, it is critical to protect the best remaining habitats. For the BERT, we believe this means *choosing a less ecologically harmful route* from Sawhill Ponds to the White Rocks trail.

Respectfully,

Josh Kahn

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From: [Olivia Ahnemann](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT -- vote yes and remember Magnus White
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:32:01 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous. (Ride for Magnus!!)
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Olivia Ahnemann

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From: [Tony Apuzzo](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Advocacy
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 9:34:28 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

As a resident of Boulder County since 1993, living in Boulder, Gunbarrel, and Longmont, I have witnessed the inexorable transformation of Eastern Boulder County from predominantly rural to increasingly suburban. I've been riding bicycles in Boulder this whole time and I have been disappointed and frankly horrified as the lovely quiet roads of Eastern Boulder's farms and exurban neighborhoods have become overrun with increasingly heavy and distracted automotive traffic. I used to ride from Gunbarrel to Union Reservoir along Oxford Road to Weld 1 and felt relaxed and safe most of the way. Today to ride that route would be frankly suicidal.

During this same period, I have witnessed a resurgence in wildlife in both public and private spaces. The resilience of wild flora and fauna is greatly underappreciated in my opinion by those who constantly advocate to keep humans away from natural areas. Humans are just as much a part of nature as any muskrat, mink, or burrowing owl. To think that these creatures existed fully apart from humans prior to Boulder's unique brand of advocacy rising to prominence is arrogant naivete. Every stream in Boulder county has been walked by native humans for well over 10,000 years and the current mix of species has never known a time when humans were not constantly moving about the landscape. What we have witnessed in Boulder over the last 30 years is a simple situation wherein if we merely stop actively poisoning and trapping the creatures, they will return. The beavers setting up shop across the St. Vrain from Panda Express don't need to be protected from bicyclists and joggers. They need to be protected from cars and from PFAS runoff from industry. The burrowing owls near Vesper trail have survived generations growing up alongside runners with dogs. The mink I saw dart across 63rd street near Tom Watson Park wasn't afraid of a stroller, nor the picnic table.

The opportunity to transform an (effectively) abandoned railroad corridor into a safe route for people to walk, run and roll is rare and should not be abandoned!

Please, do not let yet another potentially wonderful route be locked away from the public. We have seen the natural experiment run across our entire county with populations of wild turkeys, moose, goldfinches and many other species living in relative harmony with people. We also have seen how regional trails contribute to mental and physical health as well as make it easier for young people to grow up wanting to support and maintain outdoor spaces. Those who worry that allowing people to use this corridor will damage nature or will bring in somehow undesirable people near insular property owner's are loud but misguided. History has shown that dispersed regional trails are beneficial to both citizens, nature, and property values.

Please build the BERT and continue to develop more trails in more areas. It is better to spread people out than to concentrate them all in a few areas. Every regional trail system creates reinforcing virtuous cycles of benefit allowing people to recreate and commute near their homes as well as making it possible to link and travel to other areas without needing to use personal vehicles.

Tony Apuzzo
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From: [Joe DuLong](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Boulder to Erie
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 6:43:20 PM

Please support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) to provide much needed safe biking routes in the area. Any trail that avoids traffic is a benefit to the community and can save lives - think Magnus White.

From: [Bev Baker, Boulder County Audubon Society](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#); [Levy, Claire](#); [Stolzmann, Ashley](#); [Loachamin, Marta](#)
Cc: [Boulder County Audubon](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Comments from Boulder County Audubon Society
Date: Monday, October 21, 2024 8:50:14 AM
Attachments: [BCAS BERT Comments to BOCC Oct 2024.pdf](#)
[BERT Modified Alignment 2 SCANNED.pdf](#)

Good morning Commissioners,

Attached please find Boulder County Audubon's comments on the BERT for your meeting on Thursday, plus the map referenced in our comments.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments,

Bev Baker
Boulder County Audubon Society Conservation Committee

From: [Colleen Theriot](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT draft plan
Date: Friday, October 18, 2024 9:16:08 AM

Hello Commissioners, I'm writing to ask you to please rethink the current Boulder-to-Erie Regional Trail draft plan because it is harmful to the overall environment and ecosystems of the Boulder area. We are avid birders and huge supporters of Boulder Open Space and all the wonderful protections in place to support these areas. THERE IS A MUCH BETTER WAY to create the BERT that protects the environment into the future.

Please think of your kids and theirs and future generations who will thank YOU in perpetuity if you do this right.

Our wishes would align with what Boulder County Audubon Society proposes.

Thank you for your public service.

Colleen, Brad and Casey Theriot

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Sent from my iPad

From: [Anastasia Aponte](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bert Excitement
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 10:33:55 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

My husband is a cyclist who bikes from Erie to Boulder at least 2 times a week. He is on main roads which can be concerning especially with winter weather. The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. Also I would feel very comfortable riding on the weekend with our 2 year old son which I won't do currently (to Boulder).

We share one vehicle and would love to lessen our carbon footprint while contributing to our health by biking regularly. Without safe biking opportunities we will be forced to get another vehicle as our family grows. We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous especially considering the large amount of young people enjoying bikes in these areas.

I am certain there are ways to finish this trail with our beloved ecosystem in mind, providing minimal animal and ecosystem disruption while simultaneously bringing people out of cars and into nature.

Thank you for the consideration.

Sincerely,
Anastasia Aponte

From: [John Jenkins](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT feedback
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 5:11:53 PM

I've heard there's significant pushback on the BERT trail, and I wanted to share my voice in support. I have been waiting and excited to use it to get from Erie to Boulder and back. The current options like Valmont and Isabelle are too dangerous to use today.

I am paying particularly close attention to the outcome of this project in general and the vote this Thursday specifically. I hope our elected officials recognize the importance of and the safety and happiness that this project will bring to our communities and that they prioritize it appropriately.

Thanks,

John

From: [Ken Martin](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bert hearing, October 10
Date: Monday, September 30, 2024 3:08:38 PM

I'm planning to submit written comments. When Is the deadline for submission?

Ken Martin

From: ksull@indra.com
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Cc: [Levy, Claire](#); [Loachamin, Marta](#); [Stolzmann, Ashley](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Plan Draft and Appendices
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2024 7:07:38 PM

Dear Planning Team,

With increasing human population and encroachment on wildlife habitats in Boulder County and surrounding areas, it is critical to protect the best remaining habitats. I believe this means further exploration of less environmentally harmful routes.

Preferred alignment 1b in the plan not only bisects a Habitat Conservation Area (HCA) at White Rocks on OSMP property, it passes through a number of valuable natural resource areas designated in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan Environmental Resources Element depicted on maps on pp. 71 and 72 of the Plan, including Critical Wildlife Habitat, the White Rocks/Gunbarrel Hill Environmental Conservation Area, a High Biodiversity Area, and more.

The area of highest concern is along approximately 2.5 miles of alignment 1b where it passes through OSMP land, from about one-half mile west of the Sawhill Ponds parking lot, east to the White Rocks trail, which runs north/south on the north side of Valmont, about 0.6 miles west of 95th St.

Moving forward with an alignment where OSMP and CPW biologists have recommended seasonal closures for up to nine months for nesting raptors, herons, and ground nesting species *does not make sense*. Where were the OSMP and CPW biologists in this planning phase? I don't see any discussion of the use of dogs or nighttime use.

People *are* ranking wildlife and protection of the environment as important in surveys and in representations before the County (eg. public response to the EBC projects, etc.). Do we have accurate survey results of what people truly want for their public lands especially when they understand the scientific impacts? In this case I believe that the survey did not convey the extent of the damage that could occur to wildlife on Alignment 1b.

A recent example is the trail construction project on the Vesper Trail where Burrowing Owl nests were discovered and the work needed to be delayed until the season was over. I was impressed to hear a clip on NPR (KUNC's NOCO program) explaining the role of biologists and the need for the delay. I live and walk near that trail and talk to folks walking their dogs, etc. and people accept limitations when the reasons are fully

explained.

Please consider alternate alignments, at least from Sawhill Ponds to the White Rocks trail, in consultation with OSMP staff. One option, shown on the attached map as Modified Alignment 2, is a reconsideration of conceptual alignment 2, using the ROW along Valmont for approximately 1.5 - 2 miles. This portion of Valmont is rural and scenic, with relatively few driveways and would avoid most of the raptor nest buffer areas, the HCA, and ERE-designated resources.

In conclusion, yes, there is pressure for increased recreational access but not at the cost of losing irreplaceable wildlife, plants and ecosystems. How far can we cut up a pie before the pieces fall apart completely? I am involved in bird conservation and support the comments of the Boulder County Audubon Society submitted on this project, but these are some of my own personal reactions and conclusions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Sullivan, member, BOD, Boulder County Audubon Society
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From: [Rebecca Bradford](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Plan Draft
Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024 1:04:20 PM

Hello.

I'm writing to ask you to not accept the BERT Plan. There has got to be another, more creative way to build the trail somewhere else. This design goes through important wildlife habitats and ecosystems, including a Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks Habitat Conservation Area at White Rocks and a number of valuable natural resources, designated in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan, at both White Rocks and Sawhill Ponds.

You already knew that.

Please don't let this happen. We need to keep what we have, because we can't get it back after it's gone.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Bradford
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From: [Nancye Queen](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT PLAN DRAFT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 9:00:30 AM

While I am not opposed to a trail linking Boulder and Erie, I feel strongly that the trail should not imperil wildlife habitats that exist in the proposed route. I came to Boulder in 1967 as a student at CU. I have lived in Boulder County for nearly 60 years. I visit Sawhill Ponds every year and believe that it would be a tragedy to diminish this area, particularly when there are alternative routes.

I ask that the County discuss this matter further with Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks for a better solution.

Nancy Queen

From: [Tina Cain](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Project/ Boulder County
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:12:13 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic, the more we can get people to be active and outdoors in our community the healthier and happier we all are. This is a crucial east-west link in the trail network that we can all enjoy for a nice ride or commute safely to and from Boulder to Erie.

Thanks,



From: [Patricia Stutz-Tanenbaum](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT proposal concerns with environmental impact
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 8:13:43 AM

To Boulder County Commissioners,

As an avid open space user I am concerned about the BERT proposed 1b path through the White Rocks Preserve and Sawhill Ponds Open Space. When planning a new trail route it is important to consider environmental impact to preserve the bird life, plants, and animals living in the area. The 1b proposed route could be harmful to the wildlife impacting the diversity and population currently living there. An alternative route going on the north side of Valmont would mitigate these concerns while still enabling access to this new open space trail. Also, please consider limiting dogs on this trail as they inhibit wildlife activity thriving on the land. Additionally, restrict human access to the trail to daylight hours so the wildlife can hunt, roam, and thrive at night when they are more active.

Thank you for your consideration and support of open space on environmentally sensitive land.

Sincerely,

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Only if we understand, will we care. Only if we care, will we help. Only if we help shall we all be saved. Jane Goodall

Patricia Stutz-Tanenbaum

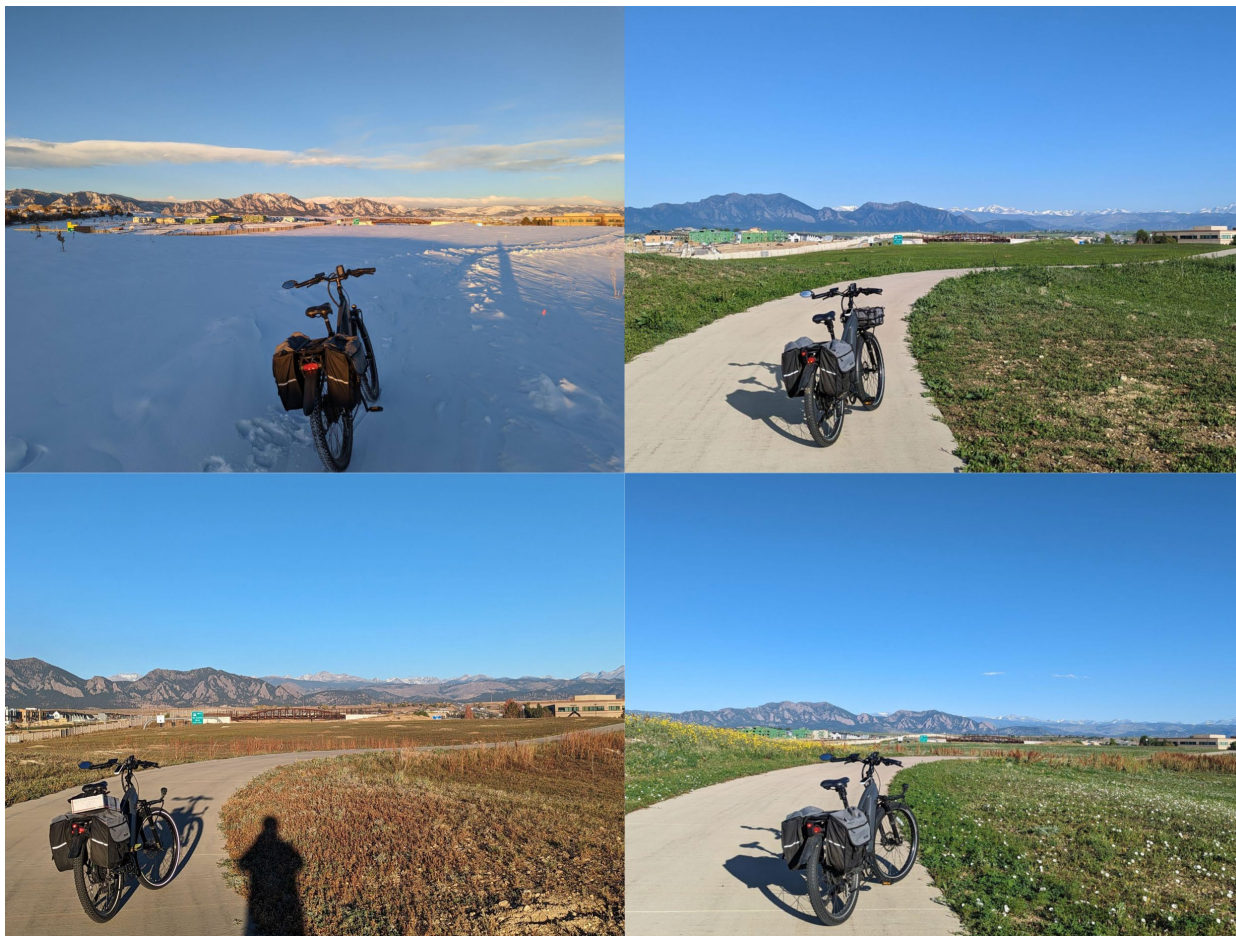
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From: [David Gladfelter](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Proposal feedback
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:29:35 PM
Attachments: [4 Seasons \(3\).png](#)

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to vote to adopt the BERT proposal. It will not affect my personal commute to Boulder, but it will do for Erie's and other towns' residents what the US-36 bikeway has done for me: allow them to avoid car trips and even change their lifestyles for the better.

I now commute to work in Boulder from Broomfield via the bikeway for about 4 days each week and haven't driven to work in two years. Here's a collage I put together from my commutes at various times of the year at the same location near the Avista hospital on the US-36 bikeway:



This change, which likely wouldn't have been possible without the bikeway, has removed one car from the road and helped my health and mental health. The residents of Erie have no reasonable way to commute to Boulder by bike and this proposal would fix that.

You have an opportunity to improve the lives of many people who work and recreate in and around Boulder. Please vote to adopt.

- Dave Gladfelter
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From: [Cindy Warren](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#); tleubbert@bouldercounty.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT proposal
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:49:16 AM

Hello. I am writing regarding the proposed BERT alignment between 75th and the Teller-White Rocks Trail.

The City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks designates this area as a "Habitat Conservation Area" and does not allow human access. Additionally, the Boulder County Comp Plan designates this area as a "Critical Wildlife Habitat" and an area of "High" or "Very High Biodiversity".

This area is well known for its nesting Bald Eagle population; numerous other protected birds including Golden Eagles and Northern Harriers also nest and forage here.

To avoid impacts to nesting eagles and other birds, the proposed trail would need to be closed for long periods of time (many months). Moving the trail segment further to the south (closer to Valmont Road) would make more sense.

As Boulder continues to expand and build at all costs, environmental impacts accrue at an alarming rate. Please re-evaluate and re-locate the proposed bike trail to a more suitable location. I don't believe a bike trail that can be located elsewhere is worth habitat loss and significant negative wildlife impacts in a Critical Wildlife Habitat/Habitat Conservation Area.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Regards,

Cindy Warren

From: [Hannah Barton](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Proposal
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 10:50:08 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Boulder to Erie (BERT) multi-use trail project. I believe that this project will have significant positive impacts on our community and the surrounding environment.

Bicycling commuting is a sustainable and healthy transportation option. The BERT trail would provide a safe and convenient alternative to driving, reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality, and promoting physical activity. By encouraging more people to bike to work or school, we can reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and contribute to a healthier, more sustainable future.

In addition to the benefits for human health, the BERT trail would also have positive impacts on wildlife. Studies have shown that well-designed and managed trails can coexist peacefully with wildlife. By providing designated areas for recreation, we can help to reduce the impact of human activities on sensitive habitats.

I urge you to reject the claims that a multi-use trail would harm wildlife. These claims are often based on misinformation and do not reflect the scientific evidence. With proper planning and mitigation measures, the BERT trail can be built in a way that minimizes its impact on the environment.

I believe that the BERT trail is a worthwhile investment in our community. It will provide a valuable recreational resource, promote sustainable transportation, and protect our environment. I urge you to support this project and move forward with its construction.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Hannah Barton

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From: [Kevin Clark](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Proposal
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:18:02 PM

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin Clark
Boulder, CO

From: [Dave Farrell](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Proposal
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:26:14 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

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Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Dave Farrell
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From: [Josh Garfein DO](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Proposed Trail System
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 5:12:42 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). I am a local family physician and help to take care of our cycling community.

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous. I am sad to think how many cyclist are injured or die from poor and distracted driving, and I worry for my patients' and my family's safety.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

From: [Ali Sauder](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT support
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:13:44 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every day biking my kids to and from school.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
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Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Ali Sauder

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From: [Barret Burke](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT support
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3:22:55 PM

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Sincerely,
Barret Burke
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From: [Lester Pardoe](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT SUPPORT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 12:23:40 PM

Dear Commissioners

I am writing to you in support of BERT, alignment 1B. For me this is both professional and personal in nature.

As the current Director of Devo Programs for Boulder Junior Cycling, and a former Instructor for BVSD's Safe Routes to School, I have worked with thousands of local children over the past two decades in the areas of cycling, road safety and advocacy.

BERT is one of the missing links in a regional trail system. As an East-West trail it links communities, and from a cycling perspective links existing key cycling destinations such as Teller Farms, Valmont Bike Park, Erie Single Track, The Erie Pump Track, and The Erie Velodrome. For many people, especially children and those without a vehicle, (often our poorest citizens), these destinations sit as islands, only accessible by car, or riding a bike on ever increasingly busy roads.

BERT would be made use of by many individuals and groups. Some keys ones that hit close to home for me:

- Boulder Junior Cycling Members, we are one of the largest cycling clubs in the country, having instructed and coached 1000's of youth to safely ride a bike the past 18 years
- Families with children to commute and to get to the aforementioned destinations
- High School Cycling Team Athletes. Most High Schools in the Boulder area have competitive cycling teams, statewide there are almost 3000 HS athletes racing in the Colorado High School Cycling League. This trail allows safe and easy access to training locations for many of the local high schools. This is where it gets personal for me. Several years ago my daughter was in a collision with a vehicle going 45 mph while on a ride with a local high school team, on the way to access a trail. She smashed the windshield of the car, totaled her bike and thankfully she walked away, physically unharmed. We should be looking at ways to safely allow youth self propelled access to trails. Unfortunately for too many cyclists and pedestrians this is not the case. Two pertinent examples: local High School student Magnus White was killed while riding a bike by a

vehicle last year and cyclist Andrew Bernstein was left for dead while riding from Erie to Boulder in 2019.

Increasing accessibility and safety for some of our most vulnerable citizens should be a goal, not a pipe dream.

Thank you,

Lester Pardoe
Boulder Junior Cycling
Director Devo Programming
www.boulderjuniorcycling.org

From: [Zac Temple](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Support
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:11:32 AM

Hello Commissioner,

I am writing you to urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail.

I am a cyclist who uses both the trails in Boulder and trails in Erie every week. This network would offer a safer alternative to cyclists.

Thank you
~Zac Temple

From: [Tamarambodner](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bert support
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:28:52 AM

The BERT is a proposed 8.5 multi-use trail between Boulder and Erie. I support it. I hope we learned from Magnus white's death that we need safe trails for bikers. If you are not safe in the middle of the day on a Saturday then you are never safe on a road with cars. In addition with the amount of e-bikes on the road, this could be a way to keep more cars off the roads that already can not handle the traffic on this route. Please support this project.

Tamara Bodner

Sent from my iPhone

From: [J-Bird](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Support
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:21:08 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I'm writing to express my support of the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) as proposed by the Boulder County Community Planning and Permitting department. I read both the BERT Plan Draft and Plan Draft Appendices and feel that, as is my experience, Boulder County had done a very thorough review of all of the issues that might ensue and have addressed them, including environmental stressors and impacts to wildlife.

This trail would offer safer options for both recreational cycling and commuting. Most people who have lived in Boulder County for any amount of time have know personally, or known of, someone who has been injured or even killed on Boulder County roadways while cycling. If there is an opportunity to create safer spaces for people to traverse across Boulder County that also reduces vehicular emissions, it should be embraced.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jenn Archuleta
2707 Valmont Road
Boulder, CO 80304

From: [William Rogers](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT support
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 6:46:45 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-f3agbwzq.png](#)
[Outlook-i55akiv.png](#)
[Outlook-lgkzqmcj.png](#)

Please add my voice to those in support of the construction of the Boulder to Erie Regional trail presently under consideration.

This connection would enable cyclists to avoid the inherent dangers of riding near traffic (which have become so significant lately) and provide a safe alternative to the routes currently available. BERT would present a terrific new opportunity for the Boulder cycling community and all other multiuse participants!

Taking advantage of an old rail line is something well worth the effort.

Opposition seems to come primarily from the familiar NIMBY crowd guised as an environmental presentation.

But, this seems unwarranted.

Chances for trails like this don't come around terribly often and I strongly urge approval for this wonderful project.

Thanks for your consideration.

Bill

William A. Rogers, III

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From: [Joel White](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT to Erie Regional Trail Support
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:24:04 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). Development of regional connector trails like this are critical for safety, reduction of carbon emissions and recreation. I live in Superior and I ride the Coal Creek and Rock Creek regional trails daily. Allowing a connection from Boulder to Erie increases the amount of available trails that we can use to reduce car trips and ride safely.

I used to primarily ride a road bike but after getting hit once and then nearly hit again by a driver who was looking at his cell phone and swerved into my lane and missed hitting me at 50mph by less than a foot, I realize the roads are not a safe place for cyclist. In Boulder County we all talk about wanting "Vision Zero" and reducing carbon emissions. Building this trail will actually be a tangible way to move forward towards these goals.

With the Rock Creek trail, we've proven that recreation and wildlife can and will coexist. This happens much more naturally than bikes having to exist with cars that continue to get heavier, faster and have more distracted drivers than ever. This trail provides a crucial east / west connection as well as establishing important connections to other trails.

Please make the correct choice and help move us forward with the essential trail.

Regards,
Joel White
Superior, CO

From: [Dustin Randall](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT to Erie Regional Trail Support
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3:03:47 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week, particularly to commute to work on my bike.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous, especially for kids.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
Dustin Randall

Dustin Randall | BITS, Construction Systems and Tools | drandall@google.com |

From: [Audrey Buma](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:50:54 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every day to get to work.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride! Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Thank you so much,

Audrey Buma
3715 Martin Dr, Boulder, CO 80305

From: [Sam Koerbel](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail advocacy
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 10:21:55 AM

I would like to voice my support for the BERT trail. As a resident of north Lafayette access to bike safe routes to Erie and Boulder are not easy to get to - this would accommodate a need our family has to enjoy the outdoors, respect the nature around us and enjoy the beautiful county we live in.

thank you

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Sam

(970) 389-3409

From: [Shawna Pitts](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT TRAIL PLEASE!
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:00:22 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). We live in Louisville and ride Coal Creek trail multiple times a week but there is no way of avoiding road traffic in order to get from Erie over to North Boulder and its very frustrating.

BERT would be so amazing for our family – providing a safer alternative to riding really busy roads with motorists who have little regard for us sharing 'their roads'.

There simply are no EAST/WEST options that exist currently to connect these areas and having to get on Lookout to crossover is just dangerous.

Please please please help make cycling safer and BUILD THE BERT TRAIL!!!!

Sincerely,

Shawna Pitts
402 Orchard Way
Louisville, CO 80027

From: [Miller Schuck](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT trail support!
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 8:10:28 AM

Hello,

I cycle into work 3-4 days a week from Erie to Boulder. The BERT trail would enhance my safety immensely as sections of the route have very unsafe conditions (e.g. Isabelle Rd). Please support the BERT trail project.

Thanks,
Miller Schuck
723 Pope Dr, Erie, CO 80516

From: [Yevgeniy Shvartsman](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail Support
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 6:46:10 PM

I am writing to express my support for the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) Plan. As a recreational cyclist in the area, I believe this 8.5-mile multi-use trail would provide a much-needed, safer alternative to riding on the road between Boulder and Erie.

Currently, many cyclists share the road with vehicular traffic, which poses safety concerns for adults and kids alike. The BERT trail would reduce the risk of accidents and make our outdoor space more accessible to everyone.

Thank you for your consideration of this project. I fully support the BERT Plan and look forward to its progress.

From: [Christian Moon](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail Support
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:07:29 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I would like to express my support for the development and implementation of the BERT trail. As a frequent commuter to Boulder, I drive the area in question almost daily. It blows my mind to see bikers try their best to stay within the narrow shoulder and cross major roads like hw287 where cars pass at near-highway speeds. As a cyclist, I am in full support of the health and environmental benefits of building this trail as well. I am certain that a trail in this area would encourage more people to engage in physical activity - especially with the proposed trail flowing through such a beautiful corridor. I know that I would personally use the trail for recreation and possibly commuting purposes.

Additional reasons to support the trail would be:

- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Christian Moon

668 Brookwood Dr, Erie, CO, 80026

From: [Elisa zaragoza](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bert trail support
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:26:10 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Boulder to Erie Trail (BERT) project. As a physician, I recognize the critical importance of outdoor exercise and dedicated spaces for physical activity. Connecting communities through safe bicycle paths not only promotes health but also significantly reduces cycling accidents, empowering new cyclists to engage in this beneficial activity.

Currently, there is no safe route linking North Lafayette and Erie to Boulder, which limits access and safety for cyclists. Investing in BERT will enhance community connectivity and foster a healthier, more active population.

Sincerely,

Elisa Zaragoza Macias MD
459 Lafayette, CO 80026

From: [Brock Taute](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail Vote
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 10:45:51 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week. The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous. The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network. This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Brock Taute
2641 Westview Way,
Superior, CO 80027

From: [Keeley Stokes](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:58:56 PM

This would be a great addition to our community and give bikers a safe place to ride. Let's make it happen!!

Thanks,
Keeley Stokes
Boulder/Gunbarrel resident

From: [Ali Ternan](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:44:35 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing today to urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

I am a cyclist. My husband is a cyclist. Our young children are cyclists. We value the trail network Boulder County has already put in place and continue to look forward to the expansion of those trails. With the increased risk of riding on the road, trails have become extremely important to allow families to safely enjoy the sport and recreation of cycling. We need more safe places to ride our bikes, as our roads are too dangerous. The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.

Please make cycling safer. Please vote to build the BERT trail.

Thank you for your consideration and taking action to help keep our kids active, safe, and on bikes.

Best,

Ali Ternan
7291 Augusta Dr.
Boulder, CO 80301

From: [Jeffrey Bojar](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:39:50 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. We bike as a family with our 4 kids and it is essential that we have safe trails for the health and safety of our kids. We try to instill the value of biking as transportation but we have to do so in an environment that is safe for our kids. We cannot control the actions of drivers and the reality is that pedestrians and cyclists are at risk due to inattentive, distracted and hurried drivers. I strongly believe we need more extensive network of multiuser trails throughout Boulder County to lessen our county's negative environmental impact locally and globally, to improve the health and well-being of our citizens and to be 'trailblazers' that set the benchmark for other counties and cities to follow suit.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Best Regards,
Jeff Bojar
1510 Lehigh Street
Boulder, CO 80305

From: [Angie Michalik](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:18:03 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Angie Michalik
Louisville, CO

From: [Marci Yates](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:45:20 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Marci Yates

2655 Winding Trail Drive

Boulder 80304

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Brian Jackson](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 10:25:14 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I write today in enthusiastic support of the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). As a cyclist and father of a 10 year old cyclist our family looks forward to more options in Boulder County for safe and dedicated trails away from cars (especially given the rise of distracted drivers). Boulder County staff have done a tremendous job in developing this project, considering alternatives, making it easy and accessible, you should support their work and analysis and approve the trail!!

THANK YOU!

Brian Jackson
810 Dearborn Pl, Boulder, CO 80303

From: [Vicki Hand](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:24:29 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my enthusiasm and concern for the proposed BERT trail. As a family of avid bikers, it is exciting to see a safe and readily available trail from Erie to Boulder. It has the potential to cut down on carbon emissions and to promote a healthy lifestyle for residents. Importantly, given the recent death of young cyclists, a trail like this could be preventative.

At the same time, I believe the ecological concerns are valid. The trail is scheduled to run through ecologically delicate and wildlife refuge areas, which are critically important for maintaining biodiversity and our planet's wellbeing.

I believe that it is very important for you, as commissioners, to seek out alternate routes that promote and encourage safe biking, running and walking, and preserve our remaining wilderness.

Sincerely,
Vicki Hand
Boulder resident

From: [Mark R](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:09:16 PM

Boulder County Commissioners,

Please SUPPORT the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and a taxpayer and I use our regional trail network regularly.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Thank you,

Mark Riemer, Louisville

From: [Joseph DiRago](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:32:58 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I am a resident of Boulder County, an avid cyclist, father of two kids, and concerned about safe bikeways. Too many cyclists are injured or killed by cars each year in Boulder County, and the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) is one way that you, our elected officials, can help. The trail not only provides a safe place for people to ride their bikes, it also connects our communities at a time when housing costs are out of control and people are moving further away from central Boulder. Please make cycling safer and connect our communities while reducing the environmental impact of more cars on the road. Please build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Joseph DiRago - 5327 Spotted Horse Trail, Boulder, CO 80301

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joe.dirago@gmail.com

From: [Margell Abel](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:15:32 PM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network several times per week and help coach juniors and this would be tremendously helpful to have another safe place for us to practice.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Margell Abel

1782 Garland Lane, Boulder CO 80304

From: [Carl Boni](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:11:28 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,
I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

I am a resident of Erie and I use our regional trail network multiple times each week. The BERT trail will offer a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous, particularly in east county. The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network, creating an artery for recreation and commuting. This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Carl Boni
195 Harvest Point Drive
Erie, CO

From: [Claire Khadakkar](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:41:21 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Claire Khadakkar

954 Gapter Rd.

Boulder, CO 80303

From: [Rob Fineberg](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:27:37 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week as do my three children.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. With the numerous deaths and injuries in the last few years between cyclists and cars (including children), this is of utmost importance for our children's safety.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely, Robert Fineberg

2217 Holyoke Dr
Boulder, CO 80305

Sent from my iPhone, please excuse any typos.

From: [Michele Moffat](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 4:49:27 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing in strong support of the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network on a regular basis, as do my three children and husband. We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous. Last week a friend, Kevin Carter, was killed while cycling in Evergreen on a road with cars. We lost Magnus White on the Diagonal; Gwen Inglis in Lakewood; and Bill Davis on Jay Road. More off road options are needed.

The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michele Moffat
2115 Meadow Ave
Boulder, CO 80304

From: [Rachel Simmons](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:55:08 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous. We have lost too many cyclists to collisions and as a mother this is my greatest fear.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
Rachel Simmons, MD
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Stafford Marquardt](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3:03:23 PM

Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing to express support for the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) and hope you will vote in support on Thursday as well. This trail will save lives and enrich our community.

I am a cyclist living in Boulder and I use our regional trail network every day. It is one of the best things of living in this city. Our trails provide a safe place for us to commute and recreate, and raise our property values by making it an appealing place to live.

Our roads are tragically unsafe for cyclists. We read about cyclist deaths every month in the Daily Camera, sometimes even more often than that. It's scary riding on the roads here, especially in the spring and fall when it gets dark earlier. Bicycle commuting should offer massive environmental benefits by taking cars off the road, but it's simply not an option for many residents so long as it's as dangerous as it is today.

Simply put, this trail will save lives. If we don't build this, it's only a matter of time before the next fatal accident where a cyclist in our community was just trying to commute to work.

Please help Boulder County continue to lead the way in modern and eco-friendly commuting and recreation by building the BERT trail.

From: [Adam Boyd](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:14:41 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my support of the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) for the following reasons:

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network several days a week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase my trips by bike rather than by car, protecting our air, water and climate.

I live in the Willow Creek neighborhood and am an avid cyclist. I cannot exit my neighborhood safely via bicycle on Arapahoe rd, and use Teller Farm trail almost exclusively. Adding in an East-West route off of Teller Farm would help connect the safe network of trails already in progress.

During rush hour, the east-west arteries near my home (Arapahoe Rd, Valmont Rd) are particularly congested and nerve-wracking via bicycle. I would appreciate safe alternatives!

Thanks for all that you do!

Sincerely,

Adam Boyd

8021 Fox Ridge Ct, Boulder

From: [Kimber Goedert](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 9:06:10 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

Please support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). I have been riding and training in Boulder County for the past 35+ years. During this time our roads have become increasingly dangerous due to population growth, larger vehicles and increased vehicle speeds. Despite these changes little is being done in our area to protect outdoor cycling enthusiasts and commuters.

This trail would offer safety and designated space for cyclists away from the dangerous traffic corridors.

When I visit other cities and countries I am amazed at the cycling/pedestrian infrastructure that other local governments are putting in place to support healthy living, safety and decrease the amount of cars on the road. Please step up the efforts in Boulder County and support what we need in this area by approving the BERT trail!

Kind regards,

Kimber Goedert

4265 Vinca Ct

Boulder, CO 80304

From: [Timothy D'Antonio](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT TRAIL
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:43:22 AM

Good morning,

I'm writing in support of the BERT trail - Boulder to Erie.

Thanks!

Tim D'Antonio

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Brian Harper](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:31:27 PM

Greetings,

I am emailing to voice my enthusiastic support for the BERT trail.

Such a connection would be invaluable for both short and long term commuting in a carbon free way. My kids go to Dawson school, which is hampered in growth efforts by transportation issues. I know of several families whose kids would be able to bike to school on this trail.

It's critical that the county continue to enhance our valuable trail network. While I often pinch myself at how good the Boulder trail system is, I always qualify it with, "And it could be so much better".

Thank you
Brian Harper

Sent from Bry'sPhone

From: [Andrew Hellen](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 6:23:58 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Andrew Hellen

4189 N 57th St, Boulder, CO 80301

From: [Vern Hansen](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:25:59 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- Our grandson is a cyclist and uses the regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- Our grandchildren need safer places to ride. The roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Vern Hansen
Thornton

Vern Hansen
602-820-1337 mobile

image.png

"Once you've done the best you can do, You just tip your hat to the wild and blue, And you ride off to the west."
High Ridin' Heroes by David Lynn Jones

From: [Drew Lipka](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:50:12 AM

Hello,

I am a volunteer mountain bike coach for the Fairview High School team. We have over 100 kids using the trails two days a week from August - end of October. We strive to be courteous and respectful to other trail users and spread out groups all around Boulder to minimize our impact. Having an additional stretch of new trail would be great for providing safe alternatives for some of our kids to go without having to send them on sections of road with heavy traffic.

I support and would fully utilize the BERT trail system.

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Thanks,
Drew Lipka

From: [Juanita McLaughlin](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:49:41 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail networks.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely, Juanita

Juanita McLaughlin LAc MS Dipl OM MBA
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Nederland CO 80466
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From: [Cat Brat](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:11:15 AM

Dear Commisioners,

As a long time Boulder resident, and a Colorado cyclist, I urge you to approve the BERT trail. More cyclists off the roads will make a safer Colorado. I am saddened by reading about the deaths of cyclists, such as Magnus White. We need more places to ride away from traffic.

Thank you,

Kay Tuttle

720-339-1405

kaycat@comcast.net

From: [Mary Olson](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 8:18:20 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

Please take advantage of this rare opportunity to provide safe passage for non motorized users along the abandoned railroad. There have been too many pedestrian and cyclist deaths on our roads.

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). The families and cyclists and folks with ability devices and walkers and joggers and hikers - your community that you serve - they deserve a safe space to recreate, commute and simply be outdoors without the constant threat of drivers.

Sincerely,

Mary Olson
4380 Snowberry Ct, Boulder, CO 80304

From: [Brian Murphy](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT TRAIL
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 6:28:40 PM

Attn: Boulder County Commissioners

I'm hoping your team sees the many tremendous benefits of the proposed BERT trail. Among the most important are health and safety of riders runners and walkers.

Thank you,
Brian Murphy
(Lafayette resident, and hike /bike enthusiast)

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Vaishali Patel](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:06:31 PM

Boulder County Commissioners,

I am a mother of a 12 year old junior cyclist who uses the regional trail network weekly. I am concerned about my child's safety riding in the Boulder area. The roads are too dangerous for him to ride safely.

The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. I want my son to enjoy cycling and continue to advance his skills in a safe space. Places such as the BERT trail are critical for junior cyclists like my son to learn how to ride in a safe environment, away from cars.

This trail in particular is critical because it links the east and west parts of Boulder's regional trail network, expanding where cyclists like my son can ride.

In addition to adding to safe spaces for cycling the BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.

I don't want my son to be another statistic in fatal or injured cyclists in Boulder.

Please make cycling safer for our children and support building the BERT trail.

Best regards,

Vaishali Patel

804 Dewey Ave, Boulder, CO 80304

From: [Tait Rees](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bert Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:39:39 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- Boulder County has a real shortage of cycling specific routes and The BERT trail offers just that, a safe dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Tait Rees
3775 23rd Street,
Boulder, CO 80304

From: [Denise](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 9:28:14 PM

To Boukder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week. The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. With the continued increasing cyclists deaths, I can not possibly understand why this plan would not be supported by these two cities.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Thank you,

Denise Carroll
5476 Blackhawk rd
Boulder CO 80303
720-985-6552

From: [Kyle Morse](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT trail: Let's go!
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:41:11 PM

To whom it may concern,

I'd like to voice my support for the proposed BERT trail. I live in Gunbarrel and am a regular bicycle commuter because of the excellent trail network already available. This trail would open that same option I have to many of the folks living farther east, helping to alleviate rush hour traffic and overall car trips.

It would also make a lovely recreational loop with the existing Teller and White Rocks trails.

Please prioritize and approve the building of this trail!

Sincerely,
Kyle Morse
6688 Drew Ranch Ln, Boulder, CO 80301

From: [Sandrew.Bailey](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:25:29 AM

I wholeheartedly support the proposed bike trail connecting Boulder with Erie.

-Drew Bailey

From: [Kristin Gablehouse](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 8:41:45 PM

I am strongly in favor of the proposed Boulder to Erie regional trail. I've frequently ridden along Arapaho or Valmont and wished there was a safer east/west bike route in the area. Please consider approving this project.
Kristin Gablehouse

From: [Elliott Saslow](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:16:33 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I'm reaching out today not just as a member of the Boulder cycling community, but as someone deeply invested in the future of safe, accessible, and sustainable cycling in our region. This Thursday, October 24, the vote on the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) will shape the way we connect and protect our community for generations to come.

The proposed BERT trail is more than just an 8.5-mile multi-use path between Boulder and Erie; it's a lifeline for safe and responsible cycling. Starting near Valmont and 61st Street, it winds through open spaces and farmland, offering a dirt surface path away from the dangers of heavy traffic. This isn't just another trail—it's a vital connection for cyclists like myself who regularly use and depend on safe, dedicated spaces for exercise, transportation, and peace of mind.

As someone who rides thousands of miles a year, I've seen firsthand how important off-road routes are, especially ones like BERT, which offer scenic, serene travel between Valmont Bike Park, Teller Farm, and Erie. It mirrors the beauty and utility of the Coal Creek Trail, providing a much-needed east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail system. With traffic incidents involving cyclists on the rise, the urgency for safe alternatives like BERT cannot be overstated.

I understand there is opposition due to wildlife concerns, but trails like these can coexist with nature. With thoughtful design and careful planning, we can minimize impacts while offering a safe, eco-friendly option for cyclists, families, and outdoor enthusiasts.

Thank you for helping us create a space where we can all ride safely, protect our environment, and build a stronger community through this pivotal project.

Best regards,
Elliott Saslow
5405 White Pl
Boulder, CO 80303

From: [Joanie Andersen](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:14:14 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners

Can you please do me a really big favor at this time and join me in the desire to have support for BERT
As a volunteer first responder safe commuting and recreating is at the top of my priority list for our strong active community.

Thank you

Joan Andersen

From: [MARK CATHY STOKAN](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 6:51:08 AM

Please include my name in support of BERT.

Thank You

Mark Stokan

From: [Tom Barth](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:24:08 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,
Please support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).
Our community has has high usage rates for trails and we need safe routes that are off our roadways. The BERT trail would be an important east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network. The impact would be environmentally positive, as the proposed route is near existing roads, minimizing impact on wildlife, but separated, encouraging bike trips and reducing vehicle use.

Please approve building the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
Tom Barth
3055 Stanford Ave
Boulder, CO 80305

From: [Karen Tourian](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 4:08:15 PM

Dear Commissioners:

I am a cyclist who rides all over Boulder County.

Please support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). East West trails for biking are needed to help cyclists avoid dangerous roads. There are too many distracted drivers these days, so protected bike paths and trails are essential. Cyclists need a link between central and east Boulder County, and with such access, more bike trips and fewer car trips will be possible, helping the environment.

Kind regards,

Karen Tourian
258 Cougar Dr
Boulder, CO 80302

From: [Tom Biggi](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 7:26:29 PM

I am writing to express my support for the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) Plan. As an occasional recreational cyclist in the area, I believe this multi-use trail would provide a much-needed, safer alternative to riding on the road between Boulder and Erie.

Many cyclists share the road with motor vehicle traffic, which poses safety concerns for non-motorized traffic. The BERT trail would reduce the risk of accidents and make outdoor space more accessible.

Thank you for your consideration of this project. I fully support the BERT Plan and look forward to its progress.

Tom Biggi
303-882-1565 cell
303-979-3763 home

From: [Nathan Susnow](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 7:43:08 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week and commute by bike to work 4-5 days/week. Feel free to check my strava or check strava hotspots in general to see the high use of our dangerous east west highways by cyclists.

Every year I have to read in the news about pedestrians and cyclists being hospitalized or dying when struck by cars on baseline and Arapahoe. Just a few weeks ago a friend of our daughters was hit and severely injured crossing baseline in a dedicated crosswalk. The more we can ride trails the less likely we are to be struck by a car, and the more people will be willing to commute by bike.

The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling/hiking/running away from traffic.

The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.

This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate, and would support both Boulders Vision Zero and climate goals.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Nathan Susnow

From: [Jamie](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:12:53 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous. My good friend Bill Davis was killed while riding in Boulder, and me myself was also almost killed.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

James Servaites
3271 6th st
Boulder CO 80304

From: [Josh Whitney](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:18:30 PM

I strongly support the BERT, a proposed 8.5 multi-use trail between Boulder and Erie. The route would start near Valmont and 61st St, and travel all the way to the Erie. It would be dirt surface, and located in open space and farm land, similar to the Coal Creek Trail. Much of it would be located next to an abandoned rail line that roughly parallels Valmont Road (but away from the road.) It connects Valmont Bike Park, passes White Rocks/Teller Farm, and goes all the way to Erie.

The trail would provide an incredibly valuable cycling route away from dangerous traffic. Our roads are increasingly a risky place to recreate where cyclists get run over and killed by drivers. This trail will expand / link a network trails and protected lanes for pedestrians and cyclists of all kinds to recreate safely.

Josh Whitney
1014 Utica Circle
80304

From: [Karl Beshore](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:33:31 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Karl Beshore
1628 Stones Peak Drive
Longmont, Co

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Michael Le Desma](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 7:23:18 PM

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to offer my support for the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail. I understand that the proposed alignment travels through sensitive, high-value habitat, but the evidence that a path of this kind would have an adverse impact on wildlife population is speculative at best. It may make good sense to prevent dogs from using the path or requiring that dogs be on leash, but there is no evidence that paths of this kind otherwise disturb birds, frogs, butterflies, or fireflies in any meaningful way. By contrast, we know with certainty that cyclists and pedestrians, whether exercising or commuting, are dying on our roadways every year. A path like BERT promises to eliminate those risks for those traveling between Boulder and Erie. Moreover, we are also facing a climate catastrophe that can be meaningfully addressed by transitioning away from automobiles. We should be taking every opportunity to make cycling safer, easier, and more direct because climate change poses a much greater threat to these wild places than cyclists on a dirt path ever could.

Sincerely,

Michael Le Desma

From: [Kirk Washburn](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:50:52 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

Please consider that Boulder county is really falling behind so many other cities and regions in terms of availability of mountain biking trails. This means, people have to get in their cars to drive to mountain biking trails. Not a great look.

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely, Kirk Washburn

Kirk Washburn
5476 Blackhawk Rd, Boulder, CO 80303

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From: [Janice Law](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 7:00:29 PM

Hello,

I just heard about this proposed trail from Boulder to Erie. I'm 69 and still enjoy riding my bike on the Marshall Mesa trails but at my age I would love to have some easier options in my future. This trail sounds perfect. Please vote in favor.

Thank you for your time,
Janice Law

From: [Mackenzie McClaskey](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:14:50 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) this Thursday.

I am a cyclist who lives in Erie and commutes to Boulder and the BERT trail would provide me and my family a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous, especially riding in from Erie to Boulder where there are countless driveways, difficult streets to cross and minimal shoulders.

Additionally, this project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate. This is extremely important to me.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
Mackenzie McClaskey
1119 Northview Dr, Erie, CO 80516

From: [Julie Emmerman](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 4:33:09 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safe places to ride, both on roads and other options separated from traffic. Our roads are simply too dangerous. Too many cyclists are struck and killed in this town!
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network. There are no safe ways to go East -west!
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate. We need to be less dependent on cars for the health of our planet including our selves.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely, Julie

Dr Julie Emmerman

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Web: www.JulieEmmerman.com

From: [Angela Haas](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:31:49 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. We bike as a family with our 4 kids and it is essential that we have safe trails for the health and safety of our kids. We try to instill the value of biking as transportation but we have to do so in an environment that is safe for our kids. We cannot control the actions of drivers and the reality is that pedestrians and cyclists are at risk due to inattentive, distracted and hurried drivers. I strongly believe we need more extensive network of multiuser trails throughout Boulder County to lessen our county's negative environmental impact locally and globally, to improve the health and well-being of our citizens and to be 'trailblazers' that set the benchmark for other counties and cities to follow suit.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
Angela Haas

1510 Lehigh Street
Boulder, CO 80305

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Karen Vogt](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 9:56:09 AM

Hi!

I want to let you know that I support the BERT area trails that are being considered. Riding bikes is a fun, healthy, good way to get around town. Being away from the road enhances this for both fun and safety. Increasing the trails that are away from the road benefits the biker and the drivers on the road.

Please consider supporting this valuable contribution to our community.

Karen Vogt
5395 Centennial Trail
Boulder

From: [Dave Britt](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 4:55:55 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

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- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

David Britt

2380 Hillsdale Way

Boulder, CO 80303

Sent from a mobile device. Please excuse any typos or concision.

From: [Nathan Susnow](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 7:43:08 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

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Every year I have to read in the news about pedestrians and cyclists being hospitalized or dying when struck by cars on baseline and Arapahoe. Just a few weeks ago a friend of our daughters was hit and severely injured crossing baseline in a dedicated crosswalk. The more we can ride trails the less likely we are to be struck by a car, and the more people will be willing to commute by bike.

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Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Nathan Susnow

From: [Mara Rose Hausler](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 9:17:28 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
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- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Mara Hausler

Boulder, CO

From: [Sarah S](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:31:15 PM

I am in full support of the BERT project. It will provide a safe way for me to bike to work from Erie to Boulder, which is currently unsafe. With increased deaths due to car-bike collisions the sooner this is available for users the better. Additionally, it will serve as a recreational outlet, hopefully serving to reduce impacts to car travel and increase bike safety.

Furthermore, based on over a decade working in environmental consulting, the impacts to wildlife, especially vulnerable species, will be minimal to none based on current land use practices and placement of the trail in the preferred alignment.

Sarah Schlosser
1112 Telleen Ave, Erie, CO 80516

From: [Todd DeBoom](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 6:59:38 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing to ask that you please support the Boulder to Erie Regional trail (BERT). I am from an entire family of cyclist and we all ride the regional trail network every week. From riding to and from work, for high school mountain bike practice to junior team training to riding to the store for dinner. There are too many unsafe roads now with too many distracted drivers. We need safe places to ride and commute, away from cars, separate from cars.. I understand that the impacts of wildlife are a concern in your decision. Couldn't a trial trail be ridden for a period of time or trail closers during concerns of wildlife impact be considered? The decision to open this trail could save lives. Please give it a chance,

Sincerely,

Todd De Boom
1440 Hawthorn Ave
Boulder, CO

From: [Jonathan Conley](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:39:42 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I live in Louisville and use regional bike paths as a major means of transportation when possible.
- Specifically on bike paths, I travel long distances >10miles regularly to run errands.
- I limit use of on-road bike lanes on high speed, high traffic or multi-lane roads for long distances because I don't feel safe.
- The environmental impact of bike paths is less than the impact of adding additional roads
- More extensive networks of safer bike routes via paths is necessary to enable others to shift to bike transportation

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Thank you,

Jonathan Conley
186 Jackson Dr, Louisville, CO 80027

From: [Bill Rawsky](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder - Erie Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 8:35:10 AM

Boulder County Commissioners,

As a longtime cyclist in Boulder County, I am strongly in favor of the proposed trail from Boulder to Erie. I have ridden between Boulder and Erie many dozens of times over the years. In recent years, the incidents in which I've survived near-misses from distracted, careless, or just plain mean-spirited drivers has steadily increased. A bicycle/hiking trail that provides a separation from vehicular traffic is sorely needed for the safety of the many hundreds of cyclists, both resident and visitors, in Boulder County. The proposed trails are much less of a danger to wildlife along its intended path than the increased high-speed traffic on the county roads, which often significantly exceeds posted speed limits.

Sincerely,

Bill Rawsky
4840 Thunderbird Drive, Apt. 486
Boulder, CO 80303

From: [Tom Bonan](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder <> Erie Bike Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 12:00:26 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Boulder to Erie (BERT) multi-use trail project. I believe that this project will have significant positive impacts on our community and the surrounding environment.

Bicycling commuting is a sustainable and healthy transportation option. The BERT trail would provide a safe and convenient alternative to driving, reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality, and promoting physical activity. By encouraging more people to bike to work or school, we can reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and contribute to a healthier, more sustainable future.

I personally would bike this route more frequently if a direct route were available, but currently often do not due to the lack of a direct route between Boulder and Erie that can avoid Arapahoe and other roads with small to non-existent shoulders. I compare this to my commutes between Superior/Boulder and Superior/Erie where there are direct bike routes, and I do not have to worry about my safety or lack of time when choosing to bike over driving to my destination.

I believe that the BERT trail is a worthwhile investment in our community. It will provide a valuable recreational resource, promote sustainable transportation, and protect our environment. I urge you to support this project and move forward with its construction.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Tom Bonan, Superior, Colorado

From: [Kim Riemer](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder Erie bike trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 7:34:48 PM

please support the BERT trail. We desperately need more routes that are off the road for our large cycling community. The roads have become too crowded with distracted drivers. As a Mother of an aspiring cyclist and a cyclist myself I have seen the dangers first hand and I don't want any more cyclist to die. As we can't control individual driver actions we need to provide safe cycling options for riders. The impact cyclist have on wildlife is a fraction of what the impact of cars have. Please make safe cycling your priority. Do not let this opportunity get passed up.

Thank you

Kim Riemer

Cyclist,Mom and coach.

From: [John Massone](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3:13:58 PM

Dear County Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the proposed Boulder Erie Regional Trail (BERT). Like many, I use the trails around Boulder County regularly, and find myself needing to use the roads in some areas. Riding alongside of traffic constitutes considerable risk to cyclists (sadly accidents regularly support this concern) and can slow traffic. Having this proposed link would offer a far safer route and expand cycling, running and walking options in the county.

I urge you to please approve the BERT as a matter of public safety and a way to significantly improve our trail system.

Sincerely,
John Massone

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Laura McCalmon](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder Erie Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 8:41:57 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

Everyone in my family rides a bike. My husband rides 100-150 miles a week, my kids ride their bikes to school every day, and they both also train and go on longer rides a couple times a week as well. I enjoy outdoor rides on the weekends.

That said, the roads are dangerous. My husband, while out on a lunch ride, was hit by a vehicle that ran a stop sign at Cherryvale and Baseline and he was in the hospital for two months. Nobody deserves what my family had to go through. And everybody deserves to have access to safe ways to ride their bikes. The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous. I want my 10 and 13 year-olds to be able to enjoy riding their bikes for many years to come and I want to know there are safe places for them to go out and safely pedal.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Laura McCalmon

599 Aztec Drive, Boulder

From: [John Degnan](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie "BERT" Regional Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 2:13:21 PM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Boulder to Erie (BERT) multi-use trail project. I believe that this project will have significant positive impacts on our community and the surrounding environment.

Bicycling commuting is a sustainable and healthy transportation option. The BERT trail would provide a safe and convenient alternative to driving, reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality, and promoting physical activity. By encouraging more people to bike to work or school, we can reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and contribute to a healthier, more sustainable future.

In addition to the benefits for human health, the BERT trail would also have positive impacts on wildlife. Studies have shown that well-designed and managed trails can coexist peacefully with wildlife. By providing designated areas for recreation, we can help to reduce the impact of human activities on sensitive habitats.

I urge you to reject the claims that a multi-use trail would harm wildlife. These claims are often based on misinformation and do not reflect the scientific evidence. With proper planning and mitigation measures, the BERT trail can be built in a way that minimizes its impact on the environment.

I believe that the BERT trail is a worthwhile investment in our community. It will provide a valuable recreational resource, promote sustainable transportation, and protect our environment. I urge you to support this project and move forward with its construction.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

John Degnan

1107 Mountain Dr Unit A Longmont, CO 80503

From: [Joseph Hellen](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Bike Path
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:22:45 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

I am a part of the boulder high MTB team and a former member of BJC, the addition of bike paths away from roads is very important for our younger riders safety.

Sincerely, Joey

Joseph Hellen
4189 north 57th st
(775)-997-8135

From: [Brady Van Matre](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Bike Trail _SUPPORT!
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:09:05 PM

I am an avid recreational and commuting cyclist, which is to say, I use my bike for transportation and feel good about reducing my carbon footprint this way. If a trail connected the Valmont bike park to Erie, I would use it a lot. As a cyclist, I think the changes to East baseline are poorly conceived. Yes, the bike lane next to the road is better than it was, but who cares? A way better, separate path is only a little ways north of Baseline. We have a great network of paved and gravel paths, there aren't many places I can't get to without riding on surface streets. I utilize the bike paths and not the roads with bike paths whenever possible. Putting a bike lane on some road to get us to and from Erie will increase traffic congestion, make motorists mad, and have conflicts between cars and bikes. A separate bike path, like this one proposed to Erie, keeps cars and bikes separate. This is better, lets build it!

"Environmental" concerns about a bike path next to White Rocks are overblown. The trail can be built without impacting wildlife.

Let's build the path!

Brady Van Matre

From: [Jeff Dale](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie bike trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3:14:09 PM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

Please support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail.

I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network regularly.

The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. As you know, we need safer places to ride.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely, Jeff Dale
2844 Grand Lake Dr
Lafayette

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Andrew Holliday](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Cycling Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 12:04:09 PM

Voicing my support for this initiative.

Thanks!

Andrew Holliday | Special Sauce
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From: [Drew Griffith](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie multi-use trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3:24:39 PM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Boulder to Erie (BERT) multi-use trail project. As a weekly user of our multi-use trails in the area, I believe that this project will have significant positive impacts on our community and the surrounding environment.

Bicycling commuting is a sustainable and healthy transportation option. The BERT trail would provide a safe and convenient alternative to driving, reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality, and promoting physical activity. By encouraging more people to bike to work or school, we can reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and contribute to a healthier, more sustainable future.

In addition to the benefits for human health, the BERT trail would also have positive impacts on wildlife. Studies have shown that well-designed and managed trails can coexist peacefully with wildlife. By providing designated areas for recreation, we can help to reduce the impact of human activities on sensitive habitats.

I urge you to reject the claims that a multi-use trail would harm wildlife. These claims are often based on misinformation and do not reflect the scientific evidence. With proper planning and mitigation measures, the BERT trail can be built in a way that minimizes its impact on the environment.

I believe that the BERT trail is a worthwhile investment in our community. It will provide a valuable recreational resource, promote sustainable transportation, and protect our environment. I urge you to support this project and move forward with its construction.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Drew Griffith

325 Maggie St, Longmont CO 80501

818-850-3739

From: [Chris Hoffman](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Thursday, September 5, 2024 4:21:49 PM
Attachments: [BERT trail letter to commissioners.docx](#)

Dear Commissioners Levy, Loachamin, and Stolzmann,

I am very concerned that the current proposed route of this trail disrupts a large swath of critical wildlife habitats and rare cultural sites, in violation of both the spirit and letter of the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan.

I strongly support the creation of trails and bikeways for recreation and for cutting down on vehicular miles. But carving up critical wildlife habitats, rare plant communities, archaeological sites, and cultural sites is not the way to go about this. Once these areas are gone, they are irretrievably gone.

Worldwide, the current rate of extinction of species is estimated at 100 to 1,000 times higher than natural background extinction rates. Boulder County should not be contributing to that, especially when better options exist.

I support the letter sent to you by Steven Jones (also attached here).

I am writing to ask you to direct staff to take a second, more detailed look at options for rerouting this trail corridor down well south of the of the railway tracks between White Rocks Trail (800 m west of 95th St.) and 58th street.

Thank you for considering this.

With all best wishes,

Chris Hoffman

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From: [Jeff Buzzell](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:33:10 AM

Please support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). As an avid cyclist and parent of an avid cyclist, I am keenly aware of the need to provide safe recreational and travel routes around our area for cyclists and pedestrians. Motor vehicle traffic is constantly increasing and drivers are increasingly distracted. Providing separation between cyclists and motorists improves safety for everyone.

Improving accessibility and connectivity for bicycles will have a positive impact on both the environment and our community. Reduced motor vehicle trips improve our air quality benefitting both residents and wildlife. Every opportunity to encourage more bicycle usage is a win for Colorado.

Thank you for your attention.

Jeff Buzzell
Broomfield.

From: [Dominick Morone](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:51:10 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
Dominick Morone
145 S Fillmore Avenue
Louisville, CO 80027

From: [Kevin Riddleberger](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 9:33:08 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and runner and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- We need to promote nature activity driving toward improved mental and physical health of Boulder County residents.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Kevin Riddleberger
1555 Spring Creek Crossing
Lafayette, CO 80026

From: [Rick Cross](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:35:24 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) project. As a dedicated cyclist and frequent user of Boulder County's trail network, I understand firsthand the vital importance of expanding our safe cycling infrastructure.

The proposed BERT trail would provide a crucial east-west connection in our regional trail network, offering cyclists a dedicated path away from increasingly congested roadways. In an era where cycling fatalities continue to rise on our roads, this protected trail would create a safe haven for cyclists of all abilities – from daily commuters to families enjoying weekend rides.

Beyond safety, this project aligns perfectly with Boulder County's commitment to environmental stewardship. By encouraging more people to choose cycling for transportation and recreation, BERT will help reduce vehicle emissions, improve air quality, and support our climate action goals. The trail would also enhance our community's quality of life, providing opportunities for outdoor recreation and alternative transportation.

Our region's cycling community has long advocated for safer east-west connections. The BERT trail represents a visionary solution that will serve Boulder County residents for generations to come. I strongly urge you to support this essential infrastructure project.

Sincerely,

Richard Cross
3635 19th St.
Boulder, CO 80304

From: [Todd Walsh](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:14:13 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

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Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely, Todd Walsh

Todd Walsh, CCIM

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From: [Kenny Kubala](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 7:09:18 PM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail. In the past year we have seen too many unnecessary fatalities between cyclists and motorized vehicles in Boulder County. The creation of the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail will move these vulnerable road users onto a safe route off of our dangerous roads. Please support building the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail, in my view, lives literally depend on it.

Best regards,
Kenneth Kubala

From: [Kirk Olson](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:47:29 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every DAY.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely, Kirk Olson

Kirk Olson
4100 Wild Horse Dr.
Broomfield, CO 80023

From: [Koel Thomae](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:18:33 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

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- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Koel Thomae

3775 23rd St.
Boulder, CO 80304

From: [Bill Pedler](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:49:38 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

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- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
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The impact to wildlife will be minimal and negligible. Much less than rail or vehicular traffic. Cyclists really do get along with wildlife!

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

William H. Pedler
President/Geological Engineer

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From: [Tim Smith](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 12:56:12 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

My family (wife and two boys), and I are avid cyclists, and we believe that the BERT creates a very safe, E-W pathway to add connectivity within the Boulder Valley

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely, Tim Smith

From: [Dave Poulton](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 5:24:48 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

David Poulton
847-456-5022

From: [Justin Naab](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:16:32 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

My family and I use our regional trail network every week. The BERT trail will offer a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.

We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous. The BERT trail would add a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
Justin Naab

From: [Katelyn FitzGerald](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:58:25 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

As a recreational and commuter cyclist, this project is important to me personally and would provide tremendous benefit to the broader community.

In particular, this trail would offer a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic and a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
Katelyn FitzGerald

From: [Rich Howarth](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:27:00 PM

Hello,

We wanted to email you before the vote tomorrow and let you know that we fully support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). It would be absolutely fantastic to have a trail from Boulder to Erie. My wife and I, and our family, have been enjoying the Boulder (City and County) trails for more than three decades. It is the reason we moved to Boulder and continue to love it here.

I know landowners will always oppose anything in their backyard and often use wildlife, noise and other justifications to shut things down. Please also consider the rest of us.

Thank You,
Rich Howarth & Staci McDaniel
450 Utica Ave
Boulder, Colorado. 80304

From: [Sandor Dornbush](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3:18:56 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.

The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.

We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.

The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.

This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

It pains me to see others who pit this smart development against marginal wildlife protection. We as a society must realize that the only way we as a society and the wildlife we care for survive is by building climate smart. Shutting down this pathway is small minded Nimbyism. It will only force more people into cars which will ultimately hurt the wildlife some claim to protect. The bottom line is small wildlife sanctuaries are useless against a rapidly changing climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Sandor Dornbush

2505 23rd St, Boulder, CO 80304

From: [Ann Janis](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:24:53 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

Please support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). This would provide a safe place for cyclists to ride, away from cars. My son and husband are avid cyclists so this is important to our family. The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network. Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Ann Janis
(a Boulder County resident for the past 16 years)

From: [Chris Andersen](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:49:01 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing about my interest in the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). This trail removes cars from the roads, minimizing the burden on our infrastructure without polluting the environment. The trail supports good health for the Boulder and Erie communities. Finally, the trail removes cyclists from the roads where we have had far too many injuries and deaths.

Please vote YES for the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)

Best Regards,
Chris Andersen
312-785-6788
chris.p.andersen@gmail.com

From: [Timothy Gallagher](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 12:17:56 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Best regards,
Tim

From: [Christiaan van Woudenberg](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) Plan Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:11:58 AM

As a former Trustee for the Town of Erie and an avid cycling and multi-modal transport enthusiast, I strongly support the BERT plan, and encourage you to adopt the plan to allow for safe commuting and recreating along the Boulder-Erie corridor.

Christiaan

he/they

From: [Kevin Oishi](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) Vote
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:42:53 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network several days every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely, Kevin Oishi

Kevin Oishi
1360 Redwood Ave, Boulder, CO 80304

From: [Eric Merges](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail Support
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:13:03 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) for the following reasons:

- I am a cyclist and I use some parts of our regional trail network almost every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic, similar to the Lobo Trail, the planned Boulder to Longmont bikeway being started along Hwy 119, and the Hwy 36 Trail between Boulder and Superior.
- Having lived and biked in Boulder County for 25 years, I have direct experience riding throughout our County. Our roads have simply become too dangerous as our population has increased.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network (in line with my comments above regarding the Lobo Trail and Hwy 36 trail for north-south travel).
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Eric Merges

516 Bross Street

Longmont, CO 80501

From: [Kyle Gustafson](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail Support
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 8:34:54 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- My family and I are Cyclists and use our regional trail network multiple times every week.
- Living in Erie the BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride that enable safe commuting. Our roads are simply too dangerous, especially the corridor on Isabelle and Valmont roads.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Kyle Gustafson

Kyle Gustafson
2248 Front Range Ct
Erie, CO 80516

From: [Chase Coale](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail VOTE YES!
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:08:42 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

My name is Chase Coale and I recently purchased a home in Lafayette and I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.

The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic, which I would use everyday to commute into work. We need safer places to ride and desperately need more trails between Boulder and Erie, also the road from Erie to Boulder has almost no shoulder and is extremely dangerous. A friend of mine almost died on South Boulder Rd commuting to Boulder,

The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network. •

This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate. Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
Chase Coale

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Chase Coale
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From: [Cynthia Carlisle](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:16:22 AM

Dear Commissioners,

I'm requesting revisions to the proposed BERT (Boulder to Erie Regional Trail) alignment between 75th and the Teller-White Rocks Trail.

- the Boulder County Comp Plan designates this area "Critical Wildlife Habitat" and "High" or "Very High Biodiversity"
- the City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks designates this area "Habitat Conservation Area" and does not allow human access.
- in an era of biodiversity loss, we cannot keep fragmenting HCAs and adding to habitat loss by taking more for recreation.

Why would we even consider an area already *designated by scientific data* to be "*critical wildlife habitat*" or "*very high biodiversity*" to be subjected to regional recreational or commuter uses when alternatives exist?

These critical habitat areas are irreplaceable, as are the creatures who inhabit them once their habitat is gone. The city and county provide miles and miles of recreational biking opportunities and commuter bike lanes. If you must connect Erie to Boulder, please use the Valmont Road area and do not sacrifice these critical wildlife habitat areas. All too quickly, we are destroying the beauty and wonder that exists in our world. The giraffe, the elephant, the duck-billed platypus, the California condor, the burrowing owl, the Northern Harrier—where does it end? Are you, as our elected representatives, doing your part to conserve what we have? Please reconsider the draft alignment and change it to protect the wild things.

Thank you,

Cindy Carlisle

Former Boulder City Councilmember; University of Colorado Regent

From: [Kimberly Cattau](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:33:02 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- My child is a cyclist and use our regional trail network regularly, including between his home in north Boulder and his job at a small business in Erie.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely, Kim Cattau

Kim Cattau
4205 Corriente Pl
Boulder, CO 80301

From: [Dan Feehan](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 10:38:25 AM

Dear Boulder County commissioners,

I am writing to you to express my support for the proposed 8.5 mile multi-use trail Boulder to Erie regional trail. My family and I use the multi-use trails throughout Boulder County as walkers and bicycle riders. Our rides include recreational rides as well as for running errands without the need for a motor vehicle. These trails are invaluable in giving us a place to walk and ride without interacting with motor vehicles. The proposed BERT trail would provide a great connection for us to Erie and we hope you support to development of this and other trails. Thank you so much for the work you do.

Sincerely,
Daniel J. Feehan
1433 Wildwood Lane
Boulder, CO 80305
feehansky@gmail.com

From: [Benjamin Miller](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:49:59 AM

I just wanted to voice my support for a trail connecting Boulder to Erie. Having ridden between Boulder and Erie myself via some combination of Lookout Road, Baseline Road, and Valmont Road, it's something that may be comfortable for an experienced adult on a weekend morning, but never roads that I would let my children ride on.

The more comfortable off-street routes we can provide for Boulder County residents, the better!

Thanks,

Ben Miller

From: [Forest Hill](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3:30:58 PM

I'm writing to ask you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail project.

I make regular use of existing trails for recreation, and this trail would make it much easier for me to commute to work on a bike without having to ride on the road with cars. I'd love to see this happen.

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Forest Hill
forest@mac.com
520-360-6700

From: [Frank](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 12:10:50 PM

Boulder County Commissioners:

I am a cyclist who rides three or more times per week, year-round. I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

I have been hit by cars twice while I was cycling so I support expanded means for cycling on dedicated trails.

The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely, Deron Lawrence, Lafayette, Colorado

From: [Kylie Williamson](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 6:09:25 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). I commute to work by bike as much as possible. Unfortunately, the route from Erie to Boulder feels inherently dangerous (especially around Isabelle road), as there is not even a bike shoulder!!! I have seen cars randomly swerve into that shoulder before. I shudder to think of what could have happened to bikers there. I am forced not to use my bike anytime I think visibility or control could be impacted for cars. Additionally, I can tell the cars do not want me there, as several have honked at me while passing and flipped me off. I truly believe this trail could save lives, if built. Along with making a bike commute more attractive to those not brave enough to ride on the road, which could decrease wear and tear on the roads and help with emissions. Our outdoor community is known for being vibrant and active. Let's keep it that way!

Additional reasons to support the trail would be:

- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Kylie Jensen

1546 Brimble Dr, Erie, CO 80516

From: [Courtney Carter](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 8:52:16 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

The BERT offers a safe, dedicated for cycling away from traffic. As it currently stands, the most straightforward routes between Erie and Boulder (Arapahoe and Valmont) have limited bike lanes and can be terrifying to cycle. Even Baseline can be scary to ride. Many people, myself included, avoid riding these roads due to dangers and aggressive drivers.

The most convenient trail between Erie and Boulder involves going through Superior, which is pretty far out of the way. For most people, this isn't a feasible way to get to work due to the time commitment (over twice the length of the BERT for my commute). This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water, and climate.

Sincerely,
Courtney

Courtney Carter
1365 Hoffman, Dr.
Erie, CO 80516

From: [Andrew Knight](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:19:58 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). My family and I are cyclists who frequently use the regional trail network. It is vital for cyclists to have options to avoid the dangers of riding on the road. The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic and adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Andrew Knight, M.D.

3545 Broadway St, Boulder

From: [Meghan Sloan](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 4:54:09 PM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

As a Boulder County cyclist and environmentalist, I am writing to urge you to vote in favor of the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). BERT will provide a safe East to West corridor for cyclists, encouraging more riding and reducing emissions which are arguably more detrimental to wildlife than a new path and cyclists. With Boulder County's growing population, and commuting, it is more and more dangerous to ride on the road, especially narrow roads like Arapahoe, 75th and 63rd.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Meghan

Meghan Sloan
5410 Tenino Ave
Boulder, CO 80303

From: [Joelle Wisler](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:23:18 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Joelle Wisler

From: [Brendan M](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Trail Strong Support
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:50:15 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). Our family of five are all cyclists and we use our regional trail network every week for both recreation and transportation.

I host an annual weekend of cycling with friends from all over the country and world. Last weekend we had 15 out-of-towners who chose to visit Boulder to cycle on our pathways and contribute to our restaurants, hotels, and shops. Trails like the BERT trail are a big reason for those visits because they offer a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.

- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Brendan McCracken

1428 Cassin Court

Boulder, CO 80303

From: [Charles Purshouse](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:23:18 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to get behind the effort to expand cycling infrastructure in Boulder County and support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). Am very frustrated that cyclists continue to get killed and very little seems to get done by our politicians, despite the warm, vague words of support, to separate cyclists from motor vehicles in Boulder County. Encouraging to see the bike path being added to 119, finally, and some studies being done for a separated lane on 36 to Lyons but we need more action. This is an opportunity for more action:

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.

There is always a reason to say "No" but please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Charles Purshouse

4377 Snowberry Ct

Boulder, 80304

From: [Kevin Chandler](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:33:17 AM

Good morning

I'm writing to voice my support for the Boulder to Erie trail. I live in Boulder County at 9184 pine ridge ln
Kevin
760-408-7226

From: [Heath Wrench](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:21:49 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

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- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
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Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Heath Wrench

2839 Twin Lakes Circle

Lafayette, CO 80926

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ryan Ognibene](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:06:39 AM

Hi Boulder County Commissioners,

I am a runner and I would love to see the connector trail from Boulder to Erie be built. It would be great to have a safe running path to enjoy nature vs driving or using running on the roads.

Please make this a reality.

Thank you

Ryan Ognibene
4450 9th St. Boulder, CO 80302.

From: [Barbara Hansen](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:51:46 AM

This is such a great idea! Please approve this to keep kids off their electronics and get outside instead!

Barbara Hansen | Training Consultant
Mobile 623-363-2361
Barbara.Hansen@Natus.com
3150 Pleasant View Road, Middleton WI 53562
Natus.com

Please excuse the grammatical errors and creative autocorrections of my iPhone.

From: [Karena O'Rourke](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 8:49:38 PM

As an avid cycling family I would like to voice our support in favour of this proposed trail being built.
I believe in keeping more cyclists off the road for their safety, but still out there enjoying the outdoors.
Regards,
Karena O'Rourke
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Taylor Marsden](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 8:48:32 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). Cyclist are often the brunt of angry drivers and to not build the trail due to opposition that has no real basis would be a huge disservice and not in line with the Boulder culture that I know and love. To think this would impact wildlife negatively is outright false. Cycling is low impact and wildlife would only be better served by the trail by ensuring their safe space from future development. Please do not allow those that scream the loudest to dictate what Coloradans actually want. We already see way too much of this on the national level and its disheartening to think you would cave to these pressures. I am born in raised in Jefferson County and have been commuting by bike to the Boulder County area for over 15 years. I have seen firsthand the dangers of ignoring cycling needs, often leading to the death of people simply riding a bike. I have also seen brave people stand up for cycling needs and the screaming from people simply choosing to opposing anything that does not benefit them directly simply goes away, but the lives of cyclist impacted by inaction carries on in the families of lost ones. Please show integrity in a time when there is so little and do the right thing.

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Taylor Marsden
940 Main Street Louisville, CO

Taylor Marsden, CPA, CITP, CFE
Partner | K Financial
(C) 303-517-9775



From: [eleanor needy](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:02:38 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous. I spent this morning shuttling between Fairview HS and the ER trying to figure out if my 15 year old daughter has a blood clot in her leg, following surgery to repair her knee, after she was hit by a car in a cross walk. She survived, for which we are grateful, but this accident, which was 100% the fault of the driver, has created hell for her and my family. It will happen again and again because the majority of drivers are distracted. There are no absolutely no criminal penalties to deter distracted driving. The only solution is to get bikes off the roads and onto route like the BERT if you want to save lives.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
Eleanor

Eleanor Hodby
4052 Crystal Ct,
Boulder, CO, 80304

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From: [David Janis](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:17:30 AM

I like this idea way better than any other transportation projects you are working on.

I support the Boulder to Erie trail

Dave Janis
303-828-6655

From: [Jessica Bronson](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 8:57:33 PM

Please support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- My Family and I have been using our regional trail network consistently for over 40 years and now my son uses them as well.
- Too many of our kids and friends have been killed riding on roads. e need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous
- Our best friends are in Erie, when we want to barrow their truck we have to ride on busy roads to go get it. The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Jessie, Jeremy, Karen, Pete and Storm

Jessica Bronson
5395 Centennial Tr.
Boulder, CO 80303

From: [Paula Ungs](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 9:02:08 AM

Hello, I am a resident of Erie, CO in Boulder County. I would like to express my support for the Boulder to Erie Trail. This would be a fantastic trail for recreation and to connect Erie to Boulder. In addition it would allow people to commute to Boulder using a bike. Currently my husband commutes to work 3-4 days per week. Currently he has to use the main roads (i.e. Valmont, Isabelle) to get to Boulder. This is not a safe alternative since there is increasing traffic every year. I worry constantly about his safety when he is commuting. This also saves us money on fuel and keeps us from having to go the pumps!

Thank you for your consideration,
Paula Ungs
723 Pope Drive
Erie, CO 80516
Boulder County

From: [Cameron Wobus](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:25:07 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). I am a coach with the Fairview High School mountain bike team, and am one of many who helps coach over 100 riders in their training each fall. Between the Boulder High, Fairview High, Centaurus, and Monarch teams, there are probably 400-500 kids out training every Tuesday and Thursday on Boulder area trails, and existing trail options are becoming very crowded, increasing the potential for conflict. The BERT trail would offer another safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic for these kids, and for the rest of the public. It would also add a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.

Everyone in Boulder needs safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous as we keep seeing fatalities on our roadways. This project will also create a new commuting route to increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Cameron Wobus
140 Seminole Drive, Boulder

From: [Brian Toronyi](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 5:09:10 PM

Hi,

I am writing to express my support for the Boulder to Erie Trail. This proposed trail would provide a significant impact in giving an option for people to take other modes of transportation than a car.

Thanks,
Brian

From: [Monica Pavlik](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:08:23 AM

Dear Commissioners,

Please approve the trail between Erie and Boulder. Please keep our children safe and provide alternatives to driving and allowing them to stay away from cars. This is one of the most valuable resources that we can provide.

Thank you,

Monica Pavlik
3995 Carlock Dr
Boulder, CO 80305

From: [Sean Lev-Tov](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 12:06:08 PM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

Please support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail. I bike several times a week, both for commuting and recreation, and it's safer for me and other cyclists to be away from cars when possible. We don't have any east-west trails in the proposed area, so I hope you will make this happen. Arapahoe is impossible for bikes East of 75th St (and unpleasant West of 75th St. Lookout Road is okay, but scary because the cars are much faster and the road is narrow. Therefore, this new trail really serves a great purpose and need. The more of us who bike, the better for our environment. Thank you for helping make our community safer by building this trail.

Sean Lev-Tov
7716 Jade Ct, Boulder, CO 80303

From: [Kenneth Nova](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 10:17:05 AM

Hello,

I am an avid bike rider who would very much like to see a multi use path between Boulder and Erie. I am a staunch defender of wildlife, but I do not think that a multi use path would significantly impact wildlife in the area. An occasional bike rider is not going to disturb wildlife! This multi use path is a way to reduce car use in the county, which we absolutely must do.

Thanks,
Kenneth Nova
355 S 44th St
Boulder, CO 80305

From: [Dan Livingston](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder-Erie Bicycle trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:17:28 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. Right now the only way to get from east-west in Boulder county in the area of the BERT trail is to either ride on Valmont/Isabelle roads or on Lookout road, either of which are a russian roulette of traffic for cyclists - regardless of often ignored bike lanes in morning or afternoon rush hours (I was mysql struck in this area in 2005)
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Thank you,

Dan Livingston

From: [Jed Salazar](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder-Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:15:33 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I would like you to please support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and use our regional trail network weekly.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water, and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Jed Salazar

1190 Hartford Dr, Boulder, CO 80305

From: [carrie hartley](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder-Erie Regional Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 10:58:05 AM

I live and work near Boulder and would love this pathway to be completed as an additional route to commute to Boulder by bike. At a time when we are hoping to reduce impacts of traffic and move to greener transportation, this pathway would provide another option. I'm not a fan of riding on roads due to the danger of drivers and especially distracted drivers. A new east/west flow to/from Boulder would be very welcome for those of us who appreciate getting out of our cars and using bikes. The 36 bike path is an option that I use, but it is loud and I worry about exhaust from all the vehicles-- it also doesn't provide a peaceful travel route. It appears the new route would entail all the qualities I look for in a preferred commute pathway. A more northern east/west passage would be a welcome addition to the Boulder trail system. Please consider moving forward with and completing this pathway and adding to our wonderful, interconnected open space and trails on the front range that allow connections between our cities and greater community.

Sincerely,
Carrie Sanders-Hartley
303-507-4456

From: andi.mann@gmail.com
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder-Erie Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 7:39:24 PM

Seriously, WTF?! Get this done!! People on bikes literally die to ride between Boulder and Erie, By delaying, postponing, studying this vital connection, you continue to support people on bicycles dying. Shame on you.

Build it. Make it happen. Now.

Thank you

A. Mann.
Boulder Resident. Boulder voter.

Andrew Mann
Floral Drive
Boulder CO

From: [Chris Case](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Build Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:18:17 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Thanks very much,
Chris Case
Niwot, CO

Chris Case

Founder of [Alter Exploration](#)
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From: [Carron Meaney](#)
To: [Levy, Claire](#); [Loachamin, Marta](#); [Stolzmann, Ashley](#); [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 4:19:00 PM
Attachments: [BCC Letter from Meaney 10.23.2024.docx](#)

Carron Meaney
138 Wildcat Lane
Boulder, CO 80304
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From: [Tracy Pheneger](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on BERT
Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024 8:00:55 AM

Tracy Pheneger
1705 Sicily Drive
Longmont, Co 80503

October 17, 2024

Boulder County Board of Commissioner's;

I am writing in regards to the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

I am sincerely asking the commission to reconsider the preferred trail alignment 1B.

I am an avid birdwatcher/nature advocate who has lived and worked in Boulder County since 1995. Since I have lived here, I have watched and mourned the loss of vital habitat.

The current preferred alignment trail 1B will cause loss of more vital habitat for wildlife, already threatened Monarch butterflies and increasingly rare Fireflies.

Please seek a less ecologically harmful route from Sawhill Ponds to White Rocks trail. Please consider using the North side of Valmont, the view will still be rural and scenic with few driveways.

I believe it is worth taking time to seek an alternate alignment that provides for safety and visitor experience, without sacrificing sensitive and rare wildlife and ecosystems. A short-term delay for County staff to collaborate with Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) staff is a good investment of time to help prevent long-term, and perhaps permanent, loss of irreplaceable wildlife, plants and ecosystems.

Thank you for your time,
Tracy Pheneger

Sent from [Proton Mail](#) for iOS

From: [Natalie Touchberry](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments for October 24th BERT public meeting
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 8:27:33 PM

Dear Boulder County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed alignment for the BERT from Sawhill Ponds to the White Rocks trail.

The current preferred route (alignment 1b) presents significant ecological risks, as it bisects crucial habitats and affects sensitive wildlife areas, including the Lower Boulder Creek Habitat Conservation Area. This alignment threatens rare species and disrupts the hydrology essential for maintaining the region's biodiversity. I urge you to explore an alternative alignment, such as the north side of Valmont.

I recognize the importance of providing safe routes for recreation; however, prioritizing ecological integrity is vital to protect our natural resources for future generations.

A short-term delay to collaborate with Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks staff could prevent long-term harm to irreplaceable ecosystems.

Thank you for considering a more ecologically sustainable approach.

Sincerely,
Natalie Touchberry

From: [Sandra Laursen](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#); tleubbert@bouldercounty.gov
Cc: [Sandra Laursen](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] comments on BERT plan
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 8:35:11 AM

Dear Commissioners,
I am writing in regard to the planned discussion on 10/24/24 of the Boulder-Erie Regional Trail.

I am opposed to the current preferred alignment (1B) specifically in the section from Sawhill Ponds to White Rocks. Here it crosses multiple areas of high environmental value, designated as important habitat for plants, animals and communities in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan with site-specific or landscape-scale values. It punches through areas designated as Habitat Conservation Areas by the city of Boulder's OSMP, where people are not allowed. We must not keep damaging and fragmenting these important havens for biodiversity in the name of recreation, when we can reroute the trail to avoid them.

I am also dismayed to think that one governmental organization can override another's decisions, values and practices so easily. Multiple segments of the current alignment would be in conflict with CPW recommendations and OSMP practices for avoiding disturbance to nesting raptors as well as Northern leopard frogs. The Comp Plan calls for decisions to be made in a "coordinated and responsible" manner involving all relevant agencies, and states that "Preservation of our environmental and natural resources should be a high priority in making land use decisions." I support these statements and the coordinating spirit of the Comp Plan, and ask you to uphold a thorough, joint planning process that is both coordinated and responsible to the intended process laid out by the Plan and to the Environmental Resource Elements already in the Plan.

I ask you to direct staff to collaborate with city OSMP to identify a route near Valmont Rd, and north of it, to provide a safe route for pedestrians and cyclists while preserving the important ecological habitats near the railroad line - habitats that are already identified as valuable and already designated for protection by state, county, and city land managers.

Thank you for your attention.

Sandra Laursen
south Boulder

Please excuse typos-- I am using voice-to-text technology.

From: [Jean-Pierre Georges](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments on the BERT, in two parts
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2024 8:48:26 AM
Attachments: [lvagComments CC comments,,map 10-24-24.pdf](#)
[lvagComments CC PS.PDF](#)

Linda Andes-Georges

8417 Stirrup Ln

Longmont CO 80503

andesgeorges@comcast.net

Dear County Commissioners:

Please see my comments—and a clarifying PS—concerning the BERT management plan, below.

I very much regret not being able to attend the meeting where you will address this issue: I have an important and long-standing schedule conflict.

Call me at 720 668 5214 if you have questions.

Thanks, and good luck with this complex discussion.

Linda

Comments:

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Post-scriptum:

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From: [Steve Emmett-Mattox](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments on the draft Boulder to Erie Regional Trail Plan
Date: Monday, October 21, 2024 5:32:48 PM

Dear County Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to choose route for this important trail that is less ecologically harmful than the current preferred alignment, especially between Sawhill Ponds and the White Rocks Trail.

The current preferred alignment is ecologically harmful. It passes through important wildlife habitats and ecosystems, including a Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks Habitat Conservation Area at White Rocks and a number of valuable natural resources, designated in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan, at both White Rocks and Sawhill Ponds.

It is not okay to sacrifice ecological values for a multi-use path, and there must be an alternative routing that minimizes the environmental impact.

Already, in Boulder County, our environment is being damaged daily through the direct and indirect effects of growth and development. It is critical that we do everything we can to minimize our impacts whenever possible.

I am a Longmont resident, and a Boulder County resident for nearly 19 years. As a conservationist, hiker, birder, and cyclist, with more than 25 years of experience in non-profit environmental conservation, I place great value on the natural environment that we enjoy in Boulder County and Colorado. I worked for Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (national office) for five years, and I understand the appeal of (and regularly advocated for) utilizing the existing right-of-way as an obvious choice for trail alignment. However, in this case I think an alternate route should be found.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Stephen Emmett-Mattox
Longmont, CO

From: [Alexey Davies](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Cc: [Sue Prant](#); [Alexey Davies](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Community Cycles" enthusiastic support of Staff's preferred alternative for BERT
Date: Friday, October 18, 2024 11:08:21 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

Community Cycles, a non-profit bike shop and advocacy organization with thousands of supporters and 10,000+ followers, is writing to express our strong support for the proposed BERT alignment.

We believe that this trail will provide a safe and enjoyable commuting and recreational opportunity for our community. Cycling has numerous benefits, including improved health, reduced pollution, and economic growth. We have seen firsthand how biking can positively impact individuals and families.

While we understand the importance of wildlife conservation, we believe that effective mitigation strategies can be implemented to minimize impacts. A seasonal closure with re-routes along busy roads is not a safe or comfortable option for cyclists especially for children & families and does not support Boulder County's VZ commitment.

The proposed BERT alignment aligns with Boulder County's TMP vision for regional trails and will contribute to a more connected and sustainable community. The proposed multi use path along Arapahoe from Boulder through Erie is decades away and more expensive.

Thank you for your work and support of staff's recommendation!

Sincerely, Community Cycles Advocacy Committee

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ride on!

alexey davies

alexey@communitycycles.org

Advocacy & Membership Director Community Cycles

www.communitycycles.org

303-641-3593

2601 Spruce St, Unit B (in the back)

[Join the Movement. Become a Member!](#)

From: [Raquel Hink](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Erie regional trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:52:10 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Raquel and Eric Hink

347 W Spruce lane, Louisville, CO 80027

From: [David Weber](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Erie to Boulder Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 12:05:37 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to voice my support for the proposed trail connecting East and West Boulder County.

Though there are many safe routes for non motorized traffic heading north/south in Boulder County, there are few good options heading east and west. We need to continue to add safe corridors for people to use while not in cars.

Not only will it make the roads safer by allowing non motorized users a safe place, it will also cut down on the number of cars congesting the roads and polluting the air. Many people already commute by bike from the Erie area towards Boulder every day, and a trail away from the roads will only increase the number of people commuting.

I would encourage you to support the BERT and vote yes.

Thank you so much

David Weber

From: [Aidan Cameron](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Erie to Boulder trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 9:29:46 AM

I support the Boulder to Erie trail because the only way to insure no pedestrians automotive accidents is to get stop the mixing of the two and we need to separate them so that the pedestrians are safer. The Erie to Boulder trail would provide another way for people to ride their bikes and walk away from cars.

Please help make there be a safer way for cyclists and pedestrians to get around.

Aidan Cameron 14

From: [Tom Needy](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Erie trail - yes
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 6:21:23 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
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- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely, Tom Needy

Tom Needy
4052 Crystal Court
Boulder, Co. 80304

From: [Charlie Ognibene](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Erie trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 4:48:58 PM

Please open this trail it is important to keep riders off the road in a safe environment I ride the mountain bike trails all the time, and the deer just look at us as we go by. We aren't affecting any of the wild life and it's so sad to see so many white bikes on the side of the road please consider opening this trail
Sent from my iPad

From: [Charles Danforth](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] full support please for BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:30:39 PM

Dear County Commissioners,

The Boulder-Erie Regional Trail is a long-overdue connection between two thriving communities and will be a tremendous benefit to both. It will allow fast multi-modal transportation and really tie together portions of the county that don't often seem like they're connected at all. I'm a trail runner, cycle commuter, wildlife photographer, and general advocate for regional trail systems. Too many cyclists and runners are being hurt on our roadways and anything we can do to get them off high-traffic, low shoulder routes such as Valmont Road and out of harm's way will be a win.

Opponents of the BERT plan will cite wildlife concerns and who knows what else, but wildlife has been proven to coexist in many locations with much less buffer zone than what is presented in the BERT plan (the eagles at Monarch High School and Hecla Lake in Louisville are good examples). What most of these people really want is to keep people out of what they perceive to be "their" land. That would be unfair to all of us who actually hold the land in common.

Best regards

Charles Danforth, Louisville

From: [Randy Doriese](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] highly supportive of proposed BERT trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:25:24 AM

Hi, Boulder County Commissioners -

I'm hereby voicing my support for the proposed BERT trail!

As a 22-year Boulder resident and bike-commuting veteran, and as the dad of a growing family of mountain bikers, I can state unequivocally that I and my family would use this trail recreationally.

I often road bike along Baseline Road between Boulder and Erie. An off-road option would be wonderful!

Thank you for all you do!

Respectfully,
Randy Doriese
5270 Centennial Trail, Boulder
randy.doriese@gmail.com

From: [Maggie Barber](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 8:15:36 AM

I am writing in support of the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail. I would like to ask the commissioners to please vote yes this Thursday, Oct. 24, on the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

Thanks,
Maggie
Boulder Resident

From: [Ron Compos](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I Support Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:39:00 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I'm in favor of the proposed Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

I'm a cyclist who rides and appreciates our regional trails. I appreciate any opportunity to ride on a trail system instead of riding on roads with cars and trucks.

I was riding my road bike on Nelson Rd many years ago and was struck from behind by a teenage driver. The speed limit on this section was 55mph. My body was deflected off the side view mirror and A-pillar and I was thrown into the air flipping end over end. When I landed on the road I was lucky to survive and only required an emergency room visit, a few weeks of recovery and subsequent arthroscopic surgery to clean out my hip joint.

The outcome of the collision could have been much worse. I mostly ride gravel and mountain bikes now because I don't want to die on the roads. I choose my cycling routes taking into account bike paths and trails to minimize my exposure to drivers of cars and trucks.

Please approve and build the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) to encourage more people to get out and ride in a safe environment.

Ron Compos

From: [Abigail Sherohman](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support the BERT trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3:56:05 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners, I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). My husband is a cyclist, and commutes for work between Erie and Boulder several times a week every week. He currently bikes on roads (Isabelle and Baseline are his frequent options), some of which are challenging to bike safely on, with heavy rush-hour traffic.

The BERT trail would offer a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. Our cyclists need safe routes to commute and recreate. My husband is a careful and experienced biker and does what he can to keep himself safe, but being off roads would be even safer.

The BERT trail will add a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network. This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate. Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail. Sincerely, Abigail Sherohman
Abigail Sherohman 11776 Billings Ave
Lafayette CO 80026

From: [Keith Berets](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I Support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 6:21:55 PM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need more safe places to ride.
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- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
-Keith Berets

From: [Jennifer Shriver](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support the Boulder-Erie Regional Bicycle Trail!
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 9:36:20 AM

Good morning, Boulder County Commissioners,

I was hoping to attend the hearing but am not able to join with the rescheduled date.

I want to express my strong support for the Boulder-Erie regional trail. This trail will open up a brand new opportunity for significant and meaningful transportation options for East County residents.

I'm sure you're aware that East County residents, especially from Erie, have very limited transportation options.

This trail represents a vital new opportunity for regional bicycle commuting, something that the growing transformation of e-bikes makes even more feasible.

Bicycle commuting brings numerous benefits to our communities, from cleaner air and reduced greenhouse gas emissions to improved personal health and well-being.

I also want to highlight the economic benefits of bicycle commuting, which can be vitally important to individuals and families.

The average annual cost of owning a car, calculated by the American Automobile Association, is \$10,000/year. Having safe and feasible bicycle commuting options gives people the opportunity to save money while helping our community gain all those benefits.

Thank you for considering my comments.

All my best,

Jennifer Marie Shriver, MENV
303-641-2749

In the spirit of healing, I respectfully acknowledge that I live and work in what is now called Boulder County, in the un-ceded, traditional territories and ancestral homelands of the Hinóno'éi (Arapaho), Cheyenne, Očeti Šakówinj (Sioux), and Núu-agma-tuvu-pu (Ute) Nations.

Colorado's Front Range is a contemporary and traditional site of trade and gathering for many First Nations peoples.

From: [Charles Brock](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support the Boulder-Erie Regional Trail!
Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 3:27:34 PM

Hi Boulder County Commissioners:

I would like to express my support for the proposed alignment for the Boulder-Erie Regional Trail (BERT). This trail will be a tremendous asset for residents of Boulder County, for both recreational and commuting purposes. It will traverse a section of the County that is currently quite hostile to walkers, runners, and cyclists. Like the LoBo trail, it will become popular for daily recreation and access to nature away from the roar of traffic. And because the BERT will be relatively straight and direct, it will prove valuable as a commuting route for cyclists who want to go from the eastern side of the county to the city of Boulder and vice versa. I feel that the environmental tradeoffs would be relatively small given that the rail bed already exists, and that the positives far outweigh the negatives.

I urge you to support the trail in general, and the staff-recommended alignment specifically.

Thank you for your service to our county.

Sincerely,

Charles (Chuck) Brock

717 Evergreen Ave

Boulder 80304

303-887-2523

From: [Dylan Lewis](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3:29:29 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

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- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Dylan lewis

2253 Edgewood Dr, Boulder, CO 80304

From: [Tim Stelzer](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:36:32 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

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Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely, Tim Stelzer

From: [Brian Goldman](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I'm excited for BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 10:22:17 AM

Greetings all,

I live in Flatiron Meadows and work in Boulder. I am interested in commuting by bike, but the current options feel too dangerous to attempt. If the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail gets built, I will feel much safer biking to work.

Brian Goldman
891 Homestead Ct, Erie, CO 80516

From: [Stephen Kandl](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] in favor of BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:16:55 PM

Hello,

I am writing to voice my adamant support of the proposed BERT multi use trail system. We'll be able to use this to explore our county safely without a car and avoid being on roads as we commute for work and play.

Thanks for your consideration and understanding,
Stephen Kandl

From: [Erik Persson](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In favor of the BERT proposal
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:05:25 PM

Hello County Commissioners,

I am writing to voice my support for implementing the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) Plan. Myself, my spouse and my three children have all made excellent use of the existing bike trails in the city and county of Boulder. It is integral to our commuting and recreation. The broader the network of trails that allow safe biking away from traffic, the more useful and safe the whole system is.

We also take advantage of hiking trails, including those that permit dogs. This part out the county trail system is important, but it is essential that we continue to build out our biking network. It is essential for the health and well being of our citizens, regional air quality and moving in the direction of less reliance on automobiles. I understand that some in the community are concerned about local ecology. I am too. But I am confident that solutions can be found that permit for both a robust bike trail infrastructure and a healthy local environment.

Sincerely,
Erik Persson

3565 Eastman Ave.
Boulder, CO
80305

303 775 8294

From: [Brad Desmond](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In favor of the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 6:58:24 PM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Boulder to Erie (BERT) multi-use trail project. I believe that this project will have significant positive impacts on our community and the surrounding environment.

Bicycling commuting is a sustainable and healthy transportation option. The BERT trail would provide a safe and convenient alternative to driving, reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality, and promoting physical activity. By encouraging more people to bike to work or school, we can reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and contribute to a healthier, more sustainable future.

In addition to the benefits for human health, the BERT trail would also have positive impacts on wildlife. Studies have shown that well-designed and managed trails can coexist peacefully with wildlife. By providing designated areas for recreation, we can help to reduce the impact of human activities on sensitive habitats.

I urge you to reject the claims that a multi-use trail would harm wildlife. These claims are often based on misinformation and do not reflect the scientific evidence. With proper planning and mitigation measures, the BERT trail can be built in a way that minimizes its impact on the environment.

I believe that the BERT trail is a worthwhile investment in our community. It will provide a valuable recreational resource, promote sustainable transportation, and protect our environment. I urge you to support this project and move forward with its construction.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Brad Desmond
6829 Bugle CT
Boulder CO,
80301

From: [Michelle Livingston](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] in support of BERT trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:13:05 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

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Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
Michelle Livingston
5212 Clover Basin Dr
Longmont, CO

From: [Patrick Ryan](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:18:55 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

Hi, I'm a Boulder cyclist, dad of cyclists, and bike commuter.

I'm writing to ask that you support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). This trail would add a critical east/west link to our trail network.

Currently, making this trip involves time spent on some pretty busy roads and I can speak first-hand to the fact that incidents with cars are getting more frequent and worse!

The BERT trail would offer a safe, dedicated path for cyclists. This in turn would increase trips by bike with the nice side effect of improving our air and climate quality.

Thanks for your time,

Patrick Ryan

303.653.2319 | 814 Hawthorn Ave. Boulder

From: [Piet Sawvel](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] in support of BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 8:29:40 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) project and to urge you to advance this.

The proposed 8.5-mile multi-use trail will enhance our region's connectivity, providing a safe and enjoyable route for cyclists and pedestrians alike. This trail will offer a dirt surface path through open space and farmland, much like the beloved Coal Creek Trail. Its course alongside an abandoned rail line and away from busy roads like Valmont Road is particularly beneficial, as it prioritizes safety and tranquility for all users.

In addition to connecting key sites such as the Valmont Bike Park and White Rocks/Teller Farm, BERT will serve as a crucial safe passage for cyclists, reducing the risk posed by dangerous traffic conditions on existing roads. This trail not only promotes active transportation and recreation but also embodies our commitment to sustainable and safe infrastructure development.

By advancing the BERT project, you will be investing in a valuable resource that enhances our community's well-being, encourages healthy lifestyles, and provides a lasting legacy for future generations.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to improving our county's transportation infrastructure. Kind regards, Piet Sawvel

716 Bittersweet Ln Longmont CO 80503

From: [Anne Gallagher-West](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] in support of BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:26:26 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- My spouse and I are cyclists, as are both of our kids (ages 10 and 15) and we use the regional trail network every week.
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- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
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Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Anne Gallagher-West

185 S 36th St, Boulder, CO 80305

From: [Chris Leavell](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In Support of BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 9:17:06 PM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I'm writing to express my support for the proposed Boulder to Erie Trail.

I commute by bicycle to Boulder quite frequently. A trail like this would make things significantly safer.

Additionally, I'm a father. Trails like this expand my son's world and the worlds of his peers. I can't overstate this enough. Trails like this are the circulatory system of our communities.

Thank you for considering my letter.

Best regards

Chris

From: [Jewel Afflerbaugh](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of bike trail from Boulder to Erie
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:27:33 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). Our family lives near the proposed route. This trail would offer a safe bike option for our family, who are all avid bikers to travel. In addition there is benefit to entire community.

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Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Jewel Afflerbaugh

7743 Arlington Dr, Boulder CO 80303

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Jewel Afflerbaugh
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From: [Nicolás Rodríguez Jeangros](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:51:11 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network regularly. But currently, I commute from Erie using Valmont and Isabelle Rds. I have had several experiences when distracted or unskilled drivers could have ended my life if things had happened with differences of seconds or milliliters of when/where they happened.

- I have a PhD in Environmental Science and have been involved in several projects that can impact wildlife, and for which protecting wildlife has been an important consideration. From looking at the limited [documentation](#), it appears to me that the environmental/public health benefits of this project highly outweigh the temporary and possibly minor wildlife impacts. I have heard a rumor that there is considerable opposition to the project due to its wildlife impacts. I urge you to please rely on experts on this matter (scientists and engineers that do proper/quantitative risk/benefit analysis) and not on uninformed public opinion.

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Best,
Nicolas Rodriguez Jeangros

From: [Jaret Flores](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:26:56 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,
I am a homeowner and regular cyclist in Boulder County and regularly use the regional trails. In my opinion, the fact that Boulder County is bikeable is one of the greatest parts of living here. It is incredibly special given how uncommon it is within the US.

As I am sure you will hear from many other residents, there are plenty of positives to creating more bike trails:

1. Safety. Having dedicated trails for bikers allows them to travel away from vehicle traffic and prevent tragic accidents.
2. Reduces pollution. Bikes (independently of cars) are safer, quieter and of course produce less emissions.
3. Promotes healthy, active lifestyle. Again, the fact that projects like these are prioritized in Boulder County are a draw for residents.
4. In line with Boulder Counties other safety initiatives. For example, the 119 bike path, extension to LOBO and possibly a new bike path along 36.

Of course, it's true that no projects can be undertaken without some other effects. In particular, having a bike path will introduce human traffic possibly in places where it does not currently exist. However, I would argue that:

1. The safety of cyclists is extremely important. In my opinion, Boulder County should prioritize non-personal-car modes of transportation.
2. Since the trail is just a dirt path, it should not cause much interruption to the surrounding areas. Roads and the cars that drive on them are way more impactful: land use, noise pollution, road kill, emissions... It would be hard to argue that using vehicles would be better.

If I had to guess, many folks who say they are worried about wildlife are actually worried about an unused space that could be used. Even though the bike traffic will not be heavy or loud, it is still more traffic than none at all. Those residents may be more concerned about their own privacy or having visitors in a space that they usually can keep to themselves. Perhaps we should consider asking them if they would be OK with BERT if it meant we could remove a road elsewhere.

-Jaret Flores
5233 Bella Vista Drive, Longmont, CO

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Nicolas Rodriguez Jeangros

From: [Whitney Stark](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of Erie bike path - BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 10:29:15 AM

Good morning,

I am writing in support of the BERT. As our area grows and cycling/running become more popular, we are in need of more trails to safely recreate. There are too many fatal car accidents involving bikes and pedestrians and I believe the value to our citizens would outweigh any impacts on wildlife.

Thank you for your time

Whitney Stark

From: [Benjamin Oppenheimer](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of the BERT trail project.
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:46:13 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

A few points. I am a recreational cyclist and cycle frequently on dirt paths around Boulder Co. I prefer to stay off of roads and on dirt to enjoy the wildlife. I do worry that the road traffic east-west on this corridor (e.g. Valmont Rd.) can be quite dangerous.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
Ben

Benjamin D. Oppenheimer
1690 Oak Ave.
Boulder, CO 80304

From: [John Sherohman](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of the BERT trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3:41:16 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners, I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). I am a cyclist and I bike from home in Erie to work in Boulder multiple times a week. Currently I do this on roads (mainly Isabelle and Baseline), both of which are challenging to safely navigate, especially in winter months. The BERT trail would offer a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous. The BERT trail will add a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network. This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate. Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail. Sincerely, John Sherohman John Sherohman 11776 Billings Ave Lafayette CO 80026

From: [Matt Getty](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of the BERT Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 3:00:13 PM

Hey Commissioners,

I'm writing in my wild support for the BERT trail.

I've lived in Boulder County my whole life and am an avid cyclist. I routinely make use of a lot of the Coal Creek trail to get into Boulder. The BERT is a unique connector trail that in my mind would serve as a key part of an around-Boulder-County ring trail network. The RTD space for the trail is unused and just waiting for new life.

As more people move out east (myself included), having safe connections (please, biking on Isabelle or Valmont is not safe for anyone even those wearing high vis clothing) is essential and fun.

I urge you all to move forward with this project. We need more bike trails and more bikes (which generate more safety).

Thanks,
Matt Getty
364 W Sycamore Ln, Louisville

From: [Matt Zientek](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of the Boulder Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:57:26 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I'd like to express my strong support of the plan to construct the BERT along the recommended corridor.

I ride from my home in Erie to my work in Boulder twice a week. I take the Coal Creek and 36 trails in order to have a safe ride, even though that totals 23 miles. There is no safe east/west alternative for cyclists or pedestrians in this part of the county.

Riding on Isabelle/Valmont is **terrifying**, not at all suitable for bikes, and we're in desperate need of a viable alternative. BERT would let me have a safe ~12 mile ride, and I would absolutely increase my # of days cycled per week as a result.

Erie is growing massively, and so is the associated traffic and climate impact in the Erie/Boulder corridor. Let's take cars off the road, prevent further cycling deaths in Boulder County, and open more access to this beautiful stretch of open space.

Thank you,
Matt Zientek
Erie, CO

From: [Adam Hecht](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In Support of the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:44:32 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

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- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely, Adam Hecht
7729 Country Creek Drive
Niwot, CO 80503

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From: [Peter Spuhler](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] in support of the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:38:34 AM

Hi,

I've been made aware that there is an upcoming vote on the approval of the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail.

I remember voting on this in one of our elections probably too long ago. I'm glad this is finally happening and have been looking forward to this trail being built. I'm very much in support of this trail and trails like it.

As good as Boulder is relative to the rest of the country, we still have a long way to go to connect our towns with safe and pleasant bike and walking trails. There is currently no safe way to bike to Erie. This will be a great addition to our regional trail system that will encourage bike use.

thanks for your support for regional trails

Sincerely
Peter Spuhler

From: [Angela Richardson](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 6:58:41 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- Simply put - we need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous. My eldest son, 8 years old, was nearly hit as we were biking to a crosswalk where we could then access a bike route off Baseline between 75th and 95th in Lafayette. It has been devastating to our community that the 24/25 back to school began with two children being struck by cars at the same cross walk near Indian Peaks neighborhood. We need safer bike routes that connect those of us in Eastern Boulder County to Boulder proper.
- With that said, the BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water, climate and people.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Angela Richardson
824 Applewood Dr.
Lafayette, CO 80026

Educator . RCST . Consultant

From: [Kyle Webb](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In Support of the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:23:41 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- My two boys and I are avid cyclists and use our Boulder trail network multiple times per week. Combined we ride thousands of miles each year on Boulder trails and paths and we will really enjoy and take advantage of the dirt surfaces.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous. We hear too frequently of tragedies involving bikes and vehicles. In 2023, Magnus White, a 17 yr old promising national level cyclist, was killed in Boulder by a driver. I had to break the news to my boys. Magnus was an older member of the Boulder Junior Cycling team who my boys looked up to. Everytime my boys go for a ride we plead with them to stay off the roads and use the trails and paths near our homes.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network. An east-west link is key gap in the trail network. Many who live in eastern Boulder Country need a safer way to access Boulder and western Boulder County via bike.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail! All BOCO residents will benefit!

Best regards,

Kyle Webb

2852 Grand Lake Drive

Lafayette, CO

From: [Louise Kelly](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 8:43:15 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Boulder to Erie (BERT) multi-use trail project. I believe that this project will have significant positive impacts on our community and the surrounding environment.

Bicycling commuting is a sustainable and healthy transportation option. The BERT trail would provide a safe and convenient alternative to driving, reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality, and promoting physical activity. By encouraging more people to bike to work or school, we can reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and contribute to a healthier, more sustainable future.

In addition to the benefits for human health, the BERT trail would also have positive impacts on wildlife. Studies have shown that well-designed and managed trails can coexist peacefully with wildlife. By providing designated areas for recreation, we can help to reduce the impact of human activities on sensitive habitats.

I urge you to reject the claims that a multi-use trail would harm wildlife. These claims are often based on misinformation and do not reflect the scientific evidence. With proper planning and mitigation measures, the BERT trail can be built in a way that minimizes its impact on the environment.

I believe that the BERT trail is a worthwhile investment in our community. It will provide a valuable recreational resource, promote sustainable transportation, and protect our environment. I urge you to support this project and move forward with its construction.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Louise Kelly
3585 Longwood Avenue
Boulder, CO

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Louise Price Kelly
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From: [Tomas Remotigue](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3:06:13 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I strongly urge you to vote in favor of the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

I am a cyclist and I regularly use our regional trail network, but only on weekends. The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. and a connection between East Boulder County (where I live) to Boulder (where I work).

I currently live off of Lookout Road and, due to past close calls attempting to commute to work, I no longer ride my bike during the week out of concerns for my safety. Our narrow, more rural roads are too dangerous for cyclists during commute hours. In the last few years development, especially in the Erie area, has only made this worse.

This project will allow me, and countless others, to regularly commute and recreate by bike, taking traffic off of our roads and reducing our environmental impact. This will improve the quality of life for all Boulder County residents, whether or not they actively use the BERT Trail.

Please vote in favor of the BERT trail to make cycling safer and reduce the burden on our already crowded roads.

Sincerely,

Tomas Remotigue
5600 N 115th St.
Longmont, CO 80504

From: [Robin Malloch](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of the Boulder-Erie Regional Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 8:58:20 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my support for the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail project. As a resident of Boulder, I believe this trail will benefit our community and region.

The Boulder to Erie Regional Trail offers several benefits:

- **Safe Transportation:** The trail will provide a safe, off-road alternative for cyclists, pedestrians, and runners, reducing the risk of accidents and promoting healthy transportation options. As a regular cyclist, I have had bad experiences when traveling on the major roadways between Boulder and Erie.
- **Climate Impact:** By encouraging more people to walk, bike, or run, the trail will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions to support Boulder's climate and air quality goals.
- **Regional Connectivity:** The trail will connect Boulder and Erie, improving accessibility between the two communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Robin Malloch

From: [jessica morgan](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In Support: Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3:27:32 PM

Hello Boulder County Commissioners,

As a long time resident of south Boulder with family in Lafayette & Erie now (due to housing costs in Boulder), I wanted to voice my support for the proposed Erie Regional Trail (BERT). I think it would be so helpful for the many Boulder residents that want to ride safely all the way to Erie.

I am not able to attend the meeting on Thursday so wanted to share my strong support for this initiative. I truly believe it will save lives and make bike commuting a more viable option for many of us that would take advantage of the option.

Thank you,
Jessica Morgan

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Jessica Morgan
Phone: 303-827-8036
Email: jessicamorgan.email@gmail.com

From: [Ra Pa \(via Google Docs\)](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter to Boulder County Commissioners, Comments on BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 1:35:47 AM
Attachments: [Letter to Boulder County Commissioners, Comments on BERT.pdf](#)

Ra Pa attached a document



Ra Pa (parmenterb@gmail.com) has attached the following document:



Letter to Boulder County Commissioners, Comments on BERT

Google LLC, 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043, USA

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From: [kimi riter](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Make BERT happen!
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 3:37:41 PM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I'm a lifelong cyclist that would never get in a car unless I had to. Couple that with the fact that my brother was hit by a car while on his bike. Luckily, he survived. The frequency of bikes getting hit by cars has made it impossible to road ride anywhere including in what I would call a bike friendly area. I desperately urge you to create a safe cycling space in the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail. I recently started using the Highway 36 bike path from one elementary school (Eisenhower) to my other school (Monarch k-8). It gave me an open air lunch break to exercise and commute safely without fear of dying. But it runs next to the highway which makes it less than relaxing as a car ran off the road near there last spring. The BERT is the solution! And it will only improve the physical and mental health of members in our community. And we need a mental health lift!

As an educator, I have to look out for every one of my students and their differing interests. Please consider doing the same to enhance the lives of our cyclists and ensure that the drivers of the cars don't have to live with having hurt or killed a cyclist.

Sincerely,

Kimi Riter

3666 Chase Ct.

Boulder, Co

From: [David Blankinship](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Make the BERT a reality
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3:11:21 PM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the Boulder Erie Regional Trail (BERT), in particular the preferred alignment 1B. This is a trail corridor that has been in discussions for over a decade and it is very exciting to see that it is close to becoming a reality. Having access to a 8.5-mile off-road, soft surface path to connect East Boulder to Erie would be an amazing addition to the county trail system. It provides a safer way for those commuting by bike to get into or out of Boulder and aligns nicely with county initiatives for vision zero and reduced carbon emissions. It also provides a wonderful place for trail users of all types to get out and enjoy nature and to appreciate parts of White Rocks / Teller Farm that have previously only been visible from a distance. I also encourage the county commissioners to follow through with their previous commitment to the BERT that was mentioned during East Boulder Creek / Prairie Run Open Space hearings. The BERT concepts have reached this point in the planning process thanks to countless hours of work on the part of volunteers, staff, consultants, and board members and hope that the county commissioners offer it an enthusiastic approval to get things moving to the next stage.

Sincerely,
David Blankinship
Louisville, CO

From: [Victoria Bisharat](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PLEASE Build the BERT Trail! It is not safe to not build this trail!
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 9:36:25 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous! PLEASE build this trail, it is not worth the risk to human life to not have an access trail.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely, XX

Name
Address

From: [Andrew Feeney](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Build the BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 12:21:27 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network several times a week. I was the City of Boulder Bike commuter of the year in 2009 and am currently the head coach of the Fairview High School mountain bike team. I understand the importance of safe routes for cyclists. I encourage you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. It provides a much needed East- West connection in our regional trail network. The current traffic on our East-West roads (Arapahoe, Valmont, Baseline) is very heavy and is predicted to increase dramatically over the next 25 years. Our roads are becoming increasingly dangerous for all users, but especially cyclists. We need safer places to ride that are away from traffic. This trail will also allow more people to access our wonderful, natural spaces without the need for cars. Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Andrew Feeney
Louisville Resident

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Andrew Feeney
Physical Science, Anatomy and Physiology Teacher
Head Coach Fairview Mountain Bike Team
Fairview High School
Boulder, Colorado
andrew.feeney@bvsd.org

From: [Chris Munro](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Do The Right Thing - Put Safety First - Add BERT Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 12:34:26 PM

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Boulder County and you love to talk about support for cycling, safety, etc. Then you get swayed by other groups because they are more vocal, pay you more or whatever the cause.

Look how many more accidents and deaths are occurring in Boulder County. You can make a difference to lower future deaths.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Thank you for listening and doing the right thing.

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From: [Nico Rodríguez-Jeangros](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please read and share this with the audience before the Thursday vote on the BERT trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:53:50 PM

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Best,
Nico Rodriguez-Jeangros

From: [yanospalding](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Re-route Bert Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 9:54:39 AM

Dear Commissioners Levy, Loachim, and Stolzmann,

Please instruct staff to re-route the Bert Trail between 75th and the Teller-White Rocks Trail. The City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks designates this area “Habitat Conservation Area,” and the BVCP classifies it as a “Critical Wildlife Habitat.” We consider commuter biking to be an important means of protecting the environment, but destroying an invaluable part of our natural environment to create the bike trail is antithetical.

If you direct your trail planners to work with the City's Open Space staff to reroute the trail north of Valmont Road, you can avoid fragmenting the HCA and protect the biodiversity rich area and the species that nest and forage there. It is well worth any extra time or money this would entail.

Sincerely,

Lisa Spalding
1135 Jay Street
Boulder, CO

From: [Cathern H Smith](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Re-route the BERT Segment Running From Sawhill Ponds to White Rocks and Retain the Option for an Overpass at 287
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 7:51:38 AM

Dear County Commissioners,

Globally, we stand in the midst of a wildlife crisis without a value system to preserve biodiversity. “Global wildlife populations have plunged by an average of 73% in 50 years...”^[1] Since 1970, in North America there has been a lesser reduction, 39%. But 39% is still a substantial number.

While it may seem that the actions we take in Boulder County make no difference, the truth is that running a trail through lands carefully cultivated by OSMP to serve the needs of nesting raptors, Preble’s meadow jumping mice, and other critters tips the scale towards reduced populations that may lead to extirpation, which in turn may lead to eventual extinction. If human recreational desires are always given priority over the reproductive needs of raptors and other critters, it becomes a question of pace not outcome. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has recommended at least 9 months of seasonal closures along the Sawhill Ponds to White Rocks segment to protect the nesting raptors. The fact that CPW has recommended such extensive closures speaks volumes for the biological significance of the area and the need for protection.

Fireflies and Ute ladies'-tresses are among the invertebrates and plants currently found along the proposed segment of BERT that runs from Sawhill Ponds to White Rocks. CPW recently got authority to study and conserve these life forms. Passed in 2024, HB24-1117 authorizes CPW - for the first time - to study and conserve rare plants and insects. It is likely that the Sawhill Ponds to White Rocks segment contains invertebrates and plants that will gain future protection.

The golden and bald eagles living in the area are protected by The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668d). The Act prohibits taking of these birds, and the Fish and Wildlife Service makes it clear that “[t]he Act defines ‘take’ as ‘pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, molest or disturb.’ Regulations further define ‘disturb’ as ‘to agitate or bother a bald or golden eagle to a degree that causes, or is likely to cause, based on the best scientific information available, 1) injury to an eagle, 2) a decrease in its productivity, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior, or 3) nest abandonment, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior.’ (50 CFR 22.6).^[2] The Fish and Wildlife Service goes on to say that “In addition to immediate impacts, this definition also covers effects that result from human-induced alterations initiated around a previously used nest site during a time when eagles are not present, if, upon the eagle's return, such alterations agitate or bother an eagle to a degree that interferes with or interrupts normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering habits, and causes injury, death or nest abandonment.”^[3]

While the best course of action would be to re-route the Sawhill to White Rocks segment of the trail, if you move forward then various mitigation measures should be considered including:

- Measures to preserve the hydrology;
- Keeping dogs off of the Sawhill Ponds to White Rocks segment as the presence of dogs - even on leash - is known to disturb wildlife;
- Wildlife crossing for amphibians, snakes, turtles, and other small critters.
- Study the impact of bike lights and runners lights on the existing trails and make appropriate adjustments to the hours the trail is open.

Finally, due to the environmental impacts of running the trail over to Boulder Creek in the event that the water table is too high to make an underpass feasible, please retain the Option for an Overpass at 287.

As you weigh the staff proposal, please bear in mind that we also live in a time when the reduction in wildlife populations from human generation to human generation resets norms. As the magic and beauty of our wild world is reduced, we too are impoverished.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your service to the people, critters, and other life forms of Boulder County.

Best,

Cathern Smith
Louisville, CO

[1] <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2024/oct/10/collapsing-wildlife-populations-points-no-return-living-planet-report-wwf-zsl-warns>

[2] <https://www.fws.gov/law/bald-and-golden-eagle-protection-act>.

[3] Id.

From: [Bart Geerts](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Cc: [Angelina Geerts](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] please say YES to BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 6:48:01 AM

Hi,

My wife and I live in Boulder, have 3 kids, and love cycling. The new BERT trail would provide an incredibly valuable cycling route away from dangerous traffic.

Bikes are low impact, impacts on wildlife are minor and can be managed.

Bart and Angelina Geerts
640 S 46th str.
Boulder CO 80305

From: [Brian Dykman](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support BERT trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 8:24:41 PM

Dear commisioners,

It is very important to me that a new Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) be built. I use the local trails often (twice this week!) and citizens need a safe place to ride.

Sincerely,

Brian Dykman
Erie, CO

From: [Tim Kenkel](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support BERT Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:46:19 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). More trails and safe places to ride makes for a happier, safer, more connected community. Boulder County has had a steady increase in population that has not had a proportionate increase in places for hikers and cyclists thus creating more crowds and strain on our existing network.

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network on a daily basis, sometimes for recreation as well as commuting to work on a year round basis. I have been commuting to work on a bicycle since March of 2000 and proactively seek out multi use trails to make a safe and enjoyable route to work.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous. I say this as my cousin Terrence Doherty was killed while riding his bicycle in Boulder County several years ago.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate. More trips by bike will also make healthier, happier community.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
Tim Kenkel

From: [Dena](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support BERT!
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:58:46 PM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing to ask that you please support the Boulder to Erie Regional trail (BERT). I am from an entire family of cyclist and we all ride the regional trail network every week. From riding to and from work, for high school mountain bike practice to junior team training to riding to the store for dinner. There are too many unsafe roads now with too many distracted drivers. We need safe places to ride and commute, away from cars, separate from cars.. I understand that the impacts of wildlife are a concern in your decision. Couldn't a trial trail be ridden for a period of time or trail closers during concerns of wildlife impact be considered? The decision to open this trail could save lives. Please give it a chance,

The DeBoom Family, Todd, Dena , Eli & Rowan

From: [Joel Kimmel](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Support BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:11:41 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our environment and encouraging healthy activities for commuters and families.

Please build the BERT.

Sincerely,

Joel Kimmel

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Joel Kimmel
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Boulder, CO
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From: [Rowan DeBoom](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 6:38:18 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing to please support the BERT trail. I am a cyclist and so is my whole family and many of my friends. We rode trails every week, for practice and commuting. There are so many unsafe roads and distracted drivers. This trail could save lives, please give it a chance.

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely Rowan DeBoom

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Scott Barkley](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 8:10:31 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to **support** the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

I am a cyclist and used to bike commute between Erie and Boulder on a regular basis, but have decided that our roads are simply too dangerous. To help get more cars off the road and reduce the environmental impact of commuting, we need safer places to ride. BERT would add a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network, and would increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water, and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail.

Thank you,

Scott Barkley
1382 Washburn St
Erie, CO 80516

From: [Sally Keefe](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Support Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:56:53 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network routinely for recreation and as well as to commute and run errands.

The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. We need safer places to ride. Our roads have become too dangerous.

The BERT trail will add a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network. This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please connect our community and make cycling safer by building the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
Sally Keefe

Sally Keefe | sallykeefe@gmail.com | 1742 Quince Avenue, Boulder CO 80304

From: [John Hoelle](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:22:57 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I would like to join the community of cyclists and trail users urging you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network regularly, as do my children.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. **Our roads are simply too dangerous.** I live very close to where two children were recently hospitalized after being hit by cars within a 24-hour period.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Kind regards,

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Author of the book [Heal As You Go: Thrive and Grow While Moving through Divorce](#)



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From: [Maureen Cameron](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support the BERT trail!
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 4:13:19 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week. My family depends on trails like these to safely get around the region.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous. Drivers are too distracted, and we shouldn't need to have to be riding defensively at all times.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Many thanks,
Maureen Cameron
515 Juniper Avenue
Boulder, CO 80304

From: [Hannah Nordhaus](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support the BERT trail!
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3:23:34 PM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I'm a cyclist and frequent user of our regional trail network. With multiple cyclist deaths each year on county roads, cherished members of our community, I feel increasingly unsafe riding on roads and now almost exclusively ride on our dirt and paved trails throughout Boulder County.

The BERT trail would provide a safe space for cyclists away from our dangerous county roads and adds an important link from Boulder to the eastern part of the county, keeping more people off the roads and increasing bike use and bike trips through the county.

Please approve the BERT trail and continue to support and improve our regional trail work and safe corridors for cyclists.

Sincerely,

Hannah Nordhaus

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Boulder, CO 80305

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From: [Kate Davis](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support the BERT Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:50:19 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing to strongly urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

I am a mother of five active children who love to bike and run. They use trails around the area to ride to practices, to visit friends, or for running. However, there are limited or no options for safe traveling via trails to many locations. Specifically, there are currently no safe trails leading from Boulder to Erie. I do not feel comfortable with my kids riding along dangerous roads, like Valmont. We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous. The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic and adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network. Building this project would increase environmentally friendly commuting and protect riders and runners. We love Boulder for its forward thinking, healthy, active lifestyles which promote environmentally friendly ways to commute. Please continue this progress by supporting the BERT trail.

Regards,

Kathryn Davis, PhD
University of Colorado, Boulder
7899 Devonshire Way, Boulder CO 80301

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From: [Makenna Duncan](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support the BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:28:56 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). I am a cyclist that lives in Erie and works in Boulder. I would love to be able to ride my bike to and from work but the two lane roads that are an option right now are just too dangerous. The BERT trail would offer a safe, dedicated space to bike away from traffic and would be much more family friendly for taking kids on rides. We currently use the trail system that exists and love being able to bike, run and walk on a safe trail that provides great views of the nature around us. The roads are too dangerous for bikes, and also drivers, for bikes to be regularly using them for recreation and transportation. This project could help increase the number of people commuting by bike as I know there are a lot of people that live out in Erie but work in Boulder.

Please make biking safer and build the BERT trail!

Thanks,

Makenna Duncan

318 Orion Cir, Erie, CO 80516

From: [Robert Pickels](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Support the BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:53:53 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

Please support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

It may not seem so, but Boulder has limited cycling opportunities. My middle-school aged children love cycling, but with the slew of deaths that deeply affect our community I do not feel they are safe riding on the roads. Boulder and Boulder county need additional opportunities for safe cycling for both recreation and commuting.

This link is crucial to more safely access other networks without resorting to riding on dangerous roads. It would greatly increase the value of the infrastructure already in place.

Please support our community and my children,

Thank you,

Rob Pickels

4456 9th st.

Boulder, Colorado.

80304

From: [erin lewis](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:12:07 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a parent of a young cyclist and they use our regional trail network every week.*
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.*
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.*
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.*
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.*

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Thank you,

*Erin Lewis
2253 Edgewood Dr.
Boulder, co 80304*

From: [Chihhao Shen](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:22:39 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I've lived in Erie for more than 10 years. I'm a cyclist who bike to/from work in Boulder on a weekly basis. For the past 10 years, I have had to resort to either Baseline Rd or Lookout Rd for my commute, neither of which is really safe. Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
Chihhao

From: [Mike AbiEzzi](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:02:59 PM

Please support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail

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Mike AbiEzzi
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Boulder, CO 80305
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From: [Aaron Vaughn](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 4:16:53 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

I've been a member of the Boulder competitive cycling community for over 15 years and am well aware of the challenges we face with motorists and cyclists co-existing on the roads. In June, 2016 I was on a ride with my good friend and RallySport teammate Bill Davis. Toward the end of our ride we parted ways to ride home. 15 minutes later Bill was hit and killed by a motorist on Jay Road. This is an all too common story around here that will continue unless we take steps to improve our infrastructure.

The BERT trail offers a fantastic opportunity to connect trail systems and allow cyclists to ride for multiple hours without an extended period on an open road.

Please consider my input in your decision to make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely, Aaron

Aaron Vaughn
5453 Mesa Top Ct.
Boulder, CO 80301

From: [Stephanie Pease](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:57:57 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- My son is a cyclist, he has used our regional trail network every week whenever weather has permitted. My husband is strongly considering starting mountain biking bc of dangerous interactions he has had in encounters with traffic while road riding.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. Nearly every week that my family members ride, they report dangerous interactions with traffic. I don't want them to become another mortality statistic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous and the process of making them safer is long.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate. It will also improve the health of people who ride, making them more productive members of society who are better able to engage in activities that benefit the community and our environment.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely, Stephanie Pease, 305 32nd Street, Boulder CO 80305

From: [RB Thoms](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 12:12:06 PM

Greetings Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). As a Boulder resident and avid bike commuter and recreational cyclist, I use our regional trail network every week. I'd like to emphasize several important benefits of this proposed trail:

- The BERT trail will offer a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. This is particularly attractive to cyclists looking for an alternative to the existing US 36 bikeway which follows the highway corridor and is consistently noisy with poor air quality.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous. This is especially important to me, as our daughter is an active member of the Fairview HS mountain bike team which actively use the regional trail network to train. More options for SAFE training routes would be fantastic!
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will help to increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling in/around Boulder safer and approve the BERT trail proposal.

Thanks,
R. Brad Thoms
711 Ithaca Drive, Boulder

From: [KL Brungard](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please SUPPORT the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3:40:46 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing to ask you to support the proposed Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). My spouse and teenage son are both avid cyclists, and the proposed BERT trail would offer a safe place for biking that is away from traffic. My son was a teammate and friend of Magnus White who was recently killed while riding on the shoulder of the Diagonal Highway. The roads around Boulder County have become too dangerous for cyclists. I would like to see further development of trails in the area that allow my family and I to enjoy the outdoors on bikes and safely away from vehicles.

In addition to safety, the proposed BERT trail would add a very beneficial commuter link from Boulder to eastern BoCo and would also provide access to other trails without having to drive a car to access trailheads. The BERT trail would be a wonderful car-free addition to the existing trail system in our community.

Please make cycling in Boulder County safer by supporting and building the BERT trail.

Thank you,
Karen Brungard

From: [daniel mellish](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 12:21:19 PM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
Dan Mellish

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From: [Chet Henry](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Support the Boulder to Erie Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 10:50:18 AM

Commissioners,

Currently there is no safe connection between Boulder and Erie for those of us who need to travel between those two cities without driving a car. This has to change! 8.5 miles is an easy cycle trip and only easier with the advent of e-bikes. Although there are environmental concerns, those would be offset by the increased cycle traffic between the two cities and the reduction of auto traffic. Please support this proposed connection.

Thanks

Chet Henry

From: [Karla Kingsley](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support the Boulder-Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:04:28 PM

Hello Commissioners -

I live here in Boulder County (in Boulder) with my children and I frequently bike with them or by myself to destinations all around the city, using the trail network. My biking trips have replaced many many trips and miles by car. However, Boulder County is missing connections between communities. Once I try to leave Boulder to visit a neighboring community, I'm forced to ride on dangerous highways. People have been killed riding bicycles on these highways, and will continue to be, until we can build safer off-street routes for cyclists. Please support this important trail connection in our region. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karla Kingsley

From: [Alicia Maloney](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support the Erie Regional Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 7:29:07 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely, Alicia R. Maloney

The Maloney Family
899 Dinosaur Dr, Erie, CO 80516
502-836-0930

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From: [Jeff Gimpel](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pls vote for the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:45:08 AM

Dear County Commissioners,

My name is Jeff Gimpel. My wife Vikki and I along with our 2 sons ages 9 and 7 reside in Boulder in the Wonderland Lake area. We regularly use our local trail network. I wanted to urge you to vote in favor of the BERT trail. I have often ridden on the Teller's farm subtrail which intersects the area where the abandoned and fenced off RR tracks are. We would love to have this trail opened up, as it would provide us with another place for us and our boys to ride away from the streets. Before you rule against this trail on the grounds that it would disturb wildlife, I would note that the Teller's Farm subtrail intersects the railroad tracks already in the wildlife area, and based on what I see there when I bike/trail run there, wildlife is thriving. (There was a bald eagle pair nesting in the spring right off of the bike trail). So please consider building this trail.

Thanks.

Jeff Gimpel

(Mobile: 646.373.5126)

From: [Frances Hartogh](#)
To: loachamin@bouldercounty.org; [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#); claireforbouldercounty@gmail.com; [Stolzmann, Ashley](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed BERT alignment needs revisions to protect breeding birds
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 7:32:53 AM

Dear Commissioners,

The current proposed alignment of the BERT (Boulder to Erie Regional Trail) between 75th and the Teller-White Rocks Trail would impact dozens of breeding birds and high-quality habitat. I urge you to direct your trail-planning staff to pursue, in collaboration with the City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks staff, a route adjacent to Valmont Road, away from the bird nesting areas and their buffers. This would provide a safe year-round path for users and preserve the critical habitat on both sides of the railroad grade in this segment.

As you can see on the map shown in the [BERT Plan draft, September 6, 2024](#) pdf page 85/88, this "Phase 4" part of the trail has significant "resource considerations."

County and City maps show this area contains exceptionally high-quality habitat.

- the Boulder County Comp Plan designates this area "Critical Wildlife Habitat" and "High" or "Very High Biodiversity"
- the City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks designates this area "Habitat Conservation Area" and does not allow human access.
- in an era of biodiversity loss, we cannot keep fragmenting HCAs and adding to habitat loss by taking more for recreation.

State and Federal regulations protect the species that nest and forage in this area.

- Bald Eagles are protected under the U.S. Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the State of Colorado has prescribed buffer zones around the nests to prevent human disturbance.
 - U.S. Migratory Bird Treaty Act protects the Northern Harrier and the almost 20 other birds' nests along this route.
 - Northern Leopard Frogs, a declining species of concern in our county and state, have a breeding population in this area.
- [to see the Colo Parks and Wildlife letter about buffers needed to protect these species, see [Boulder to Erie Regional Trail \(BERT\) Plan Appendices Draft, September 10, 2024](#) , pdf page 560/593]

I recognize that this new alignment would require an agreement between the City OSMP and the County Transportation Departments. It's worth the effort.

Thanks for your consideration.

Frances Hartogh

Boulder

From: [Kathy Gritz](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] proposed BERT line through important conservation areas
Date: Monday, October 21, 2024 9:05:16 PM

To The Boulder County Commissioners:

Please consider alternate proposed plans put forward by citizens' groups like the Boulder County Audubon Society, in order to protect the precious nature preserves, Sawhill Ponds & the White Rocks Nature Preserve. The draft BERT plan, 1B is unacceptable as it stands & should be revised with a less ecologically harmful plan.

"At Sawhill Ponds, Critical Wildlife Habitat protects numerous rare bird species, plus remnant tallgrass prairie, which supports breeding monarch butterflies and a robust population of fireflies.

At White Rocks, Critical Wildlife Habitat protects rare plant species, breeding northern leopard frogs, and breeding habitat for numerous bird species that are rare in Boulder County.

Alignment 1B includes areas where OSMP and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) biologists have recommended seasonal closures for up to nine months for nesting raptors and herons."

Also considerations have not yet been made in the draft plan for night time use of the rail lines since many of the resident wildlife species are active at night and would be detrimentally affected by the current plan.

Also in the draft plan there needs to be consideration whether to allow dogs on leashes on all or part of the BERT.

Yours truly

Kathy Gritz
Lafayette, CO

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720-289-2285

From: [Alexey Davies](#)
To: community-cycles-advocacy-committee@googlegroups.com; [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: [CC Adv Committee] BERT speakers on Thursday, 9am
Date: Monday, October 21, 2024 1:13:39 PM

Sue - Not sure of the sequence of speakers.

All - If you are not speaking, please consider writing a short note expressing your support if you haven't already: commissioners@bouldercounty.gov

On Mon, Oct 21, 2024 at 12:59 PM Sue Prant <sue@communitycycles.org> wrote:

I have another meeting at 11, so I signed up virtually. I may go in person and then ask them if they will be getting to me by 10:45, in which case I can speak in person. I don't know if in person or online go first or they go back and forth - does anyone know? thx

On Mon, Oct 21, 2024 at 11:52 AM Alexey Davies <membership@communitycycles.org> wrote:

Who is planning to speak at the Commissioner meeting on Thursday?
From my rough notes I had Kurt, Sue, Alexey, Gary and Tila too (as TAB rep?)
Sign up [here](#).

I asked Alex Phillips about talking points beyond what we stated, and she mentioned that perhaps the bigger picture of the impacts on wildlife needs to be taken into consideration since this is not a pristine area free of development, with an old rail line and gravel pits at 61st. Most importantly it needs to be clear that it's wanted.

Do we want to coordinate Talking Points? I was planning to say something like below (our letter to commissioners):

Community Cycles' enthusiastic support of Staff's preferred alternative for BERT

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

Community Cycles, a non-profit bike shop and advocacy organization with thousands of supporters and 10,000+ followers, is writing to express our strong support for the proposed BERT alignment.

We believe that this trail will provide a safe and enjoyable commuting and recreational opportunity for our community. Cycling has numerous benefits, including improved health, reduced pollution, and economic growth. We have seen firsthand how biking can positively impact individuals and families.

While we understand the importance of wildlife conservation, we believe that effective mitigation strategies can be implemented to minimize impacts. A seasonal closure with re-routes along busy roads is not a safe or comfortable option for cyclists especially for children & families and does not support Boulder County's VZ commitment.

The proposed BERT alignment aligns with Boulder County's TMP vision for regional trails and will contribute to a more connected and sustainable community. The proposed multi use path along Arapahoe from Boulder through Erie is decades away and more expensive.

Thank you for your work and support of staff's recommendation!

Sincerely, Community Cycles Advocacy Committee

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ride on!

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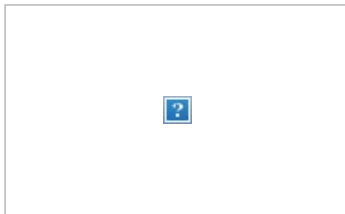
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From: [Ken Martin](#)
To: [Churchill, Jennifer](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Bert hearing, October 10
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 9:27:32 PM
Attachments: [BERT support letter to BoCo Commissioners.pdf](#)

Hi Jennifer,

It's finally finished and is attached.

Ken

From: Churchill, Jennifer <jchurchill@bouldercounty.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:16 PM
To: Ken Martin <ken80516@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Bert hearing, October 10

Hi Ken,

I've been organizing 100+ comments and just realized I may not have responded. Can you please send your comments by noon tomorrow?

Thank you so much for your understanding!

Kind regards,

Jennifer

Jennifer Churchill | Communications Specialist
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From: Ken Martin <ken80516@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2024 3:08 PM
To: Boulder County Board of Commissioners <commissioners@bouldercounty.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bert hearing, October 10

I'm planning to submit written comments. When Is the deadline for submission?

Ken Martin

From: [Stephen Kandl](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: in favor of BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:19:08 PM

Amending to include my address in the signature. Thanks!

Hello,

I am writing to voice my adamant support of the proposed BERT multi use trail system. We'll be able to use this to explore our county safely without a car and avoid being on roads as we commute for work and play.

Thanks for your consideration and understanding,
Stephen Kandl
3560 Eastman Ave, Boulder, CO 80305

On Tue, Oct 22, 2024 at 2:16 PM Stephen Kandl <stephen.kandl@gmail.com> wrote:

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Thanks for your consideration and understanding,
Stephen Kandl

From: [Jocelyn Phipps](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Cc: [Niqui LaViolette](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Speaking Opportunity- Event for Local Veteran
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 12:12:50 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-4ln2nifb.png](#)
[Speaking Guidelines Elected Official.pdf](#)

Hello,

My name is Jocelyn Phipps and I am a Community Engagement Coordinator with the non-profit Homes For Our Troops. Homes For Our Troops is a privately funded 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that builds and donates specially adapted, custom homes nationwide for severely injured post 9/11 Veterans.

Veterans in our program choose where they want their forever home built and one of the Veterans in our program, Air Force TSgt Adam Popp, has chosen to live in Lafayette, CO!

Adam Popp joined the military shortly after high school, following the legacy of many of his family members who also served. He joined the Air Force as an explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) technician and loved the sense of purpose he felt while serving and forming connections with his fellow comrades. He deployed to Laos and Diego Garcia before going on his first combat tour to Iraq in 2004.

During his second combat deployment, on Dec. 7, 2007, Tech Sergeant Popp was removing improvised explosive devices (IEDs) with the 455th EOD in Paktia Province, Afghanistan, when one of them detonated. The blast resulted in the loss of his right leg, damage to his right arm, traumatic brain injury (TBI), and hearing loss.

Now medically retired, Adam has been living in non-accessible housing ever since being injured. This forces Adam to constantly go up and down the stairs on his prosthetic, causing him constant pain. Living in this environment for more than a decade has taken a toll on Adam physically and emotionally. Though he has not used his wheelchair in years, he knows he will need it as he gets older.

That is where Homes For Our Troops comes in. We have built a specially adapted home for TSgt Popp! To celebrate the turning over of the keys, we will be hosting a Key Ceremony for Adam and his family on the morning of November 2, 2024. I am reaching out to your office because we would like to invite Boulder County's Commissioners to attend and speak at this event. We would ask that the speech be 2-3 minutes and focused on the Veteran. I have attached our speaking guidelines for further guidance.

Please let me know if there are any questions or if your office would like to accept this speaking opportunity.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Best,

Jocelyn Phipps
Community Engagement Coordinator

Homes For Our Troops
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From: [Steve Sundstrom](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support BERT trail please
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 12:10:51 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely
Steve Sundstrom
3082 10th St Boulder, CO 80304
303-810-7818

From: [Kelli Kubala](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 9:56:00 PM

Dear County Commissioners,

I have lived in Boulder County all of my life. I remember when it was kind of a sleepy little area. As you know, the county has grown significantly in population and as a result, the number of cars on the roads has dramatically increased as well. Biking is incredible. It is a pollution free way to commute as well as an excellent form of exercise and recreation. As a parent to cyclists, as a wife to a cyclist, as a sister to a cyclist, as a friend to a multitude of cyclists, and as a cyclist myself, I am terrified when I, or my loved ones, are riding anywhere near cars. BERT will provide a much needed safe East-West cycling corridor. Currently the only East-West option is along 36, which is too far South for commuters from the Erie area to Boulder. I have friends who would commute to work by bike from from Erie to Boulder, if it was a viable option. I know many who would enjoy riding on the trail. Please support those of us who care about the planet. Those of us who are vulnerable on the roads. Support those of us who Ride for Magnus.

Kindly,
Kelli Kubala

From: [sophie eggert](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 9:09:34 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

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- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
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Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely, Sophie Eggert

Sophie Eggert

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From: [Jessica Gorski](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for "Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) Plan".
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 8:34:06 AM

Good morning,

I would like to voice my support for the "Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) Plan". Thank you for all the effort you invest in our community.

Best,
Jessica Gorski
South Boulder resident

From: [Ryan Hamilton](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for BERT Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:46:37 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

The Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT), is so important to improving quality of life in Boulder, I implore you to please support its approval

- as A cyclist I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
Ryan Hmailton
4635 Gordon Dr, Boulder, CO 80305

From: [Pete Webber](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for BERT Trail
Date: Monday, October 21, 2024 5:11:44 PM

Hello,

My name is Pete Webber, and I am the Executive Director of Boulder Junior Cycling (BJC).

We are a youth cycling program in Boulder County with more than 1,000 members. We were founded more 18 years ago, and we've taught thousands of kids the joy of riding a bike.

I am writing to express our strong support for the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

In 2023 a teenager on our team was tragically killed while riding his bike on a local road. His name was Magnus White, and he was only 17 years old.

Magnus loved to ride his bike. Cycling was his passion. It brought him joy and learning and adventure. He was killed because our roads are too dangerous.

We must make cycling safer. We must prevent more tragedies like Magnus' death.

This trail will save lives.

- We urge you to support Alignment 1B of the Draft Plan. Alignment 1B offers the best balance of safety, environmental consideration, project cost, and visitor experience.
- We also strongly support implementation of Alignment 1B without seasonal closures. We must make cycling safer, and closing the trail at any time will force cyclists onto dangerous roads.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for youth cyclists away from traffic.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Thank You.

Pete Webber
Executive Director
Boulder Junior Cycling
303-562-7510
<http://boulderjuniorcycling.org/>

From: [Helaine Bader Skinner](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:45:28 AM

Dear Commissioners,

I strongly support the development of BERT. Bike trails are an important part of building community, improving easy access to the outdoors and I believe, better appreciation of nature and wildlife. These trails provide access to non-drivers, exercisers, those who want to enjoy nature nearby, and people who want to avoid adding to the growing traffic in this area. It also gives riders a safe place to ride and avoid the busy streets.

My husband and I, along with a group of friends, have started riding the trails together after the death of our teenage son. We find the trails provide a release for us to get out in nature, ride for long distances safely, and enjoy the scenery around us. We also do destination rides to find new places to grab coffee or dinner together. Connecting the towns allows all of us to be together in a healthy way that also brings us comfort and support.

Given that the plans will consider the impact on wildlife and nature, I feel confident that this will only improve the way we live within the environment as opposed to creating a negative impact.

I fully support the multi-use trail and hope that we will have more opportunities for walking, riding and enjoying the beautiful towns of the front range.

Thank you,
Helaine Bader

From: [Kelly Twigger](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:22:26 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- My husband, sons and I are a cyclists and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous. One of our student bikers was killed two years ago tragically, he was only 18 years old. I worry every time my sons and husband go out riding with the high school team.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Kelly Twigger
2945 Juilliard Street
Boulder, CO 80305

From: [Brett Poulton](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 8:38:51 AM

Good morning,

I'm writing to express my support for the development of the BERT trail.

Last year, one of my pupils, Magnus White, was hit and killed by a car- I'm sure you're familiar.

I don't really believe in riding on Highways like Diagonal- it's clear that there are simply too many cyclists and cars sharing the road together. We need to provide alternative, safe routes for commuters. I currently work with 5 people who commute from Erie to Boulder every day (weather permitting) by bike, and its only a matter of time before we have another tragedy.

The reality is that one day the farmland between Erie and Boulder will be developed. Right now we still have a choice in how that looks.

Thank you,
Brett

From: [Zach Noffsinger](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:03:29 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

As an avid cyclist and a bike commuter who no longer feels safe on our roads, I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network often. I also recreate frequently on the gravel and unpaved routes around Boulder County.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Zachary Noffsinger
3898 Birchwood Drive, Boulder CO 80304

From: [Francoise Bentley](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Boulder Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:15:37 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). I am a City of Boulder Resident who often commutes by bike, as does my husband and children to get to school and work. Each day I am nervous to check the news to learn of another lost life due to a distracted driver cycling accident. This route will provide an off the street method of transportation between our growing county, reducing loss of life, increase access to bike networks for commuting, reduce CO2 use through people driving rather than biking.

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Francoise

Francoise Bentley
4645 Huey Cir, Boulder, CO 80305

From: [Erin Witter](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:59:36 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
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- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Erin Witter
528 Jackson St.
Lafayette, CO 80026

From: [Anna Liao](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:03:52 PM

I am writing in support of BERT as a multi-use trail between Boulder and Erie.

It would be great to have another path, away from cars, for biking and running. It would also be great for commuters from Erie to Boulder.

I hope the Boulder County Commissioners will support this new trail.

Thank you,
Anna Liao
2430 Vassar Drive
Boulder, CO 80305

From: [Rachel Doriese](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 12:17:59 PM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

I am the mom in a family of cyclists, and one of my sons and I use our regional trail network every week. My husband and other son use the trails 5 days a week to commute.

The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. It also adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.

As a parent and a spouse, I am always hoping that my family members ride on trails, as opposed to roads, even those with bike lanes. There have been numerous deaths due to vehicle/bike collisions in recent years. Including the tragic loss of high school cyclist Magnus White in the summer of 2023. We need trails like the BERT trail as safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.

Regarding environmental impact, the BERT trail will also increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Regarding wildlife, I am a long time Boulder resident, who remembers when prairie dogs were relocated to allow for building. Those prairie dogs are more than thriving along the paths by Foothills, Pearl, and Valmont bike park.

I implore you to make cycling safer and commutes easier and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Rachel Doriese
5270 Centennial Trail
Boulder, CO 80303

From: [Santo K Ricceri](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Cc: [Elisa Zaragoza Macias](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 8:59:39 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail system every week. I am also a physician and I routinely encourage my patients to get outside for regular exercise and support efforts to provide a dedicated safe space to exercise outdoors. The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network. Please make cycling safer and encourage outdoor exercise by building the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Santo Ricceri, MD

597 Trails at Coal Creek Dr

Lafayette, CO 80026

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Thank you.

From: [Sonya Lunder](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Boulder to Erie trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3:23:57 PM

Hello,

I am a Boulder resident and passionate bike rider. My kids also ride hundreds of miles each year on Boulder roads and trails. We fully support the construction of a Boulder to Erie trail. It would be a wonderful and safe way for riders to transect a busy and frankly scary swath of the county.

Please consider the thousands of riders who would use this trail over the decades to come, when deciding the date of this project.

Sonya Lunder

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Janine Schenone](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Boulder-Erie bike trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 5:20:41 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to ask for your support for the Boulder-Erie bike trail. As I commute by bicycle from Erie to Boulder, there are many places such as Isabelle Road where there is no bike lane at all. And even the bike lanes on Valmont are somewhat narrow. Please help to make commuting by bike safer and more convenient for all.

Sincerely,
Janine Schenone
129 Northrup Dr., Erie

From: [Mike Soltys](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Boulder-Erie Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 10:47:28 AM

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

I am a bike commuter living in Lafayette, and I commute to work at CU Boulder by bike every day. The fastest route for me is currently Baseline Avenue, but there have been several serious vehicle-cyclist and vehicle-pedestrian accidents on Baseline over the past year. As a result, I use regional trails to detour through Louisville, then Superior, and into Boulder. The BERT trail would provide a much needed east-west link in our trail network and make bicycle commuting faster and safer, and I believe it would increase trips by bike for many Erie, Boulder, and Lafayette residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Mike Soltys

1140 Devonshire Ct, Lafayette, CO 80026

From: [Elaine C Erb](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the BERT Rail Trail
Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 4:33:42 PM

Dear Commissioners:

I'm writing you as a resident of Niwot and fan of cycling in Boulder County.

For years I have heard people ask what is up with the railroad track that crosses 61st just north of Valmont and wouldn't it be great to turn it into a bike trail. Here we have the opportunity to do just that. I'm pleased with the recommendation for alignment 1B that offers cyclists and walkers an opportunity to have a peaceful, beautiful place to be outdoors.

My husband and I often enjoy an activity we call birding by bike. It's amazing the birds we take in on our bike rides throughout Boulder County. This trail would offer one more option for that and would also allow more people to access the Walden Ponds area with safe and sustainable transportation.

While this option has some more environmental concerns than other alignments, it offers such good outdoor experience that this trail is worthwhile. I hope to see continued study into building the least impactful trail system as possible in this alignment.

Currently the City of Boulder has many people in-commuting for work with very few options for safe biking. As we see many commuters, like myself, using the LoBo trail to get to and from Boulder, I believe we will see interest in use of this corridor for commuting as well as recreational rides.

Thank you for supporting the BERT and moving this forward.

Elaine C. Erb
7955 Countryside Drive
Niwot, CO

From: [Ted Barber](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the BERT trail.
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:11:04 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). It adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network. Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Ted Barber

Ted Barber

1200 Jefferson Ave.
Louisville, CO 80027

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From: [tess amer](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the BERT trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:36:05 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

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- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail!

Sincerely, Tess Amer

1310 Rosewood Ave Suite A Boulder Co

From: [Ryan McDonald](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 10:26:51 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- As a long time recreational and commuter cyclist, I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network. Numerous times have a
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Ryan McDonald

3840 Hauptman Ct, Boulder, CO 80301, USA

From: [Cotton O'Connell](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 9:58:48 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I just wanted to write a quick note in support of the proposed Boulder to Erie Regional Trail, ahead of your vote.

As a cyclist, I'm grateful to live in a place like Boulder County with such a well-developed trail network that provides an alternative to riding on congested roads. As traffic seems poised to increase, I believe it's important to continue investing in infrastructure that keeps cyclists and pedestrians safe. This proposed multi-use pathway will be a boon to both recreational users and commuters—alleviating concerns for safety that might arise from cycling on Valmont Road, which cars tend to drive on at reckless speeds.

Thanks very much for reading.

Best,
Cotton O'Connell
405 Oakwood Pl, Boulder, CO 80304

From: [Erin Arnold](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the Boulder / Erie Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:20:34 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous. I had a severe brain injury from a road cycling accident in 2022 and, thus, only ride on trails now. The incredible trail system in Boulder is why so many of us have moved here and this would be a great, much needed addition.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
Erin Arnold

3044 8th Street
Boulder, CO 80304

From: [Elias Bachmann](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Cc: EliasBachmann303@gmail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the Boulder Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:01:12 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Boulder Erie Regional Trail (BERT) project. This trail is a vital development for the community, as it will provide a safe, accessible thoroughfare for cyclists and pedestrians traveling between Erie and Boulder—a route that currently lacks such infrastructure.

As someone who values both outdoor recreation and safe transit, I see BERT as an essential solution to addressing the safety concerns that many in the community have when traveling between these two areas. With the growth of both Erie and Boulder, it is critical that we invest in infrastructure that supports sustainable, healthy, and safe modes of transportation. The trail would offer a much-needed alternative to high-traffic roads, making it safer for everyone, including families, commuters, and recreational users.

Additionally, BERT will enhance the overall connectivity between these communities, improving accessibility and encouraging environmentally friendly transportation choices. This would ultimately contribute to the quality of life for residents and promote more sustainable growth in the region.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important project. I hope you will continue to support its development and ensure that it becomes a reality for our community.

Sincerely,

Elias Bachmann
303-859-0155



Elias Bachmann, CFA

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From: [Justin VanVleet](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [OTTERNAK] Support for the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 12:24:48 PM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed trail connecting Boulder and Erie. As a cyclist who uses our regional trail network weekly, I can personally attest to the importance of having safe, dedicated cycling spaces. The BERT trail will offer exactly that, adding a crucial east-west link in our trail network and promoting safer rides away from traffic.

I understand there may be concerns about wildlife disruption. It is essential to address these by including comprehensive environmental impact assessments and designing the trail to minimize habitat fragmentation.

This trail will increase bike trips, protecting our air, water, and climate. It will serve as an invaluable asset, enhancing community health, connectivity, and sustainable development.

I urge Boulder County to prioritize this project, which will benefit our community and set a positive example for other regions.

Thank you for considering my support for this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Justin VanVleet (Boulder County resident)

From: [Christie Schneider](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail!
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:15:29 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

Please support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). As an active family of four, we greatly value outdoor recreation and fitness opportunities and use our current regional trail network on a regular basis for cycling! The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. Roads are way too dangerous to navigate, especially with a family, and the BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network. This project will increase our trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Christie, Joe, Stowe and Everett Scneider

802 Senecio Ct, Lafayette, CO 80026

From: [Hanna Vadeboncoeur](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 7:00:39 PM

Hello,

I'm writing to express support for the development of the BERT trail from an avid cyclist in Boulder. This route is critical to creating a safer community for the entire county

Thank you,

Hanna

From: [Chris Byrne](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:54:39 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week. Boulder County is a huge cycling community and requires more trails to support safe commuting and recreational riding. The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic and can help avoid tragedies like Magnus White's needless death in 2023.

The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network. This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Thank you,

Chris Byrne
2539 Briarwood Drive
Boulder 80305

From: [David Colwyn](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the Boulder-Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 8:39:22 PM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) for two reasons:

(1) It will make cycling in Boulder County safer and more effective. The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network. As a Boulder County resident and cyclist who uses our regional trail network every week, I am very aware of the need for safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous -- most cycle commuters have had close calls with vehicles, and nearly all know at least one person who has been killed while riding. The BERT trail offers a safe space for cycling away from traffic.

(2) As we try to create a cleaner environment, cycling (instead of using gas-burning transportation) is an important ingredient. This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate. Increasing trips by bicycle will only happen with safe infrastructure for cycling such as the BERT trail.

Please make cycling safer and support building the BERT trail.

Thank you,
Dave Colwyn

From: [Laura Bird](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 12:32:26 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- My children are budding cyclists and it is crucial to give them more safe, dedicated spaces for cycling, off roads.
- Gravel biking is only increasing in popularity and we should not ignore the impact this will have on the few safe gravel paths that are already in use.

As an outdoors community, we continue to need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.

- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate and provide longer and safer places to run in winter, when many people use the roads in NE boulder / Gunbarrel, often coming too close in contact with the speeding cars in that area.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
Laura Bird

2695 Vassar Dr, Boulder, CO 80305

From: [Heather Middleton](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Cc: [Heather Middleton](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the proposed BERT multi-use trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:39:54 PM

Dear County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed BERT multi-use trail, which would create an 8.5-mile connection between Boulder and Erie. Our community urgently needs more safe trails, particularly to connect to Boulder, as the current roads have become increasingly dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians.

Tragically, my oldest child was a friend of Magnus, the young cyclist who lost his life after being hit by a driver distracted by her phone. This heartbreaking incident underscores the urgent need for safer cycling routes. My husband has been cycling in Boulder since 1991, and he has witnessed firsthand how the increasing number of drivers on the roads has led to more accidents involving cyclists over the years. In a town that touts its commitment to promoting alternative transportation and lowering carbon foot print, a bike trail seems like an obvious solution.

With the constant development of multi-purpose and dense housing, our population has skyrocketed. This growth necessitates a corresponding increase in cycling infrastructure to ensure the safety of all residents. As a parent of a Fairview mountain bike rider, I am deeply concerned about allowing him to train on any roads nearby, given how distracted drivers have become and the increase in traffic volume.

The BERT trail would provide a crucial and safe alternative for cyclists and pedestrians, promoting healthier lifestyles and enhancing our community's connectivity. I urge you to support this important project for the safety and well-being of our residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and considering your support for this trail.

Sincerely,
Heather Middleton
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From: [Blayne Rawsky](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SUPPORT for the proposed Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:04:38 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

As a 42-year resident of Boulder County, I am reaching out to ask for your support of the proposed Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). I have been cycling in Boulder County since the mid 1980's and now have a 16-year old son who is an avid cyclist, competing in mountain bike and cyclocross races as well as recreational riding. My father (who resides in Boulder) is also a regular cyclist in and around BoCo even today in his eighties.

When I was biking in Boulder County in the 80's, 90's and even 00's, the level of risk in riding on shared roads with cars and trucks didn't seem to be anywhere remotely close to what it is today. It has gotten to the point where I don't feel safe riding along the roads to the north and east of Boulder, areas I really enjoy riding with the surrounding farm and open space areas. My wife and I will not let our son ride on most roads in Boulder County either due to concerns for his safety, which is unfortunate, as this means he often has to drive his car to a trailhead or location where he can begin biking in order to remain safe.

The proposed BERT trail would be an incredible addition to Boulder County's trail system, and would provide a safe place for my son, my dad, and me to ride without the risk of being hurt or killed by an automobile. A trail such as BERT might even get my wife to join us for a ride once in a while (she will not go near a road on her bike that has even moderate levels of automobile traffic.)

In addition to the trail location itself, BERT provides a means of accessing other trails without needing to drive there, which will reduce additional vehicles on the road and their associated emissions. I do understand that there are concerns about impacts to wildlife in the area of this trail, but sincerely believe the benefits to both human safety as well as the surrounding environment far outweigh those impacts.

On behalf of me and my entire extended family, I urge you to support building the proposed Boulder to Erie Regional Trail.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
-Blayne

Blayne Rawsky

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5342 Gallatin Place
Boulder, CO 80303

From: [Liz Jones](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SUPPORT FOR: the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:39:26 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my **strong support** for the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) project. As a dedicated cyclist who relies on our regional trail network for commuting and recreation, I firmly believe that BERT will significantly enhance our community's quality of life.

The BERT trail offers a safe and accessible alternative to busy roads, providing a dedicated space for cyclists, pedestrians, and runners. By creating a safer environment for non-motorized transportation, we can encourage more people to choose biking as a sustainable and healthy mode of travel.

The addition of BERT will also play a crucial role in expanding Boulder County's regional trail network, providing a much-needed east-west connection. This will not only improve connectivity for residents but also promote tourism and economic development.

By investing in the BERT trail, we are investing in a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable future. **I urge you to prioritize this project and allocate the necessary funding to move forward with construction.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Jones
1715 Garland Ln
Boulder, CO 80304

From: [Ryan Kirkpatrick](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:25:24 AM

I am sending this email in support of the Boulder to Erie trail to help protect cyclists from traffic accidents. Trails like this SAVE LIVES. I understand there may be some impact to wildlife, but I believe this can be mitigated and again most importantly we can avoid the tragedies we see on the roads around Boulder because of careless drivers.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ryan Kirkpatrick
303-641-6096

From: [Hanlu Ye](#)
To: [Luebbert, Tonya](#); [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:44:34 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a recreational cyclist and runner and I frequently use the trails available to me in Boulder, Louisville, and Lafayette.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Best,
Lulu Ye

Resident of Louisville, 80027

From: [Caleb Stoll](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) for commuters
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:21:22 AM

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). I live in Erie but within Boulder county.

In the last 15 years I have commuted to work on my bike over 50,000 miles. I have commuted on the roads and trail systems throughout Boulder, Lafayette, Louisville, Broomfield, and Westminster.

The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.

Currently, there is not a trail system to North Boulder like the BERT would offer. The traffic continues to increase on the east to west roads of Baseline, Arapahoe, Valmont, and Jay Road. I ride my bike on those east to west roads often. When I drive them I realize how fast traffic is moving and wish there was a trail system that ran east to west.

The BERT would increase trips by bike and provide a great trail system for the whole community to be outdoors.

Please support the BERT.

Sincerely,

Caleb Stoll

From: [Michelle Cole](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of the BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:29:40 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). As a person who moved to Boulder, partly for the bike paths, I look forward to BERT being an option. We definitely need safer places for us and our children to ride their bikes. Additionally, it will help our environment by increasing bike trips and decreasing car trips.

Please make biking safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Michelle Cole
4325 Butler Cir, Boulder, CO 80305

From: [Shannon Larsen](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support the BERT trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:08:54 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

My family does a lot of cycling which includes bike commuting and recreational riding. My 9 year old son loves biking, it is such a great outlet and outdoor activity for him. Safe options for bike riding is imperative, the roads do not feel safe.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
Shannon Larsen
1285 Drexel St, Boulder

From: [Jon Eisen](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support the BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:06:58 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a long-distance runner (and cyclist when I'm injured) and I use our regional trail network every week. I've personally run and biked on on Valmont Road past 61st. (I ran to the impound lot off Valmont to get my wife's car once!)
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling and running away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride and run. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network. Imagine connecting the Coal Creek trail to the BERT and closing the loop with the Boulder Creek Path.

Please make running and cycling safer and fun-ner and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Jon Eisen

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From: [Alister Pino](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support the BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 9:51:58 AM

Hello,

I'm writing to you to express my strong support for the BERT. I live in Longmont and work in Boulder - as a Longmont resident I find our access to Boulder via the LoBo and under-construction Diagonal Highway path invaluable. These paths are part of why I moved here. Being able to use these for commutes and recreation has improved my health and enabled me to get one more car off the road - reducing pollution and congestion.

Meanwhile my Erie colleagues (5 on my team of 10 alone) all drive to work in single-occupancy vehicles. 2 have tried bike commuting before, but the existing options are so dangerous that they decided it wasn't worth the risk.

I understand that some opposition has arisen due to the potential wildlife impacts of the project. I strongly urge you to consider that wildlife is harmed by the pollution of cars. Improving our sustainable transportation options is key to helping wildlife everywhere. If there will truly be devastating wildlife impacts I would love to see some evidence - so far I have not been able to find any.

Please support the BERT.

Thank you,
Alister Beck

From: [Jared Berg](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support the Boulder Erie Regional Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 2:12:38 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Warmly,

Jared Berg

From: [Erin Lewis](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:15:00 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a parent of a young cyclist and they use our regional trail network every week.*
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.*
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.*
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.*
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.*

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Thank you,

*Steve Lewis
2253 Edgewood Dr.
Boulder, co 80304*

From: [Arturo Gomez del Castillo](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 7:05:26 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.
- This project will help alleviate car congestion on peak hours.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Arturo Gomez
833 Flora View DR,
Erie, Colorado
80516

From: [Ryan Atkin](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 9:10:00 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I am a resident of Lafayette and an avid mountain biker. I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

I use trails in our area on a weekly basis and thoroughly enjoy the outdoors and beauty our area has to offer.

Unfortunately, many of the trails in our area are connected by unsafe roads with narrow to non-existent shoulders that are extremely dangerous for those riding bikes. In fact, I avoid some trails in our area due to the lack of safe connectivity between the trails and destinations.

Fortunately, the BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling/biking/mountain biking away from traffic. We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.

Also, the BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network that I'm confident will be enjoyed by many. Afterall, it's these types of amenities in the community that make Boulder County such a great place to live.

I hope that you will support the approval and installation of the BERT trail!

Sincerely,
Ryan Atkin

From: [Kyle Gilliland](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support the Erie Regional Trail (BERT)
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3:17:43 PM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week for commuting and recreational activities.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. When commuting from Erie to Boulder I am constantly using the valmont corridor and Isabelle road which have seen a significant increase in vehicle traffic over the years. I would much after and more connected to nature if I were able to utilize a dirt path through our open spaces. Roads are becoming increasingly dangerous for me to continue to commute on!
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network and should alleviate traffic, provide additional recreation and commerce opportunities to both the Boulder and Erie communities.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Kyle Gilliland
763 Carbonate Lane
Erie, CO 80516

From: [Ricardo Aponte](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support the Erie Regional Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 9:59:57 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Ricardo Aponte

156 Northrup Dr, Erie, CO 80516

From: [LINDSAY M CLARK](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support the Erie Regional Trail
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:04:27 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

It is imperative for our county to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). As a cyclist myself with 2 sons that ride bike paths as well, we frequently use these regional trails and this trail network every week.

The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. We need safer places to ride. I sold my road specific bike about 4 years ago, as the roads are simply too dangerous to ride on.

The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network. This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail!

Sincerely,

Lindsay Clark, Louisville resident

From: [Chris Gabriel](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support the Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:40:57 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely, Chris

Chris Gabriel
217 Short Pl, Louisville, CO 80027

From: [Kate Voss](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support the Erie/Boulder bike trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:08:45 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week, sometimes multiple times a day.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride for all bicyclists. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network, and we need to keep investing in our bicycle infrastructure.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail!

Sincerely,
Kate Voss

Kate Voss
2937 Eagle Way, Boulder, CO 80301

From: [Vikki Lindberg](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support to BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:22:03 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Vikki Lindberg - a cyclist and a mother to two young cyclists

Name Viktoria Lindberg
Address 1245 Norwood Ave # 40, Boulder CO 80304

From: [Sujit Nair](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Supporting BERT Trail from Boulder to Erie
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 4:17:16 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every time I can.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous. This will be a true tribute to the lives lost in our roads.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
Sujit

From: [Ross Younger](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Supporting Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 7:29:03 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

Hi I am a cyclist who uses our regional trail network often, I am writing to support the BERT trail.

The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. We need safer places to ride off roads - too many of our community have been injured or worse due to traffic negligence.

We lack a east-west link to get between Erie and Boulder today, the BERT trail fills a critical gap.

The counter arguments about potential wildlife impact do not make sense - overall less cars and more bikes is good for the environment and protect our air, water and climate. Fundamentally, risking more human lives to save some birds nests does not make sense.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Ross Younger

3850 Paseo del Prado #11

Boulder, CO, 80301

From: [Lin Murphy](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] the "BERT" trail
Date: Monday, October 21, 2024 10:16:28 AM

I like to hike, But not where other species need space and quiet to live.

I moved here 30 years ago to support Boulder's nature environment--not to be counted as part of a reason to ruin it.

We don't need people everywhere.

People do not own the Earth, despite what patriarchal religions claim. If Genesis means anything, it's that we can ruin "Eden". Humans keep destroying Edens. This is our Eden here, which we must share with other species.

Let's back off the trail proposal.

I have ridden many bike centuries, toured thru France and California, AZ, NM.

Bikes belong on established roads. NOT on roads pushed thru native grasses so bikes can motor thru.

Ban e-bikes.

lin, north Boulder

From: [Kevin Smith](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] This is my vote in support of BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 7:57:10 AM

Dear Commissioners,

I am strongly in favor of the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

This trail has many positives, not least of which will be a safe option to commute by bike into Boulder, and a fantastic trail for running and recreational biking.

Regarding possible impact to wildlife - I do not believe this is a valid concern. If this was the very first trail through pristine wilderness, then maybe. But this is a trail crossing major highways, residential neighborhoods, and near oil and gas wells. And it mainly uses a pre-existing rail corridor.

To make a real difference in reducing impact to wildlife, the number of new housing developments should be drastically decreased.

Bottom line: My vote is in favor of BERT.

Kevin Smith
2444 Ginny Way
Lafayette CO 80026
303-886-7742

From: [Abby Hellen](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] trail building
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:06:23 AM

Sent from my iPhone

OPEN THE TRAIL!!! thank you so much, i really hope it happens. currently i know three people who have been hit by cars, two of them killed. this would open so much more safe travel for bikers! thank you so much and i really really hope you open it

abi hellen
14 years old
boulder high school

From: [Randy D](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Trail support
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 5:03:37 PM

I just wanted to let you know that I support the boulder to Erie proposed bike trail system. I have thought for a long time we need better East-West non-road-based travel options and I think this would be a great opportunity as the greater Boulder community continues to grow to the East. Thanks, Randy Deck

Randy Deck

Owner
303.506.0404 | [RandysRemodel.com](#)

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From: [Austin Gardner](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Urging support for BERT regional bike trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:32:52 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Thank you

- Austin Gardner
1308 Short Ct. Louisville, CO

From: [Jeffrey Butt](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Voicing Support for the BERT
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 10:15:10 AM

Good morning all,

I am a Boulder County resident and would like to voice my support for the BERT trail being considered by the County Commission tomorrow morning. It's trails like this that make Boulder County such a unique and wonderful place to live.

I have heard that some members of the community are concerned about possible wildlife impacts, which is understandable. However, we should not let fear pervade our decision making. Speaking from experience building large projects out west, I am confident that if the construction is scheduled and sequenced properly there should be no or minimal impacts to wildlife. As a community we should seek solutions that address the concerns of all stakeholders.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jeff Butt

From: [Chris Angelovic](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] We need the BERT Trail!!!
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:29:52 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). Much like the LOBO trail this trail is imperative for a way to keep our biking and pedestrian traffic safe.

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week for work and with my family.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network. Currently I have clients that will not buy east of Boulder due to safety concerns when biking.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Chris Angelovic

Chris Angelovic

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From: [Josh Taillon](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Writing in strong support of the BERT project
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 8:59:45 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strongest possible support for the Boulder to Erie multi-use trail (BERT) project. I believe that this project will have significant positive impacts on our community and the surrounding environment and urge the Commissioners to approve it.

Outdoor recreation and safe bicycle infrastructure are two reasons the country looks to Boulder County as a leader in modern urban design and lifestyle. Eastern Boulder County however, stands out as a shocking gap in regional trail coverage. This is especially surprising, given the large tracts of County-owned land in this area. As one of the fastest growing communities in the state, Erie is essentially disconnected from Boulder, Niwot, and Longmont with regards to off-roadway connections.

I personally know car-commuters living in the Erie area that have said they would love to come to Boulder by bike or e-bike, but do not feel safe doing so. The BERT trail would provide a safe and convenient alternative to driving, reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality, and promoting physical activity. By encouraging more people to bike to work or school, we can reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and contribute to a healthier, more sustainable future.

I urge you to reject any claims that a multi-use trail would harm the environment. These claims are often based on misinformation and do not reflect the scientific evidence. With proper planning and mitigation measures, the BERT project (like our many other fantastic multi-use trails) can be built in a way that minimizes its impact on the environment. Additionally, the environmental benefits of taking cars off the road by providing a reasonable car-free commute from the growing community of Erie to Boulder cannot be overstated.

I believe that the BERT project is an incredibly worthwhile investment in our community. It will promote sustainable transportation, provide a valuable recreational resource, protect our environment, and help Boulder County meet our climate goals. I urge you to support this project and move forward with its construction as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Joshua Taillon

1110 Fairfield Dr.
Boulder, CO

From: [Donna Wilson](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Writing in support of a multi-use BERT trail.
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:04:18 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the proposed multi-use trail between Boulder and Erie. I use our trail system for running, walking, and biking and appreciate so much the wonderful trails that already exist to support alternative modes of transportation, as well as a healthy lifestyle in our community. This would provide another valuable trail to connect Boulder to the east.

Thank you for your consideration.

Donna Wilson
4245 Aurora Ave, Boulder, CO 80303

From: [David Fitzgerald](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Writing in Support of the Proposed BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:58:55 PM

Hello,

I am a resident of Lafayette. I live near 95th and Arapahoe. As a cyclist I feel that this area of the city is a bit isolated for bicyclists. There is no easy access to the trail systems like the Coal Creek trail to Erie and Superior, and to Boulder. I have been looking forward to this proposed BERT for the past 5 years. I would love a trail on the north side of Lafayette to access Boulder and Erie.

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail as this is a critical east-west trail corridor.

Thank you,
David Fitzgerald

From: [Emile Goguely](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Yes on BERT - Emile
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:22:34 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

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- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate AND reduce the amount of cars on the roads!

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely, Emile from Longmont

From: [Noah Atkin](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] YES to Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 7:20:52 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail. I am 13 and I live in Lafayette. I am a cyclist who would love a safe way to get to my friends' houses in Erie as well as having a safe way to get to Boulder. The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. The roads are way too dangerous for anyone, especially people like me who use them as bike lanes. This project will increase trips by walking or biking, protecting our air, water, and overall climate. Please make cycling safer and say YES to the BERT trail. It could save lives.

From, Noah Atkin

From: [Erik Jeffries](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:02:46 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

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Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Erik Jeffries

From: [Sallie Greenwood](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#); [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:27:10 PM

Boulder County Commissioner Claire Levy
Boulder County Commissioner Ashley Stolzmann
Boulder County Commissioner Marta Loachamin

Dear Commissioners:

I resent the proposed BERT realignment. I do not want to see yet another designated Habitat Conservation Area compromised for pedestrians and bicycles. I can take my recreation elsewhere that will not diminish what has been designated Critical Wildlife Habitat and High/Very High Biodiversity. I will not feel deprived but encouraged that we do indeed stand by protecting critical habitat.

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Sallie M. Greenwood
4424 Greenbriar Boulevard
Boulder, Colorado 80305
(970) 714-3651

From: [Ryan Hamilton](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:43:47 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

The Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT), is so important to improving quality of life in Boulder, I implore you to please support its approval

- as A cyclist I use our regional trail network every week.
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Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,
Ryan Hmailton
4635 Gordon Dr, Boulder, CO 80305

From: [Jason Hennings](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3:23:30 PM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

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Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Jason Hennings
11436 Flatiron Dr.
Lafayette, CO 80026

From: [Dan Sonnesyn](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 8:11:42 PM

Hi there

I am 57 years old and grew up in Boulder county riding my bike on the roads and have been racing the last 30 plus years. I think a trail would be so valuable to many people. The roads have become more and more dangerous with more volume and distracted drivers with texting and we are seeing more deaths because of this. This is such a great area to ride and there hasn't been a good way to ride into Bouldernon trails. Also there has been so much growth in Erie so this would be a fun safe healthy addition for the community.

Thanks for your consideration.

Dan Sonnesyn



Town Council

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Oct. 22, 2024

Boulder County Board of County Commissioners
1325 Pearl Street
Boulder, CO 80302

To the Boulder County Board of County Commissioners,


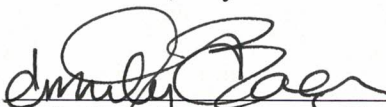

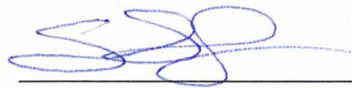
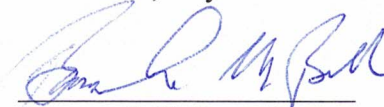
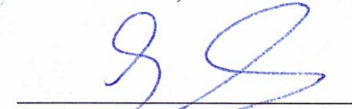
On behalf of the Town of Erie Town Council, we are writing to express our strong support for the Boulder-to-Erie Regional Trail (BERT) and to advocate for its year-round accessibility. This trail represents a vital connection between our municipalities, greatly benefiting bike commuters and enhancing overall mobility in our region.

The BERT not only serves as a critical transportation route for cyclists but also encourages recreational use among residents and visitors alike. By keeping the trail open year-round, we can provide safe and reliable access for those commuting between Boulder and Erie, especially during the winter months when alternative routes may be less accessible.

We believe that promoting diverse modes of transportation, including cycling and walking, is essential for fostering a vibrant, healthy community, and BERT aligns closely with several goals outlined in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan. The year-round operation of the trail aligns with our shared vision of enhancing connectivity and accessibility for all residents, thereby contributing to the overall well-being of our region. We support Boulder County and other appropriate organizations to find suitable compromise solutions to minimize impacts to adjacent land with high ecological value while keeping BERT open year-round.

We look forward to making the Boulder-to-Erie Regional Trail a valuable asset for all users throughout the year.

Sincerely,


Justin Brooks, Mayor
Emily Baer, Councilor
Dan Hoback, Councilor
Sara Loflin, Mayor Pro Tem
Brandon Bell, Councilor
Andrew Sawusch, Councilor

From: [Lambrose, Joni](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: AR 11/5/2024 Collaborative Project Research
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:36:18 AM

Hello commissioners team!

My name is Joni, I'm the motor vehicle trainer for C&R. I'm reaching out to a few departments for an internal project. If anyone in the commissioners department could please help me out I'd appreciate it. If busy schedules do not permit this, I understand.

Purpose:

I am reaching out to you and other departments in BOCO that reach the community, to seek knowledge and examples of BOCO collaborating with others inside and or outside of BOCO divisions.

Action Requested and Due Date:

Please reply by 11-5-24. I don't require an answer to all the questions. I listed multiple questions just to get your brain thinking of possible situations.

BOCO C&R's definition of Collaborative: We achieve better outcomes by building partnerships with our community and others.

- Who, what, where, how often and why (if permitted) you collaborate with others on behalf of BOCO?
- What valuable outside partnership(s) have you built?
- What's an example of an outcome that may not have been reached, or wouldn't have been as successful, without an outside partnership collaboration?
- Have you been involved in any events that have initiated a successful collaboration?

Supporting Information:

I am doing a project on Clerk & Recorder values, specifically focusing on the value of Collaborative. My intention is to learn as much as I can about how BOCO is collaborative with others for a presentation. Whatever info you have to share is appreciated. Thank you

Kind Regards,

Joni Lambrose
She/her/hers
Motor Vehicle Trainer
Boulder County Clerk and Recorder
303-413-7025
[Boulder County Motor Vehicle](#)

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From: [Jannatpour, Vivienne](#)
To: [Handyside, Gloria](#)
Cc: [Churchill, Jennifer](#)
Subject: BERT comments on BCPOS share of CPP FB event
Date: Thursday, September 12, 2024 1:19:35 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

I mentioned these positive comments to Therese and she would like you to share with the commissioners.



Clark Evans

I was disappointed to read the draft plan's recommendations for seasonal closures that would effectively make the stretch from 63rd St to US 287 inaccessible from December to mid-September. I value the nesting birds in this area - so if we want to protect them and build this trail, it seems clear that a different alignment is needed to ensure that the public can actually use it more than 3 months per year. I encourage everyone to read the draft plan (the seasonal wildlife closure recommendations are just before the appendices) and submit comments for consideration - whether you feel similarly or not



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Selena Johnson-Schaefer
Sarah Marie

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Sarah Marie

Selena Johnson-Schaefer I know, I can't wait! especially now that I don't have a car it would be nice to safely commute to work.

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Reply to Selena Johnson-Schaefer



Erin Frazier

Head's up, City of Lafayette Open Space!

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Richard Engelmann

That's funny - I drove past the 75th street crossing yesterday after a visit to Munson's, and thought about how the right of way was being wasted. Please raise my taxes and make this happen!

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Trisha Bosak

Repair the rails

1w Like Reply Hide



Andrew Contemplative-Caregiver

This is way better use of tax money then trying to make iris less drivable.

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Colleen Callin

This is the stuff that people LOVE about the Boulder area.

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Vivienne Jannatpour

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Kenneth Martin
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October 22, 2024

Subject: Boulder County Commissioners' hearing on BERT (Boulder to Erie Regional Trail), October 24, 9 am

My Question: Why is Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) recommending multiple closures of the proposed BERT trail where there are existing year round trails?

1. Teller Farm Trails overview;
 - a. Trailhead on the south side of Valmont, about 0.5 miles west of 95thSt;
 - b. Trail south from Valmont to Arapahoe;
 - c. Trail north from Valmont to White Rocks trail;
2. Teller Farm North trail (TFN):
 - a. Distances from the trailhead to nests that involve CPW recommended closures:
 - i. Valmont to RTD ROW (Red Tailed hawk nest) 1,500 ft
 - ii. RTD ROW to Boulder Creek (eagle nest) 2,200 ft
 - iii. Note that the TFN trail continues northward from Boulder Creek to White Rocks trail about 4,250 ft.
 - b. My personal experiences:
 - i. I have lived in Erie for 13 years. Use this trail 4/5 times per year;
 - ii. Have never experienced closures, except after 2013 "1,000 year flood";
 - iii. During the last 4/6 years, I have frequently seen an eagle (or 2) perched in a tree adjacent to Boulder Creek. The tree is about 100 ft west of TFN;
 - iv. Have never seen or heard a Red Tailed hawk.
 - c. Observations on an early afternoon 75 minute walk on Sunday 10/6 (Broncos on TV at 2 pm):
 - i. 10/12 walkers, including family with 2 active noisy boys 6-9 years old.
 - ii. 8/10 bikers, including group of 3;
 - iii. 2 joggers;
 - iv. 1 horseback rider; also "evidence" on trail of previous use during prior week
 - v. No dogs (not permitted)
 - d. Eagle (nest #3):
 - i. Study distances to nest:
 1. existing year round trail 955';
 2. RTD ROW 1,640';
 - ii. **CPW Recommendation (from study document):** "No surface occupancy within 1/4 mile buffer around bald eagle nests. Seasonal closures during nesting season (December to August) within 1/2 mile buffer around nests."
 - iii. On my 10/6 walk, I saw 2 eagles perching at their favorite location, a dead cottonwood branch, about **100'** west of TFN. I saw them both walking northbound, and returning southbound about 30 minutes apart;
 - e. Red Tailed hawk (nest #7)
 - i. Study distances to nest:
 1. existing year round trail <100';
 2. RTD ROW also <100';
 - ii. **CPW Recommendation (from study document):** "While this nest is in a "highly developed area," seasonal closure is recommended during nesting season (mid-

February to mid-July) given the extreme proximity of the trail alignment to the nest and the documented cases of red-tailed hawks attacking people in defence of their nests”.

iii. I have never seen or heard a hawk in the past 10+ years. Unable to locate nest;

3. Sawhill Ponds:

a. Overview:

- i. Trailhead with a parking lot and picnic area is about 2,000’ west of 75th St;
- ii. Note; the Walden Ponds trailhead is about 2,500 north of the Sawhill trailhead. It is significantly larger than Sawhill’s. The trails from Walden & Sawhill Ponds intersect; many visitors use both trails.

b. Red Tailed hawk (nest #4)

i. Study distances to nest:

- 1. existing year round trail 80’;
- 2. RTD ROW 30’;

c. **CPW Recommendation (from study document)**: “While this nest is in a “highly developed area,” seasonal closure is recommended during nesting season (mid-February to mid-July) given the extreme proximity of the trail alignment to the nest and the documented cases of red-tailed hawks attacking people in defence of their nests.”

d. Distance from the trailhead to the nest that causes CPW to recommend closure. Uncertain, perhaps 1,500’:

e. OSMF has advised that the Sawhill trails are NOT closed during nesting seasons;

f. Observations from my early Sunday afternoon 1 hour walk on 10/13 (Broncos on TV 2 pm).

- i. The parking lot had about 10 vehicles;
- ii. No picnic tables (1 covered) in use
- iii. Visitors were on multiple observation benches adjacent to ponds.
- iv. 25 walkers (including some from Walden Ponds to the north)
- v. No bikes (not permitted);
- vi. no joggers;
- vii. no horseback riders;
- viii. 1 dog

Conclusions:

- 1. The CPW letter dated July 29, 2024 (and updated August 9, 2024 to Kelsey Blaho of OTAK does not explain why multiple BERT locations must be closed for nesting periods that are up to 8 months long, while there are existing year-round trails that are as close or closer to the nests;
- 2. Furthermore, the CPW recommendations do not consider any other criteria, such as the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan;
- 3. The study includes analysis and recommendations for mitigating ecological impacts on raptors;
- 4. Thus I strongly support adoption of the plan with Alignment 1b.



COLORADO
Parks and Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources

Northeast Regional Office
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July 19th, 2024

Kelsey Blaho
AICP | Planner
OTAK
Kelsey.Blaho@otak.com

Re: BERT Corridor Nest Recommendations analysis and report - Colorado Parks and Wildlife response- **Updated August 9th, 2024**

Dear Kelsey,

Thank you for the opportunity for Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) to comment on the Boulder to Erie Region Trail (BERT) nest recommendations analysis and report that has been produced by ERO for the BERT Corridor. CPW has previously provided preliminary comments on the trail alignment. We understand that this request is specifically to address the analysis and report produced by ERO on nest buffer guidelines that you provided to us on July 8, 2024. CPW understands that ERO determined in their analysis that the “soft-surface regional trail would not adversely affect the overall breeding success of the raptors and herons nesting in the analysis area or contribute to an overall decline in the species locally or regionally.” CPW is responding to that statement with our recommendations below. **We have included updates/clarification to the letter in red text as is here, otherwise, the letter has remained the same.**

The mission of CPW is to perpetuate the wildlife resources of the state, to provide a quality state parks system, and to provide enjoyable and sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities that educate and inspire current and future generations to serve as active stewards of Colorado’s natural resources. CPW has a statutory responsibility to manage all wildlife species in Colorado and to promote a variety of recreational opportunities throughout Colorado. One way we achieve this goal is by responding to referral comment requests, as is the case for this project.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Area 2 and regional staff have reviewed the proposed site for the trail and are familiar with the area. Previously, CPW gave recommendations on trail



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alignment, including variances on seasonal closures and distances from nests based on the alignments and location and circumstances surrounding the individual nest. The following are concerns and recommendations for the alignment that the BERT team has identified to us in a previous meeting as the preferred alignment that follows the existing Right of Way (ROW) concerning the nests in the trail alignment vicinity:

Recommendations

Bald Eagle Nests

An active Bald eagle nest site is a specific location in which a pair of bald eagles has at least attempted to nest within the last five years. Any nest location that can be directly tied to courtship, breeding, or brooding behavior is considered active. A buffer zone extends ½-mile around a known active nest. CPW has two recommendations to protect these sites: of a) no surface occupancy (NSO) within ¼-mile of any active bald eagle nest site, and b) no human encroachment or permitted/authorized human activities within ½-mile of any active bald eagle nest site from December 1 to July 31 of each year.

For the nests identified within the project area and the ¼-mile nest buffer, we provided the following comments previously: For the nest on the most western side of the trail (identified on the map provided at Bald Eagle Nest 1), we evaluated its location, and regardless of the alignment chosen, we would not recommend a seasonal closure in this particular nest because of the amount of existing disturbance around the nest. This pair of eagles started nesting while the gravel mine to the southeast was active, so they chose to nest even with the disturbance of the mine and the 61st Street daily traffic. Regardless of the trail alignment, we would not recommend a seasonal closure on the most eastern Bald Eagle nest (identified on the map given as Bald Eagle nest 4). This nest is close to HWY 287, 15 houses, and an access road the neighborhood uses daily, so this pair is also very tolerant of disturbance. This pair has an alternate nest that is very close to the active nest that was displayed on the map we showed during the initial meeting, and we are not concerned with this nest unless it becomes active. For all alignments, we recommend constructing the trail outside the nesting season (December 1- July 31). CPW's least preferred alignment would be the one that follows the existing right of way. This alignment is within the ¼-mile buffer of 2 Bald Eagle nests (identified as Bald Eagle nests 2 and 3 on the map provided), and we recommend no surface occupancy within that ¼-mile buffer year-round. **This year-round ¼ mile buffer would include a seasonal closure between December 1- July 31 on both of the nests identified, but first and foremost, we stand by our recommendation that there be no surface occupancy of any kind within ¼ mile of the identified Bald Eagle nests 2 and 3.**

Red-Tailed Hawk

This alignment is also within the ⅓-mile buffer for the Red-tailed hawk nests, which we recommend avoiding construction during the nesting season (Feb 15- July 15).

Specific to the nest identified as Red Tailed Hawk nests 4 and 7, while it is by our own definition in a "highly developed area", we would recommend a seasonal closure of the trail in both places, given 1) the extreme proximity of the trail alignment to the nest (over/next to the RTD track) and 2) the documented cases of red-tailed hawks attacking people in defense of their nests.

Osprey

CPW recommends no surface occupancy (beyond that which historically occurred in the area) within ¼ mile (1320 feet, 400 meters) radius of active nests. CPW recommends no permitted, authorized, or human encroachment activities within ¼ mile (1320 feet, 400 meters) radius of active nests from March 15 through August 15. Some osprey populations are habituated to and tolerant of human activity in the immediate vicinity of their nests. ERO's analysis and report state that the BERT alignment would adopt the existing OSMP closure buffers for osprey (OSMP's website states that OSMP has a closure every year from March 15 to Sept. 10 for Osprey nesting), and CPW agrees with this recommendation. CPW has reviewed this comment and stands by our previous statement that we agree with adopting the existing OSMP closure buffers.

Great Blue Heron

CPW recommends a 300-meter no-surface occupancy buffer zone during the nesting season, which is from mid-March to mid-August, but the trail alignment is outside of this buffer, so CPW has no further concerns.

The proposed alignment is outside the 985-foot (300m) buffer for Rookery 1, which we agreed with in our previous comments. However, ERO's report did not address Rookery 2, rendering our previous comment incomplete. The trail alignment is 580 feet from Rookery 2. Rookery 2 is also approximately 400 feet from 95th Street. However, roads are not a part of the CPW definition of a highly developed area, so we would maintain the 300m recommendation (which is a seasonal closure only from mid-March to mid-August).

Northern Leopard Frogs

Northern Leopard Frogs were identified in the project area, but they were not included in ERO's review. CPW recommends maintaining a 300-foot buffer around northern leopard frog breeding sites.

Thank you again for including CPW in the review of this Project. If you have any additional questions regarding wildlife concerns for this property, please contact Lexi Hamous, NE Land Use Coordinator, at lexi.hamous-miller@state.co.us or by phone at 303-916-2987.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Mettenbrink". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Chris Mettenbrink
Area 2 Assistant Area Wildlife Manager

Cc: Mark Leslie, Jason Duetsch, Tyler Asnicar, Cassy Penn, Lexi Hamous, Lucas Svare, and file.

From: [Loachamin, Marta](#)
To: [Glowacki, Therese](#)
Cc: [Churchill, Jennifer](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] BERT regional trail
Date: Friday, September 6, 2024 8:33:29 AM

Sharing this email with both of you for information only. I'll reply that I have received and forwarded on for the discussions.

Thank you!

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Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2024 6:59 AM
To: Loachamin, Marta <mloachamin@bouldercounty.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT regional trail

Dear Commissioners Levy, Loachamin, and Stolzmann,

I was deeply saddened to learn that Boulder County does, indeed, intend to run the BERT regional trail through the heart of the Boulder Creek floodplain valley. When this trail corridor was first proposed 40 years ago, quite a few of us didn't bother to comment, assuming that it was a pipe dream that would never be approved by Boulder County Parks and Open Space or Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks. We believed then and believe now that running a regional commuter trail through or along the boundaries of designated Critical Wildlife Habitats, Rare Plant Communities, and Cultural and Historical sites would be in direct violation of stated goals and policies in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan.

Foothills floodplains are among the most endangered ecosystems in Colorado; they also support very high levels of biodiversity along with multiple species of special concern, ranging from locally imperiled nesting northern harriers to locally rare buckeye butterflies.

Native mammals and charismatic raptors thrived historically in the Boulder Creek floodplain valley, including bison, which have yet to be reintroduced to Boulder County; river otters, now imperiled in Boulder County; white-tailed jackrabbits, recently extirpated from the plains of Boulder County; and long-eared owls, now locally rare.

Rare cultural and archaeological sites, all considered sacred by Native American peoples, are scattered across the floodplain valley. Recognizing this natural and cultural bounty, drafters of the Environmental Resources Element of the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan applied a number of designations to the valley. These include Critical Wildlife Habitats, Rare Plant Communities, Archaeological Sites, and Cultural Sites.

The Environmental Resources Element of the Comprehensive Plan acknowledges "our responsibility to ensure that native ecosystems and their native species populations continue to exist and flourish within Boulder County" (ERE-1.03). The designations within the plan, based on thorough studies of local wildlife and plant populations, set standards that must be followed if we are to live up to this commitment.

Several of the rare plant designations within the floodplain valley resulted from studies at the White Rocks State Natural Area, a dramatic outcrop of Fox Hills and Laramie Sandstone that supports several locally rare plants. Caves within the White Rocks support nesting barn owls (Boulder County rare) and may have once served to shelter human inhabitants of the valley.

At least half of the currently mapped regional trail route between 61st St. and 95th St. passes through or along the boundaries of County designated Critical Wildlife Habitat, City designated Habitat Conservation Areas, or both. The goal for protecting these sites in the Environmental Resources Element states:

Boulder County shall conserve and preserve Environmental Resources including its unique and distinctive natural features, biodiversity, and ecosystems through protection and restoration in recognition of the irreplaceable character of such resources and their importance to the quality of life in Boulder County (Boulder County Comprehensive Plan, ER-4).

Regarding Critical Wildlife Habitat, the plan states:

Areas designated as Critical Wildlife Habitat are considered rare, irreplaceable or difficult to replace, and are essential to the conservation and preservation of wildlife in Boulder County (ER-3).

Designated areas that the trail would pass through include:

1. Critical Wildlife Habitat at Sawhill Ponds. This habitat protects nesting ospreys (Boulder County isolated and restricted), American bitterns (isolated and restricted), least bitterns (Boulder County rare), and green herons (Boulder County rare), along with a significant tallgrass prairie remnant that supports a robust firefly population and the highest concentration of breeding monarch butterflies I've observed within Boulder County.

2. Critical Wildlife Habitat within White Rocks Natural Area. This area protects cultural sites and rare plant communities, along with marshlands and riparian woodlands that support nesting American bitterns (Boulder County isolated), ospreys (isolated and restricted), bald eagles (isolated and restricted), and northern harriers (Boulder County imperiled); as well as the largest documented northern leopard frog breeding population within Boulder County (Will Keeley, Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks, pers. comm.)
3. Archaeologically Sensitive Site. This designation applies to the White Rocks and surrounding habitats.
4. The White Rocks/Gunbarrel Environmental Conservation Area. This designation encompasses most of the lower Boulder Creek floodplain valley.

Finally, and vitally important, the lower Boulder Creek floodplain valley is a sacred home to the Arapaho and Cheyenne people, who still legally own all the land within the valley. Late nineteenth-century paintings by European-American artists show Arapaho villages in similar settings along the east slope of the Rocky Mountains. When we visited the valley with local Arapaho and Cheyenne tribal representatives, one told us simply, "Yes, this is where we lived."

Running a significant commuter trail through the heart of the valley would likely eliminate any future opportunity to restore significant portions of these lands to their rightful owners.

It would be extremely helpful if you could instruct staff to take a second, more detailed look at options for rerouting this trail corridor down well south of the of the railway tracks and critical designations between White Rocks Trail (800 m west of 95th St.) and 61st street.

Thank you for your understanding and concern,

Steve Jones

Stephen R. Jones, wildlife consultant, teacher and volunteer coordinator

Boulder County Audubon, Boulder Rights of Nature, Boulder County Nature Association, Right Relationship Boulder

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Author/co-author: The Last Prairie, a Sandhills Journal; Nourishing Waters, Comforting Sky; Peterson Field Guide to the North American Prairie; Butterflies of the Colorado Front Range; Wild Boulder County.

Nineteenth century painting of Plains Indian village in Rocky Mountain floodplain valley

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To: Loachamin, Marta <mloachamin@bouldercounty.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail Proposal

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CPW described 1b as their least preferred route due to its encroachment on 23 active raptor and great blue heron nesting sites. They instead supported the Valmont Road option, which planning staff indicated would present greater safety and logistical concerns. According to OSMP staff, following CPW's recommendations for seasonal raptor closures would require that the trail be closed for 9 months out of the year. OSMP has stated their historical commitment to following CPW's wildlife protection recommendations and failure to do so in this instance would compromise CPW's best practices for protection of raptor nesting sites and set a very bad precedent with potential adverse consequences. Necessary closures of this duration would clearly render the 1b plan unworkable.

OSMP staff have raised other concerns about the 1b route, which runs through large swaths of wetlands both north and south of the proposed trail corridor as well as remaining fragments of tallgrass prairie, an ecosystem that is rapidly disappearing in the face of increasing development. The 1b route would fragment and bring significant human disturbance through areas designated by

the Boulder County Comprehensive plan as Critical Wildlife Habitat, Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse potential restoration area, Riparian Habitat Connector and Rare Plant Area sites, as well as the many raptor and heron nesting sites as it runs along the wetlands and protected areas of Sawhill Ponds and White Rocks Natural Area. The OSMP adjacent areas between 75th and 95th streets are described as having high value ecological resources and contain the largest concentration of habitat for the Northern Leopard Frog, a CPW Tier 1 Species of Greatest Conservation Need, and at least one Northern Harrier nest, another sensitive species of declining population in Boulder County.

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Thank you so much for this opportunity to comment.

Suzanne Bhatt

Boulder

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Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 9:46 AM
To: Commissioner Levy <commissioner.levy@bouldercounty.gov>; Commissioner Loachamin <commissioner.loachamin@bouldercounty.gov>; Commissioner Stolzmann <commissioner.stolzmann@bouldercounty.gov>
Cc: Luebbert, Tonya <tluebbert@bouldercounty.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) Plan

I moved to Colorado after 10-years in Austin Texas, and five years in New York. I grew up in the UK as a cyclist, both recreational and a commuting. In Austin, I was the ride leader for the a bicycle-shop ride that won awards and was regularly in the Bicycle Magazine top-5 shop rides in the USA
([https://jackandadams.blogspot.com/search/label/shop ride](https://jackandadams.blogspot.com/search/label/shop%20ride)).

I'd heard about the promise of recreational Colorado and for the first three years tried to make it work as a cyclist. It didn't work.

I've had more close calls in those 3-years while riding mostly on the back roads of Boulder County than any other time in my life. In 2018, I was clipped by the mirror of an SUV while riding on 95th Street, South of 3rd Ave in Longmont. I was lucky, I was able to retain control of my bicycle, stay upright as it clipped the curb. The driver never stopped.

For the most part, now I only I take my bike to the post office in Lafayette and Louisville all mostly off-road. I ride into Boulder for "Bike to Work day" but even that requires careful thought, planning and estimation of traffic volumes.

Please support the Boulder/Erie Regional Trail proposal, I understand that an underpass at i287 would be expensive, but in relation to cost the amount of money spent on roads it is relatively small. i287 is a death

Even though the trail would not come near Louisville, where I currently live, I would find a safe route to get to it and ride whenever I can.

++Mark.

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From: [Springett, Natalie](#)
To: [Handyside, Gloria](#); [Churchill, Jennifer](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] CPW Raptor comments for Commissioner Consideration RE: Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Monday, October 21, 2024 3:35:49 PM
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From: Duetsch - DNR, Jason <jason.duetsch@state.co.us>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 6:06 PM
To: Springett, Natalie <nspringett@bouldercounty.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CPW Raptor comments for Commissioner Consideration RE: Boulder to Erie Regional Trail

Hi Natalie,

Due to the nature of the upcoming public hearing regarding the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT), Colorado Parks and Wildlife thought it prudent to reach out to you directly to put the attached comments in front of Commissioners Loachamin, Levy and Stolzmann for their consideration. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Jason Duetsch

Subject: Oct. 24 County Commissioners Public Hearing on the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)

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Oct. 24 County Commissioners Public Hearing on the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)

*Commissioners public hearing was previously scheduled
for Oct. 10*

Boulder County, Colo. - The Boulder County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) on Thursday, October 24 starting at 9 a.m. The hearing was previously scheduled for October 10, but was moved to October 24 due to a scheduling conflict.

What: Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing on the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)

When: Thursday, October 24 starting at 9 a.m.

Where: Commissioners' public hearings and meetings are offered in a hybrid format where attendees can join through Zoom or in-person at the Boulder County Courthouse, 3rd Floor, [1325 Pearl Street, Boulder](#). View [information on how to attend or participate virtually](#).

Action Requested: Decision.

Public comment will be taken at the hearing.

The BERT Plan evaluates multiple conceptual alignments and identifies a preferred alignment for further consideration for an 8.5 mile east-west multi-use trail connection between the City of Boulder and Town of Erie. The BERT Plan includes the project process, public and stakeholder input and engagement, technical evaluation, conceptual level alignment, opinion of cost, and next steps.

- [View or download the draft BERT Plan](#)
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View more project information at boco.org/BERT or contact Tonya Luebbert, Regional Trails Planner, at tluebbert@bouldercounty.gov.

[CPP Bert Plan Draft preferred alignment overview image](#)



Image from the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail Plan Draft showing preferred Alignment 1b, located within the RTD Right of Way (ROW), selected for its safety, user experience, and minimal impact on adjacent properties.

BERT trail corridor looking west into the sunset and mountains

The Boulder to Erie Regional Trail corridor looking west toward Boulder.

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From: myra mesko <behappymymy@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2024 7:02 AM
To: Commissioner Loachamin <commissioner.loachamin@bouldercounty.gov>
Cc: Myra Michelle Mesko <behappymymy@gmail.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Habitat Conservation Area and Riparian Zone

Dear Commissioner Marta,

I had your email incorrectly when I sent this email to you yesterday so I am sending it again since it bounced back. Please be so kind and let me know when you have received my concerns.
Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Dear Commissioners Marta, Claire, and Ashley:

My name is Myra Mesko, I am a long-time Boulder County resident with serious concerns regarding the proposed BERT (the largest commuter trail in Boulder County) and the protected wetland & riparian zone BERT is proposed to be built through. For decades we have been prohibited, and for good reason, to access the valley between 75th and 95th. This is the last refuge in Boulder County where the ecosystem is as it was centuries ago before humans encroached and destroyed the natural balance in this area. Man's desires are not always what is best for our Habitat Conservation Areas, therefore, I believe the decision made on Sept. 11, 2024 by the Trustees to support the largest commuter trail (Bert) through this fragile valley is misguided.

Option 1a & 1b would put the 10FT wide trail (much wider than the old rail bed which was decommissioned decades ago and has since been reabsorbed into nature) through the **Habitat Conservation Area** (native grasslands, wetlands, and riparian zones) in Boulder Valley between 75th and 95th which has a substantial conservation area of Rare Plants & Significant Natural Community areas outlined on the maps I am providing links to below. This conservation area is very important to plant diversity and habitat protection, it is prohibited to trespass without permission from Boulder County Open Space (OSMP), see picture attached. **And how can anyone even consider the BERT commuter trail to be built on the RTD rail bed when they (RTD) have asked the trail **not** to be built there since they reserve the right to use their rail bed in the future. They have clearly stated that Boulder County would have to pay for the removal of BERT if they decide to reactivate the existing rails. The cost of BERT at \$19 - \$23 million would be a total waste if built only to be removed again at taxpayers expense.**

The proposed BERT (open 24/7) commuter trail would introduce invasive plant species to the fragile wetlands which would devastate the rare plants and all that live & thrive in this eco system. **It is estimated that hundreds of people** will be hiking/running (with pets) & biking on BERT (including E-bikes) on a *daily basis ~ day...and night* introducing invasive plant seeds from shoe soles and bike treads that could devastate this Rare Plant Area & Significant Natural Community. Today it is off limits to human and canine traffic to preserve this ecosystem. Consistent human and dog traffic is not just dangerous to the fragile plant habitat, but also very disruptive to all the wildlife and rare firefly that currently lives & breeds in this protected area.

The stretch of Boulder Valley between 75th and 95th is home & breeding ground for bald & golden eagles, a variety of hawks including Harris, great horned owls, falcons, blue herons, herds of white tail deer, foxes, coyotes, bobcats, turkeys, snapping turtles, salamanders, frogs, snakes, lizards, rare fireflies to name a few. Nocturnal migration in this valley is healthy and active with wildlife rarely seen by humans, but yet they indeed dwell there. I have real concerns on how OSMP is going to protect the **Harris Hawk and Heron** according to the **Migratory Bird act which is a federal law**. In addition the **Eagle** population mates, nests, and teach their young to hunt in this valley & grassland, surely you would not want to interfere and destroy this beautiful habitat. And by the time BERT would start construction we may even have more Eagle Nests in this valley that are closer to the RTD trac than they are today.

The **wetlands and hayfields** just west of 75th & south of the RTD rail bed are home to **rare native plants which seeds are harvested annually by OSPM** volunteers to be propagated in other OSMP properties throughout the county to ensure the survival of the species. Native plants needing protection in this area include, but are not limited to, **big bluestem, little bluestem, switchgrass, prairie cordgrass, and yellow indian grass**. Additionally, the **Bobolink, grassland sparrows, savanna sparrows, and grasshopper sparrows** nest in the **hayfield and tall grass**, **Harrier Hawks** nest in the **cat tails**, and one can find **turtles & fireflies** in these **wetlands** which would be greatly disrupted if not forced to be displaced if this trail in implemented. White Tail Deer also thrive in this environment, we must protect pregnant and newborn which are **extremely venerable during spring and early summer**. There are plans to add fencing to keep people on BERT which would negatively impact migration of wildlife, especially the newborn, young population of our wildlife who would be separated from the herds/packs not able to overcome the fencing.

OSMP declares White Rocks is a refuge for rare and easily disturbed plants and animals. See attached. **The rare Six-Lined Racerunner Lizard** makes it's home in the soft, sandy soil of White Rocks Habitat Conservation Area. The hiking trail through White Rocks is only 3.5 - 4 feet wide and does not allow dogs, nor are they open 24/7. There are so many animals who would be negatively impacted if the proposed BERT is built in this protected valley. **special consideration must be given to all the aforementioned.**

You can find all the aforementioned wildlife and sensitive native vegetation in this stretch of protected area for many reasons, one of them is that **it is isolated from excessive human traffic**. Only therefore, can this habitat exist and thrive in balance. This Natural Resource deserves to be protected as it has been for several decades, or as long as I can remember.

I believe there are a couple safe & scenic solutions to have BERT come to life with mindful planning to avoid trespassing a designated conservation area harming it irreparably: Option 1. From 75th run BERT south on 75th and use the scenic Valmont Rd. The speed limit could be reduced, which should be done anyway, and the commuter trail would be appropriately placed along a road and not through a delicate, protected valley. I have heard the argument that personal driveways would be impacted, but they already are

negatively impacted with the current road, and it is my opinion that a slower speed limit would help these residents greatly. To ensure a slower speed limit you could install reverse speed bumps along this stretch on the road portion creating a safe alternative for BERT.

In addition, proponents of BERT claim that many would not drive cars anymore, rather use their bikes to commute to Boulder. **If this is true, then Valmont Rd is the only option to explore since traffic would be greatly decreased with all commuting traffic moving to BERT.** Please explore how Valmont Rd. could be transformed into an amazing commuter trail removing 18 wheelers from this stretch to make BERT a reality.

Option 2. From 75th run BERT North to the Lookout Open Space which already has multiple trails built on & through it, then build it all the way to 287 along Lookout Rd. The Views from Lookout are outstanding, and nature lovers will feel like they are on-top of the world with unforgettable views to the west of Longs & Indian Peaks, and entire Continental Divide. To the East the horizon is vast and seems to never end.....

These two options would provide beautiful scenery and will not impact our protected ecosystems we know are so very important to all of us choosing to live in Boulder City & County.

Please join me to be a voice for this delicate valley ecosystem, a beautiful natural resource, which will be negatively impacted forever with the proposed 24/7, 10 foot wide BERT Commuter Trail running through the protected conservation habitat.

With heartfelt gratitude for your attention to this sensitive matter.

Sincerely,

Myra Mesko

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<https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/bccp-map-wetlands-riparian-areas.pdf>

<https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/bccp-map-rare-plant-areas-significant-natural-areas.pdf>



Entering a Habitat Conservation Area (HCA)

Special rules apply. You must stay on trail at all times, unless you have a permit from www.osmppermits.org.

This is a refuge for rare and easily disturbed plants and animals.

Aptly named, six-lined racerunner lizards can sprint at 18 mph, and skitter across shallow pools of water to escape predators. This HCA is one of the very few places the lizard occurs in all of Boulder County! They move into abandoned pocket gopher burrows or dig their own homes where the soil is soft and sandy.



Please enjoy and respect your HCAs so sensitive species can continue to flourish on OSMP.



Artwork by Anne Gifford



<https://www.colorado.edu/today/2024/07/12/searching-colorados-little-known-fireflies>

Searching for Colorado's little-known fireflies

Banner image: Fireflies dance over a field near Sawhill Ponds in Boulder, Colorado. (Credit: Peleg Lab)

Owen Martin steps carefully through the knee-high grass growing up around a long-abandoned railroad track near Sawhill Ponds in Boulder, Colorado. It's almost pitch black out. The sun set 45 minutes ago, and the only light now comes from the distant buzz of cars on Valmont Road.

Get involved

Students, Colorado residents and more can sign up to help record firefly flashes.

[Volunteer Now](#)

Or almost the only light. If you let your eyes adjust to the dark, you can just make out the twinkle from hundreds of faint specks. They flash on and off as if someone spilled yellow-green glitter across this empty field.

Martin, a doctoral student in computer science at CU Boulder, is hunting for fireflies.

"There's one right there," he says, holding up a butterfly net. "It's leading me on a little chase."

Many people who call Colorado home might be surprised to learn that fireflies (or lightning bugs, depending on who you ask) also live in the state. But, if you're lucky, you might stumble on a few pockets of these insects lighting up the night. You just need to know when and where to look.

That's what Martin and his advisor Orit Peleg are trying to figure out now. In a project that blends technology with natural history, researchers in Peleg's lab have spent summers since 2018 traveling across the state in search of fireflies. They use [360-degree cameras](#) to learn more about the insects, including the patterns they make with their flashes. In many ways, the team is in a race against time. In Colorado, as in other places around the world, firefly populations may be vanishing as a result of humans paving over wetland habitats and saturating the night sky with artificial light.

"Firefly flashes are like a little, secret language," said Peleg, associate professor in the [BioFrontiers Institute](#) and [Department of Computer Science](#). "They are very special, and we have a lot to learn from them."

Introducing Colorado fireflies

It's a new experience for Martin. The researcher grew up not far from this natural area in Louisville, Colorado, but had never seen a firefly at home until three years ago. He said that observing these animals in the wild is a "wonderous feeling."

"It's all dark, and you feel like the rest of the world isn't there anymore," he said. "You feel like you are floating in space, and there are all these stars moving around you."

At Sawhill Ponds, he's trapped one of those stars now. He gingerly moves the insect from his canvas net to a covered petri dish. The firefly is about a half-inch long, and you can just make out its orangish head and black wings. A light organ on the bug's abdomen glows, flashing like the beacon from a lighthouse.

Fireflies belong to a family of beetles known as Lampyridae, and roughly 2,000 species of fireflies can be found across the globe. It's not clear how many live in Colorado. The insects near Sawhill Ponds belong to a common genus called Photuris. The name roughly translates to "light terror" because female Photuris fireflies sometimes use flashes to lure in, then devour males from different species.

[Entomology collections at the CU Museum of Natural History](#) include specimens from Photuris and four other genera found in 19 Colorado counties—ranging from Yuma County in the northeast to Montezuma in the southwest. Martin himself has observed fireflies in the town of Divide, which sits near Pikes Peak at an altitude of more than 9,000 feet.

Still, there are good reasons why these luminous animals remain such a mystery in the state. Unlike fireflies in the eastern U.S., which can abound all summer long, Colorado fireflies tend to cluster in swampy areas and are active for just a few weeks per year—appearing in the second half of June, then disappearing again by mid-July. Martin's research is supported through the President's Teaching Scholars Program and Timmerhaus Fund Ambassadors at the University of Colorado and by the City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks.

"A lot of people here come from places like the Midwest where they've seen fireflies. But they don't know about them in their own backyards," said Martin, who wants to raise "firefly literacy" in the Front Range.

Speaking firefly

Part of that goal hinges on understanding their secret language, Peleg said.

She explained that male fireflies flash to attract females, which often remain hidden on the ground. Each firefly species, however, has its own, unique flash pattern.

"It's like Morse code," she said. "It's this simple light on, light off signal, and that's probably as close as it gets to computer language, ones and zeros, in the animal kingdom."

To explore those patterns, her team uses 360-degree GoPro cameras to record fireflies in the wild. They then feed those recordings into computer programs that analyze the patterns. In recent research, for example, the group dug into the [flashing behavior of fireflies in the Great Smoky Mountains](#) of Tennessee—where thousands of insects synchronize their displays so that they all flash in unison, bathing entire hillsides in light.

Peleg's team [found that these animals seem to achieve that feat](#) by observing how their neighbors are flashing, then adjusting their behavior to match.

Martin is gathering similar insights into Colorado's fireflies. Eventually, he and Peleg want to build a library of firefly flash patterns—a sort of Google Translate for insects. That way, people could record video of fireflies flashing, then automatically identify what species they're looking at.

Protecting diversity

The researchers hope they can collect their data before it's too late.

How you can help fireflies

Coloradans can help protect fireflies by following these [tips from the Butterfly Pavillion](#):

- Support land conservation and habitat restoration.
- Stay on designated paths when visiting natural areas to avoid damaging their habitat.
- Enjoy fireflies in the wild and don't catch them.
- Turn off unnecessary lights near their habitats in June through August.

Across the globe, research on fireflies remains scarce. But a growing number of hints suggests that some species may be disappearing.

In Colorado, artificial light is a major threat. Studies of fireflies from the eastern United States show that streetlights and other nighttime illumination can wash out the signals that fireflies are trying to communicate. It's a bit like trying to carry on a conversation in the middle of a crowded bar. (Such "light pollution" can also [make it more difficult to see the stars](#) from Colorado).

But there are a number of actions people can take to protect vulnerable firefly habitats. Martin and Peleg invite curious Coloradans to [volunteer to help out with the research project](#). A team at the Butterfly Pavillion near Denver is also [raising adult fireflies from larvae](#), which could one day be released into the wild.

The potential of those actions is on display at Sawhill Ponds. There, a strange light has caught Martin's attention. It's a firefly, but one with an oddly orange-colored light.

After a few swipes of his net, the scientist captures the mysterious insect. It's noticeably smaller than the Photuris bug he caught earlier. It's a Pyractomena, a completely different firefly genus and one Martin has not recorded at this spot before.

"This could be very exciting," he says.

The new insect is a reminder that scientists still have a lot to learn about fireflies in Colorado. Martin encourages everyone to get out and look.

"Turn your lights off," he said. "Then, between the middle of June and the middle of July, try to take some walks at night in your local wetland areas and see if you can find some."

From: [Loachamin, Marta](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) Plan
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:26:33 AM

Replacing previous email

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From: Mark Cathcart <m_cathcart@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:25 AM
To: Commissioner Levy <commissioner.levy@bouldercounty.gov>; Commissioner Loachamin <commissioner.loachamin@bouldercounty.gov>; Commissioner Stolzmann <commissioner.stolzmann@bouldercounty.gov>
Cc: Luebbert, Tonya <tluebbert@bouldercounty.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) Plan

PLEASE DELETE MY EARLIER EMAIL AND REPLACE WITH THIS - The earlier version was an incomplete draft - My apologies.

I moved to Colorado after 10 years in Austin, Texas, and five years in New York. I grew up in the UK as a cyclist, both recreationally and as a commuter. In Austin, I was the ride leader for a bicycle shop ride that won awards and was regularly in Bicycle Magazine's top-5 shop rides in the USA (<https://jackandadams.blogspot.com/2011/08/shop-ride-sundays-schedule-update.html>).

I'd heard about the promise of recreational Colorado, and for the first three years, I tried to make it work as a cyclist. It didn't work.

I've had more close calls in those three years while riding mostly on the back roads of Boulder County than at any other time in my life. In 2018, I was clipped by the mirror of an SUV while riding on 95th Street, south of 3rd Ave in Longmont. I was lucky; I was able to retain control of my bicycle and stay upright as it clipped the curb. The driver never stopped.

For the most part, now I only take my bike to the post office in Lafayette and Louisville, all mostly off-road. I ride into Boulder for "Bike to Work Day," but even that requires careful thought, planning, and estimation of traffic volumes.

I understand that an underpass at I-287 would be expensive, but in relation to cost, the amount of money spent on roads is relatively small.

I-287 is a "death trap," and there have been at least two fatal crashes on that stretch just this summer and endless other crashes. We used to cross at Oxford Road by cycling in the wrong direction, waiting for a big enough break in the traffic, crossing to the middle, continuing to cycle in the wrong direction until it was safe to cross the remaining two lanes. Stopping and trying to cross directly was simply too dangerous; even an Olympic cycling sprinter would have a difficult time crossing I-287 from a standing start.

I understand why politicians are unwilling to tackle spending by drivers in general; the cost of that is providing alternative safe routes.

Even though the trail would not come near Louisville, where I currently live, I would find a safe route to get to it and ride whenever I can.

++Mark.

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From: [Springett, Natalie](#)
To: [Churchill, Jennifer](#)
Subject: FW: Town Council of Erie LOS for BERT Alignment
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:44:17 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[20241022_BERT_Town_Council_LOS.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Can you add this to the BOCC's file on the BERT?

Thanks!

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From: Luebbert, Tonya <tluebbert@bouldercounty.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:14 AM
To: Case, Dale <dcase@bouldercounty.gov>; Springett, Natalie <nspringett@bouldercounty.gov>
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Subject: FW: Town Council of Erie LOS for BERT Alignment
Importance: High

Good morning,

Please see the attached letter from Town of Erie Mayor, Justin Brooks, and Town of Erie Council Members expressing support for the BERT Plan.

Natalie, can you please share this letter of support with the BOCC for us as well?

Thank you,
Tonya

Tonya Luebbert | Regional Trails Planner

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Cc: Bracke, Kathleen <kbracke@bouldercounty.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Town Council of Erie LOS for BERT Alignment
Importance: High

Tonya,

Short turnaround, but we got 'er done! Attached is a letter of support from the full Town of Erie Council, signed last night.

Councilor Emily Baer will be at the meeting, speaking at public comment. See you all tomorrow!

Luke Bolinger, CPRP | Director of Parks & Recreation



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From: [Stolzmann, Ashley](#)
To: [Tabitha Farrar](#)
Cc: [Churchill, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Boulder Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 1:38:44 PM

Hi Tabitha,

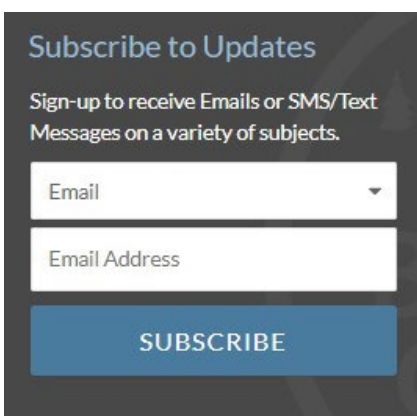
Thank you for contacting me to share your concerns about the proposed Boulder Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

My hope is that by creating a trail connection with safe crossings from Erie to Boulder, we can eliminate the very unsafe cycling and walking conditions that currently exist. Right now, there is no way for people to safely travel by bike or foot from Erie to Boulder, but the rail alignment that is unused is already disturbed from the rail line (and segments of the railway are currently mowed) would create a safe route for community members to travel.

You may be unaware that I previously and unsuccessfully advocated to reduce the number of trails in the East Boulder Creek Plan as it is so close in proximity to this planned project. I felt that it would have been a wonderful habitat to restore and preserve for wildlife and sensitive plants, so we are certainly in agreement on such desires for county lands.

Please know that I truly do care about our natural resources and do my best to advocate for a balance of safety for the public and the preservation of our habitat. I will continue supporting efforts to mitigate against any negative effects of the trail, and support completing the project as soon as possible on the railroad alignment to promote safer recreation for our residents.

I appreciate you reaching out and encourage to sign up for news from the county from the front page of our website (BoulderCounty.gov) so that you can stay up to speed on plans for the BERT:



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Kind regards,

Ashley Stolzmann
Boulder County Commissioner
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From: Tabitha Farrar <WhiteDogFarmBoulder@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 5:24 AM

To: Commissioner Stolzmann <commissioner.stolzmann@bouldercounty.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder Erie Regional Trail

Dear Commissioner Stolzmann

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed trail development for the Boulder Erie Regional Trail. Specifically, the RTD disused railway track area from 75th to 95th. While I appreciate efforts to enhance outdoor recreation in our community, I believe this particular project poses significant risks to the local wildlife and the preservation of our open spaces.

The area in question is home to a diverse range of flora and fauna, some of which are sensitive to disturbances. We have the wetland conservation area to the west of the White Rocks Trails that has recently been redeveloped into wetlands at great taxpayer expense, but also the railway track to the east of the White Rocks Trail sees a great amount of wildlife activity. Bobcats use that area, along with a great deal of other wild animals. In fact I have a picture of a bobcat on the railway track that I can send you. The introduction of a trail would likely disrupt the natural habitats of these species, potentially leading to a decline in their populations. Furthermore, the increased human activity could lead to soil erosion, water pollution, and the degradation of the overall ecosystem. Not to mention the negative affect of wanderers to the neighboring farmlands.

Open spaces like this are invaluable not only for wildlife but also for the people in our community who cherish the natural beauty and tranquility they offer. My property at 9143 Valmont Road is under a conservation easement. I can't as much build a shed or park a trailer without having to consider the natural beauty of the area and seek permission from OSMP. Yet, now there are plans to run a multi-use trail right through the middle of this peaceful and undeveloped area. Once these areas are altered, they cannot be easily restored, and we risk losing a vital part of our natural heritage.

I urge you to reconsider this project and explore alternative options that would have less impact on the environment. Protecting our open spaces and the wildlife that inhabits them is crucial for maintaining the ecological balance and ensuring that future generations can enjoy the natural beauty of our county. Building a multi-use path here will drive out much of the diverse wildlife. If we start interfering with our Open Space areas between Boulder and Erie in this way, it will not be long before they are gone, and this beautiful area will become nothing more than a suburb.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I trust that you will take the necessary steps to preserve the integrity of our open spaces and protect the wildlife that depends on them. If you are interested you are welcome to come out to my farm so you can see the area.

Sincerely,

Tabitha Farrar
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From: [Marco Capote](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT - Boulder To Erie Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:00:50 AM

Hi there,
I'm an avid cyclist and I commute and travel via bike lane/bike path/road/trail almost every day.

Having a connector trail between Boulder and Erie only serves to expand our trail network and reduce vehicle usage which only helps the environment and our immediate surroundings. It also (possibly most importantly) help alleviate the cyclist/motorist interactions which reduces accidents and injuries. When I have to ride on a road to connect places I want to get to it always makes for a more dangerous route.

Please build the BERT trail and continue to build a example for other places as well as make cycling safer and more enjoyable.

thanks,
Marco

From: [Matthew Muir](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT (Second Comment)
Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024 4:13:37 PM

Dear Commissioners Loachimin, Stolzmann, and Levy,

Matt here with C4C. I hope to have someone speak in person at the BERT hearing. In the meantime, at the risk of repeating myself, C4C supports the BERT's construction using its proposed alignment, 1B. This position is shared with county staff. Staff has done a great job on this project.

C4C's fundamental objective is the full expression of the Boulder County Transportation Master Plan, especially its network multi-modal elements. The BERT is an incremental part of that plan whose whole is greater than the sum of its parts. As a whole, the TMP proposes meaningful or even transformative change in the transportation sector whose causal outcomes are significant across categories.

With the SH 7 / Arapahoe Project being at least 10 years from realization, the east-west non-motorized connection may be imperfect due to being soft surface, but it would be better than nothing for the time being. Especially for east county residents who may be geographically underrepresented until more multi-modal projects are completed.

Receptive to habitat concerns, C4C's position is that various agencies can work together to resolve those concerns. Cooperation can comprehensively weigh habitat and transportation topics at scale and make decisions accordingly.

Thank you for all your work for Boulder County.

Matt Muir, Executive Director
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** Note, C4C's email system had an undetected glitch for years. We finally fixed it. Thanks for your patience.*

From: [Nancye Queen](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT PLAN DRAFT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 9:00:30 AM

While I am not opposed to a trail linking Boulder and Erie, I feel strongly that the trail should not imperil wildlife habitats that exist in the proposed route. I came to Boulder in 1967 as a student at CU. I have lived in Boulder County for nearly 60 years. I visit Sawhill Ponds every year and believe that it would be a tragedy to diminish this area, particularly when there are alternative routes.

I ask that the County discuss this matter further with Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks for a better solution.

Nancy Queen

From: [Matt Pennington](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail feedback
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:24:45 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail. I am a cyclist and a runner and I use our regional trail network every single day for recreation, fitness and commuting to work. I am a father of 3 kids who use our trails daily and need a safe space to recreate on foot and by bicycle away from traffic.

The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic and would be an invaluable path for me to travel to Boulder using human powered transportation. We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous. The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network. This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail!

Sincerely,
Matt Pennington

From: [Michael Lariviere](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:02:35 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

Please support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail. I am a cyclist who enjoys many of the trails in and around Boulder and the surrounding communities. I mostly choose to travel by bike, and I think everyone knows that traveling on the trails is much safer and mostly faster than riding on the roadways. I will always support any effort to make it easier to travel by bicycle.

Thank you
Michael Lariviere
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Boulder, CO 80304

From: [Michael Brown](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BERT
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:31:33 AM

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the BERT (Boulder to Erie Regional Trail).

I have three boys aged 12, 9 and 6 and we live next to the trail off Valmont Rd. Valmont Road is simply too dangerous for kids to ride bicycles. The BERT is a critical link for people to ride east and west from Boulder and Erie.

We could save a lot of driving trips if we could take our bicycles to and from Boulder.

There is certainly wildlife out here, White Pelicans, Bald Eagles, bears, coyotes, White Tail Deer, geese, ducks, beaver but in the five years I've lived here I have learned that they ignore people and carry on doing wildlife things as though we were never here.

Please see to it that this trail is completed and continue to make Boulder a better, safer place for my family to live and move around.

Thank you!

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From: [Megan Elphingstone](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:33:42 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist in Boulder and I ride every week at least. My husband and son have both been hit by cars here in Boulder and last year we tragically lost a dear friend, Magnus White to a reckless driver. We need safer places to ride our bikes where our lives are not at stake.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Megan Elphingstone

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From: [Miles Stelzer](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boulder to Erie Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:28:50 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
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- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
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- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail. This would make a huge impact on my life and that of many others.

Sincerely, Miles Stelzer,
Boulder Junior Cycling

From: [Natalie Touchberry](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments for October 24th BERT public meeting
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 8:27:33 PM

Dear Boulder County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed alignment for the BERT from Sawhill Ponds to the White Rocks trail.

The current preferred route (alignment 1b) presents significant ecological risks, as it bisects crucial habitats and affects sensitive wildlife areas, including the Lower Boulder Creek Habitat Conservation Area. This alignment threatens rare species and disrupts the hydrology essential for maintaining the region's biodiversity. I urge you to explore an alternative alignment, such as the north side of Valmont.

I recognize the importance of providing safe routes for recreation; however, prioritizing ecological integrity is vital to protect our natural resources for future generations.

A short-term delay to collaborate with Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks staff could prevent long-term harm to irreplaceable ecosystems.

Thank you for considering a more ecologically sustainable approach.

Sincerely,
Natalie Touchberry

From: [Margaret Sommers](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed multi-use regional trail in east Boulder
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 11:33:57 AM

I want to express my opposition to the plan to turn the railway tracks near Valmont into a multi-use regional trail. I am a proud Boulder resident, bicyclist, and hiker. Part of what makes Boulder so very special is that right outside the congested urban area, there are swaths of undeveloped open space that provide wildlife habitat and a relatively healthy ecosystem, as well as unsullied views and peaceful environment. In the area where the tracks parallel Valmont, the development of a trail would bisect the undeveloped space and forever alter the nature of the area. I was there yesterday evening, overlooking the open space past agricultural areas that I understand are subject to development restrictions, and despite the warm temperatures and proximity to the busy Boulder urban area, it was beautiful. There was a breeze and a view that seemed to go forever without the distraction of human activity. That will be gone if a trail is added. And, it is not needed. For bicyclists making a through trip, Valmont is a good option with decent bike lanes. For hikers and runners, the Teller Farm Trail offers many options.

Bicyclists have a strong lobby in Boulder. And they do merit consideration—it's an enjoyable, potentially challenging, mostly eco-friendly form of exercise and transportation. For that reason, the development of dedicated bike lanes in areas like Iris Avenue are valuable. However, this is not the place for it. There are plenty of other bicycling options around Boulder that will not forever destroy open areas.

Thank you.

From: [Molly Miller](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Seek a less ecologically harmful route from Sawhill Ponds to the White Rocks trail
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 6:49:18 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I will not be able to attend the meeting on the 24th of October, regarding the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail. You will find comments below, advocated by the Audubon Society, which I am in full support. I ask you to consider the value in these proposals and act accordingly.

The BERT Plan DRAFT describes several conceptual alignments, and identifies alignment 1b as the preferred alignment, following the RTD rail right-of-way (formerly owned by Union Pacific Railroad). ***This alignment is very ecologically harmful, as demonstrated by tables, maps, and text in the Plan DRAFT. It goes through important wildlife habitats and ecosystems, including a Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks Habitat Conservation Area at White Rocks and a number of valuable natural resources, designated in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan, at both White Rocks and Sawhill Ponds.***

With increasing human population and encroachment on wildlife habitats in Boulder County and surrounding areas, it is critical to protect the best remaining habitats. For the BERT, we believe this means *choosing a less ecologically harmful route* from Sawhill Ponds to the White Rocks trail.

While recognizing the community desires and need for safer routes for bikes and other forms of recreation, and staff time already dedicated to the BERT planning process, it is worth taking time to seek an alternate alignment that provides for safety and visitor experience, without sacrificing sensitive and rare wildlife and ecosystems. A short-term delay for County staff to collaborate with Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) staff is a good investment of time to help prevent long-term, and perhaps permanent, loss of irreplaceable wildlife, plants and ecosystems.

The BERT planning phase has evolved from several conceptual alignments to one preferred alignment in the RTD rail right-of-way (ROW). Preferred alignment 1b is a finite width along and adjacent to the former railroad tracks, and leaves little room for avoiding or mitigating for invaluable wildlife and habitats during future project phases. The proposed preferred alignment will alter the hydrology of areas along and near the trail, affecting plants and animals requiring moisture.

One option is a reconsideration of about 2.5 miles of conceptual alignment 2, using the north side of Valmont. This portion of Valmont is rural and scenic, with relatively few driveways and would avoid most of the raptor nest buffer areas, the OSMP Lower Boulder Creek Habitat Conservation Area, and [Boulder County Comprehensive Plan](#)-designated resources.

As the evaluation table on draft Plan pp. 114-115 (pdf p. 58) clearly shows, preferred alignment 1b is highly detrimental to ecological resources., including the following:

This alignment bisects the Lower Boulder Creek Habitat Conservation Area at White Rocks on Boulder OSMP property

This alignment would pass through a number of valuable natural resource areas designated in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan [Environmental Resources Element](#) (ERE, see maps on pp. 71 and 72 of the Appendices) including:

Critical Wildlife Habitats

White Rocks/Gunbarrel Hill Environmental Conservation Area

A High Biodiversity Area

Significant Natural Communities

Rare Plant Areas

Wetlands

Riparian Areas

The area of highest concern is along approximately 2.5 miles of alignment 1b where it passes through OSMP land, from about one-half mile west of 75th Street, adjacent to Sawhill Ponds Wildlife Preserve, then east to the White Rocks trail, which runs north/south on the north side of Valmont, about 0.6 miles west of 95th St.

At Sawhill Ponds, Critical Wildlife Habitat protects numerous rare bird species, plus remnant tallgrass prairie, which supports breeding monarch butterflies and a robust population of fireflies.

At White Rocks, Critical Wildlife Habitat protects rare plant species, breeding northern leopard frogs, and breeding habitat for numerous bird species that are rare in Boulder County.

Alignment 1b includes areas where OSMP and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) biologists have recommended seasonal closures for up to nine months for nesting raptors and herons (see map on draft plan pp. 166-167, pdf p. 84 and CPW's July 19, 2024 letter, updated on August 9, 2024 on pp. 560-563 of the Appendices). Some of these nests will likely move somewhat over time, but 23 nest territories, shown on the map on pp. 164-165 (pdf p. 83) of the draft plan, are not going away before BERT construction starts. OSMP manages lands to conform to, or exceed, CPW's recommendations, and to maintain these standards would necessitate many months of closures annually. Proceeding with the preferred BERT alignment thus may generate conflict with OSMP's land management practices.

Additional advocacy topics to consider for your comments:

Preserving the option for an overpass at Highway 287: Plan pp. 52-53 shows two options for crossing Highway 287 - an underpass at the RTD ROW crossing and a jog north to Boulder Creek to cross under 287. Crossing under Hwy 287 at Boulder Creek would raise concerns about disrupting the creek corridor for wildlife. In case the water table is too high at the RTD ROW crossing and an underpass is not feasible, it makes sense to leave an option for an overpass at Highway 287 at the RTD ROW on the table.

Nighttime Use: Other regional trails in Boulder County allow use 24/7. If nighttime use is allowed on the BERT, especially through sensitive areas, many wildlife species are likely to be affected - from white-tailed deer, bobcats and owls to foxes and fireflies. Nighttime use is not discussed in the Plan DRAFT, but should be evaluated during this planning phase. Use data from existing regional trails such as Coal Creek and LOBO, including night use, may provide valuable context.

Dogs: Dogs are not discussed in the draft plan. A substantial body of research shows that the presence of dogs, even on leash, disturbs wildlife. Consideration of whether to allow dogs on all or part of the BERT, and leash requirements, should be included in the

draft plan.

With gratitude,

Molly Meirs

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From: [Megan O.](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for BERT multiuse trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 12:03:28 PM

Hi,

Please vote in support of the BERT multiuse trail from Boulder to Erie. It will provide a safe way to bike from the two cities and avoid car traffic. Thanks!

- Megan Ottesen

From: [Noah Granigan](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:35:00 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a cyclist and I use our regional trail network every week.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We need safer places to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Noah Granigan

From: [Noah Atkin](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] YES to Boulder to Erie Regional Trail
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 7:20:52 PM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail. I am 13 and I live in Lafayette. I am a cyclist who would love a safe way to get to my friends' houses in Erie as well as having a safe way to get to Boulder. The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic. The roads are way too dangerous for anyone, especially people like me who use them as bike lanes. This project will increase trips by walking or biking, protecting our air, water, and overall climate. Please make cycling safer and say YES to the BERT trail. It could save lives.

From, Noah Atkin

From: [Maureen Espinoza](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 10:37:58 AM

To the Boulder County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

- I am a recreational cyclist, and mother/wife to avid cyclists. I use our regional trail network every week. I bike to work, I cycle for fitness and I hike, run and walk daily. I live in Boulder County because of our amazing trail system, but we have lots of room for improvement when it comes to providing safe places for cycling.
- The BERT trail offers a safe, dedicated space for cycling away from traffic.
- We desperately need safer places for our children to ride. Our roads are simply too dangerous. Just yesterday, we witnessed a horrific accident near our home where a child was stuck under a vehicle at an intersection after being struck. My children were friends and teammates of Magnus White.
- The BERT trail adds a crucial east-west link in Boulder County's regional trail network.
- This project will increase trips by bike, protecting our air, water and climate.

Please make cycling safer and build the BERT trail.

Sincerely,

Maureen Espinoza

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