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# PLAN-Boulder County

## Newsletter

### August, 2010

Summer is traditionally the time of year to kick back, sip a cool drink filled with lots of gin, and read a light, frothy novel. But we have an even better idea for your summer pleasure. Instead of wasting your time on a novel about a vampire or a mystery about a serial murderer, try curling up with your very own copy of "Does Dense Make Sense?", the masterful report of the PLAN-Boulder Density Study Group. Introduced at the Monday evening forum on July 19, it explores the likely costs and possible benefits of greater population density in Boulder. It should be exciting reading for everyone who loves this town. You can print your very own copy for free from the PLAN-Boulder website, [www.planboulder.org](http://www.planboulder.org). Further editions of "Does Dense Make Sense?" may be issued as additional information is collected and analyzed by the Study Group.

### Forum Summaries

#### ConocoPhillips, July 16

### Upcoming Fora

Friday, August 13, noon to 1:30 p.m. Boulder Creek Room, main Boulder Public Library, *The Return of Douglas Bruce - Proposition 101, and Amendments 60 and 61*. Panelists to be determined.

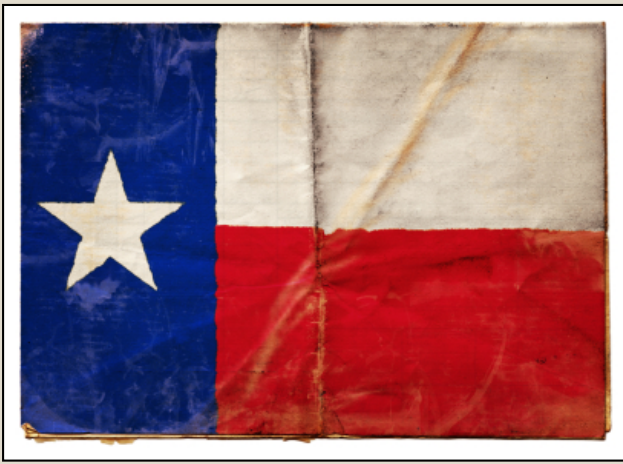
### Join us

PLAN-Boulder County is on the Web at [www.planbouldercounty.org](http://www.planbouldercounty.org). To become a member, please join via our [website](#) or send your check to P.O. Box 4682, Boulder, CO 80306. Our regular dues are \$25 a year, \$35 for a household, \$50 or more sustaining, and \$15 for a student or someone on limited income. Please include your e-mail address and phone number.

### PLAN-Boulder County Board

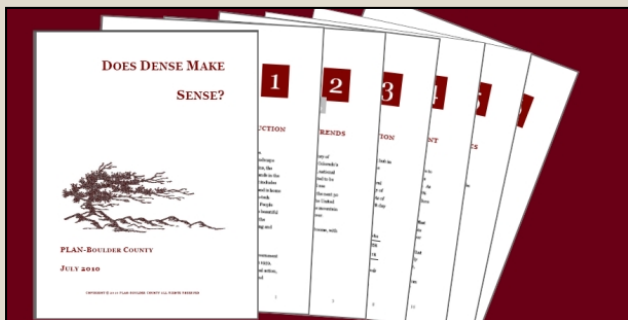
Board meetings are open to members and are usually the first Monday of the month. Please call to confirm, 303-473-9979.

### Board members



Although final plans for ConocoPhillips' research and training facility in Louisville have not even been submitted to the City, the project has already lifted housing prices in Louisville and is predicted to also buoy them in the cities of Boulder, Superior, and Lafayette, according to panelist Malcolm Fleming, Louisville City Manager, at a PLAN-Boulder forum on July 16. The 1.6 million square foot first phase of the project is expected to be finished in 2013, and the City of Louisville anticipates that the company will file its proposed final plan for the development this August or September. The preliminary plans already tendered by [ConocoPhillips](#) show 3,000 parking spaces, which the City guesses probably means around 3,000 employees will work in the complex. Malcolm noted that Louisville's comprehensive plan allows for a total population of 23,000 people and that it already houses 20,000. [Read the entire article in the Blue Line.](#)

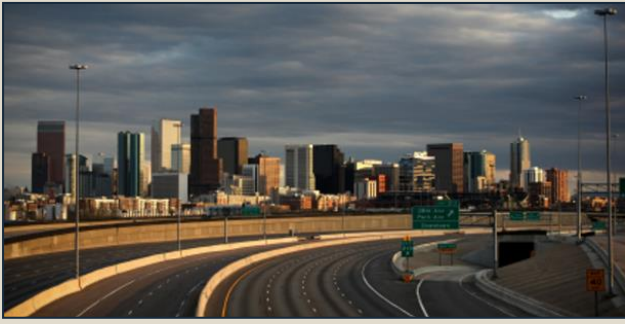
### Does Dense Make Sense?, July 19



At an evening forum on Monday, July 19, three members of the PLAN-Boulder County Density Study Group--Scott McCarey, Steve Pomerance, and Pat Shanks--presented some of the conclusions from the Group's report, called "Does Dense Make Sense?", to an overflow crowd in the banquet room of the 4580 Restaurant. The report observed that Boulder is already the most dense city on the Front Range and is more dense than all but one of its "peer cities" around the nation. The full report is available at the PLAN-Boulder website, [www.planboulder.org](http://www.planboulder.org). It is also being serialized in [The Blue Line](#).

### Colorado Transportation Blueprint, July 26

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Colorado could feasibly reduce carbon dioxide emissions from cars and light trucks 20 percent by 2020 and 80 percent by 2050, if local, state, and federal governments implement the right policies, Bob Yuhnke, Transportation Program Director for the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project ("SWEEP"), declared at a PLAN-Boulder forum on July 26. Indeed, he claimed that such a program would save Coloradans billions of dollars in avoided fuel costs alone. He also noted some hopeful political developments in the state that seem to indicate growing support for at least some elements of that program.

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## Advocacy

Because of summer recesses, no position statements or testimony were offered by PLAN-Boulder Board members during the month of July.

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## Call for Volunteers

PBC is reaching out to its membership for help in a number of areas (research, data entry, phone banks, etc.). If you are interested in volunteering with PBC, please contact Molly Tayer at [molly@tayer.net](mailto:molly@tayer.net).



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