While we’re waiting... on an index card write down your most vivid memory of public transportation – riding transit, waiting for transit, etc...
THE JOURNEY IS THE DESTINATION

DARCY KITCHING
Cribbing from Mara...

Growing Up Boulder's Mara Mintzer at TEDxMileHigh Wonder, November 2017
KIDS ARE EXPERTS

... in their own experience of public space and transportation
METHOD: WALK AUDITS AND CHILD-LED TOURS
METHOD: CITY AS PLAY OR “PLACE IT”
CYCLE OF YOUTH ENGAGEMENT
Created by Adam Fletcher, Freechild Institute - freechild.org
“Adults, let’s stop thinking of our children as ‘future citizens’ and instead, start valuing them for the citizens they are today. Because our children are designing the cities that will make us happier and healthier: cities filled with nature, play, movement, social connection and beauty. Children are designing the cities we all want to live in.”

-- Mara Mintzer, Growing Up Boulder, TEDxMileHigh Wonder, 2017
IN-CLASS YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

MORGAN HUBER
My most vivid transit memory...

Riding the Stampede in Boulder into CU campus. I was scared to pull stop-request bar.
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
WTS Transportation YOU + Growing Up Boulder
Growing Up Boulder

Boulder’s child and youth-friendly city initiative

Our mission: To empower Boulder's young people with opportunities for inclusion, influence, and deliberation on local issues that affect their lives.
“... empower Boulder’s young people with opportunities for inclusion, influence, and deliberation on local issues that affect their lives.”
Changing the Face of the Transportation Industry
WHO WAS INVOLVED?

THE NETWORK

WTS
Transportation
YOU
• Volunteers

Growing Up Boulder
• City Staff
• A School
• The Teacher

WHO IS IN YOUR NETWORK?
Boulder’s Transportation Master Plan

Imagine a city where taking the bus, riding a bike, or simply walking is just as easy and convenient as driving a car. This vision is at the heart of the City of Boulder’s Transportation Master Plan (TMP).

**The 5 Focus Areas of the TMP**
- Complete Streets
- Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
- Funding
- Regional Travel
- Sustainability

**What is the TMP?**
First adopted in 1989, the Transportation Master Plan is the City of Boulder’s blueprint for creating safe, convenient and sustainable transportation options that meet the needs of the community and increase accessibility.
Understand: What are the barriers to young people taking public transit?
WHAT WAS THE ENGAGEMENT?

The Method

- 2:40–3:45pm (7th period)
- Every Tuesday
- Seven Weeks

GO WHERE THEY ALREADY ARE.
ENGAGEMENT CAN BE SUCCESSFUL IN ANY CLASS / SUBJECT.
VULNERABILITY MAPPING

- Waiting for the bus
- Too many people in a seat
- Bad people
- Germs on poll
- No seatbelts
- Bus bumps
PRESENTATIONS TO CITY STAFF
Student identified transit barriers:
Safety    |    Fun    |    Access
THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Seatbelts
- Bus Passes on IDs
- Interactive Screens
- WiFi & Tray tables
- Bus Driver Bios
- Lending Library
HOW CAN YOUTH BE ENGAGED IN YOUR NEXT TRANSPORTATION PLAN? LEARNED LESSONS
1. You need students.
2. You need an engaged teacher.
3. You need a question.
4. Know how you’ll use their ideas.
Volunteers

Where are they? How do we reach them?

Call for Volunteers

The WTS Colorado Chapter's Transportation You committee has partnered with Growing Up Boulder in a youth engagement project to understand what barriers exist to young people taking public transit? We will work with a sixth grade math class at Centennial Middle School in Boulder to understand the barriers and develop solutions to overcome them.

We are looking for volunteers to help in the classroom on one or more of the following days from 2:45-3:40pm in 2018:

- Tuesday January 16th
- Tuesday January 23rd
- Tuesday January 30th
- Tuesday February 6th
- Tuesday February 13th
- Tuesday February 20th

Each session will meet from 2:45 – 3:40pm at Centennial Middle School. WTS and GUB have developed a 6-week curriculum. We would like your help supporting students’ exploration and sharing your transportation planning perspective. Once volunteers are scheduled we’ll share additional details about your role for that day. The project will culminate in student presentations to City of Boulder staff to share their recommendations.

If you are interested in being involved, and available to volunteer on one of the above dates, please contact Morgan Huber at morgan.huber@fthtransgroup.com before December 22nd, 2017.
- Have a plan
- Be OK when things don’t go according to the plan
- Enjoy every moment
- Listen carefully
NOW WE KNOW

- Background checks
- Recap presentations
- Introductions
- Ask questions
- Allow for conversation
A JOURNEY TO ENGAGE YOUTH IN PUBLIC TRANSIT PLANNING IN LOVELAND

Katie Guthrie, Principal City Planner
Alisa Sautter, Youth Advisory Commissioner
Public Works Goals

- Collaborate and create new partnerships
- Engage and activate public in new ways
- Improve outcomes for youth and all residents
WHAT IS THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION?

- 16-member commission
- Advises City Council on youth topics/issues
- Supported by City Council Liaison and Staff Liaison
- Selects a topic of interest to advocate for annually
- Meets monthly Sept-May
MISSION STATEMENT: To help transform the Loveland community by advocating for a more efficient and effective public transit system

- Represent the YOUTH VOICE for transit in Loveland by developing an advocacy platform
- Traffic congestion
- Economic development
- Environmental benefits
- Health and Safety
- Lifestyle choices
- Transportation Equity
THE JOURNEY BEGINS
REAL LIFE EXPERIENCES

- Bus Adventures
- Scavenger Hunt
- Survey
- Video
- Research
- Outreach at Museum
- Advocacy to City Council
- NLC conference
CITY OF LOVELAND TRANSIT (COLT)
Collaborate with TAB
Investigate painting bus stops
Provide input on transit center
Increase awareness about transit amongst peers
Keep riding the bus!
YOUR TURN
1. TRAVEL MAPPING
Find Morgan & Melanie – they will show you the Travel Mapping engagement activity

PROMPT: How did you travel to the conference? From your house to Keystone; from your hotel to the conference center; to this room?

2. CITY AS PLAY
Find Darcy & Katie – they will show you the City As Play engagement activity

PROMPT: Think back to the most memorable transit experience you shared at the start of this session; model that memory
MAKE US PART OF YOUR NETWORK

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