

**Town of Erie Landfill Task Force
Meeting #2
May 29, 2024, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Erie Town Hall (645 Holbrook St, Erie, CO 80516)**

Task Force Members in Attendance

- Geoff Deakin, Vista Ridge
- Sheryl Elliss, Other
- Lisa Hough, Erie Highlands
- Michael Howard, Erie Highlands
- Sherry Kuntz, Vista Ridge
- Christina Schust, Ranch Eggs
- Scott Wood, Vista Ridge
- Cassie Yehl, Vista Pointe

Project Team Members in Attendance

- **Town of Erie:** David Frank (Director of Environmental Services), Eryka Thorley (Sustainability Manager), Gabi Rae (Director of Communications & Community Engagement)
- **Waste Connections:** Randy Tourville (District Manager), Dalton Ellis (Region Engineer)
- **Weaver Consultants Group:** Jason Edwards (Principal)
- **Kearns & West (facilitation team):** Morgan Lommele (facilitator), Colin Johnson (co-facilitator/notetaker)

Presenters in Attendance

- **Dibble:** Nick Westphal (Project Manager)
- **Town of Erie:** Miguel Aguilar (Senior Transportation Planner)

The **May 29** meeting was attended by **15** members of the public.

Meeting Action Items

Town of Erie

- Share Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) [plans](#) for Colorado Highway 7 Between Brighton & Boulder.
- Share an updated crash history for the roadways and intersections within the vicinity of the landfill, including crashes at the intersection of the I-25 East Frontage Road and County Road 6.
- Provide an overview of the types of vehicles involved in crashes (e.g., waste haulers or personal vehicles) and if possible, Unincorporated Weld County and City and County of Broomfield crash data from the area.

Waste Connections

- Gather information about haulers accessing the landfill, including origin and routes.

Kearns & West

- Develop a Frequently Asked Questions document to address common questions from community members and publish the document to the [LTF website](#) before the next meeting.

The Landfill Task Force is a temporary advisory group and constitutes a local public body under the Colorado Open Meetings Law, C.R.S. § 24-6-401. The Landfill Task Force is subject to the Colorado Open Records Act, C.R.S. § 24-72-200.1.

- Draft a set of entrance location recommendations for the LTF to consider.
- Coordinate with Waste Connections to organize a tour of the potential landfill entrance locations.

Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Overview

Morgan Lommele (Kearns & West), facilitator, welcomed members of the Landfill Task Force (LTF), project team, and public to the second Town of Erie LTF meeting. Representatives and presenters from the Town of Erie (Town), Waste Connections, Weaver Consultants Group (Weaver), and Dibble introduced themselves. LTF members introduced themselves and their neighborhood.

The facilitator reviewed the meeting agenda, meeting objectives, and meeting participation guidelines.

Agenda	• Welcome and Introductions • Public Comment Review • Landfill Entrance Presentation + Q&A • Roadway Planning Presentation + Q&A • Landfill Entrance Recommendation Discussion • Quality of Life Recommendation Discussion (if time allows) • Review Action Items, Parking Lot Items, and Upcoming Logistics
Objectives	• Understand public comments that were recently submitted • Understand landfill entrance options • Develop recommendations on the landfill entrance • Develop a common understanding of quality of life issues
Participation Guidelines	• Remain open-minded • Interact respectfully with all other participants, valuing all perspectives • Stay on track with the agenda, working on the issues at hand • Participate in an active and focused manner – commit to the success of the process • Share perspectives, values, views, and interests - not positions • Strive to listen actively, bridge gaps in understanding, and seek resolution of differences • Avoid repetition and revisiting resolved issues • Provide clear and specific recommendations

Public Comment Review

The facilitator recapped key themes captured in the public comments submitted since April 30:

- Questions and concerns about the potential widening of, and landfill entrance relocation to, County Road 6 between County Road 7 and the I-25 Frontage Road.
 - The facilitator confirmed that this section is not being considered as a new landfill entrance option.

- LTF members highlighted safety concerns from neighbors about existing truck traffic on this stretch of road despite it being off-limits to waste hauling vehicles.
- Suggestions to implement local waste diversion programs, and questions about the source and type of waste that is deposited in the landfill.
 - The Town responded that there are initiatives in development to promote waste diversion within the Town. Only 5% of the landfill waste comes from the Town, while the rest is from surrounding areas.
 - Waste Connections provided an overview of the waste inspection process. No toxic sludge or processed water is accepted at the landfill. No soil from the Red Tail remediation site is deposited at the landfill. The waste acceptance plan is reviewed by the State of Colorado and the Town.
- The public would like to understand the existing landfill agreements.
 - LTF members proposed developing a timeline with agreement dates and content.
 - The facilitator clarified that the LTF's charge is to recommend what communities would like to see going forward. The Town can address any changes that need to be made to existing agreements.
 - If recommendations involve the City and County of Broomfield or unincorporated Weld County, the Town will collaborate to update intergovernmental agreements.
- **LTF members requested a Frequently Asked Questions document to address the common questions from community members. The Town will publish a FAQ document on the website before the next LTF meeting.**

Landfill Entrance Presentation

Nick Westphal, Dibble, presented findings from the 2023 Front Range Landfill Entrance Relocation Study that was prepared for Waste Connections.

- The presentation included safety data for the roadways surrounding the landfill, conditions around the existing entrance, options for new entrance locations, and potential improvements that could support entrance locations.
- The study evaluated the current entrance location and four potential new entrances:
 1. CR-5, south of CR-6 (current entrance location)
 2. CR-6, east of CR-5
 3. CR-6, west of CR-7
 4. CR-4 at Sheridan Parkway
 5. CR-7, south of CR-6 (noting that the agreement between the Ranch Eggs community and Waste Connections prohibits truck traffic from using CR 7 between CR 6 and SH 7)
- There have been no land swaps between the Town and Waste Connections.
- The study captures average traffic volumes in 2019 for many of the major roadways that are used to access the landfill. The Town plans to develop a traffic monitoring program to gather new traffic data for these roadways.
- About 45% of traffic into the landfill comes from the south and 55% from the north.
- **LTF members requested an updated crash history for the roadways and intersections within the vicinity of the landfill, including crashes at the intersection of I-25 and CR 6.**

- LTF members requested an overview of the types of vehicles involved in crashes (e.g., waste haulers or personal vehicles) and if possible, City and County of Broomfield crash data from the area.

Roadway Planning Presentation

- The presentation covered potential changes to roadways near the landfill, conditions and criteria for these changes, and the locations of planned developments that will contribute to existing roadway traffic.
- The Town's Transportation and Mobility Plan outlines ways to connect future neighborhoods to one another and to major arterials, supports connectivity, and accommodates emergency vehicle access.
- LTF members advocated for a safe cycle track between CR 4 and CR 6. The Town would need partner funding for this. Waste Connections would consider contributing land and development funds.
- LTF members objected to roadway improvements that would increase traffic on CR 6 east of CR 7, citing the potential safety impacts.

Landfill Entrance Recommendation Discussion

- Future landfill use will be primarily in the northeastern portion of the permitted footprint. This is the primary reason why it may make sense to relocate the entrance. Many LTF members are in support of a new entrance, although none are categorically opposed to maintaining the existing entrance.
- The western portion of the landfill will be capped once it reaches capacity. Relocating the entrance to one of the two locations on CR 6 or the location on CR 7 may lead to faster community benefits in that area (e.g., bicycle trails, apiaries).
- Landfill traffic impacts the safety of cyclists on CR-5. A safe bicycle lane is needed on CR-5, from Erie Parkway to CR-4.
- The LTF discussed the five options presented.
 1. CR-5, south of CR-6 (current entrance location)
 - If the entrance stays the same, LTF members proposed roadway improvements to prevent traffic congestion and enhance safety:
 - Creating a separate lane for haulers accessing the landfill to alleviate traffic.
 - Creating a left and right turn lane for vehicles leaving the landfill to alleviate traffic.
 - Improving signage to help direct traffic to and from the landfill.
 - Increasing law enforcement.
 - Creating a bicycle lane or cycle track south of CR-6 to the trails to the west of CR-6.
 - Recommending other operational improvements to reduce trash blowing, muddy truck tires leaving the landfill, and traffic.
 2. CR-6, east of CR-5
 - Leaves room to develop a short staging area for trucks, and the FRICO ditch does not need to be bridged.
 - Would require paving that stretch of CR-6.

- Could restrict traffic on CR-6 east of CR-7 in certain directions to all but for local traffic like Flagg Dr. in Lafayette.
- 3. CR-6, west of CR-7
 - Leaves room for a larger staging area, but the FRICO ditch would need to be bridged to allow vehicle access.
- 4. CR-4 at Sheridan Parkway
 - LTF members rejected the option to relocate the entrance to CR-4 off Sheridan Parkway.
 - This would add traffic to Sheridan Parkway, which is already heavily used to access nearby grocery stores.
- 5. CR-7, south of CR-6
 - Would meet many community interests, but the Town would need to regulate truck routes to ensure hauler traffic does not impact residential neighborhoods south of CR 6 because of the existing agreement with the Ranch Eggs neighborhood.
- In general, LTF members support either keeping the current entrance if roadway and quality of life improvements are made, or options 2 or 3.
- LTF members proposed a group visit to the potential entrance locations during high traffic to better sense potential new entrances.

Review Action Items, Parking Lot Items, and Upcoming Logistics

The facilitator thanked the LTF members, project team, and members of the public for their attendance and participation. LTF members are expected to speak with members of their respective communities, share information from the meeting, and gather topics of interest to be discussed at future meetings. LTF members requested that the slides for the next meeting be shared as early as possible.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. MT.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2024, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. MT.