Agency Spotlight: Senior Resource Services

Senior Resource Services (SRS) provides volunteer transportation in Weld County. The organization has seen its client numbers grow from 725 to 877 in 2016. The number of rides jumped by 26 percent from July to September, which means SRS has had to start a waiting list for new clients. To meet this new demand, SRS plans to increase its organization and efficiency, public visibility, fundraising capacity, and number of volunteers providing direct services.

To increase efficiency and reduce cost per ride, SRS is implementing RideScheduler, a web-based scheduling program allowing the organization to commit fewer staff hours to scheduling, train willing volunteers to self-schedule rides, and provide easy access to statistical reports critical to tracking SRS’s impact. The organization’s website is currently being redesigned, which allows SRS to shift job duties to spend more staff hours on volunteer recruitment.

Rider’s Guide Updates

The Online Rider’s Guide continues to be an important resource for the region. More than 860 users have logged onto the online service to find potential service matches since January 1, 2016, with 81 percent of users being new.

To request printed Rider’s Guides, contact Alex Gordon at agordon@nfrmpo.org or (970) 416-2023.

2017 Coordinated Plan Update

On October 19, the Larimer County and Weld County Mobility Committees held a joint meeting in Windsor to discuss the 2017 Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan. This was the first joint meeting of the two Mobility Committees, and produced a robust discussion of regional issues.

At the meeting, major topics of discussion included:

- Larimer County’s Senior Transportation Needs Report
- Balancing transit connectivity with available finances
- Connecting surrounding towns and cities to take advantage of transit investments within the region’s three largest cities
- Better training for transportation service providers

Discussions at the December meetings built on these topics by analyzing demographics and expected trends. Outreach with residents over 65 and with disabilities will begin next year.
Mobility Management Funding
The NFRMPO Mobility Coordination Program is funded with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) §5310 funds.

NFRMPO mobility coordination program activities are centered on education and cooperative resource-sharing to use existing transportation dollars most efficiently. Examples include travel training, cooperative research, public forums, program implementation, FTA grant administration and public education.

Funding has been secured through September 2017 after NFRMPO staff submitted applications for §5310 funds to both CDOT for Weld County and Fort Collins on behalf of the Fort Collins-Loveland-Berthoud TMA.

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Dial-A-Ride Advisory Committee - DARTAC
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City of Loveland Transit - COLT
CO Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Columbine Healthcare Systems
Senior Alternatives in Transportation - SAINT
Foothills Gateway
Larimer Center for Mental Health
Larimer County Dept. of Health & Environment
Larimer County Office on Aging
Larimer County Workforce
Loveland Disability Advisory Commission

Weld County Mobility Committee
Colorado Department of Labor and Employment
Connections for Independent Living
Envision
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Greeley-Evans Transit GET
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Senior Resource Services
Sunrise Community Health
United Way of Weld County
Weld Advocacy Network on Disabilities WAND

For additional meeting details including agendas, notes & meeting location, visit nfrmpo.org/mobility