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VANGO™ SAFETY MEETING

The 2017 Safety Meeting is going to sneak up on us pretty quick!

Be sure to mark your calendars for September 13th, 2017, from 5:30-8 (or earlier).

We're only holding one meeting this year-what a great time to mingle with ALL the other vanpoolers-and doing so at the Best Western Plus Crossroads Inn and Conference Center right at I-25 and U.S. 34.

As is standard, a meal will be provided, but we're even switching this up. This year's meeting will feature a Pizza Bar with breadsticks, salad, and of course we wouldn't forget cookies and brownies.

Remember that it is required for, at minimum, one member from each vanpool to attend.

We look forward to seeing you there!

ANNIVERSARIES

Thank you for 10 years of ridership!

Todd Burgesser
Dennis Flanigan
Rebecca Masanetz
Jim Michal
Bruce Peterson
Dan Stephenson

Special thanks to
John Bryant
for 20 years of ridership.

VanGo Safety Award

Thank your VanGo™ drivers for being both safe and cautious on your commutes. Because of you VanGo™ won a safety award From CIRSA, our insurer, for our lack of claims. This not only speaks to how well you all handle yourselves on the roads everyday but also translates to lower insurance costs; allowing us to keep our operating costs at a minimum and ensuring our fares remain reasonable.

New Vans

In order to ensure we always maintain a fleet of vans that we're proud to have display our VanGo™ logo we'll be using 2017 FASTER grant money to purchase 8 new vans. This move will allow us to move vans running on the higher end of the mileage curve to back-up status and have new vans running our route. We're excited to say we'll be using a local Northern Colorado dealer this go around.

Social Media Incentive Update

Due to a change in our management of social media we'll be suspending the social

media incentive announced in the last newsletter. We'll still be awarding for the June Incentive but incentives will be discontinued at this time.

Windshields

An increase has been noticed in the number of vans running with cracked windshields. Please recognize that we take great pride in our fleet, maintaining a clean and safe appearance, as well as safe operation. If you have ANY crack that enters the driver's area of the windshield these must be addressed immediately by contacting your maintenance facility. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Updated VanGo Fare and Payment Policy

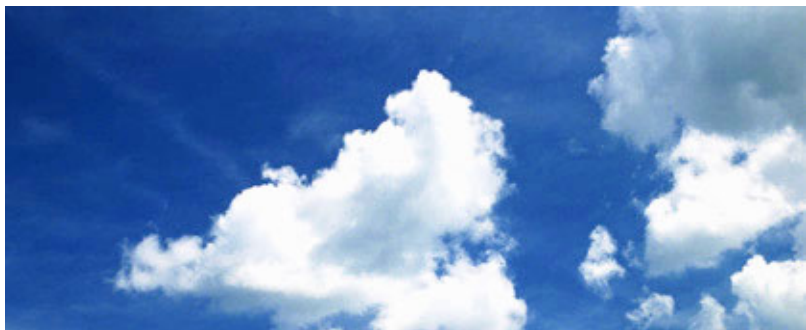
VanGo™ has updated its fare and payment policy to reflect recent policy changes and provide clarification on other policies. The two most noteworthy changes are:

- All approved out-of-pocket purchases will be reimbursed with a check after the receipt is received by the VanGo™ office
- Clarification has been provided on how late fees are calculated

The updated Fare and Payment Policy can be found on the VanGo™ website along with many other important documents. To access these documents, log into your VanGo™ account at www.vangovanpools.org . (If your account was originally set up by the VanGo™ Staff you'll need a password; please email us at vango@nfrmpo.org requesting a password reset e-mail be sent



SIMPLE STEPS, BETTER AIR



The Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) has rebranded the OzoneAware program as "Simple Steps, Better Air". The new program is designed to be a call to action for ways Colorado residents can do simple things that have a big impact on air quality. In addition, RAQC will continue its *Love, Colorado* program as part of this new branding.

As a major outreach program, RAQC has created a communication strategy within the Denver Metro area. NFRMPO is a partner and will help provide outreach in Larimer and Weld counties. The first step is an updated website, www.simplestepsbetterair.org. Other methods include billboards, bus advertising, radio ads, and banner ads. Ozone Alerts will be posted on VMS signs on major roadways and tweeted out by NFRMPO.

The messaging will revolve around transportation and steps that can be undertaken at home. For example, by switching to more fuel efficient or electric vehicle, using low VOC products, or mowing in the evening, Coloradans can benefit the environment. Fueling in early morning or after dark is also beneficial.

To show the impact a person's daily activities have on air quality, the OzoMeter tool has been updated and allows residents to track car trips and other personal activities. By updating the personal dashboard with progress, users can have friendly competitions with other users. This adds a social component and can make it fun to see how much a person can improve his or her impact on air quality.

to you.) Once logged into your VanGo™ account go to the documents tab to access these documents.

For information about how to take simple steps to improve Colorado's air quality, visit www.simplestepsbetterair.org.

Construction Updates

New Team Member

Barbara Bills joins the NFRMPO as the VanGo/Administrative clerk on June 22. She brings a new perspective having managed a busy household for many years prior. She also has a background in finance.

So, she is experienced with keeping clients organized and satisfied. She has a Bachelor's degree in communications from Metro and is working toward her degree in accounting. She is a Colorado native, married, and has two children and one grandchild.

Please contact her with any VanGo billing questions at bbills@nfrmpo.org or (970) 221-6243.

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VanGo™ Social Media



I-25 Climbing Lane

The Climbing lane near Berthoud has been completed with new pavement and restriping. It has already made an impact by reducing congestion on this hill.

I-25 Crossroads Bridge

The I-25 Crossroads Boulevard Bridge Replacement project began in September 2016 and is expected to be complete by December 2017.

The project consists of replacing the bridges on I-25 at Crossroads Boulevard between mile points (MP) 258.6 to MP 260.1. The majority of the project is funded through Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships (RAMP)* with a contribution from the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization. Work will also include the following:

- Replacing walls near the bridge
- Embankment work
- Temporary asphalt placement for on-site detour phasing
- Curb and gutter replacement
- New signage and striping of highway
- Guardrail replacement
- Widening of Crossroad Blvd

Project Schedule

Initial work will include the installation of a temporary bridge, which will maintain traffic on I-25 and over Crossroads Boulevard. Other important dates include:

- Northbound Bridge Demolition - January 2017 (COMPLETE)
- Northbound Bridge Construction - April 2017 (IN PROGRESS)
- Switch I-25 Traffic to other side of Temporary Bridge - June 2017
- Southbound Bridge Demolition - June 2017
- Southbound Bridge Construction - June 2017
- Restore Original Traffic Configuration - August 2017
- Crossroads Boulevard Reconstruction - July 2017

Normal working hours are from Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. There will be some nighttime and weekend work as needed. Project schedule dates and working hours are subject to change.

Expected Traffic Impacts

Two lanes of traffic in each direction on I-25 will be maintained for the duration of the project during daytime hours. Traffic impacts are expected to be minimal. Flaggers will be directing traffic along Crossroads Boulevard.

Some lane closures are expected at night and will be communicated on this site and via email alerts. ([Sign up for alerts.](#)) Please use caution and stay alert while traveling through the construction zone.

*RAMP: [Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships](#) is a short-term funding program whereby CDOT is funding multi-year projects based on year of expenditure, rather than saving for the full amount of a project before construction begins. Partnership project funding was applied for, and matched by local agencies, to accelerate priority projects in the agencies' local areas. RAMP projects may see funding from 2015 through 2017.

120th to North West Parkway

Traveler Impacts

Construction will take place from 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with periodic lane closures on nights and weekends.

- **11 p.m. Wednesday, June 21 - 5:30 a.m. Thursday, June 22**
Northbound I-25 at 144th Avenue will be closed to accommodate pavement striping and barrier placement as crews shift Interstate 25 back to its original alignment
- **10 p.m. Thursday, June 22 - 5:30 a.m. Friday, June 23**
Southbound I-25 at 144th Avenue will be closed
- **Note:** The interstate is shifting back to its original alignment following traffic alignment work completed on Feb. 6 and 7. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.

General Traffic Impacts

This \$97.5 million project-from 120th Avenue to Northwest Parkway/E-470-is scheduled to be completed in winter 2018.

- Lane closures
- Ramp closures
- Reduced speed limits
- Night closures of I-25 for sign structures installation, barrier replacement, and paving operations.