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### 2018 Safety Meeting

After the success of holding a single meeting last year, VanGo™ will again be going with this format.

Mark your calendars for September 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00.

This year's meeting will be held at The Ranch at the Budweiser Center and will feature a Mexican Fiesta buffet.

We'll also note (due to the very positive response from so many vanpoolers) we will again have CDOT employees on hand to answer your questions.

Remember that it is required that at least one member from each vanpool attend. As we're only doing one event this year, we'll be using evite.com to send out invitations and to track our RSVP's. So, as we get closer to the event date, keep an eye out for this.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### ANNIVERSARIES

Thank you for  
10 years  
of ridership!

Jim Bilyeu  
Gary Boyer  
DaVada Garling  
Stephen Garling  
Eric Hirsch  
Danny Kaiser  
Bob Lamb  
Diane Matthews  
Damon Myers  
Jim Ore  
Todd Rewoldt  
David Thompson  
Greg Wheeler

### Road Rage

Steve Wilson

5 Year ridership:

Chris Bokovitz, Rob Davis, Kathleen Everett, Bruce Ganter, Rachel McCrary, Janice Pond, Keith Rogers, Nathan Sassano

We appreciate all of your support!

## 15 Days Notice

Please make note that per the VanGo™ participant agreement it is required that 15 days advance notice (by the 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of the month) is given for any change in your participation in the program. This includes stopping participation, switching to reduced schedule riding, and changing to a seat reservation. Please ensure proper notice is given so we can ensure you are billed correctly.

## Changes at Wood Street

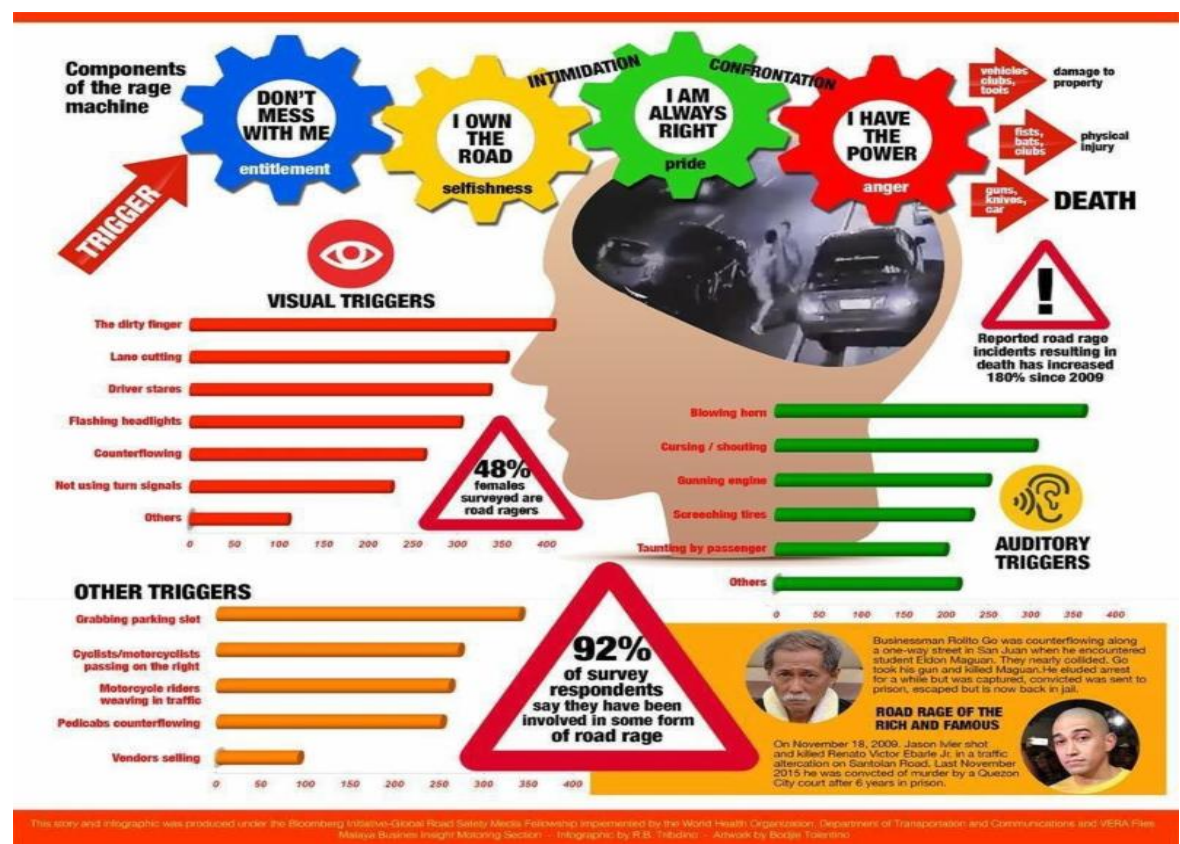
It's with much regret that we must inform our Fort Collins serviced routes that Marty has transferred from Wood St. and will no longer be the person servicing our vans.

We thank him for his years of service to the program and know he will be missed by many of you.

In his place we now have Brandon Beecher, another wonderful mechanic whom I know you'll all come to like.

## Cone Zone Driving Tips

A Guide for Safely Navigating Construction and Summer Road Conditions



According to a recent AAA study, nearly 80% of drivers "expressed significant anger, aggression, or road rage behind the wheel at least once in the past year." As vanpoolers traveling long distances daily, we're sure you've been witness to this behavior on occasion.

In fact, what prompts this short topic is an incident where one of our vans was followed by an angry driver. Thankfully, our vanpooler responded correctly. So, what did he do?

- Avoided eye contact
- Did not respond
- Drove to a public area (and actually circled the parking lot a few times)
- Stopped, but did not exit the van or roll down the window

Keep in mind you want to diffuse the situation, not further heighten the tension.

Summertime: longer days, warmer weather, and major traffic delays. The same reasons that make it great for an evening bike ride make it a great time to catch up on roadway maintenance and repairs. Whether you are a pedestrian, cyclist, or driver, consider the following tips to help you safely navigate this season's Cone Zone. For even more information about summer safety, check out the NHTSA Summer Driving Tips for 2018 at: <https://one.nhtsa.gov/nhtsa/tips/summer/>

1. Go Slow. Construction zones may require slower speeds to ensure the safety of workers and road users. Obey all posted speed limits and use caution when traveling through construction zones.
2. Share the Road. If you are driving, provide alternative mode users plenty of space and only pass when safe to do so.
3. Remain Alert. Driving distracted is one of the leading causes of crashes. Remain alert and minimize distractions while driving, biking, or walking. If you have to use your phone, pull over when it is safe to do so before checking any text messages or making any phone calls.
4. Anticipate Time Delays. Inevitably, construction can lead to temporary delays along your tried and true routes. Do not get caught off guard, leave earlier than you normally would or plan an alternate route. Apps, like Waze, provide up-to-date information about construction zones and travel time.

## Speeding

We here at the VanGo™ offices take safety as paramount to operating a successful program. That's why it's always worrisome when we get calls from other drivers making comments about the driving behaviors of one of our vans. Yes, we are an easy target with our phone number in bold prominently displayed but this fact doesn't change the perception of the other drivers. Let us not forget that our vans are our best and most visible form of advertising and that how they operate is a direct reflection on the program.

One of the most common calls is that our vans are speeding. We know it's called 'rush hour' but, according to a recent NHSTA study, more than 10,000 deaths per year are a direct result of drivers not adhering to the posted speed limits or adjusting their speed for conditions. It's important to note that VanGo™ vans, in many cases, may be larger than your normal car and are hopefully carrying more than your personal car; this difference in weight and size translates to longer stopping distances; speed simply increases this further.

Besides phone calls we've also seen an increase in photo enforcement notices. And, while we enjoy seeing pictures of participants, note that we do see these violations as the responsibility of the driver. Upon receipt of any photo enforcement ticket we will research and notify the enforcement division whom the responsible driving party is so the ticket can be assigned correctly.

Be safe out there vanpoolers. We know sometimes you get hung up, someone is late to a pick-up, weather slows the traffic, but never forget that it's always best to arrive late and safe then to be involved in an incident.

## Construction Updates

Summer, also known as the construction season, is underway in the North Front Range. The project listing and map indicate the location and scheduling of roadway and trail construction projects in 2018 and beyond. For current information on CDOT's projects, view the [Construction Report](http://www.cotrip.org/constructionReport.htm) at <http://www.cotrip.org/constructionReport.htm>. For CDOT scheduled lane closures, please visit the [Travel Center](https://www.codot.gov/travel/scheduled-lane-closures.html) at <https://www.codot.gov/travel/scheduled-lane-closures.html>.

Check the list below to see where you can find even more information on roadway construction and capital improvement projects.

### Local Construction Information

Community

Website

Streets Department: <http://www.berthoud.org/departments/public->

## 402 Park-N-Ride and I-25 Construction

If your route utilizes the 402 Park-N-Ride you've likely already noticed the increased truck traffic and subsequent road deterioration. Please be aware that CDOT is aware of the situation. The truck traffic will likely continue to increase as the contractors begin work on I-25 and CDOT is asking graciously for your patience, but also wants to ensure the road remains such that it is not a danger to regular drivers.

Some VanGo™ participants have already reached out to me concerning the current road conditions and CDOT has assured me they are working hard at mitigating and staying on top of this. Your patience is appreciated; while it may offer a new wrinkle in your daily use of the Park-N-Ride, it is being done so that your experience there and on the interstate is better in the long term.

### Contact Information

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Berthoud	<a href="#">works/streets-and-drainage-department</a>
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Evans	Public Works: <a href="http://www.evanscolorado.gov/publicworks">http://www.evanscolorado.gov/publicworks</a>
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Timnath	Engineering: <a href="http://timnath.org/business/engineering/">http://timnath.org/business/engineering/</a>
Windsor	Town Projects: <a href="https://www.windsorgov.com/575/Town-Projects">https://www.windsorgov.com/575/Town-Projects</a>
Larimer County	Engineering: <a href="http://www.larimer.org/engineering/">http://www.larimer.org/engineering/</a> Road Event Status System (RESS): <a href="http://www.larimer.org/roads/road_closures/">http://www.larimer.org/roads/road_closures/</a>
Weld County	Public Works: <a href="https://www.weldgov.com/departments/public_works">https://www.weldgov.com/departments/public_works</a>

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