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Thank you for 10 Years of Ridership!
Richard Barron, Jeff Benedix, Gary Clark,
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5 Year ridership:
Matt Barringer, Christopher Britton, Jim
Chan, Andrew Koed, Gary Myers, Ravikumar
Palakurthy, Jay Rhoten, Janice Schemp,
Jamie Tyszko

**Future Safety Meetings**

Please complete the single question poll
linked here. We strongly value
participants' input and time and we are
looking into alternatives to the yearly
meeting. It would be much appreciated.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G76JN7T

2019 Safety Meeting

The 2019 VanGo™ Safety Meeting was a
success and it was, as always, a pleasure to
see all the smiling faces in the crowd and
get to match faces with names of the people
we service. A big thanks to CDOT for again
agreeing to come this year and present!

The video that was shown about how to
correctly use your mirrors is linked here:

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Holiday Greetings

Happy Holidays
and safe travels from
all of us at VanGo™

With all best wishes for a joyous season
and a very happy new year from all of
us at VanGo!

We appreciate your business and wish
you the best in the coming year.

2019 Vanpool Rider Survey Results

The 2019 VanGo™ Annual Rider Survey results arrived in
November, and VanGo™ would like to extend a huge ‘thank
you’ to all that participated. The Annual survey is an
important metric for VanGo™ to track your satisfaction and
the effectiveness of VanGo™ policies and procedures. Your
feedback is important to VanGo™, both positive and
negative. Your satisfaction is the soul of VanGo™.
please, if you couldn't attend the meeting, take the 7 minutes and review the video.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gqWIArj_WJU

VanGo Stability & Growth
VanGo™, as with most vanpool programs, is very dynamic: people and routes coming and going throughout the year. But, this year (2019), and not since 2013, VanGo™ will end its year with more participants than it started the year with and just as many routes.

All of us at VanGo™ are pleased that we're able to help so many people refresh their commute and supply commuters a service that is viable, stable, aids in traffic congestion, and helps keep our air cleaner.

Traction & Chain Laws
Beginning August 2, 2019, the State of Colorado implemented new requirements for drivers using State Highways during severe winter storms. Under the new regulation all vehicles, including passenger vehicles, are required to have a minimum tire tread of 3/16 of an inch. During inclement weather vehicles are required to have one or more of the following according to the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT):

- Tire chains
- Alternative traction devices
- Four-Wheel drive with adequate tires
- All-wheel drive with adequate tires
- Tires with manufacturer marking for snow/mud and adequate tread

For more information on the new law as well as tips and updates on Winter Driving visit the Travel Center on CDOT's Website.

Winter Driving Tips
We all know Colorado weather can change from one minute to the next. Make sure your van and your driving are winter ready.

Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Slower acceleration is the best method for gaining traction and avoiding skids. Decelerating by shifting down, if your car is equipped, or letting off the accelerator sooner than normal will also help reduce skids.

Adjust your speed to the conditions (and keep in mind this may mean an earlier start to make it to work on-time.)

Give other drivers more space. Stopping distance is greatly increased on snow and ice.

If you can keep moving, even if it's at a crawl, go this route to avoid needing to accelerate a start on a slick surface.

Don't stop going up a hill.

Pack a small emergency kit (i.e. snacks (protein bars are a great option), blankets, etc.).

Ensure that you have a snow brush and shovel in your van.

Gauge the conditions and recognize when your best choice is to stay off the roads.

Construction Updates
On October 18, 2019, CDOT opened the new SH402 Interchange after 120 days of closure. The newly configured interchange flipped SH402 to go over North I-25, with three new roundabouts to aid in traffic flow. Additionally, the SH402 Park-N-Ride was moved and
enlarged to increase the number of parking spaces. Additional information on the North I-25 Johnstown to Fort Collins project can be found here: https://www.codot.gov/projects/north-i-25/johnstown-to-fort-collins.