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## ***On the Move:*** Your Quarterly Transportation News & Updates

Making the North Front Range more walkable, Safety Improvements in Greeley, Loveland Bike Month, and more. Read on for the latest transportation updates along the North Front Range.

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### **NFRMPO Team to Attend 2019 Walkability Action Institute in Decatur, GA**



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An interdisciplinary team representing the NFRMPO region will receive travel assistance to attend the 2019 *Step It Up!: Action Institute to Increase Walking and Walkability*, also known as the [Walkability Action Institute \(WAI\)](#) in Decatur, GA, April 22-25. The purpose of the WAI is to prepare professionals from MPO regions (or other similar regional entities) around the country to pursue policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) supports for walking and walkability. The WAI convenes renowned faculty to provide teams with the most up-to-date academic and applied learning methods and reinforce and support implementation of significant national public health policy statements such as the [Surgeon](#)

Applicant teams were asked to demonstrate a team make-up of public health, planning, and transportation staff, and elected officials. The NFRMPO team consists of staff from the City of Loveland Public Works Department, Colorado State University Parking & Transportation Services, the NFRMPO, the Weld County Department of Public Health & Environment, and Town of Berthoud Mayor, Will Karspeck. The team will work with the [Northern Colorado \(NoCo\) Bicycle & Pedestrian Collaborative](#) upon their return from the WAI to finalize and implement an Action Plan. The 10 participating teams will each receive \$6,884 to cover travel and lodging expenses for the WAI through the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD), in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion's (NCCDPHP) Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity (DNPAO).

The teams participating in the WAI are:

- Broward County, Florida (Broward MPO)
- Clackamas County, Oregon (Clackamas County Public Health Department)
- Daytona, Florida (River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization)
- Franklin and Grand Isle Counties, Vermont (Northwest Regional Planning Commission)
- Lane County, Oregon (Central Lane MPO/Lane Council of Governments)
- Larimer and Weld Counties, Colorado (North Front Range MPO)
- Marshall County, Indiana (Michiana Area Council of Governments)
- Maui, Hawaii (Maui MPO)
- Montgomery County, Pennsylvania (Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission)
- Spokane, Washington (Spokane Regional Transportation Council)

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## City of Greeley Makes 71st Avenue Safer, More Accessible



The City of Greeley recently completed several upgrades to 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue north from 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. Prior to the construction project, this segment of 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue was a simple two-lane road with no sidewalks, bike lanes, or turn lanes. The project widened the road within the project limits to two lanes with a center turn lane, and raised landscaped medians in select locations. As part of this project the Sheep Draw bridge, which was undersized for passing major event flood waters, was reconstructed. The bridge was lengthened and widened to accommodate flood waters, and to allow for a below-grade crossing of the Sheepdraw trail, which just broke ground last week. An 8' sidewalk and attached 7' bike lanes were installed within these limits in order improve pedestrian safety for the corridor and allow for an on-street bike connection to the existing facilities along 20th Street. The project was funded through a .65% sales tax that enters the [Keep Greeley Moving](#) street improvement fund.

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## Ready! Set! Bike Loveland!



*Image Credit: City of Loveland*

Get ready for Loveland's 2019 Bike Month! All people on bikes can participate in the month-long celebration of bicycling with fun, encouraging, and educational bicycle-related activities and events. Wheel over to [cityofloveland.org/bikeloveland](http://cityofloveland.org/bikeloveland) for all the details.

### **Loveland Bike Month Calendar of Events:**

5/1-6/26: 8-week Bike to Work Challenge for workplace-based teams in Northern Colorado  
6/1-6/30: *Bike Month in Posters*, an exhibit at the Museum on bicycling for transportation, fun and health  
Sa, 6/1: National Trails Day at Willow Bend Natural Area  
Sa, 6/1: Northwest Art By Bike Guided Tour  
Sa, 6/1: Tour de Brewer By Bike Guided Ride, Short and Tall options  
M, 6/3: Paint & Sip a bicycle-themed painting with Studio Vino @ Verboten  
Tu, 6/4: Basic Bike Maintenance at JAX Loveland  
Fr, 6/7: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at the Library with bicycle-related booths and information

Sa, 6/8: Glow & Go By Bike Guided Ride for Families  
Fr, 6/14: Night on the Town celebrating people on bikes  
Sa, 6/15: Downtown History and Architecture By Bike Guided Tour  
Tu, 6/18: Bicycle-Friendly Driver Training at JAX Loveland  
Sa, 6/22: Downtown Art By Bike Guided Tour  
Su, 6/23: Bike to Church Day  
W, 6/26: Bike to Work Day  
Sa, 6/29: Velo and Vino Guided By Bike Guided Tour

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## Improving Human Service Transportation in the North Front Range



*Image Source: KGNU News*

The NFRMPO is leading the effort to improve human service transportation efficiency in Larimer County. With its partners, the NFRMPO has successfully received three grants since summer 2018: the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center's (NADTC) Getting Ready to Innovate grant; NADTC's Innovations in Accessible Mobility Implementation grant; and an FTA §5304 grant through CDOT.

Wrapping up in January 2019, the Getting Ready to Innovate grant focused on creating an Expert Panel and on creating evaluation criteria and priorities for a future One Call/One Click Center software. The Expert Panel met multiple times between September 2018 and January 2019 and was made up of transportation providers, advocates, riders, and human service agencies. The Expert Panel evaluated one open-source and one proprietary set of software. The evaluation tool and process will be used for a future Request for Proposals for software once funding is available. The Expert Panel was a success and will be absorbed into the Larimer County Mobility Committee starting in March 2019.

Beginning in March 2019, the Innovations in Accessible Mobility Implementation grant will bring together [Via Mobility](#), a non-profit transportation provider based in Boulder County, with the [Larimer County Office on Aging](#) and the [Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities](#) in Larimer County. Via Mobility currently operates a Call Center for its paid and volunteer transportation services and will open the Call Center for three months to a set of providers in Larimer County to test how multiple providers

and riders access one system. This grant will be completed by August 2019.

The overarching project will be funded via the \$5304 grant. This will be the *Larimer County Senior Transportation Implementation Plan*, which will create a business and finance plan to phase in a One Call/One Click Center in Northern Colorado. A contract is expected to be awarded in spring 2019 and be completed by December 2019.



## Colorado Senate Confirms New CDOT Executive Director

*Image Credit: Transportation Topics News*

On February 5, 2019, through a unanimous vote the Colorado State Senate confirmed Shoshana Lew as the new executive director of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). Governor Jared Polis appointed Lew on December 21, 2018.

Lew has previously served as Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs at the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), and various positions at the USDOT, the Department of the Interior, and the White House Office of Management and Budget and Domestic Policy Council. Additionally, she previously served as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation.

Lew replaced Mike Lewis, who was the CDOT Executive Director under Governor John Hickenlooper during the final year of his administration.

## Refresh Your Commute!



Image Credit: VanGo™

VanGo™ is excited to announce a new branding of their fleet. To make our vans stand out, both on the road and parked, we've partially wrapped our fleet with eye catching green and black graphics. Some of these vans are already rolling down the highway!

Have you seen one yet? [If you have, let us know what you think.](#)

You'll also notice our new tagline 'refresh your commute' is highlighted in the new design. Looking to ride in style? Join the VanGo community: <https://www.vangovanpools.org/rp2/Home/Home>

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## Get Involved

See what's happening at the NFRMPO and join us at one of our upcoming events or meetings. For a comprehensive and up to date calendar of events, visit: <https://nfrmpo.org/calendar/>

### Upcoming Events

**April 21**

Earth Day Celebration

<https://sustainablelivingassociation.org/events/earth-day-fort-collins/>

**May 27**

Memorial Day

NFRMPO Office Closed

**June 1**

Berthoud Day

<https://www.berthoudday.com/>

**June 1**

Johnstown BBQ Day

<https://www.johnstownbbqday.org/>

### Recurring Meetings

**North I-25 Coalition** meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Southwest Weld County Services Center.

**NFRMPO Council** meets the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. The location rotates among the NFRMPO member jurisdictions.

**North I-25 Funding Committee** meets the first Friday of each month at the Candlelight Dinner Playhouse.

**NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative** meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am at the Windsor Recreation Center

**Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Windsor Recreation Center.

**Senior Transportation Coalition (STC)** meets the first Thursday every other month (February) at 1:30 p.m. at the South Transit Center.

**Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC)** meets the third Thursday every other month (January and March) at 10:00 a.m. the NFRMPO Office.

**Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)** meets the fourth Thursday of every other month (February) at 1:30 p.m. at a rotating location.