

On the Move: Your Quarterly Transportation News & Updates

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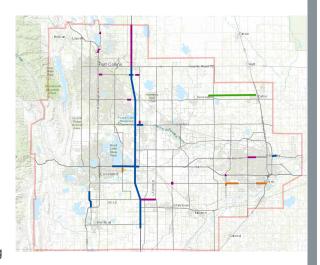
Read on for the latest transportation updates along the North Front Range.

Visit our Website

Summer Construction in Northern Colorado

Each summer, the NFRMPO collects data about upcoming construction projects located on regional corridors (including roadway, transit, and non-motorized) and happening in Larimer and Weld counties. These projects can be found through the online map which is updated regularly to keep residents and visitors informed. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) also provides updates on construction along I-25, including closure information, which can be found <u>here</u>.

To see the most up-to-date map, <u>visit the</u> <u>NFRMPO Construction Page</u>. Please <u>contact NFRMPO staff</u> if a project is missing or needs to be updated.



Bike to Work Day Postponed but NoCo Stays Active in June



While Colorado celebrated Bike Month in June, summer Bike to Work Day, typically held the last Wednesday of June, has been postponed to Tuesday, September 22, 2020. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and communities across the state made this decision in response to the impacts of COVID-19 on work and commute patterns and social distancing guidelines.

Bike to Work Day typically serves as the pinnacle of Bike Month for many Coloradans. In many Northern Colorado communities, the day is highlighted by morning and afternoon stations along popular bike routes that reward riders with breakfast, snacks, giveaways, free tuneups, and more. In 2019 there were 125 official stations across the region, an increase from 112 in 2018.

Despite the changes, households across Northern Colorado stayed active in June through the Keep Moving NoCo Challenge, a regional grassroots effort to encourage people to be active while practicing physical distancing and are under a safer-at-home order. This challenge replaced an employer-based competition from previous years as a fun, healthy and friendly way to compete against other people. Participants logged over 1,867 hours (77.8 days) and burned an estimated 581,310 calories. Two thirds of the activities logged were walking, running, bicycling, or gardening.

Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP) 🏅

The ATP is Northern Colorado's opportunity to update our shared vision for improved bicycle and pedestrian transportation within and between communities.

Make your voice heard on our Community Remarks page at: <u>https://communityremarks.com/northfrontrange/</u>



Environmental Justice (EJ) Plan Underway Now



Environmental Justice (EJ) is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. The NFRMPO analyzes the EJ impacts of transportation projects, programs, and services in northern Colorado. This analysis is meant to ensure roads, trails, and transit services work for everyone and that all residents have a say.

NFRMPO staff are currently working with community partners on an EJ Plan to make local and regional transportation planning processes more equitable and accessible. The EJ Plan will include a report of existing conditions, recommendations to improve these conditions through the transportation planning process, and a toolkit of best practices and resources to assist local agency staff.

We would like your feedback on the issues facing you and your community, and how you prefer to stay involved.

Let us know via our EJ Plan survey:

- English: <u>https://forms.gle/jBPGnb39Ht1WFai69</u>
- Español: <u>https://forms.gle/1ka5wunCEjZxgb8N7</u>

Volunteers Adapt Services During COVID-19

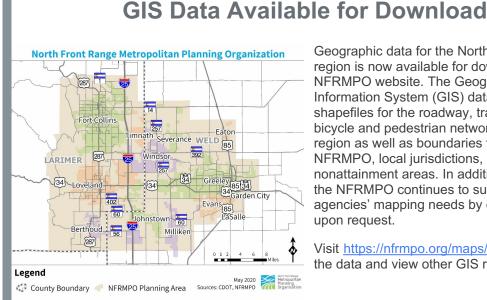
Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, local transportation and human service agencies have stepped up to provide services to their clients in addition to transportation. Volunteers continue to be available to help our neighbors in need.

 60+ Ride worked with the Weld County Area Agency on Aging, United Way, Weld Community Foundation, King Soopers, Wal-Mart, and Weld Food Bank to provide grocery and prescription delivery throughout Weld County. Find out more at <u>60plusride.org</u>.



Senior Alternatives in Transportation (SAINT) and Rural Alternative for Transportation (RAFT) kept in contact with clients to ensure safety and wellbeing, operating lifeline service to residents in need. SAINT and RAFT volunteers also helped deliver groceries. RAFT teamed with zTrip to provide rides to clients. Find out more at saintvolunteertransportation.org and berthoudraft.org.

In addition, the Larimer County Office on Aging and Weld County Area Agency on Aging worked to direct Families First Coronavirus Response Act funding to delivery of groceries, prescriptions, and other essentials, as well as transportation.

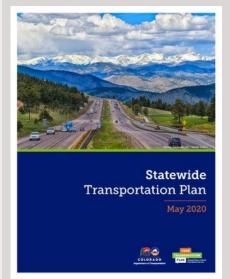


Geographic data for the North Front Range region is now available for download on the NFRMPO website. The Geographic Information System (GIS) data includes shapefiles for the roadway, transit, and bicycle and pedestrian networks within the region as well as boundaries for the NFRMPO, local jurisdictions, and air quality nonattainment areas. In addition to this data, the NFRMPO continues to support member agencies' mapping needs by creating maps upon request.

Visit https://nfrmpo.org/maps/ to download the data and view other GIS resources.

CDOT 2045 Statewide Transportation Plan **Open for Public Comment**

Just like the NFRMPO, every four years CDOT reviews Colorado's transportation investment priorities and builds a transportation plan to help deliver those priorities. The 2045 Plan, also called Your Transportation Plan, is based on a robust public outreach process across the state CDOT began last year. This process included a statewide survey which received 9,079 responses and meetings with each of Colorado's 64 counties. Your Transportation Plan is a vision document that outlines what Coloradans want to achieve across the State's transportation system over the next 25 years. Your Transportation Plan was released on June 1, 2020 for a 60-day public comment period. Comments will be accepted through July 30, 2020.



The Plan can be accessed here: <u>ytp.codot.gov</u>.

2020 Summer Ozone Updates



Website Facelift!

The website for the Regional Air Quality Council's public education and outreach program – Simple Steps. Better Air. - has a fresh new look! Visit the new and improved SimpleStepsBetterAir.org now to learn how ground-level ozone pollution affects you and what you can do to help. You can also download a Clean Air Cadet Kids Activity Book in English or Spanish on the Get Smart page of the refreshed website, along with other informational handouts.

Ozone Season Is Here!

Summertime ozone season officially began on June 1st. You can sign up for email or text Ozone Action Alerts here and find out what Simple Steps you can take to minimize ozone emissions here.



Vouchers for Electric Lawn Mowers at The **Home Depot**

Gas-powered lawn mowers emit greenhouse



gases and contribute to ground-level ozone pollution in the Denver Metro/North Front Range area. In partnership with The Home Depot, the Regional Air Quality Council's Mow Down Pollution program is offering a limited number of \$150 vouchers for new electric mowers to area residents who recycle their gas-powered mowers. Participants use an online application system and vouchers are redeemable at one of eight participating Home Depots in the area. While in the past vouchers have been offered for other lawn and garden equipment, the program this year will be limited to lawn mowers. You can find

Summer Outreach Update







Each summer, NFRMPO staff attend as many community events as possible to discuss transportation and air quality with residents of and visitors to Larimer and Weld counties. Unfortunately, NFRMPO staff will be attending fewer events this summer due to the current COVID-19 orders and event cancellations. Instead, the NFRMPO has updated the Community Remarks website as a way for communities to provide feedback about the region's sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and trails in preparation for the upcoming Active Transportation Plan.

NFRMPO staff have collected fun activities and posted them on our public involvement page. Activities include coloring pages (like a VanGo[™] van, street intersection, and a train), a transportation scavenger hunt, word searches, and crossword puzzles. The webpage will continue to be updated throughout the summer with fun, interactive, and educational activities. New fact sheets about the work that the NFRMPO does are available in the NFRMPO Document Library.



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Get Involved

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



Due to the current circumstances regarding COVID-19 many meetings are being conducted virtually. Please check our Events Calendar for the most up to date information.

Upcoming Events

July 3-5, 2020 Independence Day Weekend -NFRMPO Virtual Office Closed

July 8, 2020 NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative

July 9, 2020 Planning Council *CANCELLED*

July 15, 2020 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

July 16, 2020 Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC)

Recurring Meetings

North I-25 Coalition meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are currently being held virtually.

NFRMPO Council meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are currently being held virtually.

NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am. Meetings are currently being held virtually.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Meetings are currently being held virtually.

Mobility and Access Priority Group (formerly the Senior Transportation Coalition) meets the first Thursday every other month (August) at 1:30 p.m. Meetings are currently being held virtually.

September 22, 2020 Bike to Work Day 2020 Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC) meets the third Thursday every other month (July & September) at 1:30 p.m. Meetings are currently being held virtually.

Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC) meets the fourth Tuesday every other month (August) at 1:30 p.m. Meetings are currently being held virtually.