

# Connecting You & Northern Colorado: Mobility Newsletter

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# **RideNoCo Website Launch**

The <u>RideNoCo website</u> has officially launched! Along with a full Spanish translation of the website this fall, this completes Phase One of the roll out of the One Call/One Click Center and delivers a centralized location to discover transportation options in Northern Colorado. The NFRMPO set out to build a website that was user-friendly and inclusive of and accessible to as many community members as possible. Please share your feedback on the website and meeting those goals <u>here</u>.



Phase Two is currently underway to develop a trip planning tool to integrate with the RideNoCo website. When complete, individuals will be able to plan trips using public transit, human services transportation, and walking/biking.

### CASTA Award: Outstanding Coordination Initiative

The NFRMPO Mobility Team and Via



Mobility Services have been recognized by the Colorado Association of Transit Agencies (CASTA) for "Outstanding Coordination Initiative." Via and the NFRMPO have partnered to add service to Southwestern Weld County and Southeastern Larimer County at no charge to riders. This pilot service is supported by Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 funds that support rural public transportation.

This pilot launched in August of 2021 and will run until the end of 2021. From August 1st to September 13th, Via registered 30 new riders in the service area and provided 25 trips to 7 riders.

For more details about the Via Pilot Service, <u>please click here.</u>

To access this service, please contact a Via Mobility Specialist at (303) 444-3043

# Transfort Routes 11 & 12 Suspended Starting September 27, 2021

Due to employee shortages, Transfort will temporarily suspend Routes 11 & 12 effective Monday, September 27, until further notice. These routes have low ridership and suspending these routes will help ensure more stable service on other routes.

Additionally, Route 16 service will be reduced to once per hour, whereas it normally operates every 30 minutes. View schedules at <u>http://ridetransfort.com/routes/route-16</u> and click on the 'Exceptions' to view Covid-level service.

On-demand taxi service will be available along the suspended routes. All residents can schedule a taxi trip to or from a bus stop along a route that is suspended, or to or from another linked bus stop or transit center.

# DriveNoCo

Are you a driver looking for a new employment opportunity? Or maybe a community member eager to help a neighbor in need? DriveNoCo is your resource to find paid and volunteer driving opportunities in Northern Colorado. Serve your community by helping people get where they want and need to go!

**Transportation Providers:** <u>DriveNoCo wants to recognize the</u> <u>hard work of your drivers!</u> Please submit a nomination for the first-ever "Driver of the Quarter" to be featured in our next newsletter! Submit your nominations to hjohnson@nfrmpo.org by December 1, 2021. Volunteer Driving Opportunities:

**TRANS**FORT

60+Ride

<u>RAFT</u>

<u>SAINT</u>

Via Mobility Volunteers

Paid Driving Opportunities:

GET: <u>Part Time & 3/4</u> <u>Time</u>

<u>Heart&Soul</u> <u>Transfort</u> <u>zTrip</u> <u>Via Mobility Services</u>



### **Joint Mobility Meeting**



On August 24th 2021, the Larimer County and Weld County Mobility Committees convened together for the first time for a regional Joint Mobility meeting at the Windsor-Severance Library in Windsor.

35 attendees participated in the hybrid meeting either in-person or virtually to provide input on the update to the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan, learn more about the roll out of RideNoCo, as well as discuss strategies to further foster regional coordination and collaboration.

The NFRMPO Mobility Team wants to continue enhancing regional mobility coordination efforts. If you attended the Joint Mobility Committee meeting, please fill out this survey to give feedback about the Coordinated Plan and to improve future Joint Mobility Meetings.

- Watch the Meeting Online
- <u>Provide Feedback for future Joint Mobility Meetings and the Coordinated Plan</u>
  <u>Update</u>

# Coordinated Plan Update: Timeline and Public Comment

Every four years, the NFRMPO completes the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan, known as the Coordinated Plan for short, on behalf of transit agencies in the region. In this effort, NFRMPO staff work with the local transit agencies, Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC), Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC), and stakeholders around the region to identify the existing mobility options and gaps for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and low income individuals.

The 2021 Coordinated Plan has been under development since October 2020 with feedback and input collected through surveys, community conversations, and the LCMC and WCMC. The 2021 Coordinated Plan was released for <u>30-day public</u>



comment on September 22nd and is open through October 22nd, 2021. Comments received will be incorporated into the plan, which will then be approved by both the LCMC and WCMC in October and November, with final adoption of the plan by the NFRMPO Planning Council at their December 2, 2021 meeting.

Let us know what you think by emailing agordon@nfrmpo.org.

# Bring RideNoCo to your Organization



With the RideNoCo website and call center having launched, the NFRMPO Mobility Team would love to meet with your agency and clients to share how RideNoCo can be a resource and partner in helping people meet their mobility needs in the region. Please reach out to RideNoCo at mobility@nfrmpo.org or (970) 514-3636 if you would like NFRMPO staff to met with your organization or provide outreach materials.

#### Get Involved with NFRMPO



North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization

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 <u>https://nfrmpo.org/calendar</u>, and to download meeting materials, visit <u>https://nfrmpo.org/meeting-materials</u>.

Due to the current circumstances regarding COVID-19 many meetings are being conducted virtually or a hybrid of virtual and in-person. Please check our **Events Calendar** for the most up to date information.

**Upcoming Mobility Meetings** 

OCTOBER								NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
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C LCMC Meetings					O WCMC Meetings				O Joint Mobility Meeting						O Mobility and Access Priority Group						

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

**Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC)** meets the third Thursday every other month (November) at 1:30 p.m. Meetings are currently being held virtually.

**Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)** meets the fourth Tuesday every other month (October and December) at 1:30 p.m. The December meeting has been pushed up to the first Tuesday of the month to account for holidays. Meetings are currently being held virtually.

