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Revitalizing Main Streets Projects in the North Front Range

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) awarded 16 projects approximately \$22 million in Revitalizing Main Streets Program Larger Safety Infrastructure Grants last week. Four of the 16 selected projects are in the North Front Range:

City of Greeley

The 16th Street Corridor Enhancement will begin with a determination of the improvements needed for pedestrian safety and upgrades to meet ADA requirements, including widening sidewalks and adding pedestrian refuges or rest areas.

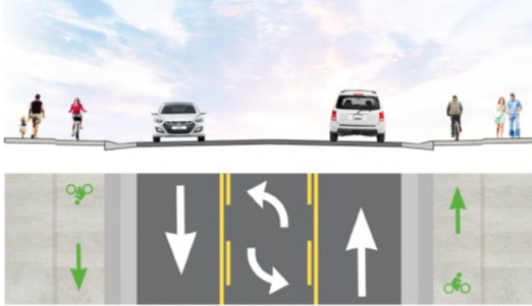
GREELEY 16TH STREET REVISIONING
PERSPECTIVE RENDERING



City of Fort Collins

The Laporte Avenue Improvements—Fishback to Sunset Project will construct multimodal improvements along Laporte Avenue from Fishback Avenue to Sunset Street in northwest Fort Collins. This

project was also awarded Multimodal Options Funding by the NFRMPO in 2020.



Town of Berthoud

The North Berthoud Parkway Trail Gap Closure project will connect the six new neighborhoods on the north side of Berthoud to Mountain Ave and Downtown Berthoud. The project will add a pedestrian crosswalk on Berthoud Parkway and a regional trail separate from the roadway. This project was also awarded Multimodal Options Funding by the NFRMPO in 2020.

Colorado State University

The Center Bikeway/Mountain Loop Trail Separation and Safety Enhancement will consist of physical separation of existing trail into a pedestrian walkway and bicycle trail (Mountain Loop/Center Bikeway).

The Revitalizing Main Streets Program was created as part of Colorado's COVID-19 Recovery Plan to help communities across the State implement transportation-related projects that improve safety and yield long-term benefits to community main streets. The passage of Senate Bill 260 included future allocation to the Revitalizing Main Streets program which will allow continued investments into community safety projects. For details about each of the projects in the North Front Range as well as the rest of the projects across the state [see the press release from CDOT](#). For more details on the program including the Small Grants program, which is available on a rolling basis, see the [Revitalizing Main Streets page](#).

Cycling Without Age along the Poudre River Trail



Everyone should have the opportunity to experience nature along the Poudre River. That is why the nonprofit Poudre River Trail Corridor Inc. opened the

Northern Colorado Cycling Without Age (CWA) program. CWA offers free rides to individuals, who because of age and/or mobility challenges, cannot independently access the Poudre Trail. CWA utilizes a special bicycle called a trishaw that seats one or two people facing forward for a storybook ride on a quiet stretch of the Poudre Trail. Trained community volunteers complete the experience by piloting the trishaw and sharing stories and sights along the way.

Since opening the Cycling Without Age program in June, over 100 community members have enjoyed a “wind in your hair” experience along the Poudre River. Most of the passengers are housebound or living in supported living situations. Rides are offered weekdays and originate from one of three trailheads located in Greeley and Windsor.

You can find more information about the program at poudretrail.org/NoCoCWA or email poudretrail@greeleygov.com. Cycling without age is an international program with chapters in 51 countries. www.cyclingwithoutage.org



Additional Poudre Express service Now Operating



The Poudre Express added additional service Monday through Friday, now running eight westbound trips and nine eastbound trips between Greeley, Windsor, and Fort Collins. These additional trips provide additional service throughout the day, and reflect feedback from riders, community surveys, and ridership numbers. Specific schedule information is available at greeleyevanstransit.com/regional.

Additional Bustang service coming to the region

Bustang to Broncos is returning for this season between Fort Collins, Loveland, and Denver Union Station to bring fans to home games at Empower Field at Mile High. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time on the Bustang website. Service will be offered on the following dates:



- October 17, 2021
- October 31, 2021
- November 14, 2021
- November 18, 2021
- December 12, 2021
- December 19, 2021
- January 9, 2022

In addition, a new Bustang Outrider service is expected to operate between Sterling and Greeley and Sterling and Denver starting in the fall. Bustang Outrider on these routes will operate to Greeley Monday, Wednesday, and

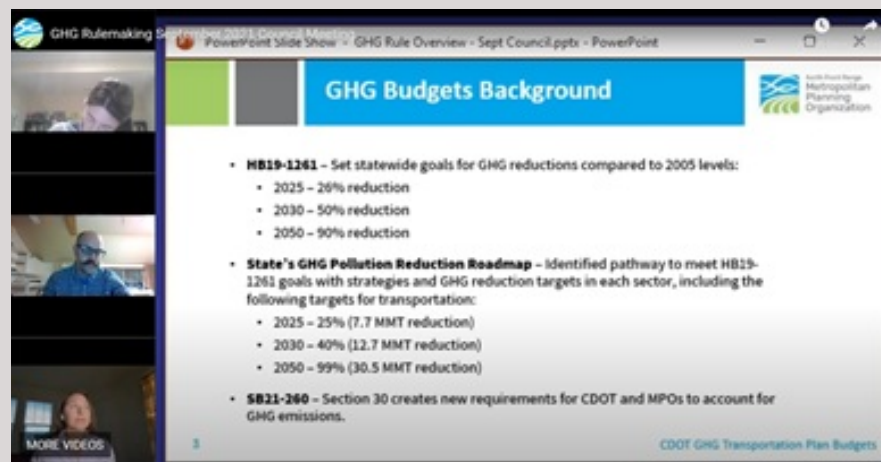
Friday, and to Denver on Tuesday and Thursday. Service will be operated by NECALG on behalf of Bustang. More information, including the start date, will be posted on ridebustang.com.



RamsRoute has returned, serving CSU, Wagon Road Park-n-Ride, Denver Union Station, and Arapahoe Station. Southbound service operates on Fridays and northbound service operates on Sundays during the CSU semester. More information about RamsRoute is available at ridebustang.com/ramsroute.

New GHG Transportation Planning Rule Under Consideration

The Colorado Transportation Commission (TC) is considering revisions to the State's transportation planning rule to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the transportation sector. The proposed rule focuses on the transportation planning conducted by CDOT and by the five metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) in Colorado, including the NFRMPO.



The rule would require CDOT and MPOs to adopt transportation plans that reduce GHG emissions by the reduction levels specified in the rule. These plans would be assessed through modeling to determine the estimated future GHG emissions from the on-road transportation system, including planned transportation investments. If the GHG reduction levels are not met, the rule would restrict the types of projects eligible to receive certain funding sources, including some 10-year Plan funds available through CDOT and two federal funding sources available through MPOs: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds.

The NFRMPO is engaging in the TC's rulemaking process for the GHG rule and is providing comments to support development of a data-driven, feasible, and effective rule. Information from the NFRMPO on the TC's proposed rule, including recordings of presentations provided to the NFRMPO Planning Council, are available at <https://nfrmpo.org/air-quality/ghg-rulemaking/>.

The TC is scheduled to consider adoption of the proposed rule at their meeting on November 18, 2021. CDOT is holding nine rulemaking hearings on the rule, with six hearings held in September and three hearings in October. To learn how

to attend a hearing (in-person or virtually) or to view recordings of past hearings, visit <https://www.codot.gov/business/rules/proposed-rules>. Written public comments can be submitted to CDOT through October 15, 2021, by emailing DOT_Rules@state.co.us.

2050 RTP Kicks off in October

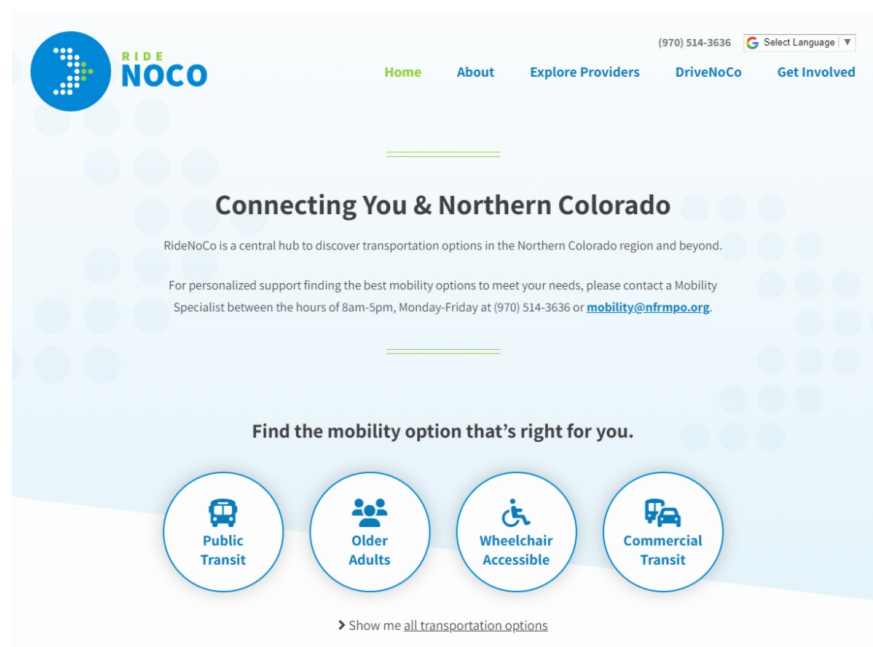
In October 2021, NFRMPO staff will kick-off the [2050 Regional Transportation Plan](#) (RTP), the long-range transportation plan for the region. As with previous RTPs, the 2050 RTP will consider the entire regional multimodal transportation system, including roadways, freight, bicycle, pedestrian, and transit infrastructure, especially through the lenses of population and economic growth. Outreach and input from members of the public will guide the process as will staff and elected officials from local communities. The 2050 RTP is anticipated to be adopted by the NFRMPO Planning Council by September 2023.

The 2050 RTP will set the long-range vision for the regional transportation system; identify funding for multimodal transportation projects and note the unfunded needs; show conformity to air quality standards, including greenhouse gas emissions; and show progress toward regional and federal performance measures and targets.

Follow NFRMPO social media (@nfrmpo) and the [RTP website](#) for more information and to stay involved.

Mobility News in Northern Colorado

RideNoCo Website Launch



The [RideNoCo website](#) 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 [here](#).

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.

NFRMPO Mobility Program Receives CASTA Award



Congratulations to the NFRMPO Mobility Manager, Cory Schmitt, and Mobility Coordinator, Hanna Johnson, and their partnership with Via Mobility Services for winning the Colorado Association of Transit Agencies (CASTA) *Outstanding Coordination Initiative* at their recent Fall Conference in Grand Junction. The partnership between the NFRMPO and Via has expanded Via Mobility's service area to include more communities in southwestern Weld and southeastern Larimer counties on a pilot basis. This transportation is available to residents in the service area free-of-charge and is supported by a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) §5311 grant. Congratulations to the Mobility Team and the wonderful partners that make Northern Colorado such a great place to live.

Coordinated Plan out for Public Review, to be adopted in December

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 30-day [public comment](#) on September 23 and is open through October 22. 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

Partner Agency Updates

I-25 North Express Lanes Project celebrates progress major milestones between Berthoud and Fort Collins completed, additional activities well underway

Every year, summer flies by, both for residents and CDOT projects. Crews on the I-25 North Express Lanes Project have taken full advantage of the long summer days to bring transportation improvements to northern Colorado between Berthoud and Fort Collins.



Right now, 42 crews are working in 25 different areas of the I-25 North corridor and have already completed many major milestones.

Here's a summary of what's been accomplished so far in 2021:

- Colorado Highway 56 over I-25 bridge was closed in August to straighten the highway curve and flip the interchange. The closure is scheduled for no more than 140 days.
- Traffic was shifted at Colorado Highway 60, US 34 and Prospect Road to move motorists onto the newly built bridges.
- The Great Western Railroad bridge was installed over I-25.
- The first phase of the mobility hub is complete at Kendall Parkway in Loveland. The mobility hub includes center access ramps for Bustang and expanded Park-n-Ride lots.

"It's been a very productive year for this project. While the various closures and detours have been impactful to the communities, we know our commuters are counting on us to continue improving our state's transportation infrastructure. CDOT is proud of the work accomplished so far and looks forward to continued progress," said Heather Paddock, CDOT Region 4 Transportation Director.

For more information, including upcoming project milestones, [see the full press release from CDOT.](#)

Northern Colorado Clean Cities

Northern Colorado Clean Cities (NCCC) makes connections with new **stakeholders**, including local utilities such as Mountain Parks Electric, United Power, and Xcel Energy; the towns of Grand

Lake, Granby, and Fraser; and the City of Greeley. NCCC has partnered with these stakeholders to hold electric vehicle (EV) ride and drive events. The benefit of these ride and drive events has gone past test driving new EV models- attendees are now able to connect with their local utility company to get energy saving tips and information on how EVs interact with their electric bill, as well as learn about their city's EV initiatives.



NCCC recently held a ride and drive event at the Greeley Farmers' Market. Many EV enthusiasts attended with their own EVs to allow for test drives and answer questions from attendees. Having local EV owners at our ride and drive events has been very successful, as EV owners can share their knowledge and experiences with the public.

NCCC is always looking for more EV owners/enthusiasts to share the benefits of driving electric with the community. Contact spotocek.nccc@gmail.com for more information on attending an EV event.

NCCC is looking forward to another ride and drive event next month. EV drivers, enthusiasts and intrigued local and regional residents are invited to attend the Steamboat Springs Electric Vehicle Ride and Drive event from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 23 at Howelsen Rodeo Parking Lot. This event will feature information on electric vehicles, EV charging stations, clean-air benefits, cost-savings, and local, regional, and State electric vehicle incentives, as well as an opportunity to test drive a variety of new EV models from local car dealerships. Click [here](#) to register!

To stay updated on NCCC news and events, subscribe to NCCC's [newsletter](#) or check out our [website](#).

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 current circumstance 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 Events

October 7, 2021

Mobility and Access Priority
Group

October 7, 2021

Planning Council

October 13, 2021

NoCo Bike & Ped
Collaborative

October 14, 2021

CAC Outreach & Inclusive
Planning Subcommittee

October 20, 2021

Technical Advisory
Committee (TAC)

October 26, 2021

Weld County Mobility
Committee (WCMC)

November 25-28, 2021

Thanksgiving Holiday
-NFRMPO Office Closed

December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve
-NFRMPO Office Closed

December 31, 2021

New Year's Eve
-NFRMPO Office Closed

Recurring Meetings

North I-25 Coalition meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

NFRMPO Council meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

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.

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

Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC) meets the third Thursday every other month (July) at 1:30 p.m.

Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC) meets the fourth Tuesday every other month (August) at 1:30 p.m.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meets the second Thursday every other month at 6:00 p.m.