

MOBILITY COORDINATION SPRING 2021 NEWSLETTER



Introducing... RideNoCo

The One Call/One Click Center officially has a name and a logo — **RideNoCo**. The slogan "Connecting You & Northern Colorado" embodies the two overarching goals of the program to improve both individual and regional mobility in Larimer & Weld counties. The program will be introduced to the region in the coming months as a website is built and a fully operational call center launches. For more information, please reach out to Mobility Manager, Cory Schmitt.

Vaccine Transportation Project Launches

Key funtions of the One Call/One Click Center Project laid out in the Larimer County Senior Transportation Implementation Plan have been fast-tracked to support regional efforts to remove barriers to access for COVID vaccines, especially for populations such as older adults and individuals with disabilities. Partnerships with the Larimer County Office on Aging and the Weld County Area Agency on Aging for funding of rides has allowed the vaccine project to encompass the entire region and as of March 19, the project has received 12 calls, 7 requests for transportation, and has connected 6 people to their vaccine appointments. To get transportation to and from your vaccine appointment, please tell your healthcare provider at the time of scheduling or call (970) 514-3636 if your appointment has been scheduled.

Envision Receives New Van for Clients



The NFRMPO, 60+ Ride, and Envision worked together to repurpose FTA §5310 funds to purchase a 2020 ADA Braun Entervan for use by Envision to transport their clients with developmental disabilities to

programming and other community destinations.

The van was delivered in January 2021 and has already been put into service. The NFRMPO Mobility Program is able to partner with community agencies such as Envision to provide administrative support in purchasing new vehicles.

Estes Hiring Transit Program Assistant

The Town of Estes Park is in search of service-minded individual to join the Public Works Department's Parking & Transit Team as a Transit Program Assistant. This seasonal position will work closely with the Parking & Transit



Manager to ensure efficient and effective delivery of the Town's seasonal transit service, Estes Transit. This position will also have the ability to assist staff in exploration of other transportation offerings including parking management, micromobility, and pedestrian connectivity.

The hourly range for this position is \$16.00 - \$19.00 per hour, depending on qualifications and experience. Please note that this position offers retirement as the only benefit.

Find out more info and apply at <u>http://estes.org/jobs</u>.



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NFRMPO Piloting Community Advisory Committee

As a recommendation in the recently completed Environmental Justice (EJ) Plan, the MPO is piloting a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to incorporate the voices of community members who have typically been left out of the transportation planning process. Members must reside in the NFRMPO area and can not be currently serving on any existing NFRMPO committee or body. The first meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 with the first round of applications being reviewed the week of April 5, 2021.

To learn more and apply, please visit <u>https://</u> <u>nfrmpo.org/public-involvement/committee/</u>

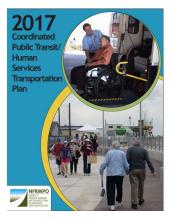
Front Range Passenger Rail Moves Ahead



The Southwest Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission has released a report that lays out a framework and longterm vision for passenger rail along the Front Range.

The reports provide a vision for new travel options and identifies three alignment recommendations, primary station locations, and preliminary service characteristics between Fort Collins and Pueblo. Taking a phased approach that starts with limited service and track improvements, the reports also lay out governance and funding options to make the service a reality. Learn more at <u>https://</u> www.frontrangepassengerrail.com/

NFRMPO works on 2021 Coordinated Plan



NFRMPO staff continues its work on the <u>Coordinated</u> <u>Public Transit/Human</u> <u>Services Transportation Plan</u>, also known as the Coordinated Plan. The <u>Coordinated Plan</u> identifies existing conditions, gaps, and strategies to address those gaps in mobility for older adults and individuals with

disabilities. Throughout the next few months, NFRMPO staff will be attending meetings to discuss concerns and help identify projects and strategies that can be implemented in Larimer and Weld counties.

If you would like to discuss the Coordinated Plan, please reach out to Alex Gordon, PTP at (970) 289-8279 or <u>agordon@nfrmpo.org</u>. Additional information will be posted on the NFRMPO website at <u>nfrmpo.org/mobility</u>.

Coordination of Coordinated Plans

Boulder County has begun their first Coordinated Public Transit/ Human Services Transportation planning process. The Plan will identify current and future mobility needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities,



low income residents, and youth (<18). The Plan will also consider the growing interregional travel between Boulder County and Larimer and Weld counties. The region's continuing urbanization along with rising housing costs has created the need for more collaboration to meet the region's mobility needs, as people need to access jobs, healthcare, and other activities beyond county lines. Keep an eye out for more information as Boulder County continues work on their plan. Find out more at https:// www.bouldercounty.org/transportation/multimodal/ mobilityforall/.

MOBILITY COORDINATION



PROGRAM UPDATES

What is the Mobility Coordination Program?— Mobility Coordination program activities are centered on education and cooperative resource-sharing to use existing transportation dollars most efficiently. NFRMPO Examples include travel training, cooperative research, public forums, program implementation, FTA grant administration and public education. The NFRMPO Mobility Coordination Program is funded with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) §5310 funds. Funding has been secured for §5310 funds from both CDOT for Weld County and Fort Collins on behalf of the Fort Collins-Loveland-Berthoud TMA.

Rider's Guide Updates—Approximately 84 users have logged onto the online service to find potential service matches since January 1, 2021, with 90.1percent of users being new. To request printed Rider's Guides, contact Cory Schmitt at <u>cschmitt@nfrmpo.org</u> or (970) 999-0072. The online Rider's Guide is available at <u>noco.findmyride.info</u>.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

April 2021							May 2021							
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Note: Meetings will be held online. Please check nfrmpo.org for more information.

Committee Members

Larimer County Mobility Committee Meets the third Thursday of every other month.				
Arc of Larimer County	Berthoud Area Transportation System			
Rural Alternative for Transportation	City of Loveland Transit			
CO Division of Voc. Rehab	Elderhaus			
Foothills Gateway	Heart&SOUL Paratransit			
LC Department of Health and Environment, Built Environment	LC Office on Aging			
LC Workforce Center	SAINT			
Transfort	A Little Help			

Weld County Mobility Committee

Meets the fourth Tuesday of every other month.

Arc of Weld County	CO Division of Voc. Rehab
Connections for Independent Living/WAND	Envision Colorado
Greeley Evans Transit	North Range Behavioral Health
60+ Ride	Sunrise Community Health
United Way of Weld County	Weld County AAA

For additional meeting details including agendas, notes & meeting location, visit <u>nfrmpo.org/mobility</u>.