

# Connecting You & Northern Colorado: Mobility Newsletter

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Read on for the latest mobility updates in Northern Colorado.

#### **Welcome Hanna Johnson!**

Welcome Hanna Johnson, the NFRMPO's new Mobility Coordinator! Hanna joins the NFRMPO after serving as a Planner with Jefferson County Planning and Zoning. Hanna brings experience both with multimodal transportation and land-use planning. She is fascinated by the interconnected relationship between mobility, the built environment, health, community services, and public policy.

Growing up in Greeley and then attending Colorado State University, Hanna is passionate about the mobility outcomes within the MPO's region. While at CSU, she served



as the chairperson for the student government's Alternative Transportation Fee Advisory Board (ATFAB). In this role, she facilitated partnerships across the region to improve mobility outcomes for the CSU student body, ensuring students were at the table for projects like the Poudre Express regional bus route.

Hanna's main task will be assisting with the development of NFRMPO's One Call/One Click Center based on the <u>Larimer County Senior Transportation Implementation Plan</u> to empower residents of Northern Colorado with a centralized hub to find and access the best transportation options to meet their needs. The One Call/One Click Center is funded through the Multimodal Options Funds (MMOF) program and was approved by the NFRMPO Planning Council in January 2020.

Hanna can be reached at hjohnson@nfrmpo.org or (970) 672-0677.

# RideNoCo: One Call/One Click Center Updates

The *RideNoCo* website is currently under development with an anticipated completion date of early August 2021. To ensure functionality, accessibility and inclusivity, the NFRMPO is looking for beta testers across different communities, abilities, and identities.

Interested in providing feedback? Please reach out via:

Email: mobility@nfrmpo.orgPhone: (970) 514-3636

In the News: <u>The NoCo Optimist: "New One Click/One Call Center and RideNoCo to help Weld County seniors get rides simply"</u>

#### **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!





# Paid Driving Opportunities:

GET: Part Time & 3/4 Time

**Volunteer Driving** 

**Opportunities:** 

Heart&Soul

**Transfort** 

60+Ride

<u>zTrip</u>

Via Mobility Services

### **Bustang Adding New Service**

Bustang will be adding service along the following routes:

- Sterling to Greeley/Denver Summer 2021
  - New Service
- Fort Collins/Loveland to Denver
  - Additional Service
- Estes Park to Denver Summer 2021
  - New Service



Additionally, full capacity seating - 51 passengers - has returned to all Bustang coaches. The following public safety measures are continuing

#### at this time:

- Face masks are required for drivers and passengers.
- Additional personal protective equipment issued for drivers.
- Hand sanitizer wipes are offered to passengers upon entry.
- Coaches are cleaned and disinfected upon completion of each route.



# **Cycling Without Age**

Cycling Without Age has started a Northern Colorado chapter, with rides provided in Weld County along the Poudre Trail. This program offers free trishaw bike rides to seniors that would like to visit regional trails and feel the "wind in their hair." Rides are offered on weekdays during the summer season.

Learn More
Schedule Your Ride Today
Become A Pilot
In the News

#### **COVID Vaccination Transportation**

RideNoCo continues to connect individuals in need of transportation to and from COVID-19 vaccine appointments across Larimer and Weld counties. Through partnerships with the Larimer County Office on Aging and the Weld County Area Agency on Aging, individuals over the age of 60 and/or over the age of 18 with a disability should not have to pay for transportation to their COVID vaccination appointments. In Larimer County, a partnership with the Larimer County Office of Emergency Management and local taxi operator zTrip allows healthy adults between the ages of 18-59 to also receive transportation to and from their vaccinations free of charge.

As of June 18, 2021, *RideNoCo* has received 43 calls, 32 requests for transportation and has fulfilled at least 24 of these requests.

To request a ride to a COVID vaccination appointment, please <u>fill out the request form here</u> or call *RideNoCo* at (970) 514-3636 between the hours of 8am and 5pm, Monday through Friday. We recommend providing at least 24 hours' notice before the scheduled vaccination appointment time.

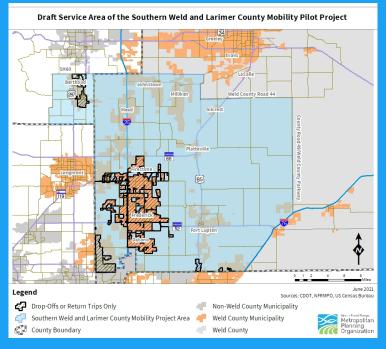
#### **Coordinated Plan Update**



The NFRMPO continues to work on the update to the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan. To learn more about the Coordinated Plan, watch this <u>quick video</u> explaining its purpose and process. To provide feedback, please fill out this <u>quick survey</u>. Make sure to check out our <u>Mobility page</u> for more information.

# Via Mobility Piloting New Service in Southwestern Weld and Southeastern Larimer Counties

Beginning August 2nd, 2021, Via Mobility Services, a nonprofit transportation provider based in Boulder, will launch a pilot program serving people and communities in rural portions of southwestern Weld County and southeastern Larimer County as defined by the blue service area in the map. The new pilot service will be available to those residing in or near the municipalities of Mead, Johnstown, Milliken, Gilcrest, Platteville, Fort Lupton, Lochbuie, and portions of the Berthoud area. Via will transport individuals to destinations within the defined service area as well



as surrounding locations such as Brighton, Boulder County, and potentially Greeley and Loveland.

Residents in the service area can fill out the <u>Via Pilot Survey</u> to give feedback about the <u>upcoming service</u>. Survey results will guide which destinations the pilot will serve.

The pilot service will be free, wheelchair accessible, and open to the general public, regardless of age or ability. Operating hours will be Monday-Friday, 8am to 3:30 pm.

# Take the Via Pilot Survey Here

#### **Get Involved with NFRMPO**



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 <a href="https://nfrmpo.org/calendar">https://nfrmpo.org/calendar</a>, and to download meeting materials, visit <a href="https://nfrmpo.org/meeting-materials">https://nfrmpo.org/meeting-materials</a>.

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**

| July 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
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| August 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
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| September 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
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#### **Special Meeting:**

Joint Regional Mobility Committee Meeting on August 24th from 1:00 to 4:00pm at the Windsor-Severance Library

The Joint Regional Mobility Committee Meeting will bring together the Weld County Mobility Committee and Larimer County Mobility Committee to provide feedback on the update to the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation plan, learn more about the roll out of RideNoCo, and continue enhanced communication and coordination between providers across county and municipal lines. More details to come.

#### **Recurring Meetings:**

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

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

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





