



MOBILITY COORDINATION

WINTER 2021 NEWSLETTER



COLT receives new buses

City of Loveland Transit (COLT) has received two new buses to replace its aging fleet. The new buses feature new branding, space for three bicycles, and a smoother ride. Expect to see the new buses put into service in the coming months.

Additional buses are in the pipeline for coming years as COLT works to improve the rider experience.

Learn more about the new buses and how COLT runs during the pandemic at cityofloveland.org/transit.

Estes Park piloting winter service



The Town of Estes Park started a pilot off-season transit service using its new fully electric trolley in November. The new service will be free to all riders each Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. to

5:00 p.m., running from Talons Pointe/Falcon Ridge and travel to the Lower Stanley Village at Reel Mountain Theater. The trolley has a wheelchair lift to ensure mobility for individuals with a mobility device.

During the summer, Estes Park runs multiple trollies as part of the Estes Transit system. This will be the first service provided in the winter with the pilot running through May 26, 2021. Capacity will be capped to 13 total passengers at a time to ensure proper social distancing.

Find out more about the service, including schedules and specific stops, at www.estes.org/shuttles.

COVID funding for non-profit providers

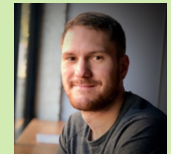
To help agencies that did not receive CARES Act funding, the Colorado Legislature set aside \$1M in a new funding source called “Transportation Services for Vulnerable Populations, including Seniors”. These funds are earmarked for non-profit and governmental agencies that help provide mobility for older adults and individuals with disabilities.



For the NFRMPO region, CDOT allotted \$115,000. Through a survey sent out to the Larimer and Weld County Mobility Committees, two agencies applied for the funding: 60+ Ride and Envision. Each agency will use the funds to offset financial losses due to COVID restrictions and operating adjustments.

Welcome, Cory Schmitt

Welcome Cory Schmitt, the NFRMPO’s new Mobility Manager! Cory joins the NFRMPO after serving as the Mobility Manager with Boonslick Regional Planning Commission in Missouri.

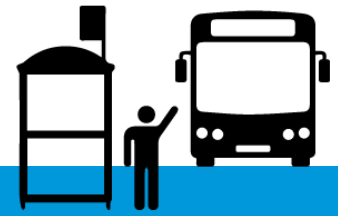


Cory brings both experience in the mobility world and a passion for serving others. As a social worker, he sees mobility management as a natural way to incorporate social work values of centering the individual and their unique needs into the transit and mobility conversation to ensure everyone can get where they need and want to go. Cory’s main task will be developing the NFRMPO’s One Call/One Click Center to empower residents of Northern Colorado with a centralized hub to find and access the best transportation options to meet their needs.

Cory can be reached at cschmitt@nfrmpo.org or (970) 999-0072.

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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—More than 1,648 users have logged onto the online service to find potential service matches since January 1, 2020, with 98.9 percent of users being new. To request printed Rider's Guides, contact Cory Schmitt at cschmitt@nfrmpo.org or (970) 999-0072. The online Rider's Guide is available at noco.findmyride.info.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

January 2021							February 2021							March 2021						
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LCMC Meeting MAPG Meeting WCMC Meeting

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	NADTC Expert Panel

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
Senior Resource Services/60+ Ride	Sunrise Community Health
United Way of Weld County	

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