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# Connecting You & Northern Colorado: Mobility Newsletter

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Read on for the latest mobility updates in Northern Colorado.

# NFRMPO Call for Projects: MMOF & Recently Awarded Projects

### **Upcoming MMOF Call for Projects**

The next round of MMOF funding has a goal to make transportation more widely available to older adults, people with disabilities, and rural communities. The NFRMPO has a total of \$9,857,986 in Federal (FY2022) and State (FY2023) Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) funding to award. Shovel-ready projects will be prioritized for federal funding. The primary goals of this funding source include:

- · Benefitting seniors by making aging in place more feasible;
- Benefitting residents of communities in rural and disproportionately impacted communities by providing them more accessible and flexible public transportation services;
- · Providing enhanced mobility for persons with disabilities;
- · Providing safe routes to school for children;
- · Increasing access to and/or usage of transit or multi-use facilities; and
- Reducing emissions of air pollutants, including hazardous air pollutants and greenhouse gases, that contribute to environmental effects.

A complete memorandum regarding the MMOF Call for Projects can be found on pages 32-33 of the March 2022 Planning Council Packet including a timeline for the call for projects. Please direct questions to AnnaRose Cunningham at acunningham@nfrmpo.org.

### Recently Awarded NFRMPO CMAQ, STBG, and TA Projects:

The NFRMPO recently awarded the following projects through the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding sources:

### <u>CMAQ</u>

- Greeley 35th Ave Adaptive Signal Control Technology
- Fort Collins Mulberry Street Traffic Signal Synchronization
- Loveland US287 Signal Coordination Improvements
- Fort Collins On Route Battery Electric Bus Chargers
- Loveland COLT Bus Replacement/Expansion

### <u>STBG</u>

- Fort Collins College & Trilby Intersection Improvements
- Windsor Eastman Park Ultimate Intersection & RR Crossing Improvement
- Weld WCR 13 (LCR1) and WCR 54 (LCR 18) Roundabout
- Loveland US 34 Eastbound Widening Construction
- Evans 37th Street Widening Phase 3

TA

- Windsor Poudre Trail Wayfinding I-25 to Island Grove Park
- Loveland Willow Bend Trail

Some applications were waitlisted in the event of additional funding becoming available. A full summary of recent CMAQ, STBG, and TA awards can be found on pages 23-24 of the March 2022 Planning Council packet.

# **Envision & NFRMPO Expand Relationship**

Beginning in January 2022, the NFRMPO has expanded its' funding support for <u>Envision</u> <u>Creative Support for People with Developmental</u> <u>Disabilities</u>. Following the delivery of a MPOsupported wheelchair accessible van in January 2021, the MPO now provides support for all of Envision's transportation services for people supported by reimbursing Envision for a portion of all rides completed by the organization. This support assists Envision with more effectively and efficiently meet the mobility needs of people



they support, and in turn increases access to the broader community and region.

Envision's Executive Director Celeste Ewert shared: "I'm sure that many of you who are reading this understand that providing transportation services is extremely costly, and with the increase in gas, maintenance and other expenses it's only more challenging. Prior to this grant, Envision was losing about \$120,000/year in providing this critical service to people. Thanks to the collaborative effort with the NFRMPO, this grant significantly contributes to our ability to continue providing transportation. We are very grateful to have been awarded this very generous grant!"

If interested in learning more about ways the NFRMPO can potentially support your organization's transportation activities, please reach out to Cory Schmitt at <a href="mailto:cschmitt@nfrmpo.org">cschmitt@nfrmpo.org</a>.

### RideNoCo: Ahora en Español!

#### **Constant Contact**

The <u>RideNoCo website</u>, <u>Rider's Guides</u>, and call center (970-514-3636) are now all available in Spanish! The Rider's Guide and website were translated by a local translator.



To access the locally-translated version of the website, move your curser over the "EN" box in the top right corner of the website. Click the "ES" option.



Additionally, the RideNoCo website utilizes an automatic google translation tool to translate the site into more than 100 languages. This tool can be accessed by scrolling to the bottom of the website and clicking the "Select Language" toggle.

› Select Language	Bulgarian	Esperanto	Haitian Creole	Italian	Latin	Mongolian	Russian	Spanish	Ukrainian
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Albanian	Cebuano	Filipino	Hawaiian	Javanese	Lithuanian	Nepali	Scots Gaelic	Swahili	Uyghur
Amharic	Chichewa	Finnish	Hebrew	Kannada	Luxembourgish	Norwegian	Serbian	Swedish	Uzbek
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Azerbaijani	Corsican	Galician	Hungarian	Kinyarwanda	Malay	Persian	Sindhi	Tatar	Xhosa
Basque	Croatian	Georgian	Icelandic	Korean	Malayalam	Polish	Sinhala	Telugu	Yiddish
Belarusian	Czech	German	Igbo	Kurdish (Kurmanji)	Maltese	Portuguese	Slovak	Thai	Yoruba
Bengali	Danish	Greek	Indonesian	Kyrgyz	Maori	Punjabi	Slovenian	Turkish	Zulu
Bosnian	Dutch	Gujarati	Irish	Lao	Marathi	Romanian	Somali	Turkmen	

In addition to being able to assist callers in Spanish, RideNoCo can also provide assistance in 200+ languages through a partnership with LanguageLink.

Please email mobility@nfrmpo.org to request Spanish Rider's Guides.

## **DriveNoCo**

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Volunteer Driving Opportunities:

60+Ride

RAFT

SAINT

Via Mobility Volunteers

### Paid Driving Opportunities:

GET: <u>Part Time & 3/4 Time</u> <u>Heart&Soul</u> <u>Transfort</u> <u>zTrip</u> <u>Via Mobility Services</u>

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!

Are you a driver looking for a new employment opportunity? Or maybe a community member eager

DRIVE

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**Transportation Providers:** DriveNoCo wants to recognize the hard work of your drivers! Please submit a nomination for the "Driver of the Quarter" to be featured in our next newsletter! Submit your nominations to <u>hjohnson@nfrmpo.org</u> by June 1, 2022.

## Via Pilot in Southern Weld County Concludes



In 2021, Via Mobility Services and the NFRMPO partnered to bring a new transportation option to rural communities in southwestern Weld County on a pilot basis at no charge to riders. This pilot service was supported by Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 funds that support rural public transportation. The pilot ran from August 2021 through the end of February 2022.

During the duration of this pilot, Via provided 461 trips and registered 74 riders across 11 communities. 42% of trips transported riders to health-related services and 70% of riders were aged 60 or older.

Due to the wide success of this pilot, the NFRMPO, Via, and other partners are currently working to secure funds to continue the service beyond March. For more details about the Via Pilot Service, <u>please click here.</u>

## **Engagement Opportunities**

FC Moves seeks <u>community feedback</u> on their draft bikeway network and programming recommendations for the <u>Fort Collins Active Modes Plan.</u>

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Please reach out to <u>mobility@nfrmpo.org</u> if your organization would like to include mobility engagement opportunities for next quarter's newsletter. This could include public outreach efforts, surveys, announcements, etc.

# Bring RideNoCo to your Organization



With the RideNoCo website and call center 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



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 **<u>Events Calendar</u>** for the most up to date information.

**Upcoming Mobility Meetings** 

Mobility and Access Priority Group (MAPG) (formerly the Senior

Transportation Coalition) meets the first Thursday every other month (April and June) at 1:30 p.m. Meetings are currently being held virtually.

Joint Mobility Committee (LCMC & WCMC) does not meet in Quarter 2. The next Joint Mobility Meeting will be October 25th, 2022.

Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC) meets the third Thursday every (19)

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other month (May) at 1:30 p.m. Meetings are currently being held in a hybrid format.

### Weld County Mobility Committee

**(WCMC)** meets the fourth Tuesday every other month (April and June) at 1:30 p.m. Meetings are currently being held in a hybrid format.





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