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Read on for the latest mobility updates in Northern Colorado.

Bike & Ped Safety Reporter Tool

Since Summer 2022, NFRMPO and regional partners have launched the Bike & Ped Safety Reporter tool. This crowdsourced reporting tool supplements crash data and identifies areas in the region where individuals feel unsafe while using active transportation (bicycles, e-scooters, walking). Often, parts of the transportation system are only deemed unsafe after a crash happens. This tool gives the general public the ability to report hazards from people walking, biking, or rolling.



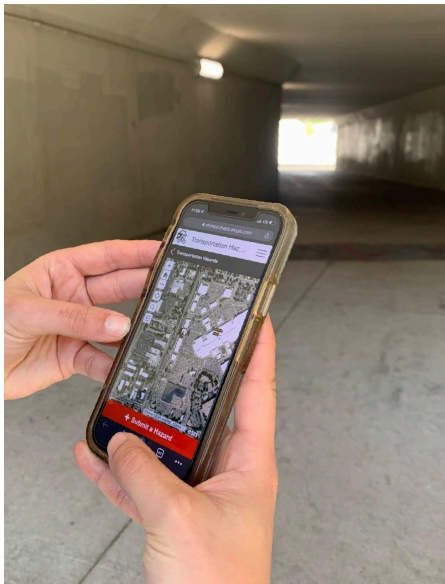
Scan the QR code with your phone to view the Bike and Ped Safety Reporter Tool or [click here to view the Bike and Ped Safety Reporter Dashboard](#).

Severance Walk Audit

On August 10th, 2022, the Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative conducted a walk audit of the Town of Severance.

More than 20 members of the community representing agencies such as the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO), the City of Fort Collins, Weld County Department of Public Health & Environment, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE), Envision, Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment, and Cycling Without Age participated in the 2 hour assessment.

Participants split into two groups to assess walkability and accessibility in and around Downtown Severance and along the Great Western Trail. One group started the audit on the Great Western Trail while the other group began in Downtown Severance.



In addition to taking notes with pen and paper, each group documented the pedestrian experience utilizing the newly created [NFRMPO Bike & Pedestrian Safety Reporter Tool](#). In total, 33 unique reports were made using this tool during the audit.

The NFRMPO published an ArcGIS Online Story Map summarizing the feedback and photos provided through this walk audit. [Severance Walk Audit Story Map](#)

The Mobility & Access Priority Group made the toolkit from the Midtown Fort Collins Walk Audit available to the public if other organizations and communities are interested in conducting their own walk audits. View the [Walk Audit Packet on the NFRMPO website](#).

If your organization is interested in resources and technical assistance with a walk audit, please reach out to mobility@nfrmpo.org

Fare Free Transit Month Recap



During the month of August in 2022, public transit agencies across the state of Colorado joined together to take part in the Zero Fare for Better Air initiative. Colorado implemented a one-month pilot program of zero-fare transit across the state. Northern Colorado transit agencies such as COLT and GET participated. Transfort did not participate as its services have been fare free since the beginning of the pandemic. Not only did this lead to an increase in ridership across all of the participating transit agencies, but it also helped to reduce CO2 emissions, increased access to goods and services, and saved riders money on gas helping to further preserve the Colorado way of life. Both COLT & GET reported ridership levels for August 2022 that were at-or-above pre-pandemic levels.

This program, managed by the Colorado Association of Transit Agencies (CASTA) in partnership with the Colorado Energy Office (CEO) was made possible by funding dedicated by the state legislature through SB22-180. Ann Rajewski, Executive Director of CASTA said, "Transit plays such an important role in our state from connecting people to employment, education, and services to helping reduce air pollution by providing people with cleaner travel options."

Bustang Service Announcement

Beginning on September 6th, CDOT's state-wide transit service Bustang added 2 additional daily round trips on the North line serving Fort Collins, Loveland and Denver (see schedule below). Service information can be found at this link: <https://ridebustang.com/north-line-service-changes/>



Additionally Bustang has announced a November 1st start date of the Sterling-Greeley-Denver Outrider Route. Questions regarding this new Outrider Route should be directed to Jeff Prillwitz (jeffrey.prillwitz@state.co.us).

Bustang North Line Schedule:

RUN#	MONDAY - FRIDAY	WEEKEND/ HOLIDAY	FT. COLLINS DOWNTOWN TRANSFER CENTER	HARMONY TRANSFER CENTER	US 34 & I-25 LOVELAND	DENVER UNION STATION
601	x		5:10 AM	5:30 AM	5:45 AM	6:35 AM
603	x	x	5:40 AM	6:00 AM	6:15 AM	7:05 AM
605	x		6:10 AM	6:30 AM	6:45 AM	7:35 AM
607	x		6:45 AM	7:05 AM	7:20 AM	8:10 AM
641		x	7:00 AM	7:20 AM	7:30 AM	8:15 AM
609	x		7:15 AM	7:35 AM	7:50 AM	8:40 AM
611	x		10:30 AM	10:50 AM	11:05 AM	11:55 AM
613	x	x	12:00 PM	12:20 PM	12:30 PM	1:15 PM
615	x		3:20 PM	3:40 PM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM
643		x	5:30 PM	5:50 PM	6:10 PM	7:10 PM





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!

Volunteer Driving Opportunities:

[60+Ride](#)

[RAFT](#)

[SAINT](#)

[Via Mobility Volunteers](#)

Paid Driving Opportunities:

[GET: Part Time & 3/4 Time](#)

[Heart&Soul](#)

[Transfort](#)

[zTrip](#)

[Via Mobility Services](#)

Drivers of the Quarter: Mark and Kevin with Transfort!



Congratulations to Mark and Kevin who have been awarded RideNoCo's Driver(s) of the Quarter!

This nomination was presented by our partners Boulder County Mobility for All who hosted their Ambassador Retreat in Fort Collins. To get from Boulder to Fort Collins, the BoCo M4A team traveled between the jurisdictions using [Transfort's FLEX Route](#).

"Mark was our driver on our 10:27 AM Northbound FLEX-2, and he was so kind and helpful! He eagerly told us all about the FLEX partnership, the Transfort system, and had an amazing sense of humor with all of our questions. He even took the time to pose for our team photo" (pictured to the left).

"Kevin was our driver on the return trip on the 3:25 PM Southbound FLEX-3, and he was also wonderful! He was very patient with one of our

ambassadors who was having challenges parallel parking a new/unfamiliar scooter in the accessible passenger section. He was very professional when a second passenger was getting frustrated with the amount of time it was taking us to board and helped him get out of the rain and on the bus using the front door ramp. Understanding that we were new to the route, he reminded us to get off the bus at 9th and Coffman because the FLEX-3 doesn't stop at 8th and Coffman."

Thank you both, Mark and Kevin, for supporting the regional transportation needs for Northern Colorado! Your work is exemplary!

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 mobility@nfrmpo.org by December 1, 2022.

Regional Transportation News & Engagement Opportunities



CO/WY Transit Feasibility Study Online Open House

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) / Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT)

are conducting a transit connection feasibility analysis between northern Colorado and southern Wyoming.

There will be several opportunities to provide feedback on the type of transit you would like to see connecting Northern Colorado with the Cheyenne, Wyoming, area.

To participate in the Online Open House click [here](#).

Please reach out to mobility@nfrmpo.org if your organization would like to include mobility engagement opportunities or information 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 meet with your organization or provide outreach materials.

Get Involved with NFRMPO



North Front Range
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See what's happening at the NFRMPO and join us 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 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

2022 Mobility Calendar

- LCMC
- WCMC
- MAPG
- Joint Mobility

2022 Meeting Dates:
 10/6: MAPG
 10/25: Joint
 11/17: LCMC
 12/1: MAPG
 12/13: WCMC

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				6		1
2	3	4	5		7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	25	19	20	21	22
23	24		26	27	28	29
30	31					

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	17	11	12
13	14	15	16		18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	13	7	8	9	10
11	12		14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Mobility and Access Priority Group (MAPG) (formerly the Senior Transportation Coalition) meets the first Thursday every other month (October) at 1:30 p.m. Meetings are currently being held virtually. The next MAPG meeting will be October 6th, 2022.

Joint Mobility Committee (LCMC & WCMC) The next Joint Mobility Committee Meeting will be October 25th, 2022.

Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC) meets the third Thursday every other month (November) at 1:30 p.m. Meetings are currently being held in a hybrid or virtual format. The next LCMC meeting is November 17th, 2022.

Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC) meets the fourth Tuesday every other month except in December, when they meet on the second Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Meetings are currently being held in a hybrid or virtual format. The next WCMC meeting is December 13th, 2022.

[All meeting materials can be accessed on the NFRMPO website.](#)



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