



**Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)—AGENDA**

**March 28, 2023**

**1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Virtual**

**Call-in information:**

(970) 822-7967

**Code:** 545-797-522#

**Meeting Link:** [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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- 1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome, Introductions**
  - 2. Review of Agenda**
  - 3. Public Comment (2 minutes each)**
  - 4. Approval of December Meeting Minutes**
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**ACTION ITEM**

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| <b>1) Co-Chair Elections</b>               | All |
| Nominate and elect WCMC Co-Chairs for 2023 |     |

**PRESENTATION**

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| <b>2) Via Mobility Weld County Expansion</b> | Bitzer |
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**RIDENOCO UPDATE**

Update on phase three of RideNoCo roll out and provider inventory survey

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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| <b>3) Mobility Case Study</b>  | Schmitt |
| Walkthrough of real RideNoCo call center scenario  |         |
| <b>4) Mobility Action Plan Updates</b>   | All     |
| Review of updates to MAP for 2023  |         |
| <b>5) Integrating United Way Collective Impact Transportation Goals</b>  | All     |
| Discuss transportation goals and the best way to facilitate implementation (work groups, time within meetings, etc.) and check-in on progress. |         |

**WORK GROUPS**

- 6) Outreach and Education**
  - Reflection, upcoming events, etc.
- 7) Recruitment**

**GREELEY-EVANS TRANSIT NEWS AND UPDATES**

**WCMC MEMBER REPORTS**

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**5. Final Public Comment (*2 minutes each*)**

**6. Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions**

**7. Upcoming Meetings:**

- Northern Colorado Mobility Committee (Joint Mobility Committee): May 23<sup>rd</sup> -- Windsor Community Rec Center
- WCMC: June 27<sup>th</sup> -- Virtual



**Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)—MINUTES**  
**December 13, 2022**  
**1:34 p.m. – 3:07 p.m.**

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**1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions**

- Kathi Sargent, Arc of Weld County
- Leiton Powell, Greeley-Evans Transit
- Sheri Hannah-Ruh, United Way of Weld County
- Janet Bedingfield, 60+ Ride
- Celeste Ewert, Envision
- Margie Martinez, United Way of Weld County
- Dan Betts, Rep. Buck's Office
- Robyn Upton, WAND
- Olga Maria Gonzalez, WCDPHE
- Nichole Seward, Weld County AAA
- Steve Teets, WAND

NFRMPO staff: Cory Schmitt, Hanna Johnson, Alex Gordon

**2. Review of Agenda**

**3. Public Comment (2 minutes each)**

None.

**4. Approval of June 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Bedingfield motioned to approve the August minutes. Ewert seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

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**PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION**

**1) TDM Action Plan and TMO Next Steps**

Gordon

Gordon gave an update on the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Action Plan and the next steps developing a Transportation Management Organization. Gordon outlined the background of the NFRMPO's TDM Plan and the plan's goals. Teets asked why the state's Employee Traffic Reduction Program (ETRP) did not pass the state legislature. Gordon outlined the pushback from the business community, funding gaps, and concerns about the rollout for this program; there was not a state legislator who was championing (primary sponsorship of) this bill.

The NFRMPO TDM Action Plan was approved a few weeks ago. Goals from this Action Plan are outlined in the [slides](#), including: data, investment, partnerships, communication, and enhancing regional TDM programming. Teets would like to have a copy of the [TDM Action Plan](#); he also asked if a RTA/RTD (Regional Transit Area/Regional Transit District) could help achieve these goals? Gordon shared that the next steps include a US34 Coalition TMO, RideNoCo Trip Discovery Tool, Safe Routes to School, Outreach – NoCo Shift Your Ride, and Resource Development. Teets noted that Safe Routes to School has a national grant; he asked how much that grant will be each year since there is no Safe Routes to School program in Greeley/Evans. Gordon stated that the grant is on a two-year cycle, and this discussion started a little late to apply for this round of funding. Powell noted that the local school



district is planning something for Bella Romero and Prairie Heights schools. Gordon noted that the US34 TMO would run from Estes Park to Kersey to improve TDM outcomes along the corridor. Teets asked when the US34 Coalition and the US85 Coalitions meet; Gordon noted that US34 meets quarterly before the NFMRPO meetings, and the next meeting is in January; he is not sure about US85 Coalition meeting times. [Slides](#) are included in the meeting packet.

### **RIDENOCO UPDATE**

Schmitt shared updates regarding the NFRMPO mobility program and RideNoCo. The Trip Discovery Tool will be on the RideNoCo website very soon – likely by the end of the year. In 2022, a Trip Scheduling Steering Committee found that providers are happy with their software or needed a software that was heavily tailored to their specific needs. Teets asked what the North 40 Mountain Alliance is? Cory outlined that N40MA is a non-profit to address community needs in the Red Feather Lakes area, including transportation. Teets asked how Kersey, Johnstown, Milliken will be involved; Schmitt noted that RideNoCo serves all of Larimer and Weld Counties; the TDS project will allow RideNoCo to seamlessly send client information to 60+ Ride who serves those areas. In 2023 RideNoCo will convene a volunteer provider working group to further coordinate. Schmitt outlined the mobility accomplishments of 2022 in Weld County. [Slides](#) are included in the meeting packet.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **3) Mobility Case Studies**

All

Johnson shared several RideNoCo Call Center Case Studies:

Case Study 1: An Older Adult needs transportation from Greeley to the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora in 3 days.

- Teets noted that a veteran needed to get to the VA in Aurora; this is why there is a need for more regional transit.
- Seward asked if this person was on Medicaid; Johnson noted that they are not.
- Bedingfield shared that a ride in only 3-days is a challenge; hopefully in a month or two they would be able to tap into their expanded volunteer network for this ride. They currently have an urgent needs team. She also notes that the longer the ride, the more important a relationship is between the rider and the volunteer drivers; when there is a relationship, it is easier for 60+ Ride to find a driver. The urgent teams can help “short notice” rides in certain situations particularly if the late notice is not the fault of the requesting rider. 60+ Ride Volunteer Drivers take people to Cheyenne, Longmont, Denver, Fort Collins, etc. They would need to already be a client to service a “short notice” ride due to reimbursement and liability reasons. They can try to expedite the application process in an urgent situation.
- Schmitt noted that a solution is to sign up for services ahead of time before they are needed to ensure they have an option before it is needed. Teets noted that in Larimer County, they have transit to Denver (Flex and Bustang) and Weld County needs more transit options. Bedingfield found a coordinated solution with multiple transportation providers to help a woman in Ault get to Colorado Springs for a funeral.



- Ewert noted that she is currently texting a friend who uses a wheelchair and needs a ride this upcoming Sunday for a funeral – GET services are closed in the afternoon when she needs the ride.

Case Study 2: Ault resident needs stretcher transportation to and from Northern Colorado Medical Center. Fire Department was the only solution and billed through insurance. Are there other institutional programs? Powell noted that potentially Banner Paramedics. He isn't sure for UC Health and how they've changed. Powell noted that UC Health may be taking Greeley/Evans, LaSalle areas while Banner may be servicing in the outlining areas of Weld County. Powell may have a contact and will reach out. Teets asked if Powell will have UC Health contacts; Powell doesn't right now but will see if he can find someone in his network.

#### **4) Post-Anesthesia/Sedation Transportation**

All

Johnson and Schmitt asked the group if transportation providers have policies regarding post-anesthesia and sedation transportation.

Bedingfield said that 60+ Ride can give transportation to the appointment, but not from the appointment if sedation/anesthesia is involved. She has talked briefly about a possible program where the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) funds 60+ Ride to hire a CNA to go along with the driver. There is an added logistical layer of people who need someone with them when they get home, and she isn't sure how to address that problem. 60+ Ride does not currently provide rides to day surgery discharges; they can only provide transportation days after the surgery when the patient is not under anesthesia anymore. She also notes that 60+ Ride can provide transportation for care takers. Teets recommended asking what DRCOG and Boulder County peers are doing in these situations.

Seward noted that Squad One is a great option and may be a good provider to reach out to and get their information into the provider's guide. Powell notes that Squad One is the community paramedic program; the best way to reach them is to contact the non-emergency line and request Squad One. Powell said that he could request that Darren with Squad One present to WCMC.

#### **5) 2023 Calendar and Goals**

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Schmitt and Johnson shared the 2023 calendar meeting dates with the group and the survey results. The combination of the Larimer and Weld County Mobility Committees will be called the "Northern Colorado Mobility Committee". Martinez noted that "NCMC" is already the acronym for the North Colorado Medical Center so maybe "NoCoMC" would be more appropriate to avoid confusion. Bedingfield noted that this name helps include other Northern Colorado communities to the table outside of Larimer and Weld Counties.

### **WORK GROUPS**

#### **6) Outreach and Education Working Group –**

Johnson

##### **a. Travel Training Program**



Johnson shared details of the RideNoCo Travel Training program. Teets had an idea to do a Denver ride through Bustang. Is it possible to put a Bustang travel training and experiential events too. More details are outlined in these [slides](#). Johnson encouraged the group to email with any feedback – [hjohnson@nfrmpo.org](mailto:hjohnson@nfrmpo.org).

### **GREELEY EVANS TRANSIT NEWS AND UPDATES**

Powell shared that starting January 1<sup>st</sup> the City of Greeley will be restructuring and relabeling many departments; Greeley Evans Transit will now be identified to “Mobility Services”; Powell will be Mobility Operations Supervisor, Michelle Johnson will be Mobility Manager, and there will be a job opportunity for a Mobility Coordinator. They are going to move forward to find a new transportation software option. It may be Trip Spark. Powell will be giving a Defensive Driver presentation at the SWATA conference in Aurora.

### **WCMC MEMBER UPDATES**

Teets notes that the WAND group wants to bring together a conference on housing and homelessness; they are working with United Way, Weld County, and the City of Greeley. They want to discuss affordable housing and keeping people in their homes. He also wanted to ask if NFRMPO staff can report wider Planning Council information to the WCMC and LCMC. Schmitt noted that we could put together a handout or ensure to find ways to keep mobility committees up to date on Planning Council business.

Bedingfield noted that 60+ Ride has been awarded funding for a wheelchair accessible van and operating funds. Weld County has asked them to request a van to expand their services to adults with disabilities.

### **Final Public Comment (2 minutes each)**

None.

### **Next Month’s Agenda Topic Suggestions**

Powell suggested bringing Squad One to a WCMC meeting.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

#### **1. Upcoming Meetings:**

- a. Northern Colorado Mobility Committee – February 28th– 1:00-3:30 pm**
- b. Weld County Mobility Committee – March 28<sup>th</sup>– 1:30 to 3 pm**



# RideNoCo Updates

Weld County Mobility Committee



North Front Range  
Metropolitan  
Planning  
Organization

March 28, 2023

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**Now Hiring: Mobility Planner & Mobility Specialist**



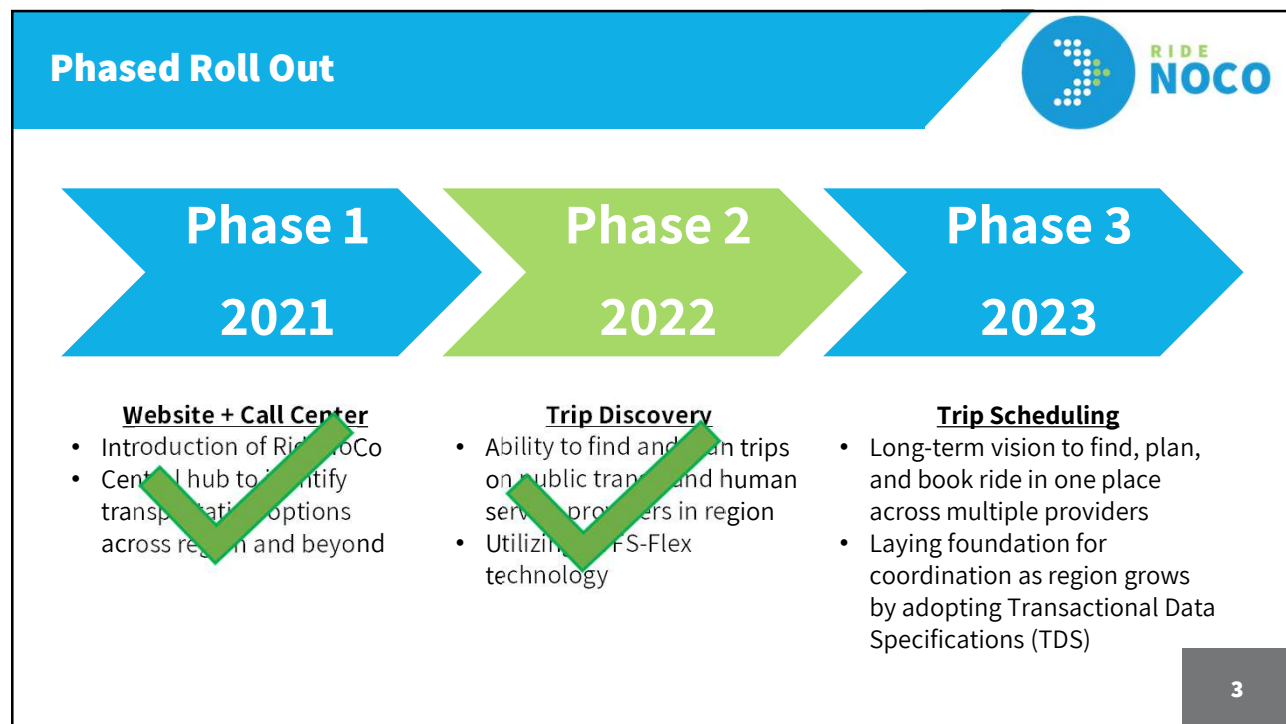
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<https://nfrmpo.org/jobs/>

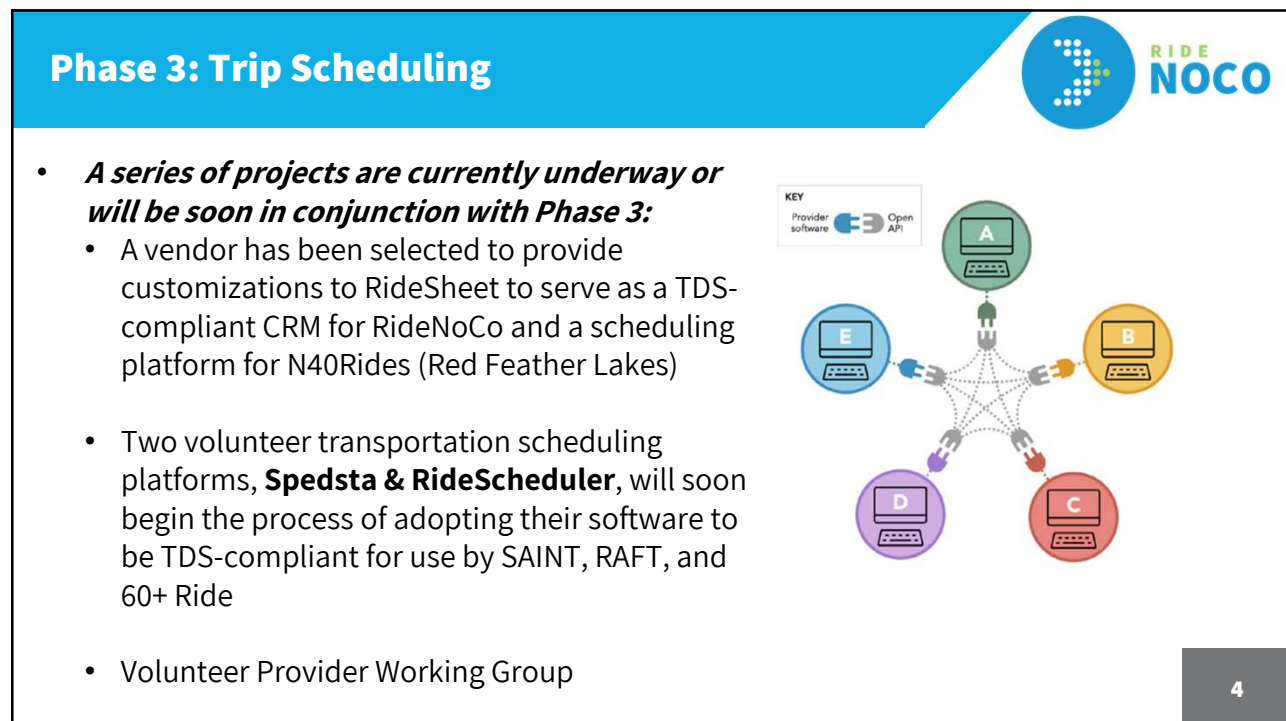
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## Volunteer Provider Working Group



### • In 2023, RideNoCo will convene a volunteer provider working group to further coordination efforts

- Possible discussion topics include:
  - Drivers
    - Recruitment, background checks, intake, training, mileage reimbursement
  - Clients
    - Recruitment, intake, rider handbook
  - Reporting
  - Software/technology usage/support
    - User group?
  - Referral & coordination business rule development

Function	Status/Comments	Tasks	How executed
Info and assistance	Doing now		Telephone, website, trip planner
Warm/lukearm transfers	Not feasible for all providers; they occasionally do this now and can continue to give this option more regularly	Establish protocols by provider	Telephone system
Eligibility	Not feasible for all providers	Determine role with each provider; manual vs. digital information; develop workflow	Training, coordinated meetings
Intake	Not currently providing but could do so in the future. Not feasible for all providers; most suited for AAA-funded trips or paratransit.	Determine role with each provider; manual vs. digital information; develop workflow	Training, coordinated meetings; Transfer info manually? through CSV files? user licenses?

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## Provider Inventory Survey



### Northern Colorado Transportation Provider Survey

This survey will help provide a comprehensive overview of capacity and resources of transportation providers in Larimer and Weld counties while also equipping local and county Offices of Emergency Management with valuable information in case of an emergency.

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TRMPR9Q>
- **Received 10 responses; currently analyzing data and will discuss in greater detail at May NCMC meeting**

Transfort	GET	COLT
SAINT	RAFT	60+ Ride
Estes Transit	Heart&SOUL Paratransit	zTrip
Envision	Via Mobility	N40 Mountain Alliance
BATS	Wellington Senior Center	Windsor Senior Rides
Foothills Gateway	Qualified Listeners	Cheyenne VA

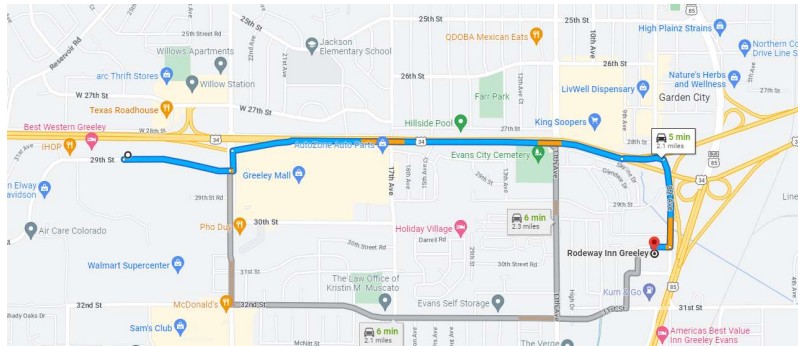
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## Mobility Case Study



- **Temporary, affordable wheelchair accessible transportation around Greeley and Evans while recovering from hip replacement surgery.**



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## Mobility Action Plan Updates – Highlighted Changes



- **Highlighted Changes:**
  - **Goal #3: Educate Community Members**
    - More explicit mention of RideNoCo, development of online training modules/resources
    - Creating an outreach plan
    - Including school districts as an outreach audience
  - **Inclusion of mobility goals from related efforts:**
    - Larimer County: *Mobility & Access Priority Group*
    - Weld County: *AARP Age-Friendly Action Plan*



IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NFRMPO COORDINATED PUBLIC  
TRANSIT/HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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## Mobility Action Plan Updates – Measuring Progress



- **Measuring Progress:**
  - **Checkmarks next to Action Steps**
    - (✓) = complete but ongoing
      - *Ex: conducting outreach*
    - (✓✓) = complete and does not need to be done again
      - *Ex: identifying a platform for Resource Library*
  - **Implementation Progress tables added to each goal**
    - Tied to Performance Indicators
  - **Appendix containing Implementation Progress snapshots**



IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NFRMPO COORDINATED PUBLIC  
TRANSIT/HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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## Age-Friendly Weld - Transportation



1. Expand the amount of transportation and mobility services available through a coordinated effort of public, private, and non-profit providers.
2. Work with community partners to increase awareness of and access to transportation services that serve older adults and adults with disabilities.
3. Identify and address barriers, both in the built environment and other realms, that impact the mobility of older adults and adults with disabilities.
4. Increase and broaden participation in the Weld County Mobility Committee for the purpose of further advancing age-and-ability friendly mobility work.



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## Weld's Way Home



**Purpose:** To connect individuals and families with an array of needed and aligned resources in order to obtain greater household stability

**Goal:** Improve community-wide access to affordable and reliable transportation

**Objectives:**

1. Develop a better understanding of the public transportation availability and needs of metro and rural areas in Weld County
2. Expand transportation options to meet the determined needs
3. Increase access to essential services and employment through improved county-wide transportation systems



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## Weld's Way Home



**Tasks**

1. Assess community demand to improve overall availability and access
  - Research what assessments/data already exist involving community transportation needs
  - Assess current municipal community needs to better guide new routes and providers
  - Assess needs of rural community in terms of where they are going and where there are a lack of resources
  - Research what other rural areas of Colorado and US are doing to meet transportation needs
  - Determine walkability of target areas and advocate for improving safety and ease of travel for pedestrians
  - Remain in contact with NFRMPO to utilize RideNoCo resources in Weld County



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## Weld's Way Home



2. *Improve community awareness of available resources*
  - Determine what resources exist and are available to the public; organize into an accessible list
  - Determine public awareness of the available resources and what gaps/barriers are preventing people from knowing about these resources
  - Develop transportation resource documentation to fill in gaps in community awareness
  - Work with GET to ensure that printed materials are available in all needed languages
  - Provide and improve the availability of printed and online resources in Weld County
3. Discuss transportation need with major employers to increase transportation access for employees
  - Assess businesses for workforces that have transportation needs
  - Assess businesses for difficulties in maintaining employees due to transportation barriers
4. Future-casting/long-term strategic plan
  - Implement smaller scale transportation options in the community (micro mobility implementation)



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## Integrating into WCMC Work



**How should the WCMC go about implementing these “supplemental” transportation goals?**



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## Work Groups Activity



### Recruitment

- Coordinate strategies and activities to increase active membership and participation in mobility committees.

### Updates:

- None this month

### Outreach & Education

- Coordinate strategies and activities to increase the awareness of transportation providers and programs in Northern Colorado.

### Updates:

- Reflection on Outreach “Work Group”
- Upcoming events and opportunities for collaboration
- RideNoCo outreach program updates

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## 2023 Outreach Materials



### Rider's Guide Update



### RideNoCo Travel Training Promo Materials

- Promo materials to share at outreach events and during travel training
- Travel Training kits:
  - Backpack, water bottle, sunscreen, hand sanitizer, notebook, earbuds
  - Can pair with informational materials (Rider's Guides, agency brochures and schedules, etc.)

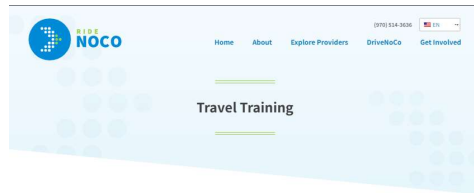
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## Travel Training



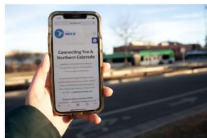
[www.ridenoco.co/travel-training](http://www.ridenoco.co/travel-training)



- Information about current travel training programs and resources across the region
- Please let us know if you would like us to add more information
- We will continue to add more information as programs develop and new programs are created

Travel Training can help individuals by a new mode of transportation to increase their mobility options. Some Northern Colorado providers and partners already facilitate travel trainings as noted below.

### RideNoCo Travel Training



RideNoCo Mobility Specialists can train professionals, human service clients, or other community partners how to use RideNoCo's regional resources such as the Trip Discovery Tool, One Call One Click Center, human service transportation providers, and regional routes. To request a RideNoCo Travel Training, please email [mobility@nfrmpo.org](mailto:mobility@nfrmpo.org) to schedule a time and discuss your specific travel training goals.

### Fort Collins Travel Training Resources

Transfort provides customized training to meet the needs of your group or individual one-on-one training. Training is offered onboard the bus, on Zoom, or at your office/agency as a presentation/classroom event. Transfort also offers monthly on-going training on Zoom for the general public sign-up for those on <https://www.transfort.org> or through the [Transfort](https://www.transfort.org) app.

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## Connect with the RideNoCo Team



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# 2023 Mobility Calendar

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### 2023 Meeting Dates:

**Jan. 24: LCMC**  
**Feb. 28: NCMC**  
**Mar. 28: WCMC**  
**Apr. 25: LCMC**  
**May 23: NCMC**  
**June 27: WCMC**  
**July 25: LCMC**  
**Aug. 22: NCMC**  
**Sept. 26: WCMC**  
**Oct. 24: LCMC**  
**Nov. 28: NCMC**  
**Dec. 12: WCMC**