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Read on for the latest mobility updates in Northern Colorado.

RideNoCo Dashboard - Q1 Review

From **January 2024 to April 2024** the RideNoCo call center received:

63 calls

64% of the calls received were from people aged 60+

65.6% of the calls needed help getting to Medical Appointments

40.6% of the calls were Veterans.

Key themes for the 1st quarter of 2024:

What we heard:

- **Long application approval times** with transportation providers
- Difficulty finding transportation **between Loveland and Fort Collins**
- Difficulty getting from Weld and Larimer counties to the **Metro Denver area**
- Lack of transportation for **children with disabilities**

- Difficulty finding providers for patients that are having a **medical procedure that requires sedation**
- People with mobility issues struggling to find **affordable door-thru-door service**

NFRMPO staff continue to work with the Larimer County and Weld County Mobility Committees to discuss these and other needs to learn more about the barriers as well as potential solutions from the providers' perspective. The barriers include services areas that are limited to single cities or single counties and lack of specialized wheelchair accessible vehicles for unique situations as mentioned above.

NFRMPO staff are also investigating which providers in the region are able to schedule rides and arrange drivers for clients that speak Spanish and other languages to ensure all members of our community have access to transportation options that meet their needs. Through their partnership with the Mobility Team, three transportation providers have been given access to **LanguageLink** live interpretation services to enhance their ability to serve non-English speakers in the community.

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!

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 6/15/2024.

Volunteer Driving Opportunities:

[60+ Ride](#)

[RAFT](#)

[SAINT](#)

[Via Mobility Services](#)

Paid Driving Opportunities:

[GET](#)

[COLT](#)

[TRANSFORT](#)

[HEART&Soul Paratransit](#)

[zTrip](#)

Regional Transportation News & Engagement Opportunities

Earth Day is April 22

Electric Vehicles

According to the Federal Highway Administration, the average annual mileage per driver is 13,476. How does a gasoline vehicle compare to a electric vehicle for greenhouse gas



emissions? If your gas vehicle's MPG is 20, and your annual mileage is 13,476, your car produces 7.5 metric tons CO₂ annually vs a typical EV that produces 2.1 metric tons CO₂! In addition to reducing green house gasses, switching your main car to an EV could save your household about \$500-\$1000 on fuel costs each year and Colorado offers a \$5000 tax incentive on all new EV's.

Want to learn more about electric vehicles? There are Earth Day events in April where you can test drive and get answers from the experts! See below.



Join Drive Electric Colorado and the Sustainable Living Association in Fort Collins at the **Civic Center Park Earth Day Event Saturday, April, 20, 2024** for a hands on Electric Vehicle Ride & Drive experience. This is a great opportunity to test drive an EV and discuss all of your EV questions with the experts.



In case you missed Drive Electric Colorado at the Civic Center Park, they will be at the **CSU Earth Day Festival Monday, April 22, 2024**. RideNoCo and the NFRMPO will be there as well, see you there!

Colorado E-Bike Tax Credit

Beginning April 1, 2024, the State of Colorado will offer a e-bike tax credit to people living in Colorado. Coloradans will get a **\$450 discount** off of a qualifying e-bike purchase from participating retailers across the state. Click [here](#) for more information.

Larimer County Office on Aging Community Fair

**Join us at the Larimer
County Office on Aging
Fair May 1**

We're excited to be a part of the first ever Larimer County Office on Aging Fair! Join us at The Ranch on Wednesday, May 1, for a free event that connects older adults and their caregivers to essential services and resources that can support them. Stop by our table to learn how RideNoCo can help you and your family find transportation across the Northern Colorado Region.

A Refreshing Commute: Vanpooling



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VanGo™ participants say it best:

"The service is great and makes my commute an enjoyable experience"

"Very nice program"

"I do this to keep wear down on my personal vehicle and for the environment."

"The service is great, and the administrators are outstanding in their responsiveness and knowledge."



The VanGo™ program, a vanpooling commuter service, survived the years following the pandemic that took many smaller vanpool programs off the roads, has landed in a stable place, and is beginning to see interest growing in vanpooling once again. This stability and new interest, considering increased work-from-home opportunities and vanpoolers retiring, exemplifies the dedication of the VanGo™ staff, the strong 'family' that makes up our participants who aid in referring new riders, and the continued support of the NFRMPO.

VanGo™ maintains its resolve to decrease single occupancy vehicles (SOV), reduce emissions from greenhouses gasses and ozone along the Colorado Front Range, and truly to refresh peoples' commutes. Our on-the-road fleet will be completely hybrid by mid-2024—despite lingering supply chain issues. And new incentives are being introduced by local cities, all of which make VanGo™ a beacon for an alternative and affordable commute.

For more information, please visit our website at vangovanpools.org or reach out to the program's Operations & Fleet Manager at sarmstrong@nfrmpo.org.



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- ✓ Saves Time & Money
- ✓ Reduce Commute Stress
- ✓ Extends Automobile Life
- ✓ Guaranteed Ride Home

1-800-332-0950
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vango@nfrmpo.org

Logos: VAN GO, North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization, City of Fort Collins FCMoves, COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Image: A white vanpool with green and black graphics, including the text "GASLEY TO DOWNTOWN DRIVE" and "VAN GO 1-800-332-0950".

Accessible Transportation Strategies



Accessibility is a key component of transportation. It is crucial to ensure transportation is inclusive for all, especially those with disabilities. When our transportation system is accessible, all members of our community can access the spaces where they live, work, study, and play. The following are five strategies to consider when designing and implementing

transportation systems that are accessible and inclusive.

Universal Design Principles: Incorporating universal design principles ensures that transportation systems are accessible to the widest possible range of users, regardless of age, ability, or mobility. This includes features such as low-floor buses with ramps or lifts, priority seating for individuals with disabilities, audible and visual announcements, tactile indicators for navigation, and easy-to-use ticketing systems.

Infrastructure Accessibility: Accessible infrastructure not only benefits individuals with disabilities but also elderly passengers, parents with strollers, and travelers with luggage, enhancing the overall usability of the transportation system. This involves designing bus stops, train stations, subway platforms, and other transit hubs with features such as ramps, elevators, tactile paving, and clear signage.

Training and Sensitization: Training transportation staff and personnel in disability awareness and sensitivity is crucial for creating a supportive and inclusive environment. Staff should be equipped with the knowledge and skills to assist passengers with

disabilities, understand their needs, and provide appropriate accommodation. This may include training on how to operate accessibility features, communicate effectively with passengers with disabilities, and handle emergency situations in a manner that prioritizes the safety and well-being of all passengers.

Collaboration with Disability Advocates: Collaborating with disability advocacy groups, nonprofits, and community organizations is essential for gaining insights into the specific needs and challenges faced by individuals with disabilities. By involving stakeholders in the planning, decision-making, data collection, and follow up processes, transportation authorities can ensure that accessibility initiatives are informed by firsthand experiences and feedback from the disability community.

Accessible Information and Communication: Providing accessible information and communication channels is essential for ensuring that individuals with disabilities and those whose language of communication is not English can access relevant travel information and updates. This may include offering alternative formats such as translations of materials into various languages and dialects, braille, large print, or audio recordings for timetables, maps, and other transit-related materials. Additionally, implementing accessible communication technologies such as language-accessible text message alerts, mobile apps with voice-activated features, and online platforms with screen reader compatibility enhances the accessibility of transportation information for all users.

By adopting universal design, infrastructure accessibility, training, collaboration, and accessible communication principles, transportation systems will become more user-friendly for everyone, not just individuals with disabilities. A collaborative approach that includes community members, agency partners, and organizations for all phases of these principles fosters a sense of ownership and inclusivity, leading to more effective and sustainable solutions. Overall, these five strategies can help communities embrace a more accessible, equitable transportation system.

Local Micromobility Options Expand



micromobility

/,mīkrō,mō'bilədē/

noun

noun: **micromobility**; noun: **micro-mobility**

1. transportation using lightweight vehicles such as bicycles or scooters, especially electric ones that may be borrowed as part of a self-service rental program in which people rent vehicles for short-term use within a town or city.

Many cities, including the City of Fort Collins, has partnered with companies like SPIN to operate their e-bike and e-scooter share program.

Utilizing these types micromobility options help bridge the gap in accessing other modes of transportation. In addition, It's good for you and good for the environment!

If you are not able to ride an e-scooter or e-bike, SPIN has an adaptive delivery program where you can request a trike, recumbent trike or handcycle. It will be delivered to your location with no additional cost!

For more information about SPIN click here: [Spin E-Bike and E-Scooter Share](#)



SPIN

City of Greeley Shared Micromobility Pilot

The City of Greeley plans to launch a 12 month pilot in the summer of 2024 to rent shared e-scooters and e-bikes in downtown Greeley and surrounding areas.

For more information about this pilot, [click here](#).

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 in English and Spanish.

Travel Trainings

If you or your agency is interested in hosting or partnering with RideNoCo for travel training, please fill out this [interest form](#) or email mobility@nfrmpo.org.

All travel trainings are catered to each audience's needs and preferences based on location, client needs, training goals, preferred languages, and other considerations.



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.

Get Involved with NFRMPO



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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>.

Upcoming Mobility Meetings

Northern Colorado Mobility Committee (LCMC & WCMC) The next Northern Colorado Mobility Committee Meeting will be May 28, 2024.

Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC) The next LCMC meeting is April 23, 2024

Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC) The next WCMC meeting is June 25, 2024

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



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