



## Connecting You & Northern Colorado: Mobility Newsletter

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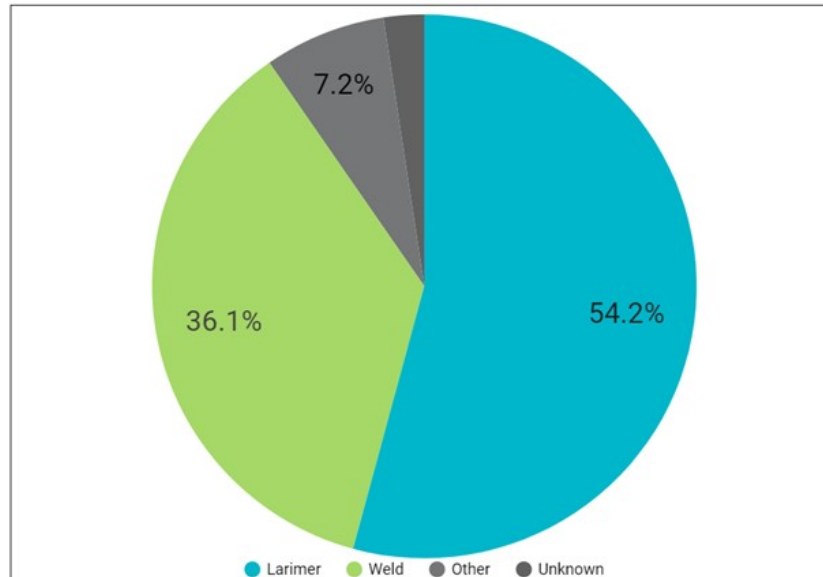
## RideNoCo Dashboard - Q2 Review

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

**83 calls**

**58.3%** of the calls received were from people aged 60+  
**72.3%** of the calls needed help getting to Medical Appointments  
**9.6%** of the calls were Veterans.

## Calls By County



### Key themes for the 2nd quarter of 2024:

What we heard:

- Lack of **weekend service** for medical appointments like dialysis
- **Affordable last minute medical trips**
- Long applicaiton waiting periods with providers
- **Regular and affordable** employment transportaion for someone who is not 60+
- **Service gaps** between: Loveland and Johnstown, Fort Collins and Loveland, Fort Collins and the Denver Area, Fort Collins and Greeley, Windsor and Loveland, Severance and Fort Collins, Greeley and Loveland and Ault to Fort Collins.

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.

## NFRMPO Executive Director Update



The NFRMPO is pleased to announce that Paul Sizemore of Fort Collins Colorado has accepted the position as the new Executive Director to lead the organization starting at the beginning of July 2024. Paul has been with the City of Fort Collins since 2013, most recently as the Director of Community Development & Neighborhood Services. He also has Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) experience with the Grand Valley MPO in Mesa County and previous planning and community development experience in Florida. Paul is a seasoned veteran with 20+ years of experience in the public sector. He is a values-driven public sector executive leader with a

lifetime of experience building teams and systems, operationalizing strategic plans, preparing and implementing complex budgets, and delivering on organizational objectives.

"I am very excited about this opportunity" said Paul as he enjoys working with boards, commissions, and councils. "The main reason I was drawn to this position is the opportunity to work closely and collaboratively with elected officials from across the region; to broker compromises, build relationships, and accomplish more together than we can individually".

"We are very pleased to have such an exceptional candidate to take over the leadership role for the NFRMPO" said Jon Mallo, the Chair of the NFRMPO. Over the past several years the NFRMPO has expanded to create a one call/one click transportation services center geared to people with disabilities and the elderly, is standing up the first Transportation Management Organization (TMO) in the region, and expanding transportation demand management work as additions to the federal and state requirements.

Congratulations to Paul!

## DriveNoCo



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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

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SAINT

Via Mobility Services

### Paid Driving Opportunities:

GET

COLT

TRANSFORT

HEART&Soul Paratransit

zTrip

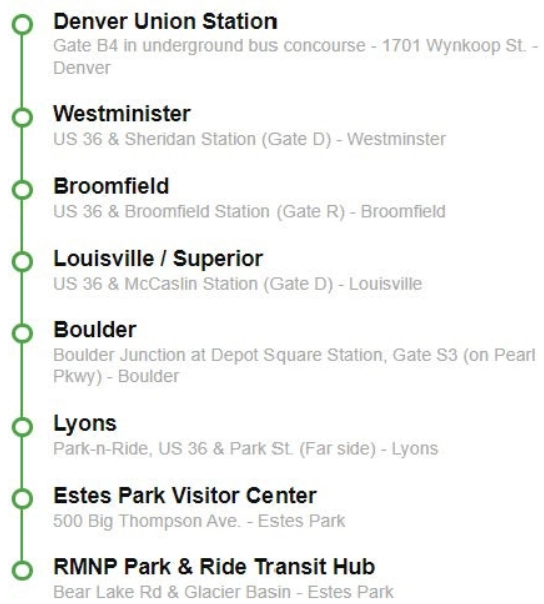
**Transportation Providers:** DriveNoCo wants to recognize the hard work of your drivers! Please submit a nomination for the "Driver of the Quarter" to be featured in our next newsletter! Submit your nominations to [mobility@nfrmpo.org](mailto:mobility@nfrmpo.org) by 6/15/2024.

## Regional Transportation News & Engagement Opportunities



Bustang to Estes Park Returns for Year Five!

Epic summer adventures await at Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park! Enjoy free WiFi, power outlets, a restroom, bike racks, and abundant storage space as you sit back, relax and let Bustang do the driving! \$15 round-trip (discounts available for children, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and students). While a park pass for RMNP is required, Bustang to Estes riders can skip the need for a timed entry pass



Bustang to Estes makes two roundtrips on **Saturdays, Sundays, and Monday Holidays** between Denver Union Station, Estes Park and RMNP.

This route runs seasonally from Memorial Day weekend through the last weekend in September.

Once in Estes Park you can catch the town's free trolley to access a variety of locations in town!

## VanGo™ Subsidy Program Update

The VanGo™ Vanpool Subsidy Program with the City of Fort Collins and Colorado State University has been extended through the end of 2024!



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## Ridesharing: Carpooling and VanPooling



HOV3+ users must have an ExpressToll account, a Switchable HOV transponder set to "HOV" mode, and three or more people in the vehicle to use the Express Lanes for free.

After 6 years, work on the I-25 North Corridor between Fort Collins and Berthoud is finally complete. This project added 14 miles of Northbound and Southbound Express Lanes with a HOV3+ option. This allows 3 or more people in a vehicle to use the lane for **free!**

### Some of the many benefits and advantages of Carpooling:

1. Fewer cars on the road mean decreased air pollution and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.
2. Carpooling is not only eco-friendly, but budget friendly too! You share the costs of fuel, tolls, and parking.
3. Saves wear and tear on your car and our infrastructure.
4. Fewer vehicles on the road reduce traffic jams and decreases stress levels for commuters!
5. HOV3+ lanes are reserved for carpoolers, allowing them to get out of commuter traffic and get to their destinations faster.
6. Sharing a ride is an opportunity to connect with others, get some work done (if someone else is driving!) or catch a quick snooze.

# Grassroots Engagement in Support of Healthy Aging



On April 18th, The Partnership for Age Friendly Communities (PAFC) gathered representatives from key sectors throughout the local community for an evening of facilitated small group conversations and creative brainstorming facilitated by the CSU Center for Public Deliberation (CPD). Our goal was to collectively share ideas that might create and model a more age-friendly culture in Larimer County.

Based on previous discussions with local non-profit leaders, we selected six key challenges (information and referral, care management, mobility, affordable housing, volunteer recruitment, and patient education) and asked

participants to suggest new possibilities for stronger, more collaborative, community-based engagement in tackling them.

Over 60 participants representing government, faith communities, service providers, service users, retirees, and other interested community members gathered to take up the challenge. No conditions were established that required ideas to be practical or immediately actionable, only that they relate to addressing the identified challenges. This led to lively and productive discussions which were captured by CPD students.

We have published a list of shared ideas and posted them online in a checklist format. You are strongly encouraged to review them [here](#). We also encourage you to check off those ideas that seem most amenable to immediate action. PAFC teams will review results of this informal survey and will be considering what potential collaborative projects might emerge.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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>.

The NFRMPO is hiring! Please click [here](#) to see current job postings!

## Upcoming Mobility Meetings

**Northern Colorado Mobility Committee (LCMC & WCMC)** The next NCMC meeting will be August 27, 2024.

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

**Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)** The next WCMC meeting is Sept. 24, 2024

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



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