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NFRMPO Launches 2025 Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Survey



The NFRMPO has launched the 2025 Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Survey. The survey will assist with the development of the 2025 ATP. The data will be used to ensure the plan aligns with the public's priorities and addresses the major concerns with the regional active transportation network. The survey can be found here: <u>https://forms.office.com/r/dGicxL7iQ3</u>

Additional information about the 2025 ATP can be found here: <u>https://nfrmpo.org/bike-ped/active-transportation-plan/</u>

Colorado Releases Statewide Travel Survey

In partnership with local and regional agencies across the state, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has released the Colorado Travel Counts Survey. The survey helps paint a picture of how, when, and why people travel in their daily lives. Information collected during the travel



survey will help decision makers, including the North Front Range MPO, in determining where to spend transportation dollars across the state.

The survey will be sent to only 20,000 households across the state. If your household is selected, the NFRMPO encourages you to complete the survey to help shape the future of transportation in the North Front Range. For more information about the travel survey, visit the official website: cotravelcounts.com.

Air Quality Updates

Air quality continues to be a major health concern in our region and state. With warmer temperatures arriving, ozone season is just around the corner. Ozone pollution is hazardous, especially for those who have preexisting health conditions. If you are interested in receiving air quality alerts, please visit this link to receive updates from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).

In recent years, the Air Quality Control Commission has passed new regulations that seek to improve air quality and ensure transparency in the reporting and rulemaking process. In 2024, several new regulations took effect, including:

- Regulation Number 3, and 26, which set permitting rules and performance standards for stationary sources of air pollution
- Regulation Number 7, which increases emission control requirements for oil and gas operations

To view a comprehensive list of current and future AQCC regulations and to view the regulations in full, visit <u>this link</u>.

In compliance with <u>HB-22-1244: Public Protections from Toxic Air</u> <u>Contaminants</u>, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will be convening a subject matter expert panel on air quality monitoring in disproportionately impacted communities, which are defined as communities of color, low-income communities, or communities already impacted by air pollution.

Technical Panel Meetings will occur on April 22 and May 21, 2024 from 1:00-3:00 PM, and a Public Informational Session will occur on May 21, 2024 from 6:00-8:00 PM. There will be an opportunity for public comment at each session. If interested, further information can be found <u>here</u>.

A Refreshing Commuute: Vanpooling



The VanGoTM 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 workfrom-home opportunities and vanpoolers retiring, exemplifies the dedication of the VanGoTM 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.

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."

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

Community Advisory Committee

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is an ongoing forum for members of the community to provide input on the regional transportation planning process. The goal of the CAC is to educate people who live in the North Front Range about the work the NFRMPO does and about how to make sure your voice is heard.

The CAC meets virtually every other month. Upcoming 2024 meeting dates are:

- April 11
- June 13
- August 8
- October 10
- December 12



If you are interested in becoming a member of the CAC fill out the<u>online</u> <u>application</u> or email <u>arcunningham@nfrmpo.org</u>.

Introducing the New Loveland Transit Center



The City of Loveland celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony on January 3rd at the new Transit Center located at 350 W. 37th Street.

Also unveiled at the event was a brand new compressed natural gas bus delivered earlier the same week!

For more information about the new station and COLT route changes for 2024 can be found on the <u>COLT website</u>.

Mobility News in Northern Colorado

DriveNoCo



Are you a driver looking for a new employment opportunity? Or maybe a community member eager to help **Volunteer Driving Opportunities:**

60+Ride

RAFT

SAINT

Via Mobility Volunteers

Paid Driving Opportunities:

GET

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!

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 <u>mobility@nfrmpo.org</u> by June 15, 2024.



Colorado Bike Month Events

June is bike month in Colorado, a month long celebration of traveling by bike! In the coming months, partners across Northern Colorado will be discussing summer plans for Bike to Work (or Wherever!) Day, Bike and Walk to School Day, and other celebrations of active Modes. Stay tuned to our social media pages and <u>website</u> for more information.

Get Involved



Summer Outreach Events

During the summer months, NFRMPO staff attend community events and festivals to have conversations with the public about the various projects and plans the agency is undertaking, Check out the NFRMPO Calendar at nfrmpo.org/calendar and social media pages for updates on where we will be!

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 https://nfrmpo.org/calendar, and to download meeting materials, visit https://nfrmpo.org/calendar, and to download meeting materials, visit



Many meetings are being conducted as a hybrid of virtual and in person. Please check our <u>Events Calendar</u> for the most up to date information.

Upcoming Events

April 4, 2024 Planning Council

April 11, 2024 Community Advisory Committee

April 20, 2024 Great Western Trail Ribbon Cutting

April 23, 2024 Larimer County Mobility Committee

May 18, 2024 Timnath Safety Fair

May 24 and May 27, 2024 Memorial Day Holiday -NFRMPO Office Closed

June 1, 2024 Berthoud Days and Johnstown BBQ Day

June 2, 2024 Loveland Bike & Trails Day

June 26, 2024 Bike to Work (or Anywhere) Day

Recurring Meetings

North I-25 Coalition meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

NFRMPO Council meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC) meets the third Thursday every other month (October) at 1:30 p.m.

Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC) meets the fourth Tuesday every other month (December) at 1:30 p.m.

Northern Colorado Mobility Committee meets quarterly at 1:00 p.m.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meets the second Thursday of every other month (April) at 6:00 p.m.

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