



## Connecting You & Northern Colorado: Mobility Newsletter

[RideNoCo Website](#)

### In this Issue:

- RideNoCo Dashboard - 2024 in Review
- Executive Director's Note
- Welcome Mobility Planner Aaron Hull
- DriveNoCo Paid & Volunteer Driving Opportunities
- Driver of the Quarter (Actually, the YEAR!)
- Regional Transportation News and Engagement Opportunities
- Vanpooling: VanGo™ is Driving into 2025
- Bring RideNoCo to your Organization
- Get Involved: NFRMPO Meeting Details
- Upcoming Mobility Meetings

Read on for the latest mobility updates in Northern Colorado.

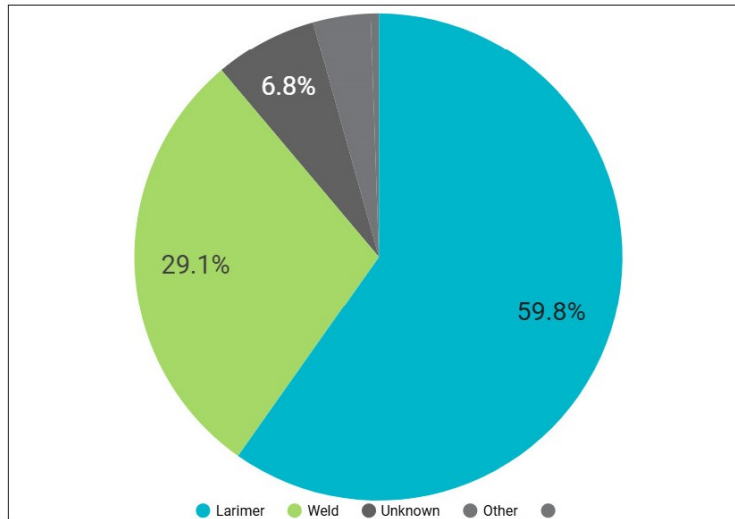
## RideNoCo Dashboard - Year in Review

From **January 1, 2024**, to **December 31, 2024**, the RideNoCo call center received:

**368 calls &  
4,957 website visits**

**62.8%** of the calls received were from people aged 60+  
**61.4%** of the calls needed help getting to Medical Appointments  
**47.3%** of the calls were from Veterans.

## Calls By County



## Key Themes for 2024

### What we heard:

- There are no volunteer providers with wheelchair-accessible vehicles that serve the City of Greeley
- Lack of affordable transportation options for riders who are just outside of provider boundaries
- Shortage of drivers makes it difficult to schedule rides
- No low-cost transportation options for medical appointments that require anesthesia
- No low-cost wheelchair transportation in Loveland that is outside the COLT Dial-A-Ride service area
- No transportation options in Wellington except for the Senior Resource Center which only travels within a 15-mile radius of Wellington
- Hard to find affordable last-minute trips
- Need to expand service areas

**Service gaps:** Between Loveland and Fort Collins, Larimer to Weld County, Larimer County side of Windsor to the Weld County side of Windsor, Larimer County to the Denver area, weekend and evening service, and service to mountain communities.

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 service areas that are limited to single cities or single counties and a lack of specialized wheelchair-accessible vehicles for unique situations as mentioned above.

NFRMPO staff are also investigating which providers in the region can schedule rides and arrange drivers for clients who 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.

## Executive Director's Note

Dear North Front Range Community Members and Partners,



As 2024 comes to a close, I am thrilled to reflect on a transformative year for mobility in Northern Colorado. This year, the NFRMPO celebrated the launch of two groundbreaking initiatives that will shape the future of our region.

The **RideNoCo** program took a giant leap forward with the implementation of the **Transactional Data Specifications (TDS) project**. This cutting-edge technology enables interoperability between our systems and local mobility providers, streamlining services for residents and expanding accessibility. We're proud that this innovation earned the distinction of **Transit Project of the Year** from the Colorado Association of Transit Agencies (CASTA).

We also established the region's **first Transportation Management Organization (TMO), GoNoCo34**. TMOs are partnerships that coordinate transportation options for employers, residents, and commuters within a defined area, reducing traffic congestion and promoting sustainable travel. This is just the beginning of our journey in this space, as we aim to become leaders and incubators for future TMOs while championing Transportation Demand Management strategies regionally.

We also want to take a moment to express our gratitude to **Cory Schmidt** who recently left his role as Mobility Director. His vision and dedication have been instrumental to our progress. The search is underway to find a new leader who will continue building on this strong foundation.

Looking ahead to 2025, we anticipate another impactful year as we expand GoNoCo34, deepen regional collaboration, and embark on updating our Coordinated Human Services Transit Plan. Together, we are making strides toward a more connected and equitable transportation system for all.

Thank you for your continued support. Here's to another year of progress!

Warm regards,  
Paul Sizemore  
Executive Director, NFRMPO

## Welcome Mobility Planner Aaron Hull



At the beginning of December, Aaron Hull (he/him) joined the NFRMPO Mobility team. Aaron was born and raised in Tampa, Florida, and is passionate about urban planning, historic preservation, and connecting people to the things they need to live healthy, happy lives. Aaron received a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration in 2018 and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning in 2022 from the University of Central Florida (UCF) in Orlando, Florida. While attending UCF for his Master's, Aaron worked as a Planner for the City of Winter Park in Florida (not in Colorado), helping with transportation, historical, and land use planning on a city level.

Aaron decided to move to Colorado to get a chance to be in the mountains, experience the different seasons of the year, and enjoy the beauty of colorful Colorado. For the last two years, Aaron has worked for Kimley-Horn & Associates in their Fort Collins office as a Planner helping with development projects in California and Northern Colorado before coming to the NFRMPO. Aaron is also a Commission Member of the Historic Preservation Commission for the City of Fort Collins.

Aaron is excited to support the implementation and growth of the NFRMPO Mobility program, lead the development and implementation of the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan, support the implementation of the

Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Action Plan, take calls for RideNoCo, connect with communities of Weld and Larimer Counties, and find opportunities to work across disciplines to provide mobility options for all!

## 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!

### Volunteer Driving Opportunities:

60+ Ride

RAFT

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 12/15/2024

## Regional Transportation News and Engagement Opportunities

### RideNoCo News



RideNoCo received the **Transit Project of the Year** award at the Fall Colorado Association of Transit Agencies (CASTA) in October for the implementation of the **RideNoCo Coordination Project** (Transactional Data Specification-TDS)

Thank you SAINT, RAFT, 60+ Ride and other project partners for making this possible!

*Pictured: Ann Rajewski of CASTA and Cory Schmidt of RideNoCo holding the award which is a watercolor painting created by a local artist.*



## The Centerra Loveland Mobility Hub Ribbon Cutting

Located at 3020 Kendall Parkway in Loveland, the Centerra Loveland Mobility Hub is now open and celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 22, 2024. This hub serves the Bustang North Line, Rams Route, Bustang to Broncos, and the City of Loveland Transit (COLT). The Bustang platform is located in the median of I-25. The location allows buses to pull off into the station, pick up and drop off passengers, and get back on the road without leaving the interstate.

## Driver of the Quarter (actually, the YEAR!)



### Dennis Wilson

Rural Alternative for Transportation (RAFT)

RAFT has several incredible volunteers in our organization, and it would be easy to call out all of them in this article. But since I can only choose one, I will start with **Dennis Wilson**.

Dennis began volunteering as a driver for RAFT in May of 2022.

He was the top-performing driver in 2023 and made the most trips of any driver on our team. In 2023, he also began volunteering as a dispatcher and now assumes the job every other week.

In 2024 he is in the running to become the **DRIVER OF THE YEAR** again. He completed over 506 trips and has given over 1320 hours as a driver and dispatcher.

This dedicated and caring man is adored by clients and extremely valued by staff for the knowledge and gentle compassion he shows in his dealings with humanity.

I am told that Painite and Red Diamonds are the rarest and most valuable gems on earth. Both pale by comparison to the rarity and value of Mr. Wilson. He is the quintessential example of a generous, unassuming, thoughtful, and compassionate human being. RAFT is blessed to know him.

*-Steve Conaway, Executive Director of Rural Alternatives for Transportation (RAFT)*



Congratulations Dennis from all of us at RideNoCo!

## Vanpooling: VanGo™ is Driving into 2025



As the year ends, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the strides made in 2024. A subsidy by the City of Ft. Collins helped us gain new riders and routes—including a new Denver to CSU route aided in part but a rigorous campaign by CSU—while our biggest promoter, our participants, played an even larger part—taking advantage of VanGo™'s Rider Recruitment Incentive. There is no better compliment to our program than when a current participant recommends us.

With retirements and relocations, VanGo™ numbers stayed static. This isn't viewed as a negative—in fact the opposite. Steady and consistent is a solid foundation to work from. We are here to make a change after all. And 30+ years later we're still doing it. Removing single occupancy vehicles off our local roads and making people's everyday commutes easier and more affordable.

So, what's in store for 2025? While not looking to be predictive, there are some great road signs ahead, Potential for new routes to a location we've long sought—more on that in the next article if it does come to fruition, fleet issues—getting new vans—appears to be easing, a new TMO in place--GoNoCo34--headed up by a staunch vanpool supporter, a mid-year vanpool push by another TMO--Commuting Solutions—and the continued availability of the Ft. Collins based subsidy, all land as positives both for the VanGo™ program and for our regional air quality goals. But of course, we won't discount our greatest asset and greatest source of new participants, current VanGo™ participants. We look forward to paying out more rider recruitment incentives in 2025.

We wish you all a safe and joyous end to 2024 and a strong start to 2025! And don't forget, if you're looking for a good New Year's resolution, seeking a new way of commuting is a fine goal. VanGo™ is here as an option!



## Bring RideNoCo to your Organization



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



North Front Range  
Metropolitan  
Planning  
Organization

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

**Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC)** The next LCMC meeting is January 28, 2025.

**Northern Colorado Mobility Committee (LCMC & WCMC)** The next NCMC meeting is February 25, 2025. *\*Joint meeting with the Boulder County Mobility and Access Coalition*

**Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)** The next WCMC meeting is March 25, 2025

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



North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization | 419 Canyon Avenue, Suite 300 | Fort Collins, CO 80521 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!