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Connecting You & Northern Colorado: Mobility Newsletter

RideNoCo Website

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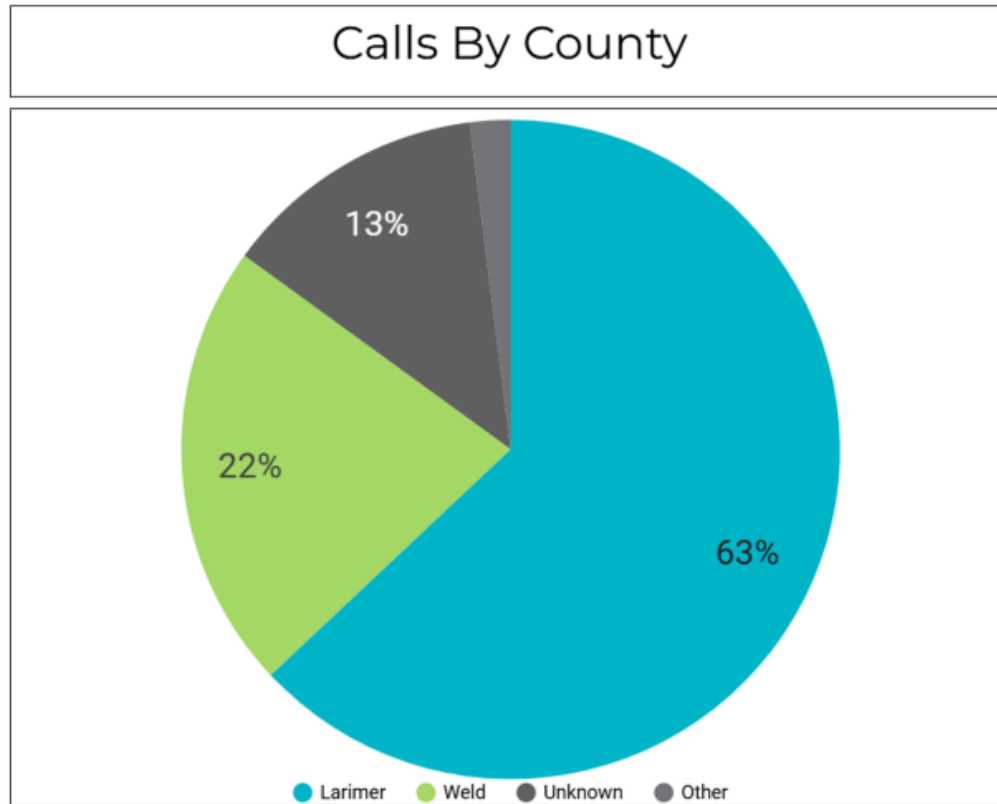
Read on for the latest mobility updates in Northern Colorado.

RideNoCo Dashboard - Quarter in Review

From **January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2025**, the RideNoCo call center received:

**100 calls &
1,447 website visits**

60% of the calls received were from people aged 60+
53% of the calls needed help getting to Medical Appointments
4% of the calls were from Veterans.



Key Themes for the First Quarter of 2025

What we heard:

- Difficulty in finding transportation options between Fort Collins and Loveland that are affordable and efficient
- No volunteer transportation options for people with disabilities who are under 60 years old in Greeley
- No transportation options for seniors and veterans who live north of Fort Collins to go to Fort Collins appointments and VA clinics
- Need for transportation options in Wellington
- People having to cancel medical appointments because they could not get rides

Service gaps: Between Loveland and Fort Collins, Larimer to Weld County, Larimer County to the Denver area, weekend and evening service, and service to mountain and rural 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 and 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.

Welcome New Mobility Director Tanya Trujillo-Martinez



Tanya is excited to join the NFRMPO as the Mobility Director. She comes to this position with 20 years of experience in Public Health, creating healthier communities across Northern Colorado. She has always worked to advance sustainable systemic changes that will address acute and long-term inequalities in underserved populations. Much of this work has been done by addressing the social determinants of health. Transportation and mobility have been an area that she has worked on for many years, serving on county and state advisory boards to address the needs and gaps in services. She is excited to bring her perspective and up for the challenge of learning the new and challenging world of mobility. She truly believes that creating healthier environments and providing individuals with fundamental services, such as mobility will provide them with a better quality of life and allow communities to thrive, not just survive.

DriveNoCo - Drivers Wanted



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.

Driver of the Quarter

Ginia B. has been driving with **SAINT** for a year and a half already! She is always bright and happy, her passengers love her kind words and positive attitude! She is flexible with the office's last-minute changes and is always willing to go the "extra mile." Giania is a real SAINT!!!

*Submitted by Theresa Holbrook
SAINT Volunteer Coordinator*



Regional Transportation News and Engagement Opportunities



Where We Will Be!

April

4/12- The Fort Collins Farmers Market, Foothills Mall

4/15- The Johnstown Health & Community Fair, Johnstown Senior Center

4/22- CSU Earthday Celebration, Lory Student Center



May

5/13- The Answers on Aging Resource Fair, The Ranch in Loveland

5/17- The Timnath Safety Fair, Timmnath Community Park



June

6/1 - Loveland Bike & Trails Day, Farigrounds Park

6/7- Johnstown BBQ Day, 1 Parish Ave., Johnstown

6/25- Bike to Work Day, various locations



[Connect, Learn, and Celebrate at the Answers on Aging Fair - May 13th!](#)



Free Entry and Parking, plus:

- 80+ Community Resources
- Relaxation for Caregivers
- Older American Month Awards
- Educational Sessions
 - Self-Compassion for Caregivers
 - Planning for Your Future

Larimer County Office on Aging

Answers on Aging Resource Fair

13
MAY

🕒 12:30 P.M. - 4 P.M.

📍 The Ranch Events Complex
Loveland

RideNoCo is thrilled to join the Larimer County Office on Aging for their annual Answers on Aging Fair!

Join us on Wednesday, May 13, at The Ranch Event Complex in Loveland for a day dedicated to connecting older adults and caregivers with the support they deserve.

Starting at 12:30 p.m., explore over 80 community resource tables offering a wealth of information on essential services and programs. Enrich your knowledge by attending the insightful sessions focused on "Self-Compassion for Caregivers" and "Planning for the Future: Financial Powers of Attorney & Medicaid Long Term Care."

You also won't want to miss the Older American Month Awards! Each year, the Office on Aging honors an exceptional senior volunteer and an outstanding family caregiver for their dedicated service and commitment to improving our community. The ceremony will kick off at 2 p.m.!

For all the details, visit larimer.gov/LCOAfair. Admission and parking for the event are free, with no registration required.

[Free Trishaw Rides with Cycling Without Age!](#)

Did you know **Cycling Without Age** (CWA) offers **FREE trishaw rides** on the Poudre Trail? What's a trishaw you ask? A trishaw is a three-wheeled machine with a passenger seat on the front and a pilot on the back. The pilot pedals and steers the trishaw, allowing passengers in the front seat to enjoy a bike ride without the physical demands of pedaling the bike themselves.



Rides are offered Monday-Friday beginning April 1 through Thanksgiving. Rides can last about 30-60 minutes and your pilot will be your tour guide on the trail! Please visit [Cycling Without Age](#) for more information.



[GoNoCo34 Transportation Management Organization \(TMO\)](#)



[GoNoCo34](#) is the Transportation Management Organization (TMO) dedicated to improving mobility, reducing congestion, and promoting sustainable transportation options along the US 34 corridor in Northern Colorado. They are working with local businesses, public agencies, and the broader community to create innovative solutions that meet the region's growing transportation needs. ***Do you want to be involved in the movement to shape the future of transportation along the US 34 corridor?*** You can become a member and join other businesses, organizations, and individuals who are committed to promoting sustainable travel and reducing single-occupancy vehicle trips in Northern Colorado. Please visit [GoNoCo34](#) for more information.

[2025 Coordinated Plan Survey](#)

This survey is part of the **North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization's** public involvement in creating the 2025 Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan, also known as the 2025 Coordinated Plan.

The Coordinated Plan is updated every four years with the input of the public, stakeholders, the Mobility Committees, and the Planning Council. For further context, the Coordinated Plan is required for projects receiving Federal Transit Administration 5310 funds that serve older adults, individuals with disabilities, and low-income individuals.

The Coordinated Plan focuses on mobility for older adults, individuals with disabilities, low-income adults, and underserved communities. It considers mobility in all its forms, so it aims to look holistically and support providers, advocates, and stakeholders in improving at all levels.



2025 COORDINATED PLAN PUBLIC FEEDBACK SURVEY

This survey is part of the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization's public involvement in creating the 2025 Coordinated Plan.

The 2025 Coordinated Plan brings together representatives from the public, human service agencies, and transit agencies to set strategies, goals, and objectives for the next four years. It focuses on mobility for older adults, individuals with disabilities, low-income adults, and underserved communities.

It also considers mobility in all its forms, so it aims to look holistically and support the public, providers, advocates, and stakeholders in improving at all levels.

Please provide Public Feedback at the below QR code:



Please contact Aaron Hull, Mobility Planner at the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization, with any questions or comments at (970) 672-0677 or ahull@nfrmpo.org.

Transportation empowers freedom, giving everyone the ability to live, work, and explore without limits.



Vanpooling: VanGo™



Small = Agile: Managing the Federal Return-to-Office Orders

VanGo™ isn't the largest vanpool operator, though we do comfortably hold our own, but it is our size and management, both in operations and fleet, that allows us to make changes rapidly and therefore match the needs of our participants and potential participants exponentially quicker than most. Case in point: the recent return-to-office (RTO) orders affecting Federal employees.

VanGo™ management was proactive from the start; coordinating adding routes, ensuring we had the fleet to support the demand, and, as always, providing the compassionate and caring service that the program is known for. This required working closely with current, returning, and new vanpoolers hourly—how quickly orders were changing! —to make sure everything was in order for all involved (*a special shout-out to Brandon Fischer, our dedicated tech at City of Ft. Collins Fleet, for the many after-hours texts it took to get this done, as well as Taylor, a VanGo™ participant and coordinator who went above and beyond for the Federal employees on his route*). It paid off.

VanGo™ started three new routes, two to the Denver Federal Center (DFC) and one to Boulder, supporting the increase in Federal employee demand, and filled the seats of already formed routes to the Denver Federal Center and Downtown Denver. In foreshadowing the increased need, **VanGo™** helped over two dozen Federal employees with their commute, ensuring they had a spot that matched their RTO orders and had a way of commuting that was both affordable and convenient. We served our goals of reducing single occupancy vehicles (SOVs), therefore reducing traffic congestion and pollution in Northern Colorado and the Front Range. All this managed under an extremely short, often same-day, time frame.

It is an honor and pleasure to be able to serve those that in return serve us.

Shane Armstrong
Operations and Fleet Manager

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 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>.

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

Upcoming Mobility Committee Meetings

Northern Colorado Mobility Committee (LCMC & WCMC) The next NCMC meeting is May 27, 2025

Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC) The next WCMC meeting is June 24, 2025

Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC) The next LCMC meeting is July 22, 2025

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



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