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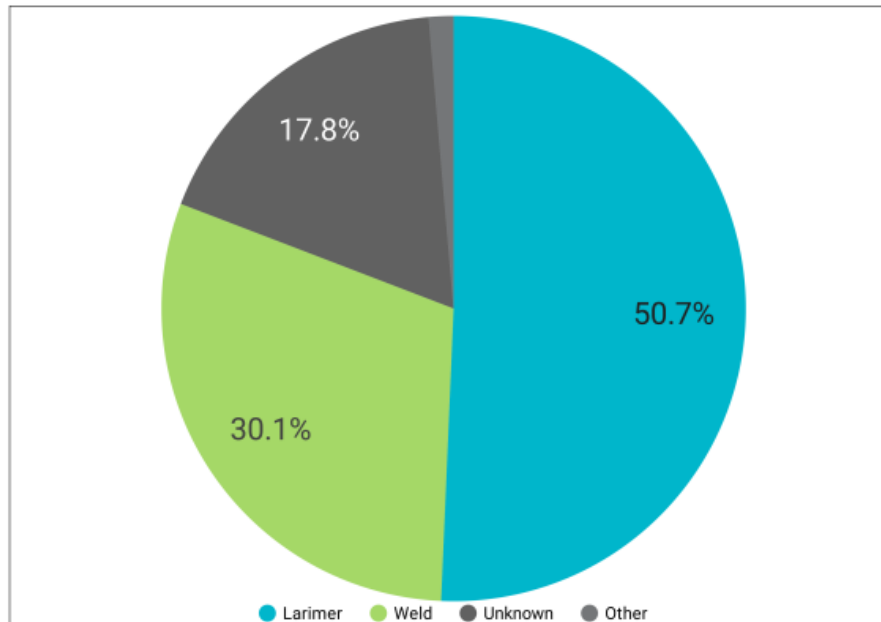
RideNoCo Dashboard - Quarter in Review

From **April 1, 2025, to June 31, 2025**, the RideNoCo call center received:

**73 calls &
1,777 website visits**

of the calls received 66% were from people aged 60+, 53%
of the calls needed help getting to Medical Appointments and
3% of the calls were from Veterans.

Calls By County



Key Themes for the 2nd Quarter of 2025

What we heard:

- Some transportation providers are booked out weeks/months or not accepting new clients
- Long waitlists to sign up for services
- Some providers have turned away riders because they do not have enough vehicles
- Difficult to find free or low cost last minute trips
- Lack of service in Windsor and Wellington

Service gaps: Cost, NFR to Denver, last minute trips, outside of service areas, Windsor to Fort Collins, Loveland to Fort Collins, Fort Collins to Loveland, Larimer to Weld.

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.

Regional Transportation News and Engagement Opportunities

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.



The 60+ Ride Mobility Matters Study

60+ Ride supports healthy aging for older adults who are aging in place. They are more

than transportation; they are a wellness partner. They currently need your input to improve access to care for older adults.

Please take a moment to take the 60+ Ride's **Mobility Matters Study Survey** below

[Mobility Matters Study Survey](#)

60+ Ride Website

Did someone say ZERO fare... AND Weekend Service?



FREE WEEKEND SERVICE all summer!

Thanks to funding from the Colorado Association of Transit Agencies (CASTA), Via is eliminating fares for seniors and people with disabilities across its service area, seven days a week. This means more access to community, appointments, family, and everyday independence.

Via Mobility Website



GET is free, including their Paratransit Service through August
COLT will be free for the month of August, including their Dial-A-Ride Service
Transfort is ALWAYS FREE! Including their Dial-A-Ride Service and the FLEX Route

Lyft Silver

Lyft Silver is making it easier for older



Lyft Silver is a new service from Lyft designed to make ride-sharing easier and more accessible for older adults. The Lyft app has a cleaner, simpler interface with larger fonts, it connects users with rides that are easier to get in and out of, they offer live phone support, and the ability to share ride details with contacts so that they know that you arrived safely.

[Lyft Silver Website](#)

Vanpooling: VanGo™

A Healthier Commute

There has always been a fair amount of talk about shared commutes and how it aids the environment—which it does—but less focus on another, often missed, aspect of shared commuting: social connection. According to a recent article published by Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, “Researchers agree that social connection can help people live longer and healthier lives”. So, why not ‘refresh your commute’—see what I did there, blatant self-promotion of VanGo™ by using the words branded on every one of the vans?



In our busy lives making in-person social connections can be a challenge. Sure, we may banter with the barista making our morning coffee or mumble a few words to the local purveyor of breakfast burritos, but is this superficial chatter enough to warrant being considered ‘social connection’? Maybe. But what if we were joined on our commute by 3 to 5 other people in a comfortable modern Toyota hybrid van (yes, self-promotion again, but really, what if)?

Beginning and ending our workday by sharing in a common goal—getting from home to work and work to home—forms bonds. In my nearly a decade of overseeing the VanGo™ program I’ve heard and been witness how vans become like family, helping out when in need, being a sounding board for the start and end of the day, making it so people arrive to work energized—that power of social connection—and, just as important, arrive home ready to be present.

Let’s be honest, radio morning shows aren’t what they used to be and that snarky podcast you may ‘love’ isn’t really providing you with the mindset you need to tackle the day or connect with your loved ones when you return home. So, why not take heed of the professionals? Shared commutes can help you form social connections while also making your commute an easier and more affordable one. Win/Win, yes?

Shane Armstrong , CAFM
Operations & Fleet Manager

Driver Spotlight

zTrip - Spencer K. and Lisa J.



Meet **Spencer K.**, a zTrip driver who's been serving the community for three years, 2.5 of those with the **Dial-A-Ride** program. Spencer's passion for driving and helping others shines through every ride.

"Driving gives people access to life. I love being part of that."

Spencer's favorite part of the job? The conversations. He's built meaningful connections with riders and even received life-changing advice from a passenger during a difficult time. As a Fort Collins native, Spencer knows the area like the back of his hand and takes pride in offering safe, personalized service, especially for riders with mobility needs. Outside of work, he's a certified rock climbing guide and a proud new dad to baby **Jayden**, who keeps him motivated every day.

Thank you, Spencer, for your heart, dedication, and the care you bring to every mile! - Submitted by Megan Kaliczak, zTrip Regional General Manager



Meet **Lisa J.**, a zTrip Dial-A-Ride driver who's been making a difference in Fort Collins for two years. A former teacher, Lisa was inspired to drive as a way to continue helping others, especially those with special needs, get where they need to go.

"Helping people is what I've always loved most. Driving has become my favorite career."

Lisa's passengers appreciate her warm personality, thoughtful service, and even the fresh scent of her spotless car. Whether it's chatting about vacations or simply offering a quiet, comfortable ride, Lisa creates a space where riders feel seen and supported.

Fun fact: Lisa appeared on *Supermarket Sweep*—twice! And she's on a mission to visit every Disney Park in the world (just three more to go in Asia!).

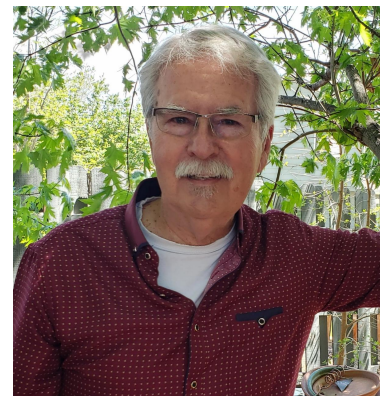
Thank you, Lisa, for your kindness, dedication, and the joy you bring to every ride! - Submitted by Megan Kaliczak, zTrip Regional General Manager

Via Mobility Services - Nick M.

Meet Nick! Nick's pride in helping older adults through his role at Via Mobility Services is evident in helping others needing a ride. ***"I love that I get to help my fellow older adults," he said. "I have come to know many of them as if they were family, and every rider is so thankful for the service. It really has made my life complete."***

Nick has been with Via for almost 3 years now and has been driving Weld for most of that.

Bob Gray, Via Paratransit Manager, says Nick is a great guy, very dependable and always wanting to go the extra



Transportation Providers: We want to recognize the hard work of your drivers!

Please submit your nomination for the "Driver Spotlight" to be featured in our next newsletter!

Submit your nominations to mobility@nfrmpo.org.

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:

COLT

GET

heart & SOUL Paratransit

TRANSFORT

zTrip

***NEW*- Drivers Co-Op Colorado**

Bring RideNoCo to your Organization



The NFRMPO's RideNoCo Mobility Team are available to meet with you to share how RideNoCo can be a resource and partner to help find transportation options in the region.

We can meet in person or virtually and will create a informative presentation tailored to your needs! We also have printed outreach materials available in English and Spanish that we would be happy to mail or drop off at your organization to distribute.

Want more information? We are here to help! You can contact RideNoCo at mobility@nfrmpo.org or (970) 514-3636 to request materials or set up a meeting with us.



[RideNoCo Website](#)

Upcoming Outreach Events!

7/12 - Eaton Days
7/19 - LaSalle Days
8/9 - Poudre River Fest
8/10 - Milliken Beef n Bean Day
9/1 & 9/2 - Windsor Harvest Festival
9/14 - Evans Heritage Days
9/14 - Fort Collins Open Streets
9/21 - Loveland Farmers Market
10/2 - Speaking at the Senior Symposium
10/25 - Fort Collins Farmers Market



Photo Submission

Send us your transportation-related photos and see them featured in future newsletters, social media, or RideNoCo website posts! Please send us your photos to mobility@nfrmpo.org.

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 Committee Meetings

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

Northern Colorado Mobility Committee (LCMC & WCMC) The next NCMC meeting is August 26, 2025

Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC) The next WCMC meeting is September 30, 2025

[All meeting materials can be accessed on the NFRMPO website](https://nfrmpo.org)



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