



## ***On the Move:* Your Quarterly Transportation News & Updates**

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## **I-25 North Mobility Hub Ribbon Cutting Marks a Milestone for Northern Colorado Transit**



On October 22, 2024, state and local leaders, including Governor Jared Polis, CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew, U.S. Department of Transportation Deputy Secretary Polly Trottenberg, and NFRMPO Planning Council Chair Jon Mallo, gathered to celebrate the opening of three mobility hubs along I-25. These hubs, located in Firestone-Longmont, Berthoud, and Centerra Loveland, represent a transformative step in connecting Northern Colorado communities through efficient and sustainable transportation.

The mobility hubs are designed to enhance transit options, reduce congestion,

and promote sustainable development. They feature center-loading passenger areas, improving convenience and efficiency for Bustang riders. Governor Polis emphasized the benefits of these hubs in addressing traffic, air quality, and housing challenges while providing affordable travel options.

These hubs, part of the larger I-25 North Express Lanes Project, serve as an important link between Bustang transit service and local transportation networks. They mark a decade-long effort to ensure multimodal travel solutions along the corridor. With construction on the next phase underway, the opening of the mobility hubs represents an important milestone and a reminder of the extensive collaboration between state and local partners on the North I-25 project.

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## NFRMPO and TAC Elections



**City of Greeley  
Councilmember  
Johnny Olson  
2024 Planning Council Chair**



**Larimer County  
Commissioner  
Kristin Stephens  
2024 Planning Council Vice  
Chair**

At their December meeting, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council (NFRT&AQPC) elected new officers to serve during 2025. The Planning Council voted to elect Johnny Olson, City of Greeley Councilmember, as Planning Council Chair and Kristin Stephens, Larimer County Commissioner, as Vice-Chair. Jon Mallo, City of Loveland Mayor Pro Tem, will serve as Immediate Past-Chair. The Planning Council officers make up the Executive Committee and work cooperatively to set the Planning Council's meeting agendas.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) also elected officers for 2025 at their December meeting. TAC elected Nicole Hahn of the City of Loveland as Chair and elected Evan Pinkham of the Weld County as Vice Chair.

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# 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!

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## Winter Driving Tips

Winter driving can be hazardous and frightening, especially with Colorado's sudden weather changes and heavy snowstorms. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has several resources to help anyone who is driving in Colorado be safe on the roads. Click on the photo to see the Winter Wise quick tips or visit CDOT's [Winter Travel Center](#). Keep up to date on driving conditions and road closures at [COtrip.org](#) or [sign up for travel alerts and news](#).



### Vehicle/Tire Safety

A safe vehicle, winter tires and tread depth are essential for a secure winter driving experience. If conditions require, these laws could be implemented\*:

**Traction Law:** All motorists are required to either have an all-wheel or four-wheel drive vehicle, or mud/snow tires (M+S icon), winter tires (mountain-snowflake icon), or tires with an all-weather rating by the manufacturer.

All tires must have a minimum of 3/16" tread depth.

**Chain Law:** Every vehicle must have chains or an approved alternative traction device.

\*From Sept. 1 to May 31, the Traction Law is active on Interstate 70 from Dotsero to Morrison.



### Travel Resources



Stay informed about the latest winter driving happenings to guide your travels.

Visit: **COtrip.org**, **winter.codot.gov** or call 511 for traffic updates, weather forecasts and additional travel resources.



### I-70 Mountain Travel

Be prepared so you can drive the I-70 Mountain Corridor like a pro. Visit **winter.codot.gov** or **GoI70.com** for traffic updates, weather forecasts, peak time deals and more.



### Winter Operations

CDOT works tirelessly throughout the winter to ensure the safest road conditions possible.

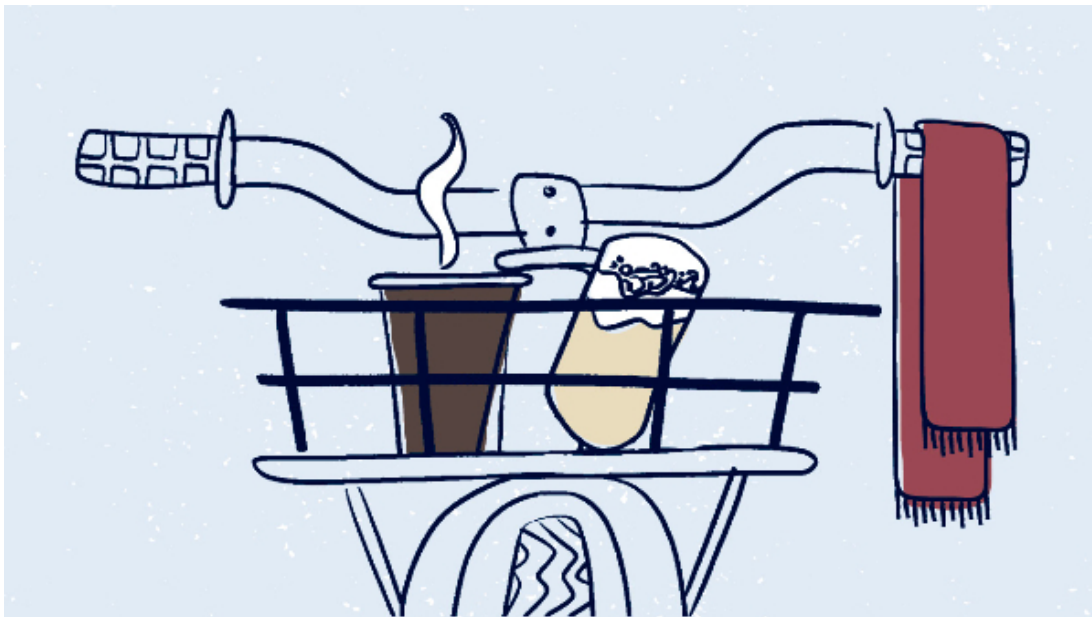
**Tandem Snowplow Law:** It is illegal for drivers to pass a snowplow operating in tandem formation with one or more snowplows. The snowplows have the right-of-way.

Visit **winter.codot.gov** for information on how you can do your part to help CDOT with snow removal, avalanche mitigation and other winter operations.



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## Winter Bike to Work Day



Join cyclists across the region- and around the world- for the 2025 Winter Bike to Work (or Wherever) Day on February 14, 2025! Similar to Bike to Work Day, Winter Bike to Work Day is an annual tradition to encourage bike riding in the winter. Riding your bike to work can help save money on things like gas and vehicle maintenance, improve your health and lower stress levels! If you choose to participate, be sure to dress according to the weather and have the appropriate gear. Check out the City of Fort Collins' Tips for Icy Cycling on their [Bike Winter page](#) for tips on how to safely bike during the winter months. Check out the City of Fort Collins' [Bike to Work Day page](#) for more information.

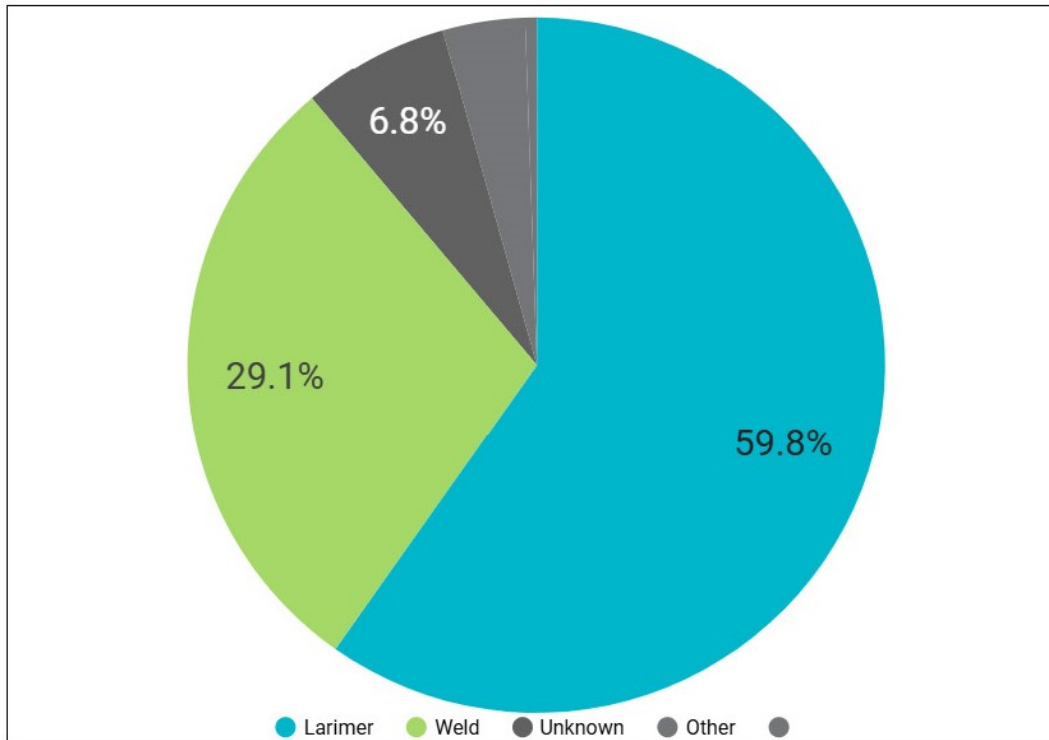
## RideNoCo Dashboard - Year in Review

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.

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## Get Involved

See what's happening at the NFRMPO and join us virtually or in person 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 Events

**January 15, 2025**

Technical Advisory  
Committee (TAC)

**January 28, 2025**

Larimer County Mobility  
Committee

**February 6, 2025**

Planning Council

**February 13, 2025**

Community Advisory

### 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.

Committee

**February 17, 2025**

President's Day Holiday-  
**NFRMPO Office Closed**

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

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

**Northern Colorado Mobility Committee** meets  
quarterly (February) at 1:00 p.m.

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

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