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Mobility Coordination

In the North Front Range MPO



RAFT wins STAR Award for Innovation

Rural Alternative for Transportation (RAFT) is a local volunteer transportation service, which provides rides to seniors (60+) and adults with disabilities living within the Berthoud Fire Protection District, but outside the Town boundary. Drivers are all volunteers, use their own vehicles, and donate their time.

Due to the Agency’s work in the community, Berthoud Golden Links, Inc./Project RAFT, won the 2016 STAR Award for Innovation from the National Volunteer Transportation Center. Along with the award, the organization will receive a \$7,000 grant. For the 2016 cycle, nearly 150 volunteer driver programs submitted applications. RAFT was one of 21 agencies to win the award and the only winner in Colorado.

As part of the application for the STAR Award, each applicant was asked to submit a testimonial or story written by a client. In summer 2017, a book with these stories will be published.

Find out more about RAFT by visiting their website:
<http://berthoudraft.org>

Senior Resource Services Awarded Grant

Senior Resource Services (SRS) was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Daniels Fund. The grant will be used to expand the services administered by the Greeley-based volunteer senior transportation provider. Daniels Fund is a Denver-based charitable foundation focused on grants, scholarships, and ethics initiatives. The organization’s aging focus is meant to support older adults remaining independent, engaged, and maintaining quality-of-life.

2017 Coordinated Plan Update

As part of the planning process, NFRMPO staff has set up an outreach program to garner input on the existing transit and transportation services, needs, and the gaps between the two. The outreach program will consider feedback and input from older adults and people with disabilities, the organizations which provide care and transportation, and the caregivers who assist these populations.

Throughout Spring 2017, NFRMPO staff attended public meetings and received feedback from nearly 100 individuals. Discussions focused on the need to provide transportation services between and within the rural portions of Larimer and Weld counties, providing regional training opportunities, and improving the existing transportation services. There was interest in holding regional events, finding additional ways for organizations to partner, and continuing to provide education and outreach about existing services. Outreach will continue throughout the summer.

Throughout the outreach process, NFRMPO staff will compile the feedback and identify the goals, strategies, and priorities for the Mobility Committees over the next four years. More information about the Coordinated Plan can be found at <http://bit.ly/2m2WQvL>.

Rider’s Guide Updates

Over 510 users have logged onto noco.findmyride.info to find potential service matches since January 1, 2017, with 90 percent of users being new. To request printed Rider’s Guides, contact Alex Gordon at agordon@nfrmpo.org or (970) 416-2023.

Larimer County Mobility Committee
Third Thursday every other month
1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.



Weld County Mobility Committee
Fourth Tuesday every other month
1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Mobility Management Funding

The NFRMPO Mobility Coordination Program is funded with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) \$5310 funds.

NFRMPO mobility coordination program activities are centered on education and cooperative resource-sharing to use existing transportation dollars most efficiently. Examples include travel training, cooperative

research, public forums, program implementation, FTA grant administration and public education.

Funding has been secured through September 2017 after NFRMPO staff submitted applications for \$5310 funds to both CDOT for Weld County and Fort Collins on behalf of the Fort Collins-Loveland-Berthoud TMA.



Larimer County Mobility Committee

- ARC of Larimer County
- Berthoud Area Transportation Services - BATS
- Dial-A-Ride Advisory Committee - DARTAC
- City of Fort Collins Transfort
- City of Loveland Transit - COLT
- CO Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Columbine Healthcare Systems
- Senior Alternatives in Transportation - SAINT
- Foothills Gateway
- Larimer Center for Mental Health
- Larimer County Dept. of Health & Environment
- Larimer County Office on Aging
- Larimer County Workforce
- Loveland Disability Advisory Commission

Weld County Mobility Committee

- Colorado Department of Labor and Employment
- Connections for Independent Living
- Envision
- Greeley Center for Independence
- Greeley-Evans Transit GET
- North Range Behavioral Health
- Senior Resource Services
- Sunrise Community Health
- United Way of Weld County
- Weld Advocacy Network on Disabilities WAND

A vertical advertisement with a blue background. At the top, it says "NEED A RIDE?" in large white letters. Below that is an orange banner with the text "noco.findmyride.info" and a small "findmyride" logo. Underneath is a row of six small photos of diverse people. The bottom half of the ad features a large white circle with the text "NEW & EXPANDED 2016 Rider's Guide Currently Available". Below the circle, it says "North Front Range MPO RIDERS GUIDE" and includes the NFRMPO logo.

A horizontal advertisement with a blue background. It features a grid of nine small images showing various transportation services: a hand holding a cane, a person in a wheelchair, a van, a person sitting at a desk, a person on a phone, a bus, a person in a wheelchair, a person walking, and a person sitting at a desk. To the right of the grid, it says "The NFRMPO Coordinated Public Transit /Human Services Transportation Plan" and "December 2013". At the bottom, it says "Learn about the NFRMPO's Mobility Coordination goals and strategies" and provides the website "www.nfrmpo.org/mobility".



For additional meeting details including agendas, notes & meeting location, visit nfrmpo.org/mobility