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### Holiday Greetings

Happy Holidays  
and safe  
travels from  
all of  
us at VanGo™



With all best wishes for a joyous season and a very happy new year from all of us at VanGo!

We appreciate your business and wish you the best in the coming year.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Thank you for 10 Years of Ridership!

Richard Barron, Jeff Benedix, Gary Clark, Wayne Latham, Scott Mason

5 Year ridership:

Matt Barringer, Christopher Britton, Jim Chan, Andrew Koed, Gary Myers, Ravikumar Palakurthy, Jay Rhoten, Janice Schemp, Jamie Tyszko

### \*\*Future Safety Meetings\*\*

Please complete the single question poll linked here. We strongly value participants' input and time and we are looking into alternatives to the yearly meeting. It would be much appreciated.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G76JN7T>

### 2019 Safety Meeting

The 2019 VanGo™ Safety Meeting was a success and it was, as always, a pleasure to see all the smiling faces in the crowd and get to match faces with names of the people we service. A big thanks to CDOT for again agreeing to come this year and present!

The video that was shown about how to correctly use your mirrors is linked here:

### 2019 Vanpool Rider Survey Results

The 2019 VanGo™ Annual Rider Survey results arrived in November, and VanGo™ would like to extend a huge 'thank you' to all that participated. The Annual survey is an important metric for VanGo™ to track your satisfaction and the effectiveness of VanGo™ policies and procedures. Your feedback is important to VanGo™, both positive and negative. Your satisfaction is the soul of VanGo™.

please, if you couldn't attend the meeting, take the 7 minutes and review the video.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gqWIArj\\_WJU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gqWIArj_WJU)

## VanGo Stability & Growth

VanGo™, as with most vanpool programs, is very dynamic: people and routes coming and going throughout the year. But, this year (2019), and not since 2013, VanGo™ will end its year with more participants than it started the year with and just as many routes.

All of us at VanGo™ are pleased that we're able to help so many people refresh their commute and supply commuters a service that is viable, stable, aids in traffic congestion, and helps keep our air cleaner.

## Traction & Chain Laws

Beginning August 2, 2019, the State of Colorado implemented new requirements for drivers using State Highways during severe winter storms. Under the new regulation all vehicles, including passenger vehicles, are required to have a minimum tire tread of 3/16 of an inch. During inclement weather vehicles are required to have one or more of the following according to the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT):

- Tire chains
- Alternative traction devices
- Four-Wheel drive with adequate tires
- All-wheel drive with adequate tires
- Tires with manufacturer marking for snow/mud and adequate tread

For more information on the new law as well as tips and updates on Winter Driving visit the Travel Center on CDOT's Website.

## Contact Info

**Questions:**  
[Shane Armstrong](#)

**[VanGo™ Website:](#)**

All of us are humbled, again, this year that our service level was rated so high. Thank you all for recognizing the hard work we put in to keep the program running smoothly and for answering your questions and issues promptly.

A big congrats goes out to long-time vanpooler Wayne Latham. His name was randomly pulled as the winner for the \$100 Amazon gift card for completing the survey. Happy shopping Wayne!

If you have any concerns that need immediate action please contact:  
Shane Armstrong (970)986-4130 or [sarmstrong@nfrmpo.org](mailto:sarmstrong@nfrmpo.org)

## Winter Driving Tips

We all know Colorado weather can change from one minute to the next. Make sure your van and your driving are winter ready.

Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Slower acceleration is the best method for gaining traction and avoiding skids. Decelerating by shifting down, if your car is equipped, or letting off the accelerator sooner than normal will also help reduce skids.

Adjust your speed to the conditions (and keep in mind this may mean an earlier start to make it to work on-time.)

Give other drivers more space. Stopping distance is greatly increased on snow and ice.

If you can keep moving, even if it's at a crawl, go this route to avoid needing to accelerate a start on a slick surface.

Don't stop going up a hill.

Pack a small emergency kit (i.e. snacks (protein bars are a great option), blankets, etc.).

Ensure that you have a snow brush and shovel in your van.

Gauge the conditions and recognize when your best choice is to stay off the roads.

## Construction Updates

On October 18, 2019, CDOT opened the new SH402 Interchange after 120 days of closure. The newly configured interchange flipped SH402 to go over North I-25, with three new roundabouts to aid in traffic flow. Additionally, the SH402 Park-N-Ride was moved and

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enlarged to increase the number of parking spaces. Additional information on the North I-25 Johnstown to Fort Collins project can be found here: <https://www.codot.gov/projects/north-i-25/johnstown-to-fort-collins>.

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