

Notes from August 6, 2025 RTCC Meeting

Attendees: Lee Barger, Mary Harlan, Sam Gaurino, Erin Fisher, Carlton Henry, Ann Findley, Dawn Dexter, Andy Cotton, Jonathan Flint, Chris Southwick, Hope Hunt, Mandi DiCamillo, Carly Rietmann, Lizzie Williams, Jason White, Dave Snyder, Jon Stavney, Catherine Kristoff, Angie Hainer, Erin Kelican, Alicia Gresley, Erwin Germain, Hanna Auruza, Aaron Hull.

-Dana shared that matching letters for the 5310 grant went out to 8 partners (3 new) at the beginning of June. The ask is a \$37,000 increase from last year's ask (\$67,000 total for 2025) in an effort to have RTCC money to put towards projects. A 20% match is required for the 5310 grant.

-Download the [Two Rivers Connect app](#) if you live in the RFV or CRV to win prizes for taking alternative modes of transportation in August.

-Lee Barger, Erwin Germain, and folks from Two Rivers Connect will meet to discuss how to collaborate and not duplicate services.

-Dana and Erwin are looking for RTCC partners that want to bring TreadShare's carpooling app to other areas of NWCCOG (Eagle, Summit, Grant, Routt, Moffat, Jackson). Snowmass Village in Pitkin County is the newest TreadShare partner. NWCCOG will assist with a TDM grant through CDOT (\$50K) to bring regional carpooling to our area.

-Anne Findley with Summit Stage is working on a CTE/SB230 funding application for a commuter bus from Silverthorne to Kremmling. They are also in the beginning stages of forming an RTA for Summit County and that hopefully will include Alma, Fairplay, Leadville, and Kremmling. A ballot initiative is slated for November 2026.

-Carlton Henry with the Town of Basalt shared about their successful public/private partnership for funding the Basalt Connect with Valley View Hospital.

-Jonathan Flint with Steamboat Springs Transit gave an update on their RTA process. They will go on the November 2025 ballot for voters to form an RTA (no funding attached), with an additional ballot initiative to follow with funding attached in the future. They have seed funding from the ski resort. The communities included in the RTA will be Steamboat Springs, Craig, Hayden, Oak Creek, Yampa, and Routt County.

Regional Transportation Coordinating Council

Ride Glenwood On-Demand Transit Pilot Project

Lee Barger, Transportation Engineer
August 6, 2025



Ride Glenwood On-Demand






Program Stats


- Fleet – Ford Transit Vans (3) and Toyota Sienna Minivan
- 2 Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles , Bike rack equipped
- 3 vans operating daily



Ridership

- May – 4,446 passengers
Average Wait – 11 minutes
- June – 6,518 passengers
Average Wait – 22 minutes



Point-to-Point Rides



Service Hours


Friday: 7am-10pm
 Sat-Sun: 9am-10pm

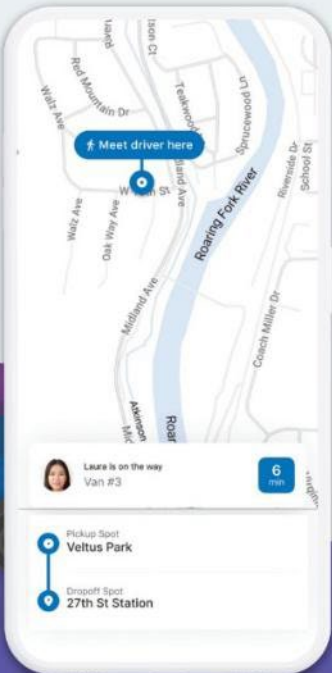
Service Area

Ride anywhere within
 Glenwood city limits for \$1




How to Ride

Request rides
 on-demand using the
 Ride Roaring Fork app,
 or call (970) 404-4007





Powered by



Program Funding

- First/Last Mile Mobility Grant
(Thanks, RFTA!)
- Bus Tax Fund
- \$1 Fare

Approximate Costs

- Monthly Service - \$83,000
- Startup Costs - \$22,500
- Vehicle Wraps - \$24,000

RIDE GLENWOOD

ON-DEMAND [Servicio de Transporte a Pedido]

Viajes de punto a punto

El servicio comienza el 1 de Mayo

Horarios de servicio:

Lunes a Viernes.: de 7a.m. a 10p.m.
Sábado y Domingo.: de 9 a.m. a 10 p.m.

Área de servicio:

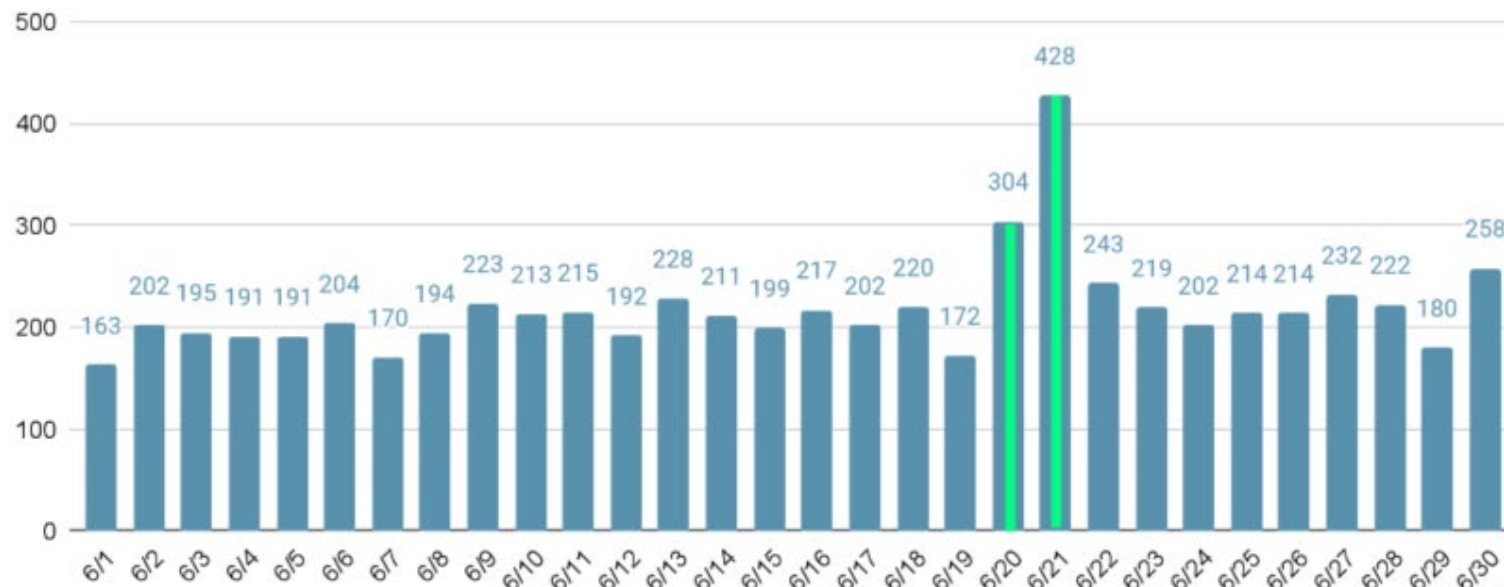
Viaje a cualquier lugar dentro de los límites
de la Ciudad de Glenwood por \$1.00

Cómo viajar:

Solicite viajes a pedido usando
la aplicación Ride Roaring Fork
o llame al 970-404-4007

Operado por:

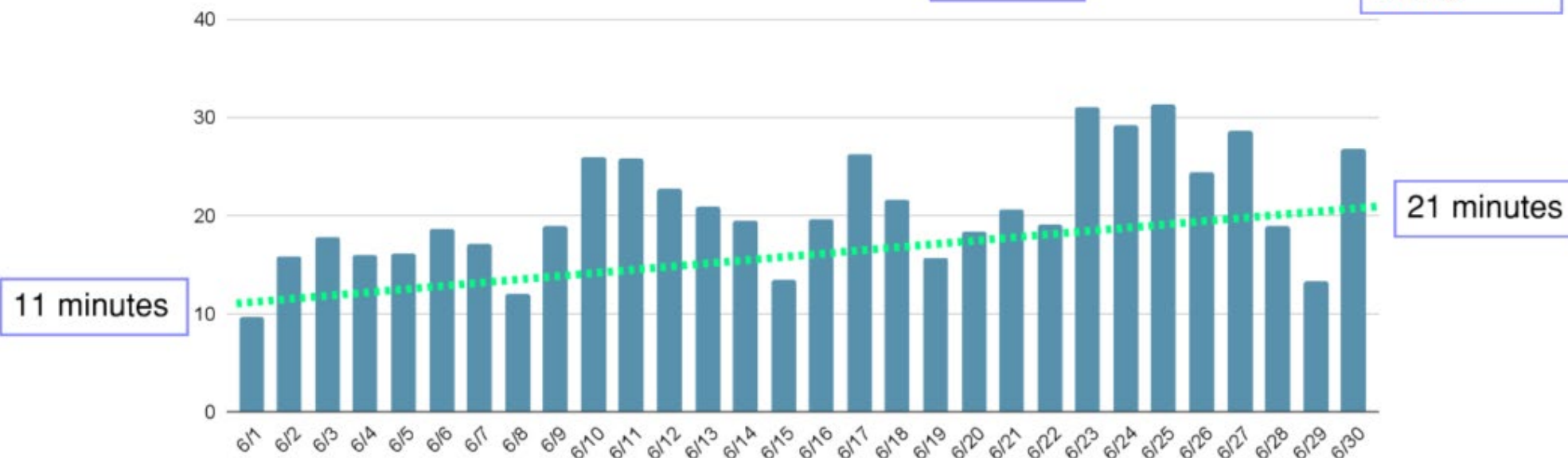
Passengers



Strawberry
Days

6/20 and 6/21
4 vehicles in
service

Average Wait Time



11 minutes

21 minutes

Origins

Pickup Heat Map



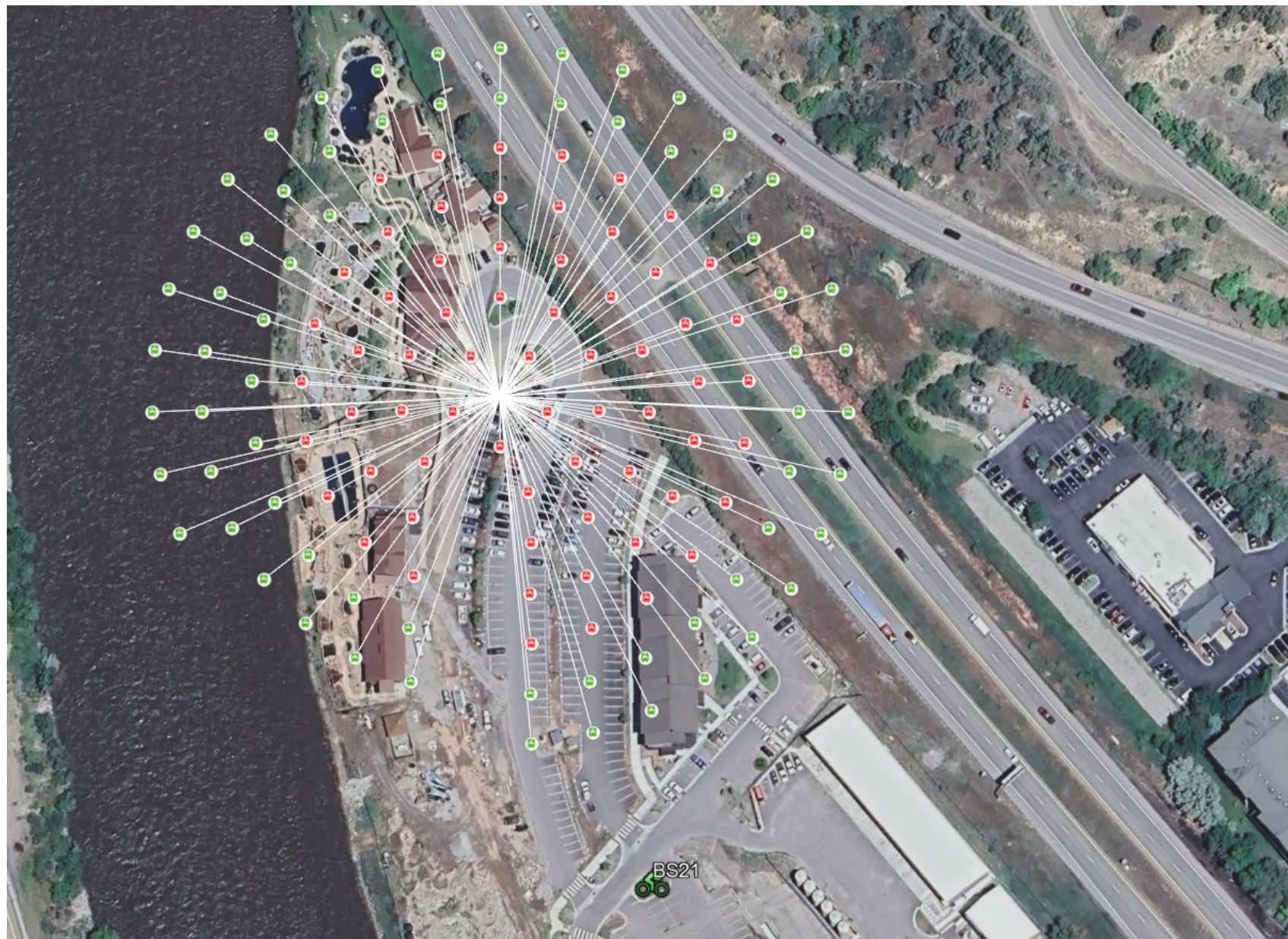
Destinations

Dropoff Heat Map



CITY OF
GLENWOOD
SPRINGS
COLORADO

Destination Tracking



Origin-Destination Tracking June 2025

Top 5 Pickup Locations

- City Market
- Walmart
- Target
- Two Rivers Park
- Six Canyon Apartments

Top 5 Dropoff Locations

- City Market
- Two Rivers Park
- Walmart
- Glenwood Park 'n Ride
- Hotel Maxwell Anderson

13% of all trips had O-D at bus stops

4% of all trips had O-D at Amtrak Station



Moving Forward

Pilot Program extends through 2025

- Evaluate, Assess, Improve
- Roaring Fork communities migrating to common "Ride Roaring Fork" app in the fall of 2025



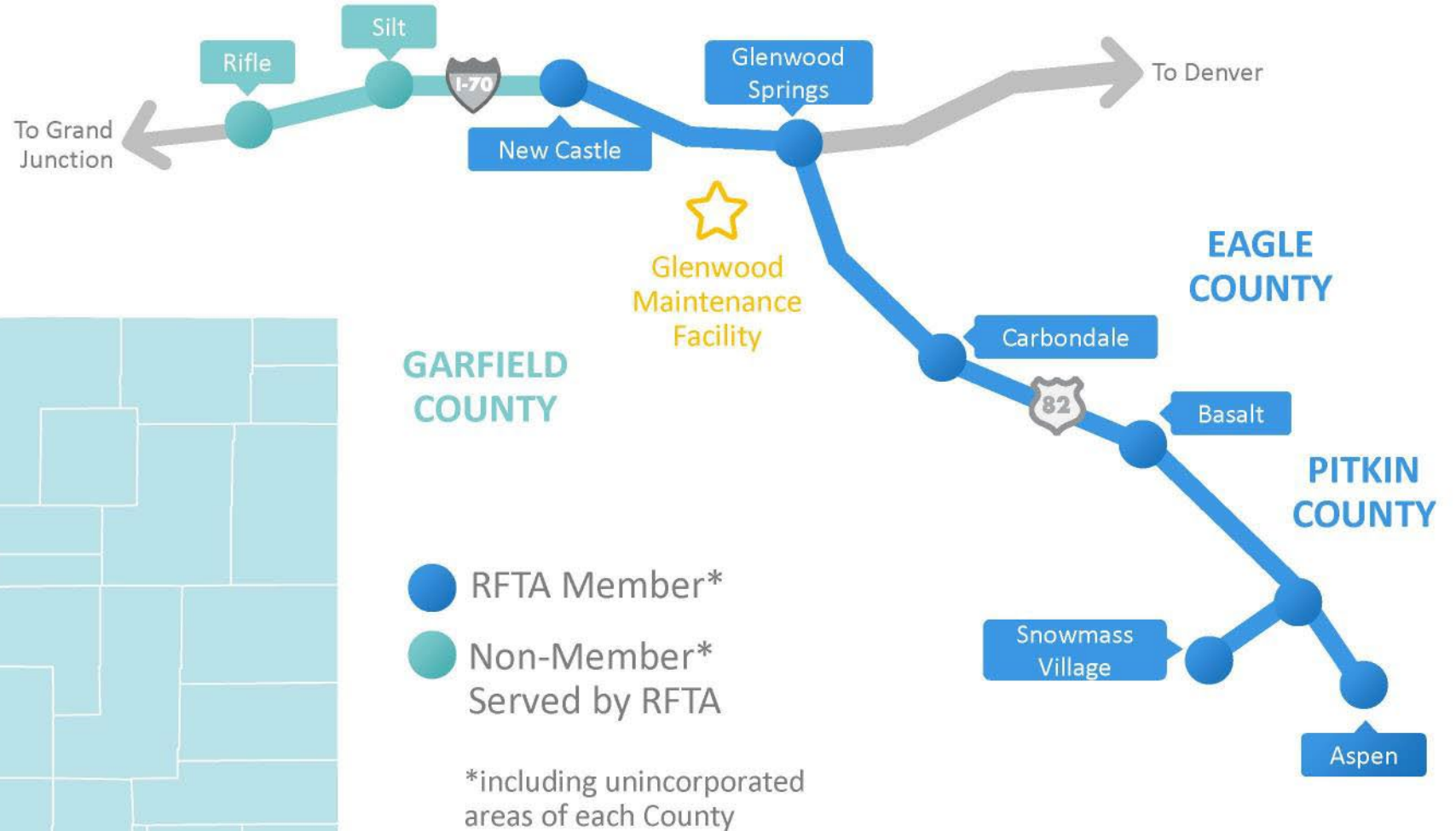
Questions/Comments?



Battery Electric Bus (BEB) Pilot Project

The Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA) is Colorado's second-largest transit agency and the largest rural transit agency in the United States.

CURRENT
RFTA
Service Area



Summary

Introduction

- RFTA was an early adopter of battery electric bus (BEB) technology in 2019
- As the second largest transit agency in CO, RFTA plays a major role in helping the State meet climate and electrification goals

Objectives

- Provide an overview of the *RFTA-Aspen Battery Electric Bus (BEB) Pilot Project*
- Highlight RFTA's challenges and opportunities with BEB technology
- Frame how this project aligns with climate action and electrification goals

EV Path

- 2019: testing New Flyer BEBs and Holy Cross Energy collaboration
- 2020: 8 BEBs enter revenue service
- 2021: ABB fuel asset integration
- 2023: Climate Action Plan (CAP) adoption
- 2024: Zero Emission Fleet Transition Plan (ZEFTP) adoption
- 2025: first on-route charger in CO installed at Rubey Park in Aspen
- 2025: ordered 10 Gillig BEBs, Q1 2026 production/delivery



ZEFTP Overview

- 116 revenue bus fleet: 55% diesel; 38% compressed natural gas (CNG), 7% battery electric bus (BEB)
- Current 53 non-revenue fleet: gasoline
- Transition to 100% zero emission revenue and support fleets by 2050 using battery electric bus (BEB) and/or hydrogen fuel cell electric bus (HFCEB) technology
- Estimated \$676 million total cost of ownership (2024 \$) ~ 14% higher than base case



Opportunities

- State and Regional ZE Goals
- Climate Action Plan (CAP) Goals
- Zero Emission Fleet Transition Plan (ZEFTP) Goals
- City of Aspen partnership
- Holy Cross Energy off-peak time-of-use tariff of only 6 cents/kWh
- Customer and driver feedback
- National Joint Procurement



Challenges

- “Vintage” 2019 NF BEBs
- Warranty replacement lead time
- Whole systems approach
- Safety and maintenance training
- Find new revenue to budget for expensive ZEV transition
- Federal funding headwinds



BEB Performance

- Drivers like the torque
- Quiet for passengers
- No dangerous diesel exhaust
- Decreased winter battery range
- Winter regenerative braking slippage
- Heavy bus results in premature suspension and tire repair
- Input/Output Controls are expensive
- Off-route for depot charging
- On-route charging taxes batteries



What's Next

- 1,000,000 BEB miles @ 8'000' elevation
- Electrified *Veloci*RFTA BRT
- By Q1 2029, RFTA should have 28 BEBs (25% of fleet), on the way to 100% zero emission by 2050
- CO goal: 1,000 transit ZEVs by 2030, < 150 in service or on order
- ZEV Safety & Training Program





RideNoCo: Connecting You & Northern Colorado

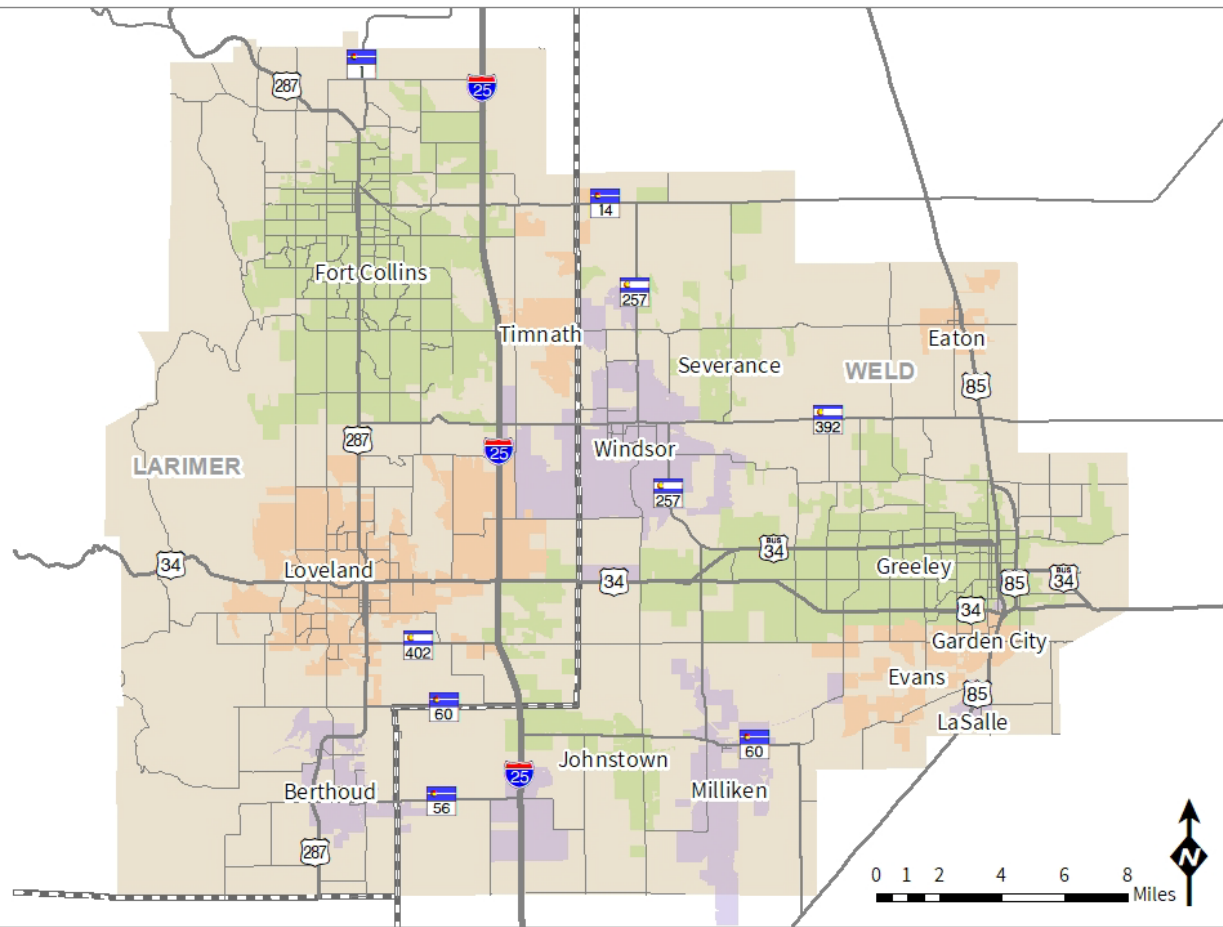
All Staff Meeting



North Front Range
Metropolitan
Planning
Organization

November 12, 2024

Introductions: NFRMPO Mobility & RideNoCo Team



Legend

- County Boundary
- NFRMPO Planning Area

May 2020
Sources: CDOT, NFRMPO

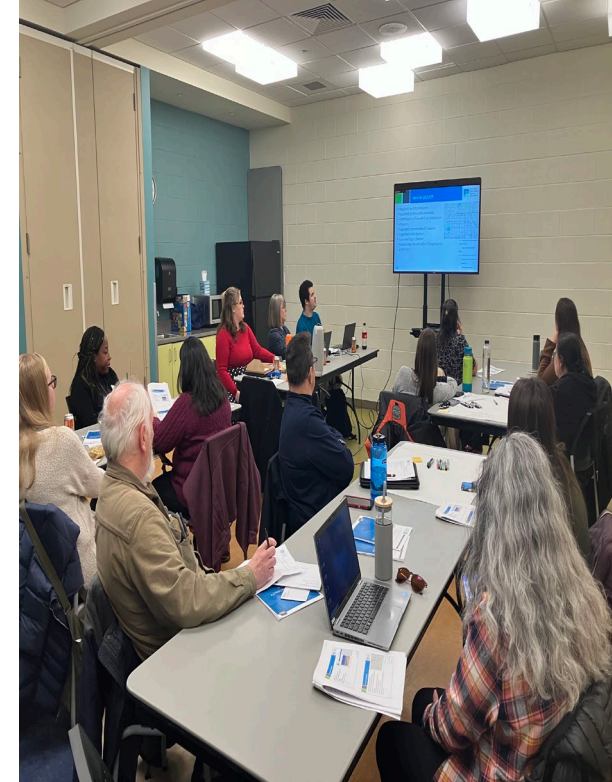


- Regional transportation & air quality planning agency
- Formed in 1988 and expanded to current boundaries in 2007
- Over 549,000 people
- Covers about 675 sq. mi.
- Parts of 2 counties and 13 communities
- Greeley Urbanized Area (UZA) & Fort Collins Transportation Management Area (TMA)
- VanGo™ Vanpooling
- **Mobility Program – ALL of Weld and Larimer Counties**

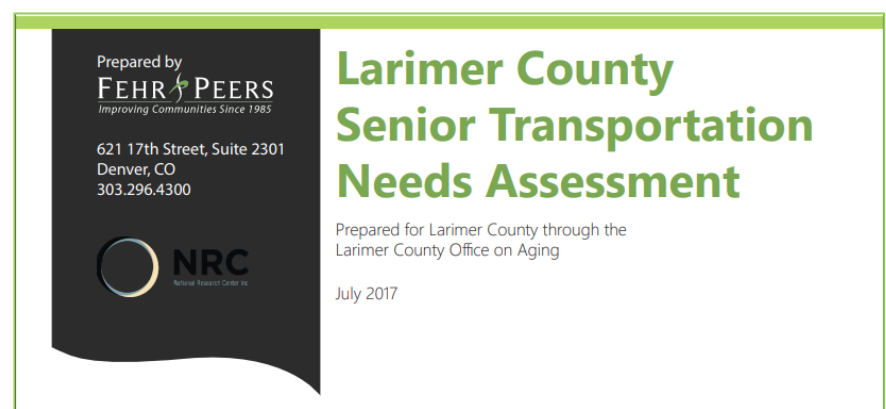
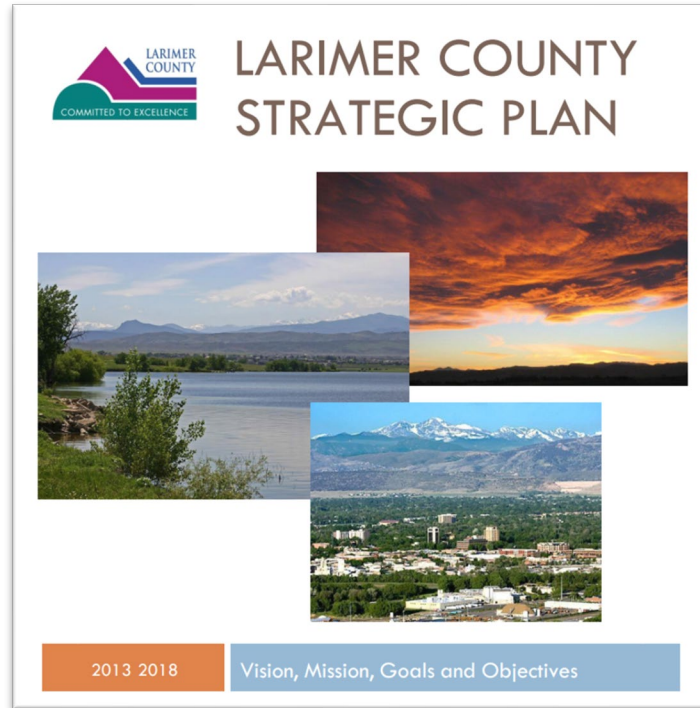
NFRMPO Mobility Program



- **RideNoCo – One-Call/One-Click Center**
 - Information Hub – website & call center
 - *MyWayToGo* – Trip Planning Platform
 - *Schoolpool* Tool
 - Data for Planning Processes
- **Mobility Committees**
 - Joint Northern Colorado Mobility Committee
 - Larimer County Mobility Committee
 - Weld County Mobility Committee
- **Subrecipient Program & Technical Assistance**
 - Connecting partners to State and Federal Funding
 - Coordinating service expansions in areas where gaps have been identified
- **Community Outreach, Education, and Engagement**
- **Planning Efforts**
 - Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan
 - *Mobility Action Plan (MAP)* to guide implementation of Coordinated Plan
 - Strategize for Multi-Partner Coordination and Transportation Management Organizations services
 - Feedback to other NFRMPO Planning Processes



RideNoCo Background



RideNoCo Program



RideNoCo embodies the two overarching goals:

1. Improving **individual mobility**, particularly for older adults, individuals with disabilities, individuals with a lower income, and people who do not speak English as a first language.
2. Improving **regional mobility** through enhanced coordination and collaboration among regional public and private transportation providers, especially in rural areas of Larimer & Weld counties.



RideNoCo Phased Roll Out



Phase 1



2021

Website + Call Center

- Introduction of RideNoCo
- Central hub to identify transportation options across the region and beyond

Phase 2



2022

Trip Discovery

- Ability to find and plan trips on public transit and human service providers in the region
- Utilizing GTFS-Flex technology

Phase 3



2024

Trip Scheduling

- Long-term vision to find, plan, and book a ride in one place across multiple providers
- Laying foundation for coordination as the region grows by adopting Transactional Data Specifications (TDS)

Phase One: Transportation Assistance Call Center



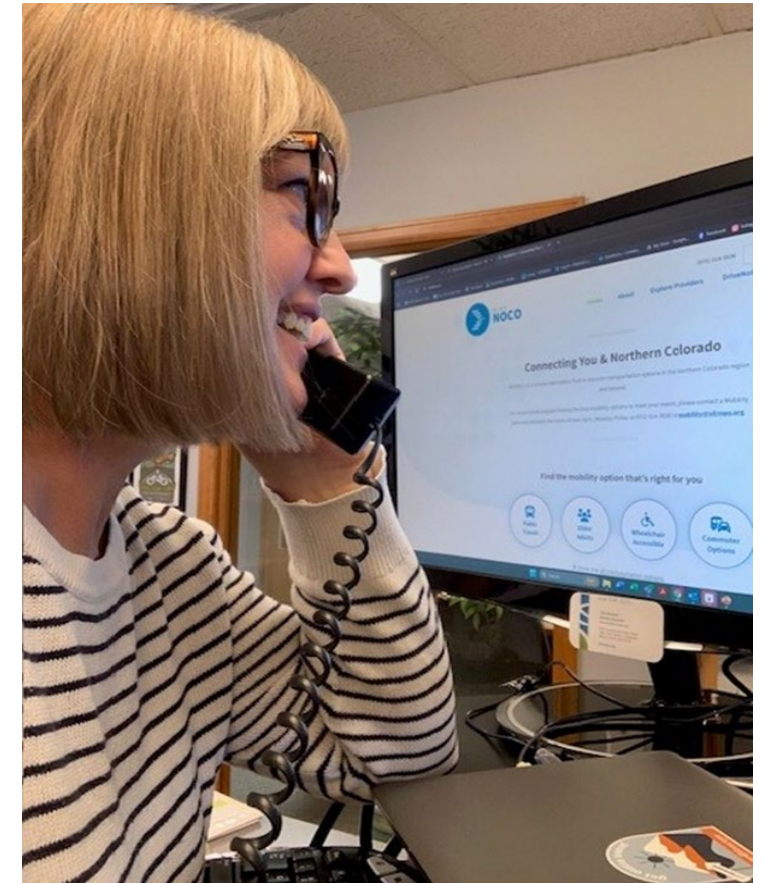
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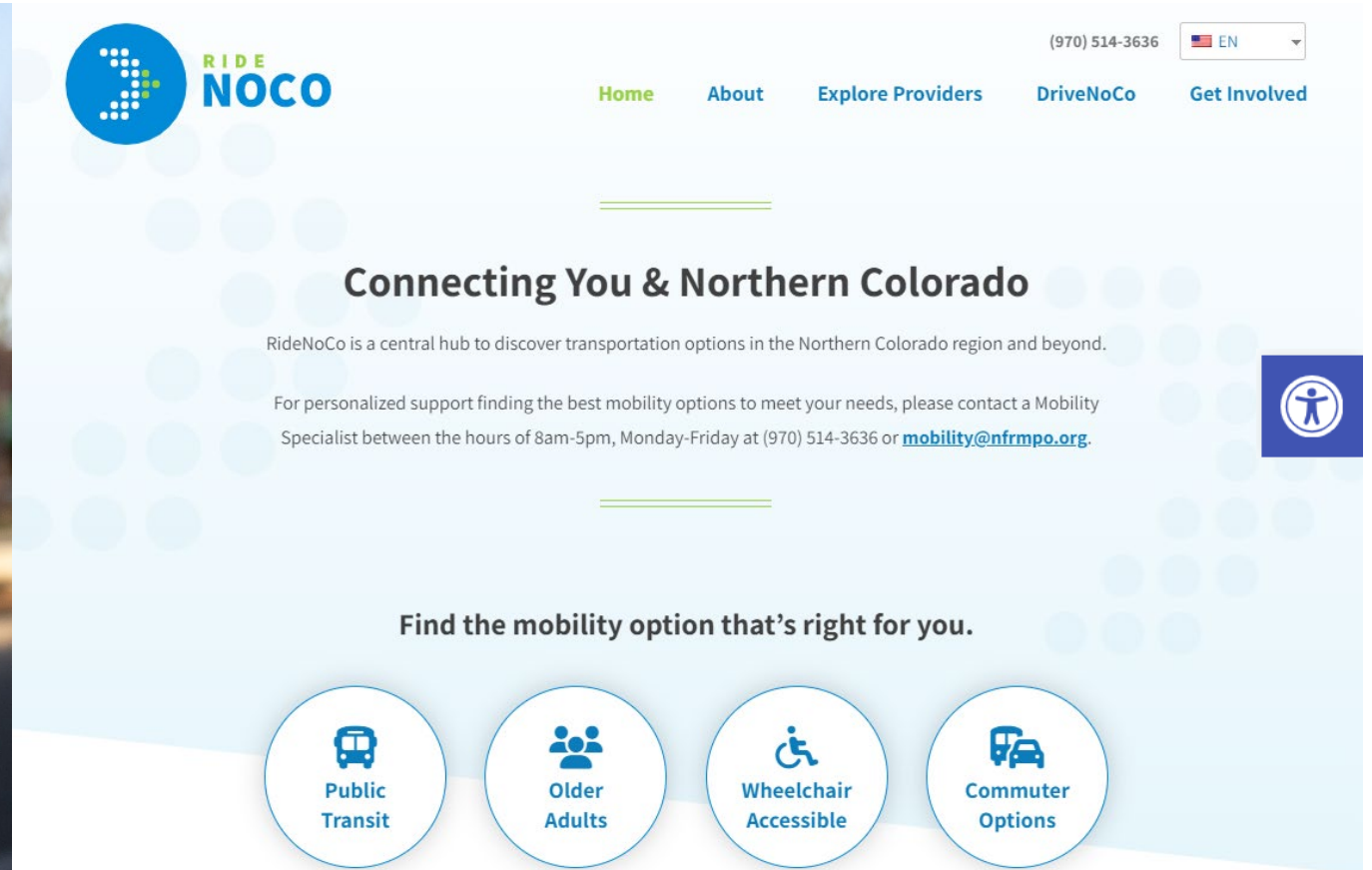
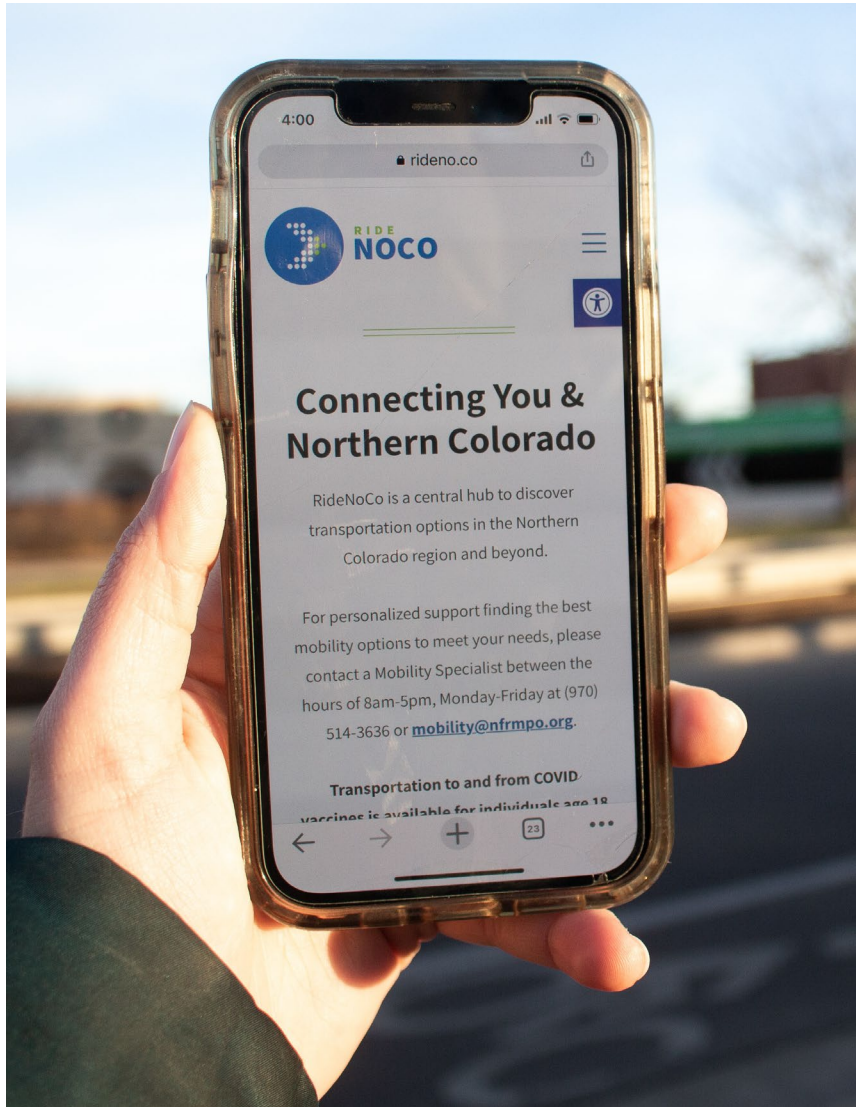
Callback within one business day

One Spanish-speaking RideNoCo Staff member available

Over-the-phone interpretation in 100+ Languages through *LanguageLink*



Phase One: RideNoCo Website



➤ Show me [all transportation options](#)

RideNoCo Printed Material



English & Spanish Rack Cards



CONNECTING YOU & NORTHERN COLORADO

RideNoCo is a central information hub to discover transportation options in the Northern Colorado region and beyond.

For personalized support finding the best mobility options to meet your needs, please contact a Mobility Specialist
Monday - Friday, 8 am to 5 pm at:

(970) 514-3636
mobility@nfrmpo.org

The RideNoCo website and Trip Discovery Tool allow users to explore transportation providers and plan trips across and beyond the region.

www.ridenoco.com

Public Transit agencies offer a variety of regional services
Fixed-Route Service, Paratransit, & Demand Response

- Transfort-** Fort Collins, Loveland, Berthoud, Longmont, Boulder
www.ridettransfort.com
(970) 221-6620
- GET-** Greeley, Garden City, Evans, Windsor, Fort Collins
www.greeleyevanstransit.com
(970) 350-9287
- COLT-** Loveland
www.cityofloveland.org/transit
(970) 962-2700
- BATS-** Berthoud
www.berthoud.org
(970) 532-3049
- The Peak-** Estes Park
www.estespark.colorado.gov/shuttle
(970) 577-9900 *Seasonal Service Only

Volunteer/Non-Profit organizations provide specialized transportation for eligible clients. Eligibility and scheduling details are outlined at www.ridenoco.com/providers.

- RAFT-** Berthoud Fire Protection District
(970) 532-0808 | www.berthoudraft.org
- Via-** Estes Valley & portions of Weld County
(303) 444-3043 | www.viacolorado.org
- SAINT-** Fort Collins & Loveland
(970) 223-8604
www.saintvolunteertransportation.org
- 60+ Ride-** Weld County
(970) 352-9348 | www.60plusride.org

A complete list of transportation options can be found at www.ridenoco.com

Questions? For additional assistance with trip planning, call a Mobility Specialist at (970) 514-3636.

North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization
419 Canyon Ave Suite 300 Fort Collins, CO 80521

Front

English & Spanish Rider's Guide



Connecting You & Northern Colorado

RideNoCo is a central information hub for finding transportation options in the Northern Colorado Region and beyond.

RideNoCo is the mobility program of the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO), and seeks to increase mobility for all people across the region, focusing on older adults and individuals with disabilities to help get them where they want and need to go.

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*Interpretation services are available in over 300 languages and dialects through Language Link

A full list of transportation providers and more information can be found on our website at www.ridenoco.com

Additional Resources:

- Larimer County Office On Aging**
970-498-7750 | larimer.org/seniors
- Weld County Area on Aging**
970-400-6952 | weldaaa.org
- 211 Colorado**
Dial 2-1-1 | 211colorado.org

Connect With Us!

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Individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing can call Relay Colorado at 711

Rider's Guide

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RideNoCoCO
[ridenoco](https://www.instagram.com/ridenoco)

North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization

Outside

Veterans Transportation

Qualified Listeners* - Northern Colorado
720-600-0860 | qualifiedlisteners.org

VTS - VetRide* - Northern CO & Cheyenne
307-433-3735 or 720-857-5419
vetride.va.gov

*Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles Available

Commercial Service

Organizations that provide mobility options in the region for a fee.

Heart & SOUL* - Larimer County
Demand Response: 970-690-3338
heartandsoulparatransit.com

Carepool* - Northern Colorado
Non-Emergency Medical Transportation
Demand Response: 833-268-2688 | carepool.us

Lyft - Northern Colorado Rideshare
Demand Response: 631-201-LYFT | lyft.com

Uber - Northern Colorado Rideshare
Demand Response: 833-use-uber | uber.com

zTrip* - Northern Colorado Taxi Service
Demand Response: 970-224-2222
ztrip.com/northern-colorado/

Inside

Regional Service

Bustang* - Colorado
Fort Collins>Loveland>Denver
Sterling>Greeley>Denver
Fixed Route: 800-900-3011 | ridebustang.com

Poudre Express*
Greeley>Windsor>Fort Collins
Fixed Route: 970-350-2897
greeleyevanstransit.com/routes/poudre-express

Transfort FLEX*
Fort Collins>Loveland>Berthoud>Longmont>Boulder
Fixed Route: 970-221-6620 | ridetransfort.com

VanGo™ - Commuter Vanpool
Commuter Service: 800-332-0950
vangovanpools.org

Airport Shuttles

Groomer Transportation* - To DIA
970-226-5533 | groomertransportation.com

Landline* - To DIA
888-428-1149 | landline.com

Outside

Veterans Transportation

Commercial Service

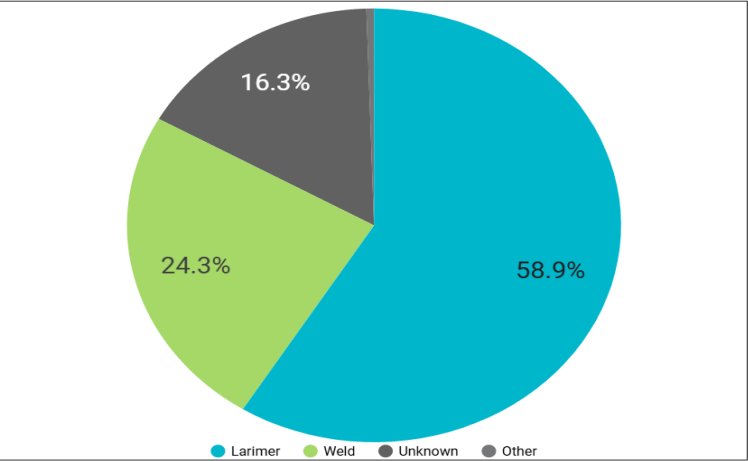
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Call Center & Website Stats

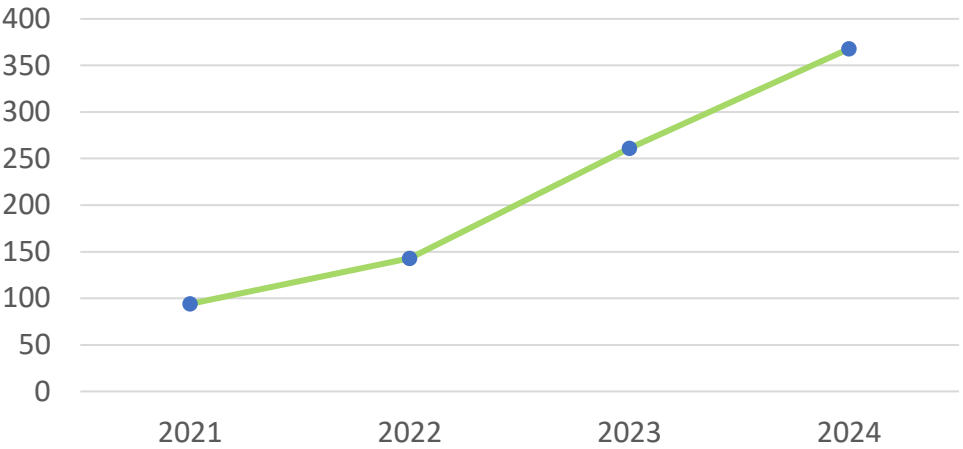


Year	Calls/Emails	Website Visits
2021	94	772
2022	143	1,986
2023	261	3,865
2024	368	4,968
Total	866	11,591
2025 YTD (As of 8/4/2025)	202	3,786

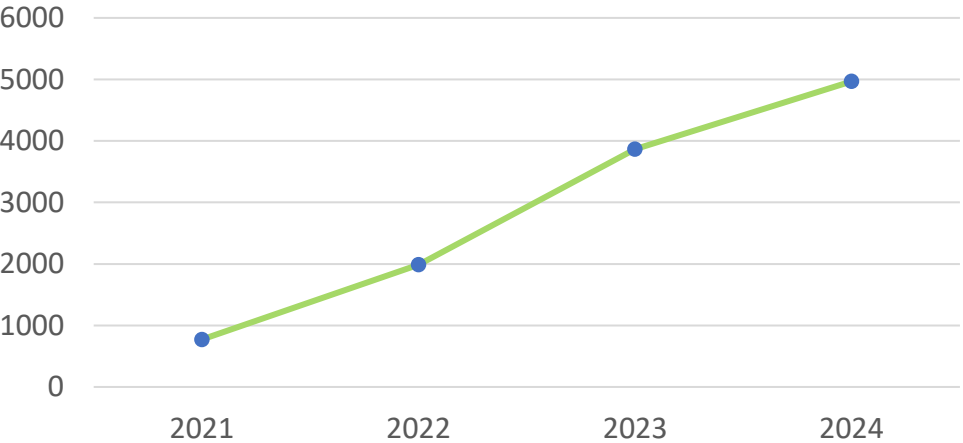
Calls By County



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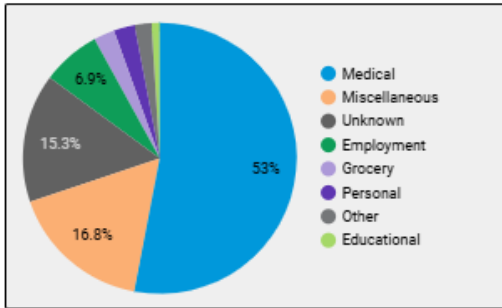
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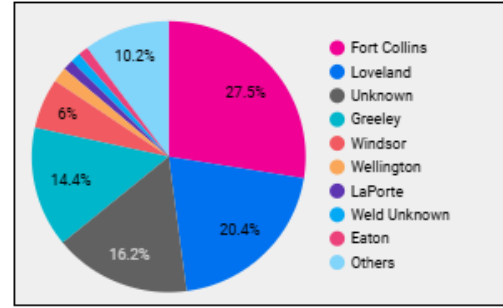
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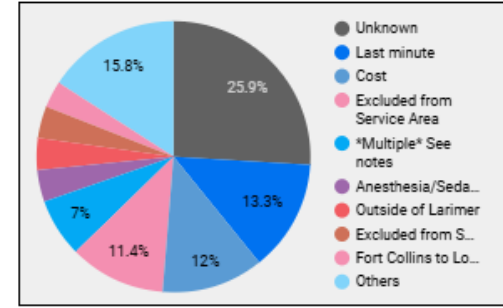
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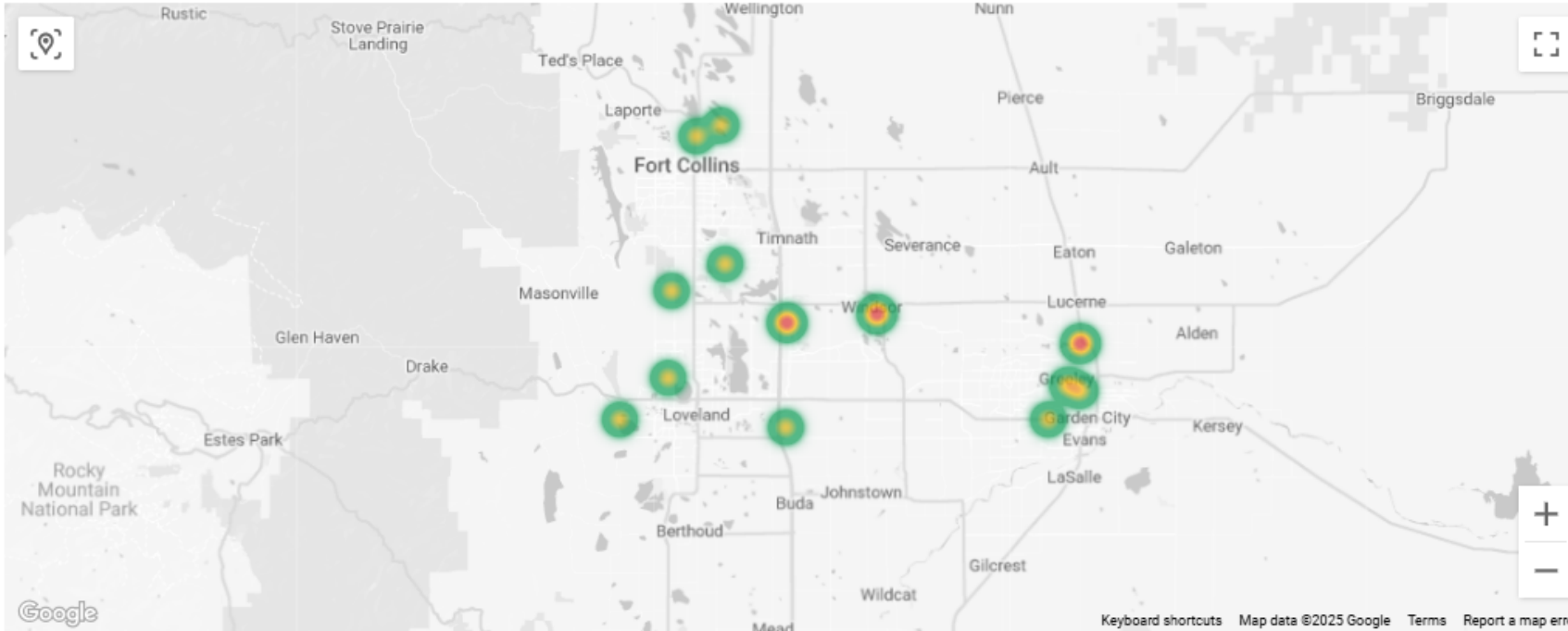
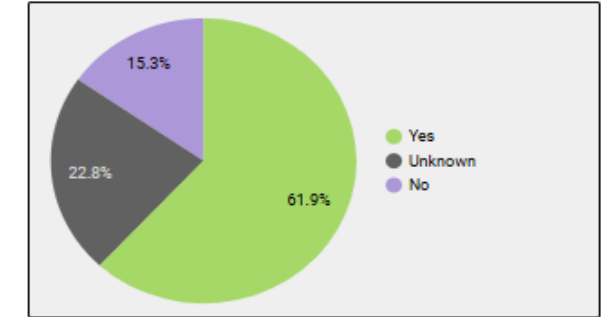
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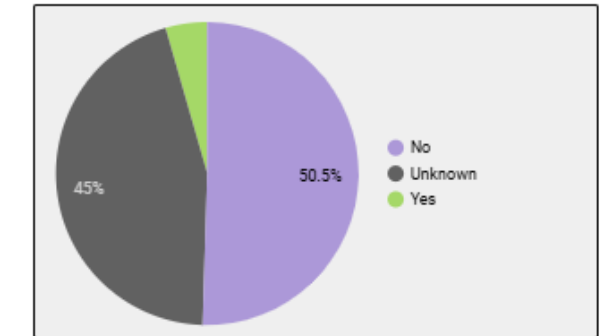
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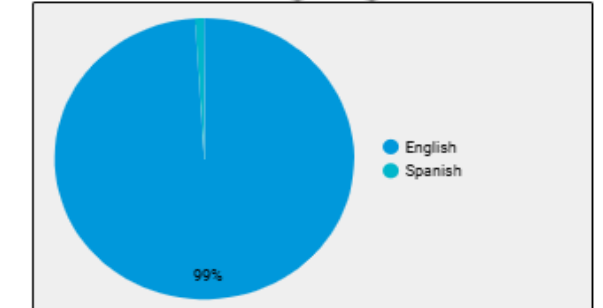
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Veteran



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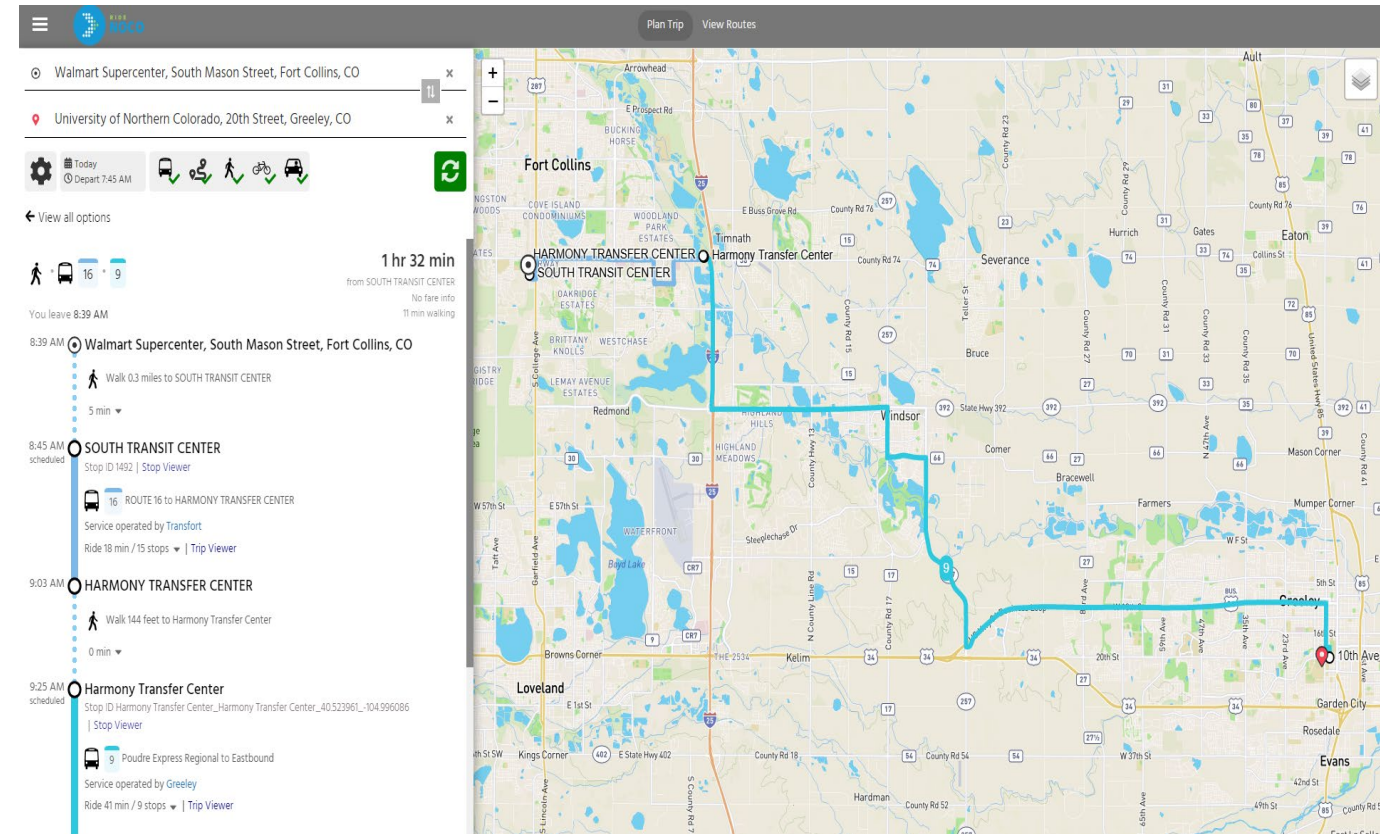


Phase Two: Trip Discovery Tool



- **Utilizes GTFS-Flex to incorporate “demand-response” providers into the trip planner**
 - *Inclusion of volunteer providers alongside public transit agencies is a first-of-its-kind in the U.S.*

Providers in Planner:	
Transfort	City of Loveland Transit (COLT)
Greeley-Evans Transit (GET)	Berthoud Area Transportation System (BATS)*
Bustang	Estes Transit
SAINT*	RAFT*
60+ Ride*	Via Mobility
RTD	SPIN e-scooters/e-bikes
Rocky Mountain National Park Shuttles	



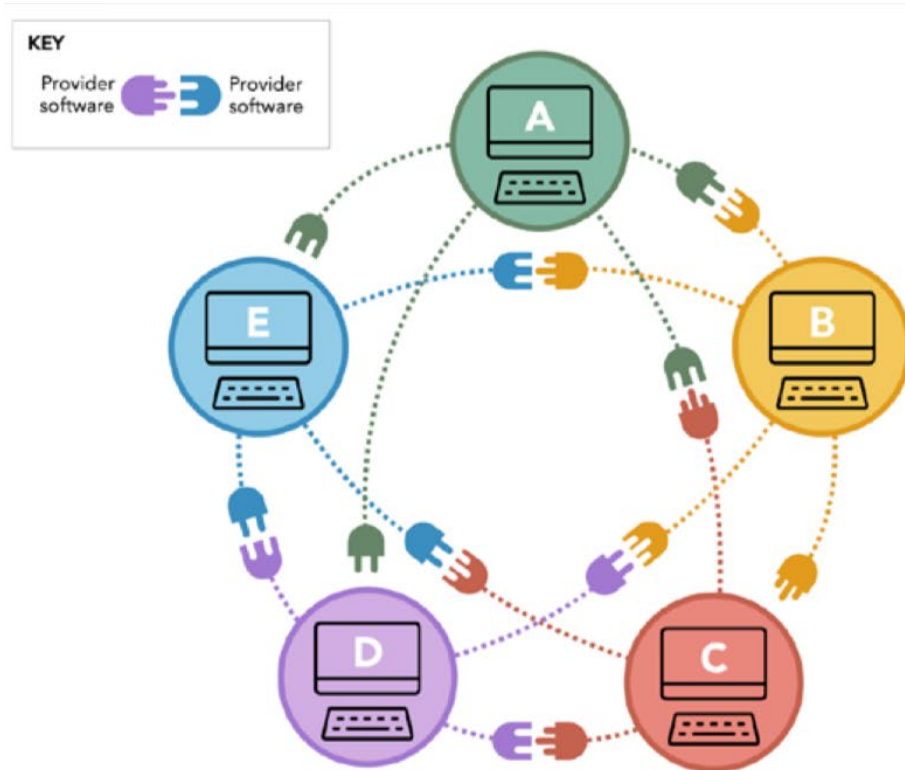
*GTFS-Flex Databases created by Trillium as part of Trip Discovery project

Phase Three: Project Background

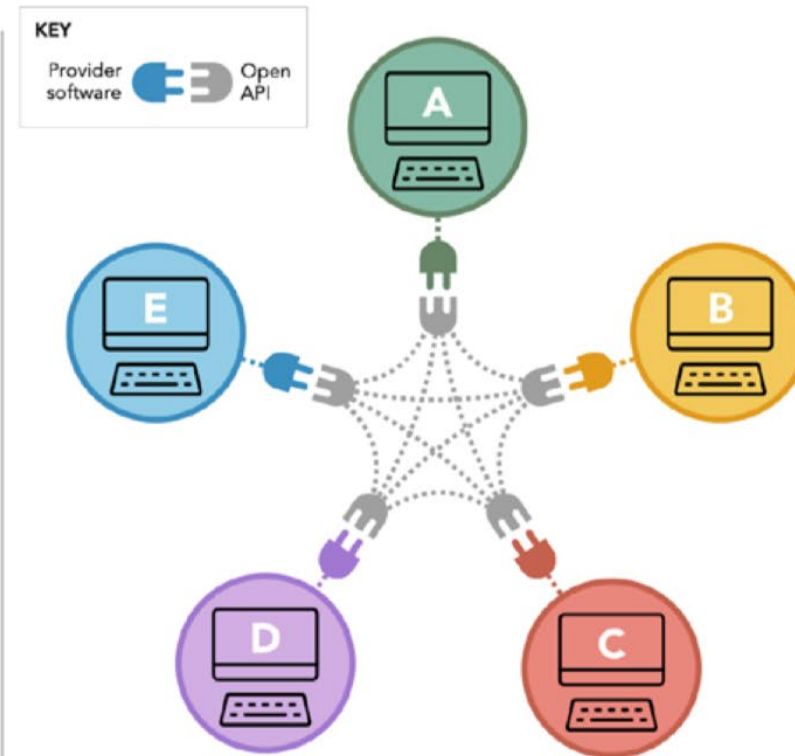


- **The original vision of this phase of the project was for the NFRMPO to purchase, implement, and manage one scheduling software system on behalf of volunteer providers in the region.**
 - Through a Trip Scheduling Steering Committee convened in 2022, staff found that target agencies were happy with what they had in place and wanted to maintain client relationships.
- **The focus shifted to *coordination* rather than *centralization*, utilizing emerging Transactional Data Specification (TDS) technology:**
 - To help agencies share and coordinate trips while allowing agencies to remain in control of scheduling and relationships;
 - For RideNoCo to assist in determining eligibility and to connect riders to providers that could meet their needs.
- **From the Trip Scheduling Steering Committee, three volunteer transportation agencies were selected to "pilot" the TDS technology:**
 - SAINT, RAFT, and 60+ Ride

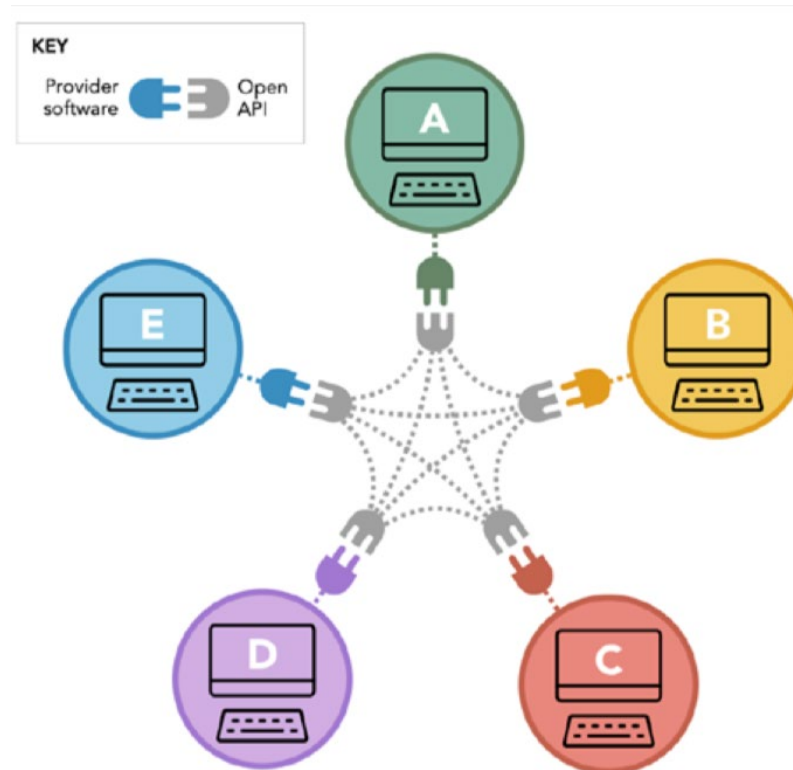
Interoperability using Proprietary APIs



Interoperability using Transactional Data Specifications



RideNoCo Interoperability Using Transactional Data Specifications (TDS)



- A: RideNoCo
 - RideSheet
- B: North 40 Mountain Alliance*
 - RideSheet
- C: 60+ Ride
 - RideScheduler
- D: Berthoud RAFT
 - Spedsta
- E: SAINT
 - Spedsta

Phase Three: RideNoCo Coordination Project part 2



A series of projects was undertaken as part of Phase Three:

- Full Path Transit Consulting customized a **RideSheet** as a TDS-compliant CRM for the RideNoCo Call Center.
- Full Path worked alongside two volunteer transportation scheduling platforms, **Spedsta** & **RideScheduler**, to make all platforms TDS-compliant for use by **SAINT, RAFT, and 60+ Ride**
- **Upon pilot launch in July 2024**, RideNoCo can conduct initial intake on behalf of participating volunteer providers and seamlessly share client info with and among providers; volunteer providers can exchange riders and coordinate trips



SPEDSTA



- **Efficiencies and Support**

- Viewing the connection with other providers not as an additional burden, but rather as an opportunity to say "yes" more often
- RideNoCo conducting initial intake cuts down on staff time to register new clients, especially for small providers

- **Relationship Building**

- Undertaking a project of this kind both builds upon existing trust and creates stronger bonds of connection between providers and their staff



- **TDS technology allows for less friction:**

- For some people, finding a transportation provider that serves their needs is exhausting and time-consuming enough, and that is before the individual must go through the process of registering for the service before use
- By conducting initial intake at the same time as finding a provider, the amount of time between finding and using a service is significantly reduced

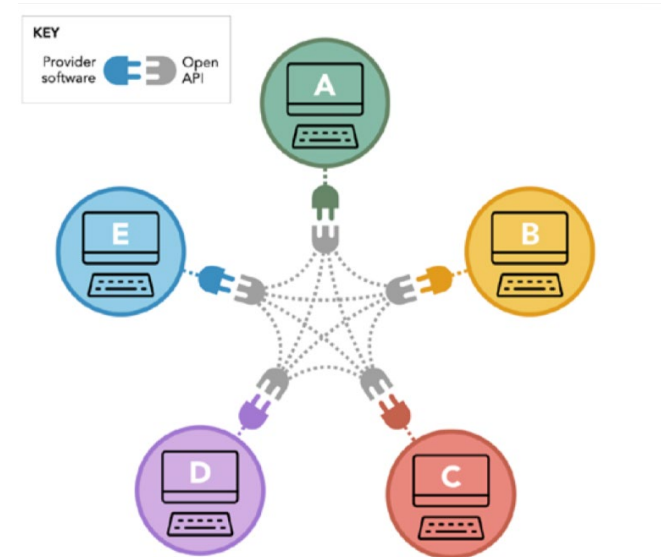
- **TDS technology opens new destinations:**

- Volunteer providers typically follow strict service areas dependent on funding and driver preferences
- By being able to schedule trips utilizing multiple providers, new geographies are opened for riders, further enhancing the feeling of independence and freedom.

Scheduling Software Vendors Perspective



- **Adopting TDS opens the door for more coordination**
 - Replicability
 - Vendors can use the APIs developed by this project for other coordination projects
 - Coordination with any provider that uses these scheduling software vendors
- Reputation
 - Willingness to collaborate, coordinate



1. Human Service Transportation Coordination is hard
2. Transactional Data Specifications weren't nearly as developed as initially thought
3. Budget way more than you think
4. Effective technical collaboration, organization, and transparent documentation are essential for enhancing project tracking and ensuring success.
5. Keep the focus on the provider and their clients

- **Northern Colorado:**

- Now that technology and initial business rules are in place, planning can take place to expand the TDS spec to additional private, non-profit, public transit agencies, taxi services, rideshare, and possibly NEMT applications
- Expansion of *MyWayToGo* and *SchoolPool* Platform

- **Front Range:**

- As DRCOG embarks on the next phase of the RideAlliance project, the TDS spec allows for enhanced coordination between both regions
 - Likely will start with a smaller pilot area first, then refine and expand

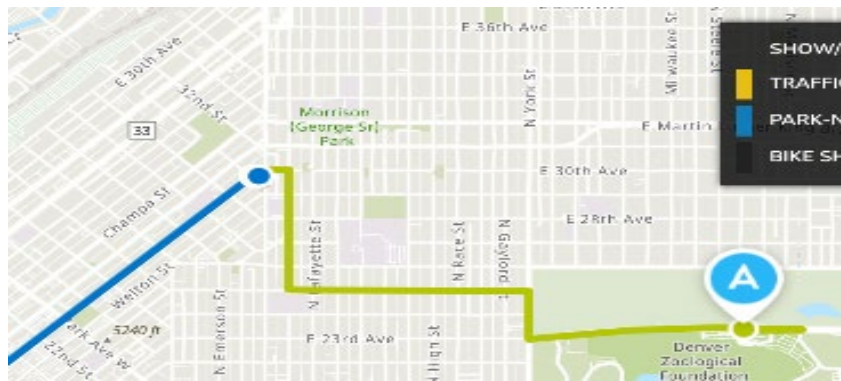
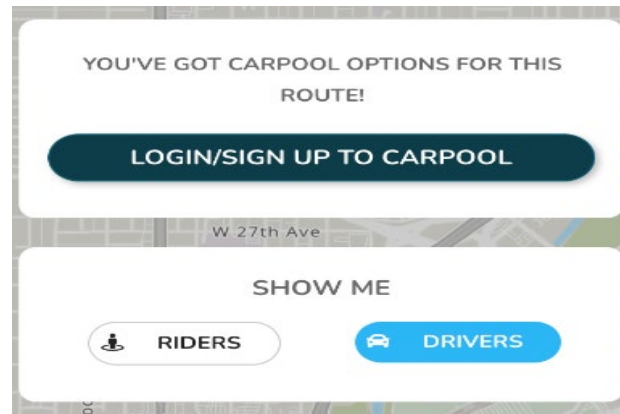
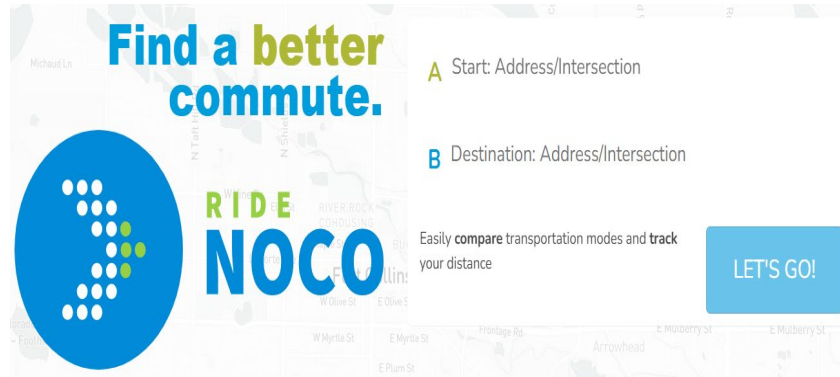
- **Statewide:**

- TDS spec can one day allow for every agency in Colorado to be connected

- Did you know the average Coloradan spends 1+ year stuck in traffic?
- *MyWayToGo* is a program created initially by DRCOG to help employers and commuters find the right commute options at no cost by:
 - Helping to improve morale by finding better options for getting around the region
 - Taking advantage of sustainable transit subsidies
 - All while helping to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution.
- *MyWayToGo* has been brought up to our region by the NFRMPO, and our version of the program is called *RideNoCo*.
 - The City of Fort Collins has its version of the program called *Shift Your Ride*
 - The GoNoCo34 TMO will support employers and individuals along US 34 for the program.



MyWayToGo Information



Step 1

- Enter your start and end locations on *MyWayToGo.org* to find a way out of traffic.
- You'll see a list of transportation options, and you can compare costs and other data to make your choice.

Step 2

- Now that you've found your way out of traffic, stay out of it by signing up for *MyWayToGo*.

Step 3

- Now, plan your trips, which can be done once you're signed up.
- It's much easier to plan and track your trips, contact other carpoolers, and even compete in monthly challenges with other commuters through *MyWayToGo*.

MyWayToGo Feature: *SchoolPool* Tool



SchoolPool is a free carpooling program that connects families to share rides for their children to and from school and allows for coordinating transportation options like carpooling, walking, biking, or using public transit.

Benefits:

- More time for kids to make friends and help with homework.
- Parents have more time for tasks.
- Strengthens the community.
- A secure system helps families connect.

How to Use SchoolPool:

- Parents sign up on a secure website to connect with nearby families.
- Parents can register using their home intersection instead of their address.
- Information will only be shared with other families in the network (no third parties will ever see it).
- Visible information includes names, home location, and email addresses, and parents can optionally choose to share their child's grade, gender, phone number, and add comments for special requests.
- The service supports regular, part-time, and emergency trips.
- More families joining increases the chance of finding good matches.



- **Mobility Management + Transportation Demand Management (TDM)**
 - RideNoCo is evolving into a regional TDM program focused on helping the entire region meet its transportation needs.
 - Expansion of DRCOG's *My Way to Go* and *Schoolpool* platform into Northern Colorado



- **Expand Adoption of TDS**
 - Expansion of TDS spec to additional agencies, including private, non-profit, and public transit providers both in Northern Colorado and beyond.



- **Identify & Address Regional Transportation Gaps**
 - Building upon the success of Via Mobility's expansion into Weld County to meet other known mobility gaps in communities such as Red Feather Lakes, Windsor/Severance, and rural portions of Larimer and Weld counties.

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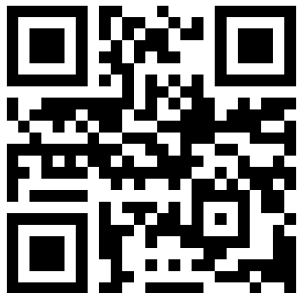
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