

# MOMENTUM

## TRANSPORTATION

### e-newsletter



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*City crews removing snow from downtown after the February 2019 snowstorm.*

## Some heroes drive City plow trucks

City crews worked tirelessly during the last several snowstorms plowing and removing several feet of snow from Durango city limits. THANK YOU so much to the crews that worked to keep our streets clear, as well as the crews that cleared the Animas River Trail and City parking lots!

Here are some fun facts for the 10-day period ending on March 1, 2019:

- **Miles plowed:** 6,333
- **Plow hours:** 655
- **Snow removed from the Central Business District:** 1,165 loads (that's 18,640 cubic yards of snow!)
- **Total operational cost:** \$186,377

The City of Durango maintains 83 center lane miles of roadway. This includes major and minor arterial streets, collector streets, and local neighborhood streets. Maintenance of City streets is comprised of two general categories: Street Operations and Street Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). For more information about Street Operations and the Street CIP, please visit the updated website at <http://www.durangogov.org/1180/City-of-Durango-Streets>.

### Meet our Board

#### Spencer Compton, Chair

The Multimodal Advisory Board (MAB) makes recommendations to City Council on the operation and administration of the

City multimodal transportation systems, including Durango Transit services and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Spencer Compton serves as the Board Chair. He is serving his second term on MAB, representing the cycling community.

Spencer says: "I joined the Multimodal Advisory Board to help Durango develop a transportation system that includes alternatives to private automobiles. I believe that everyone in Durango should have access to public transportation, and that a functional transit system is vital to the economic and social health of our community."



*Multimodal Advisory Board Chair Spencer Compton, pictured here with his son Oliver.*

*Multimodal Advisory Board meetings are open to the public. They are held the third Wednesday of each month at 4 PM in the City Manager's Conference Room at City Hall.*

## **Russell Planning & Engineering Takes Home Snowflake Trophy**



*The Russell Planning & Engineering team pose with the Snowflake Trophy*

Congratulations to Russell Planning & Engineering -- the 2019 winners of the Winter Business Commuter Challenge! RP&E have been the reigning champs of the Winter Challenge every year since 2017, biking and walking to work with flair! This year they had 100% participation from their team of 21.

Following close behind in second and third place were SME Environmental and the Durango Area Tourism Office. Congratulations to all of the participants!

# Brrrrrr! 9th Annual Winter Bike to Work Day a success

Over 75 participants braved the chilliest Winter Bike to Work Day in years! Temperatures ranged from -5 to 5 degrees during the February 8th event. Temperatures were low, but spirits were high as Durango celebrated winter biking to work!

Thanks to all of the generous sponsors who made the 9th Annual Winter Bike to Work Day possible!



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## Commuter of the Month

Ian Phillippi and his dog Gauge walk to work along the Animas River Trail most days of the week.

Ian says "Walking to work is a great way to start and end our day. It's worth getting up a little earlier to be outside. If you don't like going to the gym, walking is a great way to get some exercise!"

To nominate someone you know for Commuter of the Month, please email your nomination to [multimodal@durangogov.org](mailto:multimodal@durangogov.org).



## What we are reading

[User fees should incentivize sustainable trips, not fund transportation.](#) Our transportation system is a common space and a public good and we should fund it as such.

[Read more.](#)

[Sales-tax collections are up, so why does Durango need more money?](#) City says old infrastructure needs replacing, construction costs keep rising. [Read more.](#)

[Disability Rights Group Sues San Diego Over Scooters on Sidewalks.](#) Electric scooters have taken cities across the the country by surprise, sometimes causing conflicts with city authorities and pedestrians. [Read more.](#)

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