

NEW! Durango's first ever FLOAT to Work Day is Friday, August 25 from 7-9 am at Memorial Park (put-in) and Schneider Park (take-out). Don't miss this new and fun event celebrating floating to work!

Mark your calendar! [National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project](#) counts September 11-17.

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IN MULTIMODAL NEWS

Calling all volunteers!

Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts September 11-17!



Photo: Volunteer posted during the 2015 counts, courtesy of Shaun Stanley with the Durango Herald. See the Durango Herald article [here](#).

Every other year the City of Durango performs bicycle and pedestrian counts as part of the [National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project](#). This year, volunteers will help gather data September 11 to 17. Sign up for a 2-hour shift at one of the 11 in-town locations below and receive an appreciation gift!

- [College Dr and E 8th Ave](#)
- [Camino del Rio and 9th St](#)
- [E 8th Ave and E 3rd St](#)
- [HAWK Signal at Camino del Rio and W 12th St](#)
- [W 3rd Ave and W Park Ave](#)
- [E 2nd Ave and 15th St](#)
- [E 3rd Ave and Florida Rd](#)

- [Main Ave at Junction Creek Bridge \(south of Durango High School\)](#)
- [Main Ave and 32nd St](#)
- [CR 250 and Florida Rd](#)
- [US Highway 160 East and Three Springs Blvd](#)

Please contact Jennifer Hill at 970-375-4955 or jennifer.hill@durangogov.org with questions.

How do multimodal projects help move people?

Implementing first and last mile connections

When considering the breadth of multimodal transportation options in Durango, connecting people to facilities is at the forefront of thinking to get people where they need to go. To connect people to facilities, the first and last mile connections are the most important leg of the trip. People [almost always want to get door to door in the fastest, simplest, and most reliable fashion](#). In this installment of our [Complete Streets Education Campaign](#), we will dive into ways in which the City of Durango implements first and last mile connections.

Completion and implementation of the prioritized projects in the [Multimodal Transportation Plan](#).

The City's Multimodal Transportation Plan guides the implementation of projects to move Durango towards an integrated multimodal transportation network. ***A measure of achieving this vision is that a middle-school aged child is able to safely and conveniently access transit and bike or walk independently throughout Durango and its environs.*** The continuous improvement of first and last mile connections are critical to achieving this vision. [Read more.](#)



Innovative Safe Routes to School projects and programs.

Addressing first and last mile issues with walking and bicycling is a cornerstone of Safe Routes to School infrastructure projects. In addition, encouragement strategies developed through Safe Routes to School funding aim to develop model programs and encourage behavior change research. [Read more.](#)

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Applying Context Sensitive Design principles to all roadway projects. [Context Sensitive Design](#) (CSD) refers to roadway standards and development practices that are flexible and sensitive to community values. CSD allows roadway design decisions to better balance economic, social and environmental objectives. [Read more.](#)

Durango's First Ever Float to Work Day is August 25!

Float to Work Day encourages commuting on the Animas River for all river users -- kayakers, rafters, paddle boarders and other floating crafts. To celebrate commuting to work on the water, we will have breakfast stations set up with FREE breakfast goodies, coffee and tea at Memorial Park and Schneider Park.

For the safety of river commuters, we ask that you please enter the river at the 29th Street designated put-in at Memorial Park and exit the river at the 9th Street take-out at Schneider Park. The City will be closely monitoring the

FLOAT TO WORK DAY



AUGUST 25, 7-9 AM
PUT-IN @ MEMORIAL PARK
TAKE-OUT @ SCHNEIDER PARK
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river to ensure Friday, August 25 will be safe for floating to work (preferably the river will be at less than 500 CFS on the event day). **Please view the Animas River Floating Information Brochure [here](#).**

The City highly encourages the use of personal flotation devices (PFDs) and helmets on the Animas River. If you do not have a PFD or helmet, please consider a rental from one of our many local river sports companies.

In the spirit of clean commuting, please leave your car at home if possible. Durango Transit is offering free ride tokens for all Float to Work Day participants, and a bus to pick up

participants at the Schneider Park take-out to shuttle back to Memorial Park. We encourage walking, biking, busing and carpooling to get to Memorial Park.

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2017 Commuter of the Year

Beth Lueck walks to work along the Animas River Trail every day of the year.

Beth says: "I walk because I like it! I walk on the Animas River Trail so it's a nice commute. Instead of sitting in traffic, my commute is walking by the river for 1/2 mile. For me, it's not just about clean commuting. Driving seems more difficult to me, plus I do not like to drive. I've always lived close to downtown and worked downtown, so I feel like walking to work is a no-brainer. I walk to work every day of the year -- including walking home for my lunch break and back to work."

Our Commuter of the Year was chosen by nomination, then drawn through a raffle at this year's Love Your Commute Celebration on July 13 at Ska Brewing.

If you or someone you know would make a great nominee for the 2018 Commuter of the Year, please email your nomination to getarounddurango@durangogov.org.



On Free Transit Days, ride Durango Transit for FREE all day long thanks to our sponsors!



Saturday, August 26: San Juan Brewfest, benefiting United Way of Southwest Colorado. Take the bus for free to and from the Brewfest!

Tuesday, August 29: United Methodist Thrift Shop

[See the Rider's Guide here!](#)

Free Transit Day Sponsorship provides an excellent opportunity for your business to give back to the community.

By sponsoring a Free Transit Day, your business will provide fare-free transit service to the public, which is also a great advertising tool for your business.

For information on sponsoring a Free Transit Day, call 970-375-4945 or [click here](#).

Durango Transit Route Changes EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2017

ROUTE 3 WAL-MART/MERCY

On the way to Wal-Mart from the Transit Center, the bus will now turn on 2nd Street rather than on 3rd Street. On the way to Mercy Regional Medical Center, the bus will use Wilson Gulch Road. Returning to town from Mercy, the bus will use the highway. The bus is not able to use the stop on the highway. You can catch the bus across from CR 233.

ROUTE 4 CRESTVIEW/160 WEST

The Route 4 bus will no longer go through Rite-Aid or by Buckley Park. The bus stop for Tamarin Square is now located on East 2nd Avenue by the Supernova Furniture Store.

Commuter of the Month



Mollie Hanson is the August Commuter of the Month. Mollie says: "I love the Opportunity Bus, it gets me everywhere I want to go! I like getting around town on the bus and hanging out with Vinny (Vincent LaDue, pictured with Molly). We like to go play games at the library, then come downtown to walk around. The bus gets us out of the summer heat and is nice with air conditioning. I moved here from Fort Collins 4 months ago and I feel at home on the Opportunity Bus!" **If you or someone you know would make a great Commuter of the Month, please email your nomination to getarounddurango@durangogov.org.**

IN PARKING NEWS

FREE City Parking

Did you know that you can park in the for City Permit Parking Lots after

5 pm on weekdays and all weekends and holidays for free?



The permit requirement for City lots is only from 8 am to 5 pm on weekdays. If you want to go downtown for the evening, using a City lot after 5 pm is a great choice. If you have a bit too much to drink, you can leave your vehicle overnight without risking a 2-5 am ticket on the downtown streets. This does not apply to the lots by City Hall, where you need to be gone from the lot by 7 am.

There are three lots on East 2nd Avenue all on the east side of the road; one at the north end of the 600 block, one mid 700 block and one mid 800 block. We encourage everyone to use these after five so they don't have to feed the meter until 6 pm and because they almost always have empty spaces, so you don't have to drive around looking for an empty meter.

If you have questions about parking, please call us at 970-375-4960 or stop any of our Parking Ambassadors on the street to ask questions.

For additional information on Durango's parking laws, please see the [Municipal Parking Code](#).

IN SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

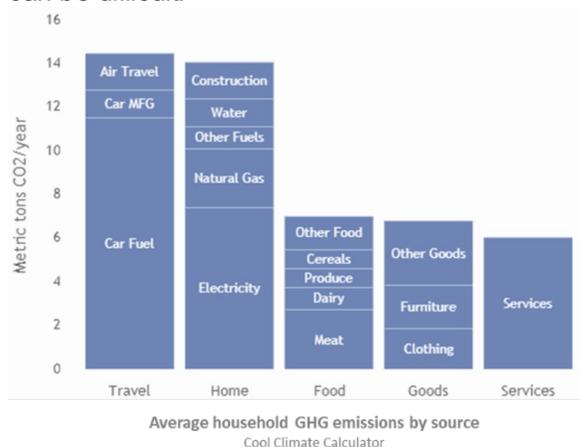
Did you know residential energy usage accounts for ~18% of all energy-related GHGs in La Plata County?

There are many easy ways to reduce household energy use and save money: turning off electronics at night, installing insulation and switching to LED lights.

A recent, [much publicized, study](#) by researchers at Lund University in Sweden, however, suggests that the individual actions with the greatest potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in developed countries may not be directly related to our consumption of energy at home. Other than having fewer children, the study concludes that living car free, avoiding airplane travel and eating a plant-based diet are the highest impact actions.

While these might seem extreme, it is perfectly possible to significantly reduce the climate change impact of your household just by shifting towards these behaviors - by choosing the bus or your bike over your car on the commute to work, taking a stay-cation to explore closer to home or cutting down meat consumption to just a couple of times per week. As a bonus, these actions will also save you money AND benefit your health and our local economy!

Of course, there is still value in reducing energy use wherever possible and while an estimated [63%](#) of La Plata County residents state that they are worried about Climate Change, knowing which actions to prioritize can be difficult.



Luckily, there are a number of free online tools which you can use to calculate and track your household greenhouse gas emissions. Both the [CoolClimate Calculator](#) developed by the University of California, Berkeley, and the [EPA's Carbon Footprint Calculator](#), will estimate your carbon footprint and allow you to 'pledge' actions to reduce your emissions.

For additional information, please contact Imogen Ainsworth at 970-375-5061 or imogen.ainsworth@durangogov.org

WHAT WE ARE READING

[More than just a pretty trunk: how street trees enhance Complete Streets.](#) Roads and sidewalks

have undergone dramatic transformations in communities with complete streets policies. Street trees make pedestrians safer. [Read more.](#)

[Not all pedestrians walk!](#) And, not all wheels are bikes! While many active transportation policies and plans focus almost exclusively on walking and biking, other human-powered ways - wheelchairs, skateboards and other human-powered movers - of getting around the community tend to take a back seat. [Read more.](#)

[Implementing small town and rural multimodal projects.](#) Many stakeholders have turned their attention toward implementation of projects. How has it worked for other small towns and rural communities? [Listen to more.](#)

[It's official: Park City has the nation's first fully electric bike share.](#) Unlike a traditional bike share, e-Bikes provide an extra boost via an electric pedal assist (pedelec), making it much easier to cope with Park City's hilly terrain. [Read more.](#)

[Getting prepared for new mobility.](#) Alta's New Mobility Group is helping communities prepare for new transportation technology and expanded mobility options, including autonomous vehicles and shared use mobility. [Read more.](#)

[Nashville is getting serious about transit.](#) Mayor Barry commits to light rail on Gallatin Pike and kicks off public vote for funding transit. The proposed \$6 billion, 25-year comprehensive transit plan will expand transit and potentially [increase land values.](#) [Read more.](#)

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