

MOMENTUM

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IN MULTIMODAL NEWS

Looking Back and Forging Ahead

THANK YOU! You make a difference

What a year we've had! The City of Durango's Department of Transportation has enjoyed a busy year, and we are so fortunate to have you along for the ride!



[Read more](#) to see what our team accomplished in 2017!

2018 Year in Preview

- In 2018, we'll be launching the [College and 8th Road Diet](#) design process. Stay tuned for public meetings and design updates!
- The [Needham Connect Phase 2](#) and [Roosa Ave Path](#) design processes will wrap up, with construction on the horizon for 2019.
- You can expect to see updated Safe School Zone signage in City school zones!
- Mark your calendars for all your favorite multimodal events!
 - [Winter Bike to Work Day](#): Friday, February 23
 - [Clean Commute Week](#): June 20-29
 - [Float to Work Day](#): Friday, August 24

Thank you to our 2017 Commuters of the Month!



We truly could not have achieved this success without your commitment to sustainable transportation. Thank you for your support!

For more information, please call (970) 375-4955 or email jennifer.hill@durangogov.org.

Durango Transit Service Reductions

Changes to take effect April 2018



Due to budgetary constraints, including a significant decrease in transit grant funding as a result of a policy change at the state level, Durango Transit will not be able to operate at current service levels in 2018. To be fiscally sustainable, service cuts are necessary.

Durango Transit hosted a public process over the past few months to educate the public about the necessary service cuts and to find a preferred alternative that will best meet the transportation needs of the community in light of budgetary constraints.

Public Process

The City of Durango reached out to 65 stakeholder organizations and hosted 12 targeted meetings in order to get public input regarding service reductions. The City hosted an Open House at the Transit Center and received 663 responses to the Transit Reduction Survey.

The top 3 priorities of transit service identified by the community throughout the public process are:

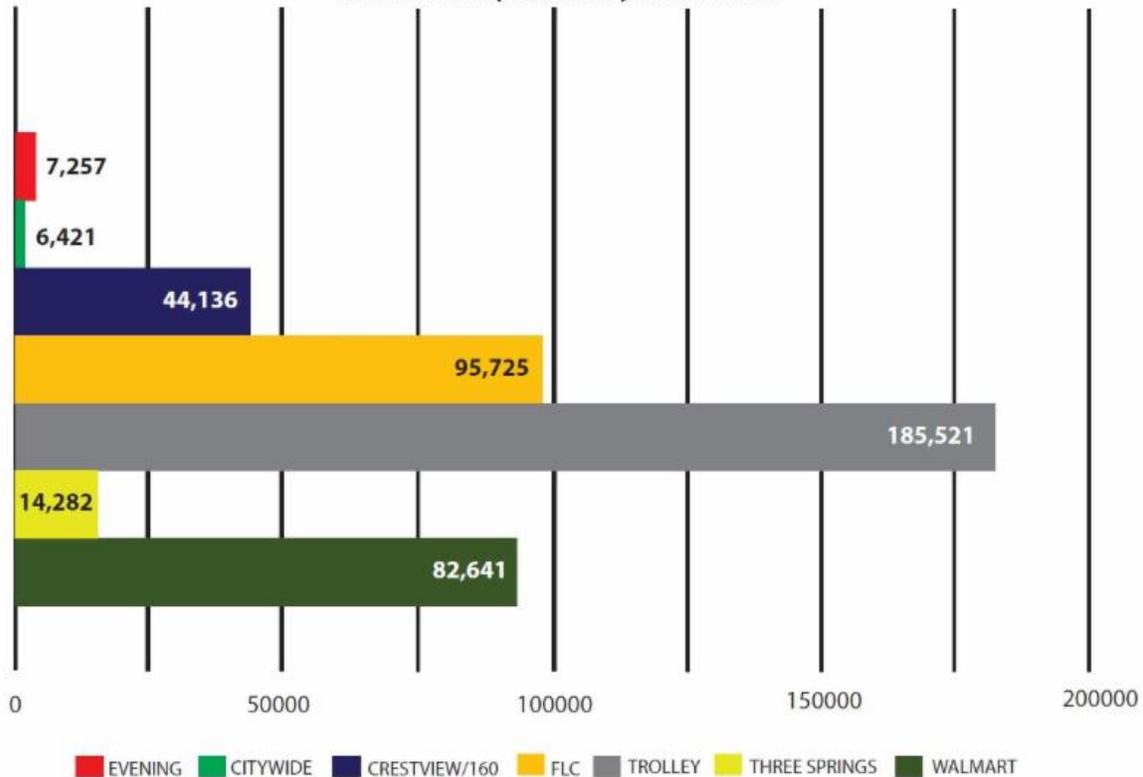
1. Frequency of service at bus stops (30 minute service or less)
2. Expanded service hours and days
3. Area of service

Due to the lack of transit funding, it is not possible to meet all three of these priorities. However, City Council has approved transit service reconfiguration that addresses the top two priorities of the community by maintaining 30- or 20-minute headways at each transit stop and increasing transit service to 7 days a week, year round.

Additionally, the community indicated that the number one reason to maintain transit service in Durango is to offer a transportation option for seniors and persons with disabilities. The Opportunity Bus, which provides service for seniors and disabled in Durango, will not be impacted by the service reductions other than to meet the expanded service days and hours.

DURANGO TRANSIT RIDERSHIP BY ROUTE

*Based on ridership from January-November 2017



Service Reductions

The service reductions that will take effect in April 2018 are based on public feedback, ridership data, service efficiency, opportunities to provide alternative service, and the cost of operation. At the December 12 Study Session, City Council approved the following service reductions:

- Elimination of the Three Springs/Mercy Route
- Elimination of the Crestview/160 Route
- Reconfiguration of the FLC route

Beginning in conjunction with service reductions in April, Durango Transit pass holders will be able to access Three Springs and Mercy Regional Medical Center on [Road Runner Transit](#) at no additional charge, due to an agreement between the City of Durango and Southern Ute Community Action Programs (SUCAP).

Throughout the next few months, stay tuned for more information regarding Durango Transit service reductions. Please note that the changes will not take effect until April 2, 2018.

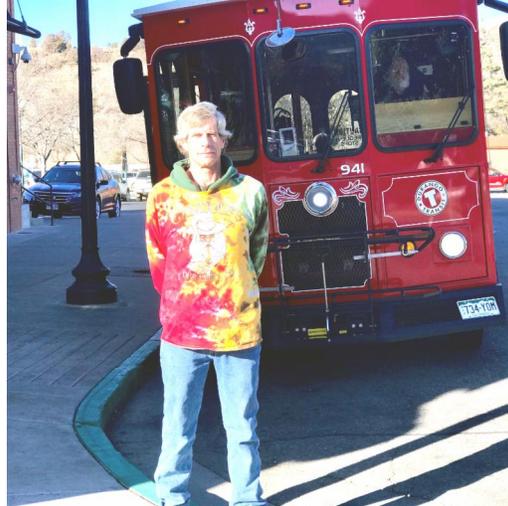
For more information, please call (970) 375-4901 or email sarah.dodson@durangogov.org.

Commuter of the Month

Thomas Yarrington likes to ride the bus out to the hospital. He says "I can't drive, so it's a big help." Thomas has a Veterans Pass made possible through an anonymous donor as part of the free Veterans Transit Pass Program.

"I walk a lot as I can't drive or ride a bike," says Thomas. In 2018, Thomas will be able to ride the bus 7 days a week with expanded service hours year round.

If you or someone you know would make a great **Commuter of the Month**, please email your nomination to getarounddurango@durangogov.org.



IN TRANSIT NEWS

Free Transit Days

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

[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](#).



IN PARKING NEWS

Plug your Parking Meter!

Did you know 25 cents can save you \$25?

The most common parking fine is an expired meter! Please pay your meter, put in that extra quarter to save yourself \$25.

If you received a parking fine, please pay your expired parking meter citations within 30 days to avoid a doubled fine. If you forget to pay a citation, you will be notified by mail after 10 days, so please ensure your address is current with the [Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles](#). To see the parking fine schedule, please see [Durango's Schedule of Parking Fines](#).

For additional information on Durango's parking laws, please see the [Municipal Parking Code](#). For more information, please call (970) 375-4960 or e-mail parking@durangogov.org.



IN SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

Want to commit to reducing carbon emissions

Sign the [carbon curbing pledge](#)!

Everyone who signs up to [take the pledge](#) will receive follow up information on how to 1) calculate their carbon footprint, 2) sign up for LPEA's Green Power Blocks and 3) invite others to attend. The

[Environmental Center at Fort Lewis College](#) will also send every pledger an email the day that LPEA ballots go out reminding them to vote in the elections.



For more information go to www.facebook.com/EnvironmentalCenter FLC.

WHAT WE ARE READING

[Not sure what to get the bicyclist on your list this year?](#) Momentum Magazine's 2017 Holiday Gift Guide is full of inspiration. [Read more.](#)

[How to bike with your Christmas tree.](#) 5 ways to transport varying sizes of Christmas tree home by bike. [Read more.](#)

[Overwhelming majority of Arlington, VA residents want more protected bike lanes.](#) According to a survey released recently, 89% of respondents said they would like to bike more often, and 62% reported that more separated bike lanes would help them get there. [Read more.](#)

[Denver releases a wishlist of sidewalk and trail projects.](#) It would cost at least \$1.2 billion. Proposal is first of four "Denverright" draft plans. [Read more.](#)

[These planners stepped away from the spreadsheets and into the community.](#) How immigrant communities help plan for NYC's next two decades. [Read more.](#)

[Building healthy and prosperous communities.](#) How metro areas are implementing more and better bicycling and walking projects. [Read more.](#)

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