The results are in! Durango Transit completed the annual transit ridership survey this week, receiving over 150 responses. The survey provided a lot of great information about transit ridership, where people are going, and the transportation need of the community. For the full result summary, click here.

**Durango one of top 10 coolest small towns in America**

Public transportation receives a nod

Each year Budget Travel searches for towns with a population under 20,000 that offer haute cuisine, natural beauty, a vibrant community spirit, and cultural diversity. There is steep competition to secure a coveted spot on the list, and Durango was the only Colorado town selected this year!
Budget Travel praised Durango for its abundance of outdoor activities, outstanding downtown with award winning restaurants, theater, music, art galleries, lodging, and "refreshingly convenient public transportation for maximum relaxation."

Read the full article [here](#).

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**July's Share the Road Tip:**

**Get the Hang of the Roundabout**

Does your head spin every time you enter a roundabout? It doesn't have to! By learning a few navigation tips, you may find roundabouts are just as simple to use as stop signs.

**Roundabouts offer improved safety over other forms of intersections** because they have fewer conflict points, slower speeds, and offer easier decision making.

**Roundabouts improve pedestrian safety** by allowing them to cross one-way traffic that is moving at much slower speeds.

1. **When approaching, slow down!** Look for pedestrians in the crosswalk and yield to them.
2. **Look left for oncoming traffic.** Cars already in the roundabout have right of way. If you don't see any traffic, keep moving. You do not have to stop.
3. **Do not pass cyclists in the roundabout.** They are entitled to the full lane and probably won't be going much slower than you anyway (you were supposed to slow down, remember?)
4. **Do not enter the roundabout when emergency vehicles are approaching** - pull to the side. If you are in the roundabout, exit at your intended exit then pull to the side.
5. **Use your right turn signal when you get to your exit.** Yield to any pedestrians in the crosswalk and then keep on moving. Do not stop in the roundabout.

**Read more** tips on how to safely share the road.

If you have a road story you'd like to share, please email [jennifer.hill@durangogov.org](mailto:jennifer.hill@durangogov.org).

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**ARE YOU IN THE CLUB!?**

Way to Go! Club members are walking and rolling! They are logging more sustainable trips than ever before, and saving TONS of CO2 while they're at.

[Join the Club](#) for free today to start earning points for biking, walking, riding the bus or carpooling! Use your points to get awesome (and we mean awesome!) prizes.

On August 1, any accounts that have been inactive for a year or more will be deleted. Don't get rolled away! [Log on](#) to the Way to Go! Club to add a trip and start earning points today!
Commuter of the Month

Paul Madonna rides his bike to work and for errands around town.

Paul says "I like riding to clear my mind before work and to mellow out after work. It also keeps my belly in check. I almost made it to 3,000 miles last year. I'm shooting for about the same this year."

Paul tries to ride as often as possible year-round.

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

Smoked-out Clean Commute Week Events Rescheduled

Clean Commute Week events were postponed because of poor air quality due to smoke from the 416 fire. Mark your calendars for the new dates in August!

- **Pedal vs. Metal Challenge** Tuesday, August 21 at noon at the Transit Center.
- **Bike to Work Day** Wednesday, August 22, 7-9 a.m. at Animas Chocolate Co. and Mercy Regional Medical Center.
- **Love Your Commute Celebration** Thursday, August 23, 5-7 p.m. at Ska Brewing.

For more information, please visit GetAroundDurango.com.

WHAT WE ARE READING

**City to hold public workshop on the 2019 budget.** As part of the process of developing the budget for fiscal year 2019, the City of Durango will hold a public workshop on Wednesday, July 25 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Read more.

**CDOT completed its first Strava Metro data analysis to supplement their bike and pedestrian count program.** Check out Strava Metro usage Colorado-wide! Read more.

**Roadrunner to Grand Junction is now Bustang Outrider.** CDOT's southwest Bustang Outrider service began Saturday, June 30. Read more.

**By paying staff to cycle to work, companies benefit from more savings, less sick leave and improved satisfaction.** France introduced this reimbursement two years ago. Read more.