March's Share the Road Tip:
Motorists, focus on driving!

Distracted driving is increasingly becoming one of the biggest hazards on our roadways. During daylight hours, approximately 660,000 drivers are using cell phones while driving. You can drive safely by following a few simple steps to keep your eyes on the road.

**Just drive.** Keeping your eyes on the road focuses your attention on the roadway in front of your vehicle, making you less likely to miss seeing pedestrians or bicyclists.

**Be safe, put down the phone.** Avoid texting or talking on the phone while driving. Spread this message by encouraging friends and family to drive phone-free.

**Be a good passenger.** It's okay to speak up if the driver in your vehicle is distracted. Protecting yourself is the most important form of self-care.

[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.
The Needham Connect Phase 2 project will improve sidewalks, calm traffic and provide bicycle facilities along Columbine Dr between Cottonwood Dr and Clovis Dr.

The project is funded by a $350,000 Safe Routes to School grant and a $552,192 Transportation Alternatives Program grant, with a $1.2 million total construction cost.

The third and final neighborhood meeting was held on Wednesday, March 7 for the project design. During the meeting at...
Columbine Dr existing sidewalk, close to Clovis Dr.

Needham Elementary School, 24 neighbors and community members voiced their input on how they would like to see Columbine Dr improved. The meeting included a discussion of landscape strip preferences and driveway options.

Design will be finalized by late summer, and construction is anticipated in 2019. Stay tuned to the project webpage for updates! For more information, please call (970) 375-4955 or email jennifer.hill@durangogov.org.

Commuter of the Month

Sean Moore bikes to work every day, snow or shine. Sean says "biking to work is a great way to start the day. It gets your mind going in the morning and gives you a chance to unwind on the way home." Sean's bike commute is faster than driving, as he lives and works downtown. "With driving and parking, it's easily twice as long," he says.

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

Never miss your trash or recycle collection day again!

The City of Durango has launched a new online tool making it easier than ever for residents to stay connected about waste management collection and programs.

- View a personalized collection calendar and sign up for free reminders to receive notification of regular collections, special events such as Spring Cleanup, holiday schedule changes and unanticipated service disruption
- Download, print or export a personalized collection calendar to iCal, Google or Microsoft Outlook
- Type any material into the "What Goes Where?" search function for instructions on responsible disposal
- Play the Durango Recycles Waste Sorting
State: please, keep your eyes on the road. State officials are pleading with drivers to make better choices and try to avoid the continuation of a disturbing trend. Read more.

Bicycle Colorado makes strong voice for safety stop. Senate Bill 144 provides common language for communities to use should they choose to adopt the Safety Stop, which allows bicyclists to treat stop signs as yield signs and stop lights as stop signs. Read more.

Want to make a Share the Road statement while driving? Share the Road license plates help raise awareness of bicycling in Colorado and encourage everyone who uses our roads to do so courteously and respectfully. Read more.

Albuquerque opens first USA Gold Standard bus rapid transit (BRT) on historic Route 66. The gold designation is awarded for design, with a separate score on operations to be determined after six months. Read more.

With this app, you can hold a meeting, take a walk and be anything but Statik during the workday. Statik, with a "K," encourages walking meetings, records audio, tracks steps and calories burned, while also marking key talking points along the way. Read more.

One promise of ride-hailing companies like Uber and Lyft was fewer cars clogging city streets. But studies suggest the opposite: that ride-hailing companies are pulling riders off buses, subways, bicycles and their own feet and putting them in cars instead. Read more.